



Office of Services to the Aging

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA)?

OSA is Michigan's designated state unit on aging. It operates under the authority of the Older Michiganians Act of 1981 and the federal Older Americans Act, which was signed into law in 1965 to meet the diverse needs of the growing numbers of older adults in the United States.

How was OSA established?

Congress passed the Older Americans Act (OAA) in 1965 in response to concerns about a lack of community and social services for older adults in the United States.

The OAA then established a national network of state and local agencies, known as the national aging network, which is headed by the U.S. Administration on Aging. This national network includes 56 state units on aging. OSA is the designated state unit on aging serving Michigan's older adults.

How does OSA help older adults?

As Michigan's leader on aging issues for more than 40 years, OSA provides leadership, resources and support for older adults throughout the state.

OSA oversees Michigan's aging network – a partnership of the state of Michigan, 16 regional area agencies on aging, and more than 1,300 local community-based agencies offering older adult and family caregiver services.

OSA promotes independence and enhances the dignity of Michigan's older adults and their families. Michigan has 1.9 million older adults, of which nearly one-half million are served by statewide programs funded by OSA.

What is the aging network?

Every aging network shares a common agenda of providing the opportunities and support for older adults to live independent, productive, dignified lives and maintain close family and community ties.

The national aging network plans and provides services that enable older adults to live independently in their homes and community across the United States.

The national aging network is headed by the Administration for Community Living (ACL) and includes 56 state agencies on aging, 629 Area Agencies on Aging, 246 Native American aging programs, more than 29,000 service providers, and thousands of volunteers.

Michigan's aging network is headed by OSA and includes 16 regional area agencies on aging and more than 1,300 local community-based agencies offering older adult and family caregiver services.

What is an area agency on aging?

An area agency on aging (AAA), often called a "Triple-A," is a public or private non-profit agency, designated by the state to address the needs and concerns of older adults at the local level. AAAs were established by federal law in 1974. There are 16 AAAs in Michigan and 629 in the United States.

AAAs play a key role in planning and creating new programs, providing access to services, advocating for older adults, and helping to implement community and social services at the local level. AAAs work closely with a network of more than 1,300 service providers in the state to serve older adults in their service area.

Who can get help from a AAA?

Most individuals age 60 years and older are eligible for services, although priority is given to those who are in greatest need. Programs and services are tailored for older adults and their families, but in many areas there are programs and services for adults with physical disabilities as well. Contact your local AAA for more information about what is available in your area.

Do AAA services cost anything?

Most services are provided at no or low-cost. Some do have fees, but are typically based on a scale to ensure they are affordable. Contact your local AAA for more information about what is available in your area.

How do I contact my local AAA?

To contact your local AAA, you can visit www.michigan.gov/osa or call 517-373-8230 and we will connect you to your local agency.

How is OSA funded?

The ACL awards OAA funds to OSA and other state units on aging across the United States. The Michigan Legislature also awards funds to OSA for home and community-based services.

Funding is allocated to OSA based on the number of older adults, those who are age 60 years and older, in the state. Most states, including Michigan, are divided into planning and service areas so that programs and services can be tailored to meet specific needs.

OSA currently manages nearly \$94 million in federal and state (non-Medicaid) funding for community-based programs and to serve older adults throughout the state.

Where is OSA located?

OSA is located at 300 E. Michigan Avenue (3rd Floor) in Lansing, Mich.

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Current Elder Abuse Funding and Activities

The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) receives \$189,000 from the Administration on Aging to fund elder abuse prevention activities. These funds are allocated to the 16 Area Agencies on Aging through use of a funding formula. Adding local funds AAA's expended approximately \$232,000 for elder abuse prevention activities in FY 2013.

Activities funded:

- Education and awareness sessions for older adults, general public and service providers on abuse, neglect and financial exploitation
- Specific education efforts about fraud and scams targeting older adults
- Education about Adult Protective Services and how to report suspected abuse
- Support for local TRIAD's
- Limited funding to increase collaboration between APS, law enforcement and criminal justice system to address elder abuse complaints.

