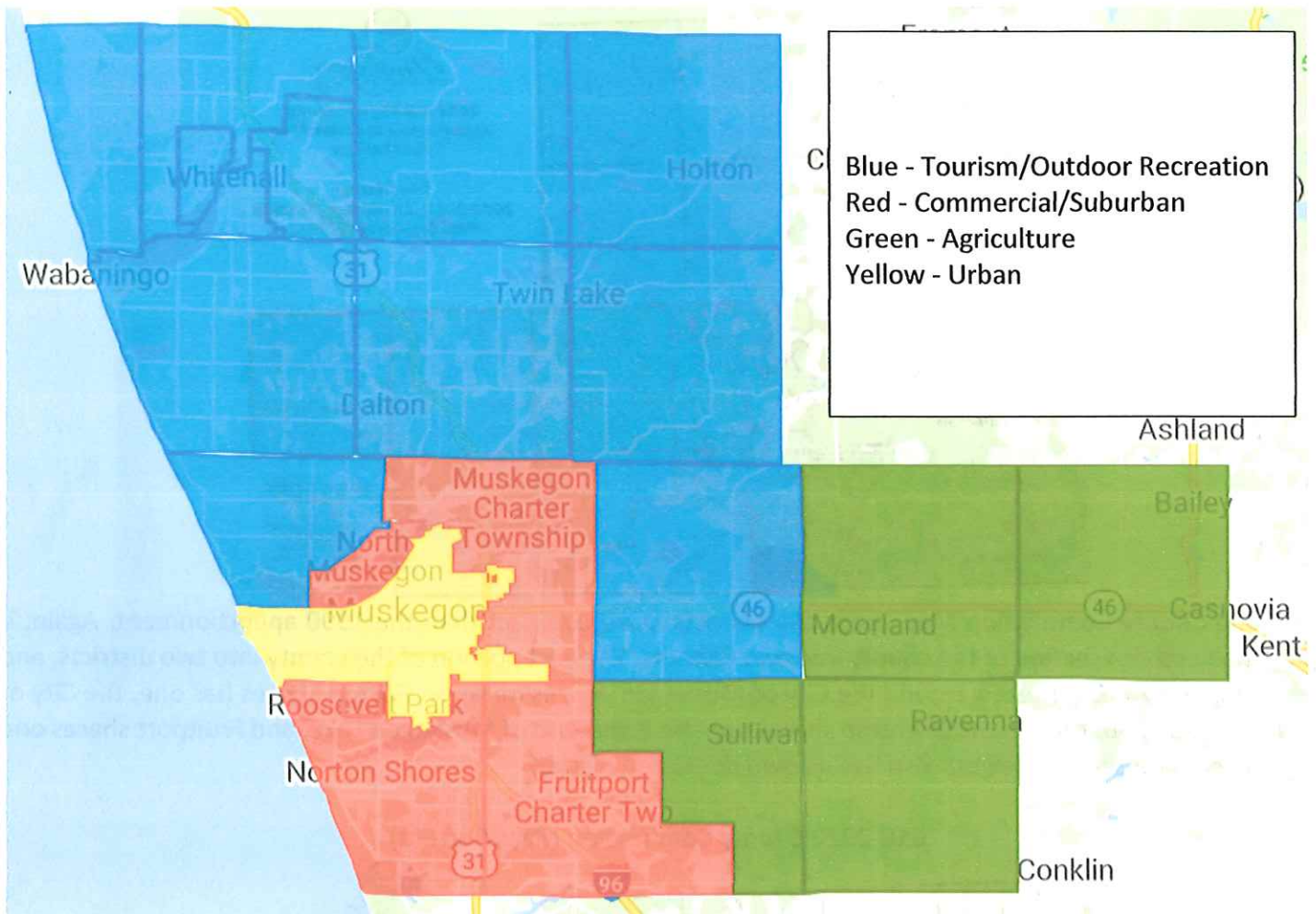


Municipality/Township Categorization

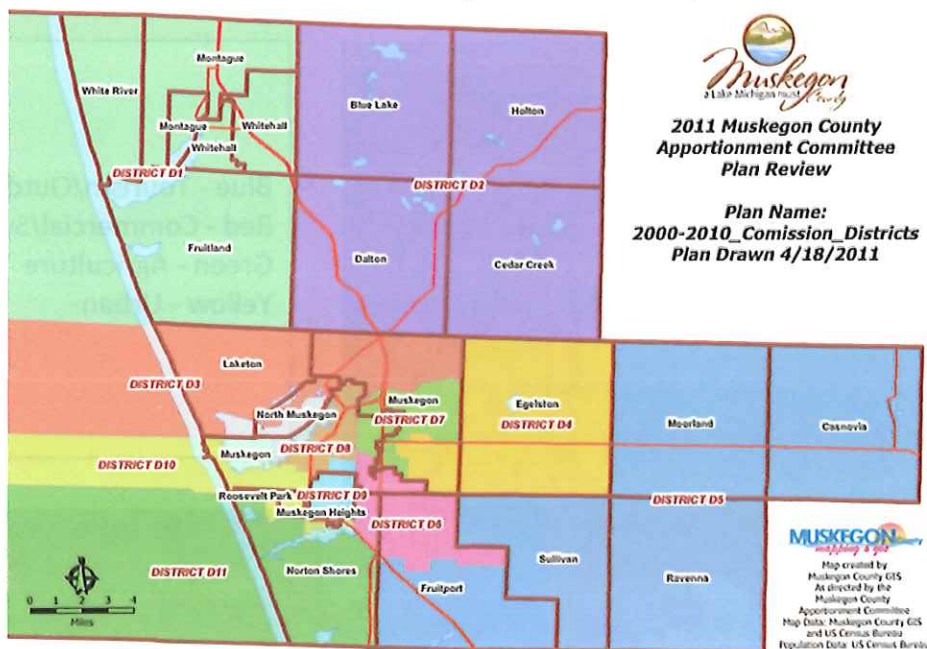


The map above categorizes Muskegon County townships and cities into classifications based on industry and citizen composition. The north half of the county focuses heavily into tourism with the presence of twin lake, the state forest, White Lake, and Michigan's Adventure among other attractions. The east portion of the county is heavily agricultural with much of the land being dedicated to farming. The areas around Muskegon city in the Southwest portion of the county are largely suburban and commercial. Norton Shores, Fruitport and Muskegon Township feature many manufacturing and mid-size businesses. The Area between Norton Shores and Fruitport is heavily developing with the presence of Mercy Health, the Lakes Mall and the Lakeshore Market Place. Fruitport Township itself, despite its industry, features significant agriculture on the east side, making it look much more similar to Sullivan and Ravenna. The City of Muskegon and Muskegon Heights represent the urban part of Muskegon County. These are the areas that have more people and are more densely populated.

