Households grow as inhabitants decline

Households are increasing three times as fast as population as the number of persons per household declines.

That's the finding of the Southeast Michigan Council of Govern-ments in its study of Population and Occupied Housing Units from 1990-95.

member in its story of reputation and Occupied Housing Units from 1890-85. Population grow 1.6 percent (to 4.8 million) from the official census date of April 1, 1990, to July 1, 1998. But the number of occupied housing units grow 4.7 percent, to 1.8 million, in the same period.

There were 3.27 persons per household from 2.68 to 2.62 between 1990 and 1995, said the SEMCOG study.

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Livingston — population up 1.6 percent to 133,600; housing units up 18.4 percent to 46,024. Outside the cities of Brighton and Howell and the villages of Pinckney and Fowlerville, population growth was mostly in the double-digital percentage wise.

Macomb — population up 2.3 percent to 733,607; housing units up 7.8 percent to 235,653. Big growth areas were the three tiers of townships north of Mt. Clemens.

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percent to 139,550; housing units
up 8.5 percent to 50,47. Major
growth areas were Bedford and
Erie townships, next door to
Toledo, and Monroe Township;
the city Monroe lost population.

Oakland — population up 6.4
percent to 1,153,461; housing
units up 7.3 percent to 440,503.

Biggest growth corridors were the second tier of townships (Rose, Springfield, Indepen-dence, Orion and Oakland) and a western range running through Springfield, White Lake, Com-merce, Wixem and Novi plus Mil-ford.

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St. Clair — population up 5.9 percent to 154,231; housing units up 8.7 percent to 57,507. Only the city of Port Huron lest population

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Washtonaw — population up 3.4 percent to 292,609; housing units up 8.3 percent to 113,223. Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti lost population; Webater Township in the north and Pittafield Township, south of Ann Arbor, were big gainers.

Wayne — population down 2.7 porcent to 2,055,600; housing units up 0.5 percent to 784,716. Detroit alipped below the one million mark to 990,007. Redford Township, Livonia, Garden City, the city of Plymouth, Belleville and the so-called downriver communities lost population. Big gainers were Northville Township, up 12.3 percent to 19,460; Canton Township, up 11.9 percent to 43,831; and Huron Township, up 16 percent to 12,114. Region — population up 1.6 percent to 4,682,558; housing units up 4.7 percent to 1,778,051.

SEMCOG bases its estimates on residential building permit data provided by the local units; its own data on mobile homes; and state data on aropin homes. "If a community has significant life cycle turnover and young families with children replace older persons living alone," the authors said, "this method may miss population change. "It will, however, catch changes in households."

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County programs merit Achievement Awards

Oakland County government programs have been singled out by the National Association of Counties to receive 1996 Achievement Awards.

The winners are: Retirement Performance Plan; Flest Operations Improvement Programs Video Teleconferencing; 1996 Honor Roll of Heart Healthy Rostauranta; Impact Weekend; the Carreer Center Service Delivery System; Court Lisison and Sentencing Initiative; CD-ROM Technologies; International Trade Center; "One-Stop-Shop; Business Roundtable and Integrated Justice Data System.

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"I am extremely proud of Oak-land County's accomplishments in this year's NACo Awards competition." Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson said. "The recognition reflects favorably on the men and women of county government who labor gyesy day to give the taxpayers the best and most cost efficient service possible." Since 1993, when Patterson became county executive, Oakland County government has won 34 NACo Awards.

The Retirement Performance Plan, which was implemented in 1995, will save the County of Oakland an estimated \$24 million by the end of the decade. The new so-called Defined Contribution Plan gives employees greater control over their retirement deliars and allows them to contribute up to 10 percent of their salary on a tax deferred basis.

Central Service's Fleet Opera-

their searcy on a tax according to the basis. Central Service's Fleet Operations Improvement program has resulted in nearly \$3 million worth of cost savings to the tax-payers. The program included reductions in the county's vehicle fleet, a revised replacement policy and the privatization of body repair work and oil changes.

The Health Divisions Honor Roll of Heart Healthy Restaurants identifies Oakland County restaurants that offer Heart Healthy Choices on their menu. After these restaurants are identified, their names are distributed in consumers and local media.

Another facet of the program is to educate food service personnel on implementing low fat cooking techniques in their establish-

techniques in their establishments.
Community Correction's Impact Weekend is a highly structured alternative intorvention program designed for first and second time drunk drivers. Strongly supported and applauded by Mothers Against Drunk Drivors (MADD), the cost for administering this program falls entirely on the participants. Of the 206 individuals who have completed Impact Weekend so far, only one percent have gotten

the 208 individuals who have completed impact Weekend so far, only one percent have gotten into trouble again.

The Oakland County Business Roundtable, which was formed in 1993 to develop an economic blueprint for the future, came up with 142 recommendations for improving Oakland County's business climate. To date, more than a third of the recommendations have been implemented.

The "One-Stop-Shop" was one of the recommendations coming out of the Business Roundtable. This first-of-lis-kind full service center offers businesses a widerange of services including site location, capital assets financing, entreprenourial counseling, employee recruitment, 'training imployee recruitment,' training employee recruitment, training and retraining and demographic

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The concept of an Internation al Trade Center also resulted from the work of the Business Roundtable. The Trade Center, which opened last September, provides a laundry list of services to businesses interested in initiating or expanding their trade opportunities. Under one roof, federal, state and local agencies work in concert to provide such envices as export counseling, trade finance assistance and joint venture/strategic alliance matchmaking.

Oakland County's Video Tele-conferencing System was imple-mented in the fall of 1995 to speed up the process for issuing warrants. Utilizing a regular phone line, a camera and a per-sonal computer, the polico officer or sheriff's deputy in the field can talk face-to-face with the Prosecutor's Office. The process savas local police departments, the Sheriff's Department and the Prosecutor's office countless hours.



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