Governor's Budget Proposal – Elder Abuse Prevention

Funding will be used for three categories of activities:

1. Support of ongoing elder abuse prevention/detection efforts - \$320,000

- Funding support for 5 local interdisciplinary teams
- Funding support for several existing local elder abuse prevention coalitions in the following counties:
 - Berrien
 - Branch St./Joseph
 - Calhoun County
 - Genesee
 - Ingham
 - Kalamazoo
 - Monroe
 - Oakland/Wayne
- Funding to plan and implement a statewide elder abuse prevention awareness campaign

2. Training - \$250,000

- Provide training on the new elder abuse laws, reporting and screening tools for:
 - Aging/disability networks

- Law enforcement and prosecutors
 - Financial services employees (banks and credit unions)
 - Expand deployment of Michigan's CMS-recognized, best practice elder abuse prevention training model to more direct care staff to reduce abuse in institutional long-term care and home care settings
 - Elder abuse identification and reporting training for medical professionals
3. Plan to develop a system to address elder abuse in Michigan and support elder abuse prosecution - \$430,000
- Research on the actual cost of financial abuse to victims, state and federally-funded service programs
 - Establishment of a state-level group to focus on elder abuse, mirroring Michigan's Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board or the Children's Justice Task Force
 - Feasibility study on cost and scope of developing an integrated elder abuse reporting system (APS, law enforcement, courts, etc.) based on similar systems used by other states
 - Establishment of a formal criminal justice restitution initiative focused on elder abuse crimes, based on successful models in other states



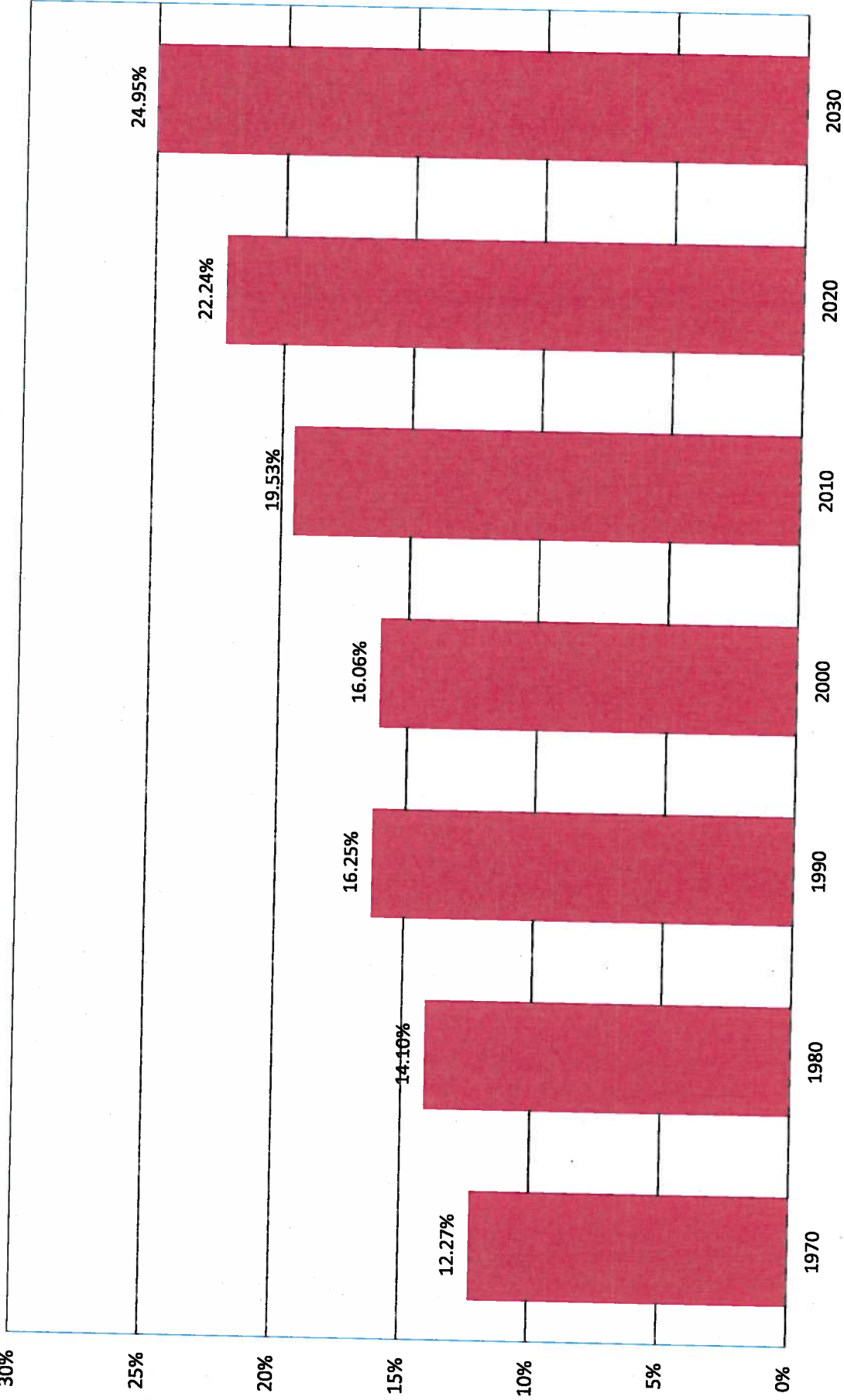
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A PROFILE OF OLDER ADULTS 2010 Census Data