Conclusion: The diversity of interests in Muskegon County should be recognized and maintained by keeping the City of Muskegon with Muskegon Heights. Additionally, the industry corridor between Norton Shores and Fruitport should be maintained. However, Fruitport should also remain with Sullivan due to their agriculture and community interests.

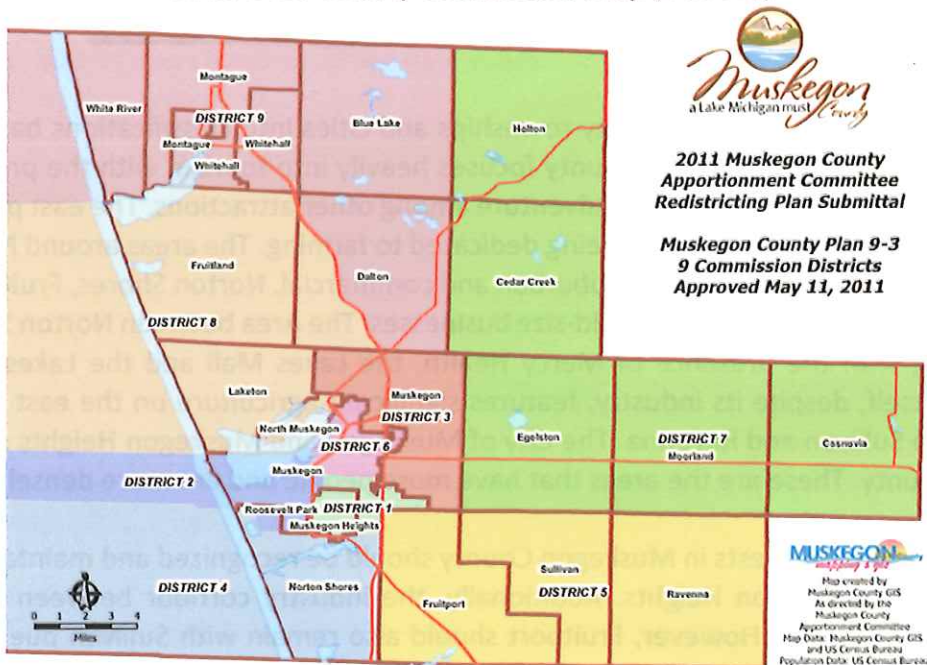
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2000-2010 County Commission Map



The 2000 County Commission Map keeps the districts more compact than the 1990 apportionment. Again, it splits the northern section of the county into two districts. The east portion of the county into two districts, and the remaining 7 are centered around the City of Muskegon. In this iteration Norton Shores has one, the City of Muskegon has two, Muskegon Township shares one the north end of Muskegon Lake, and Fruitport shares one with the city. Muskegon Heights also has its own dedicated district.