- The population of individuals age 60 and older consists of 1,930,341 people, or 19.5 percent of the total state population.
- There are 334,179 more residents age 60 and older today than in 2000, an increase of 20 percent.
- There are 182,322 persons between age 85 and 95, and 1,729 who are age 100 and older.
- The age 85 and older age bracket has grown by 35 percent in the past 10 years and now represents nearly 10 percent of individuals age 60 and older.
- Between 2000 and 2010, the population 65 years and over increased at a faster rate (15.1 percent) than the total U.S population (9.7 percent).
- The majority of Michigan's age 60 and older population is female – 1,067,897 or 55.3 percent and 862,444 or 44.7 percent are males.
- More than 13 percent of the state's population age 60 and older identify as something other than of white European ancestry.
- African Americans represent the largest of such groups at 10 percent of the state's population age 60 and older.
- The second largest group is comprised of Hispanics, which represent 1.2 percent of the age 60 and older population.
- In 2011, the overall percentage (prevalence rate) of people with a disability age 65 and older is estimated to be 37 percent.

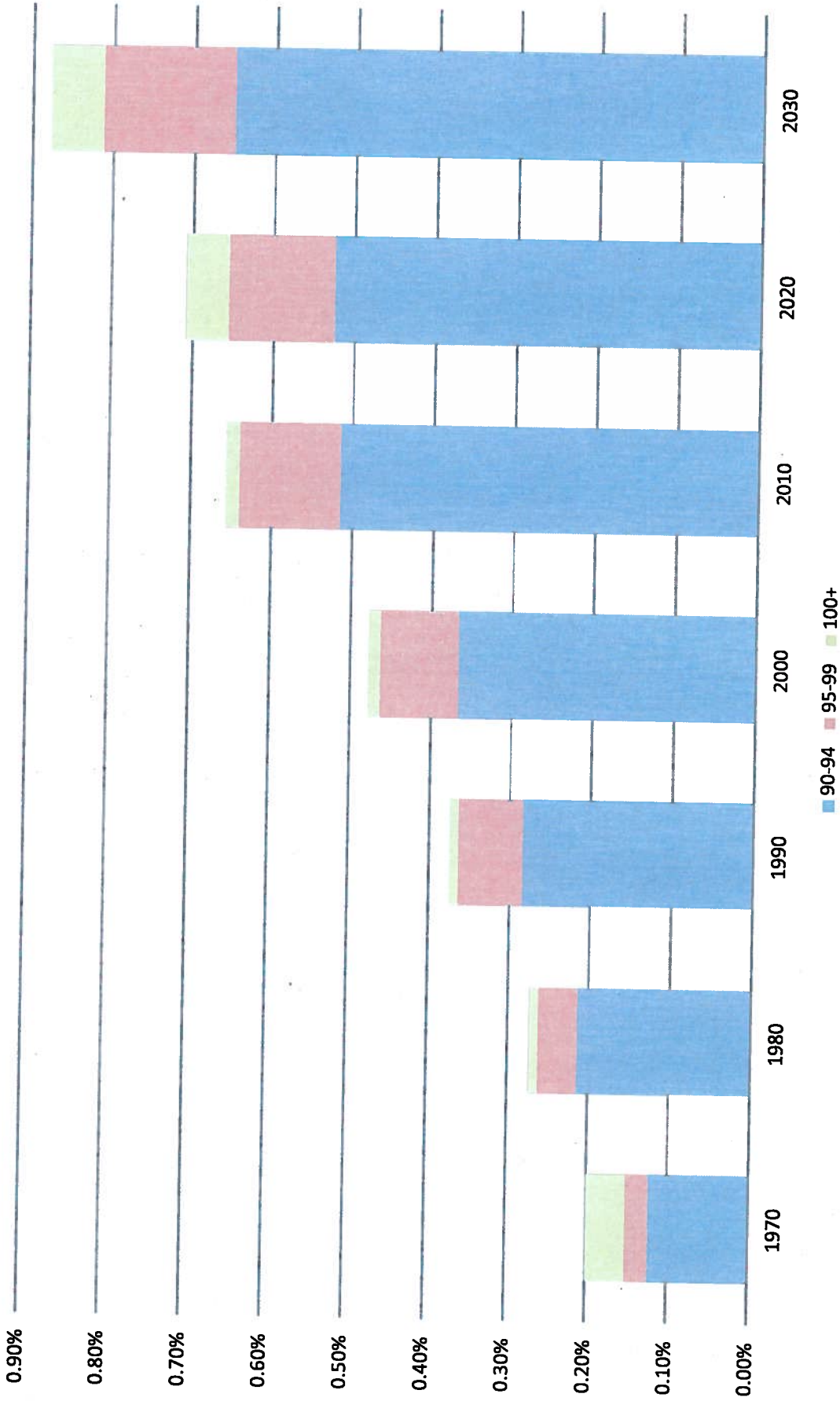
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Michigan - % of Population Age 60 and Over



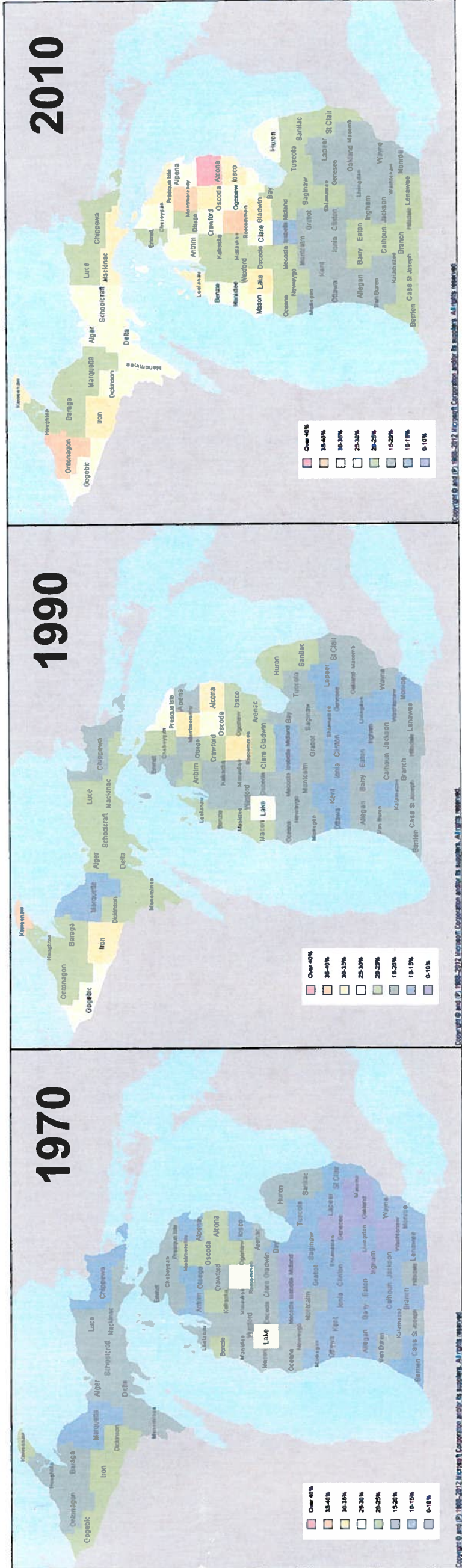
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Percent of Population Age 90 and Over



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Percent of population age 60 or older (1970 - 1990 - 2012)



Source: 1970: 1980 Census, General Population Characteristics, Table 46. Persons by Age for Counties
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