2010-2020 County Commission Map (Current)



The current County Commission Map splits the county into 9 sections instead of 11. This map maintains most of Norton Shores as one district while combining Muskegon Heights with the Southeast section of Muskegon City. It also keeps Muskegon Township as one district while it splits the rest of Muskegon City into two districts. Interestingly you can essentially draw the current state house district split by combining Districts 4, 5, 7, and 9 to create the current 91st House district and combining districts 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8 to create the 92nd district.

Socio-Economic and Racial Differences

Introduction:

Muskegon County is an incredibly diverse place with the population centered around the Southwest corner primarily around Muskegon Lake. It has a very high minority population relative to the rest of West Michigan surrounded by several predominantly white townships and cities.

- Muskegon Heights was a planned community unlike many other cities. It was a very close-knit community because most of the people came from the south. Right around the 80s many of the businesses started to leave and white flight ensued. Many of these folks moved to Norton Shores
- Race by City
 - Muskegon City - 32% African American
 - Muskegon Heights - 75.7% African American
 - Muskegon Township - 4.1% African American
 - Norton Shores - 3.4% African American
- According to HUD definition, Muskegon Heights is an area of ethnic and low-income concentrations
- The concentration of African Americans is 22 times higher in Muskegon Heights than Norton Shores
- 44.5% of Muskegon Heights Residents live under the poverty level
- Median Household Income
 - Muskegon City - \$32,433
 - Muskegon Heights - \$30,795
 - Muskegon Township - \$52,615
 - Norton Shores - \$63,805
- The cities of Muskegon and Muskegon Heights are each designated as Federal Enterprise Communities and, most recently, Federal Opportunity Zones
- There are also two Federally Qualified Health Centers serving residents of Muskegon County. Both centers are located in the city of Muskegon Heights.
- According to public data, over 60% of Muskegon Heights residents are involved in either the production and supply chain industry or the service industry.
 - 55% of Norton Shores residents are employed in the management, business, science, and arts industry and the sales and office occupation industry. While just 38% participate in the production and service industries.
- Many workers within the city limits of Muskegon Heights go outside of Muskegon Heights for work. Many of these employers are found in the City of Muskegon.
- Crime Rates in Muskegon Heights are nearly twice as high in Robbery and Assault as compared with the rest of Muskegon County

Conclusion: Given that the purpose of this commission is to approve a map that maintains communities of interest, it would be a clear act of stripping minority communities of their voice by separating Muskegon Heights and the city of Muskegon. The same applies to the people in Muskegon township who most closely ally with the City of Muskegon.

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Figure 2.08: Muskegon County Population by Race 1980 - 2010

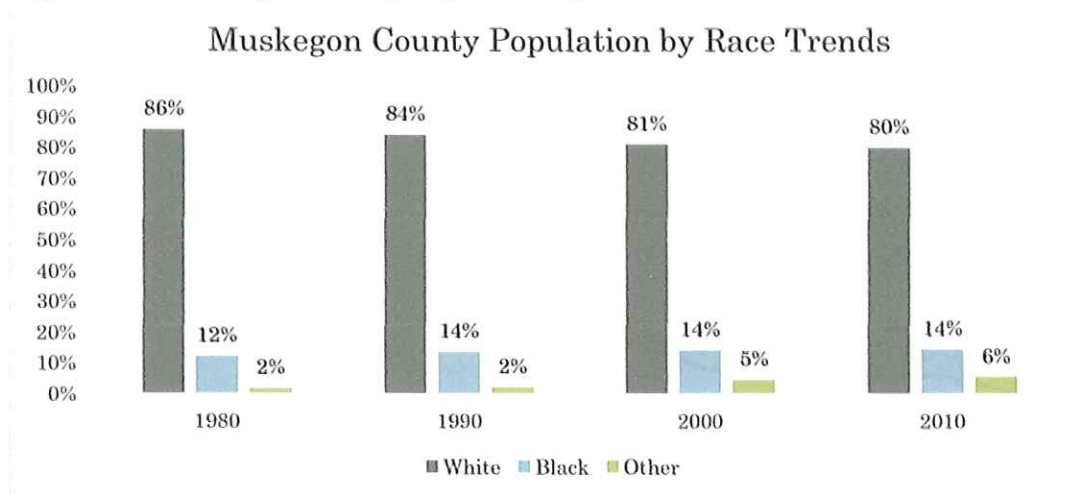
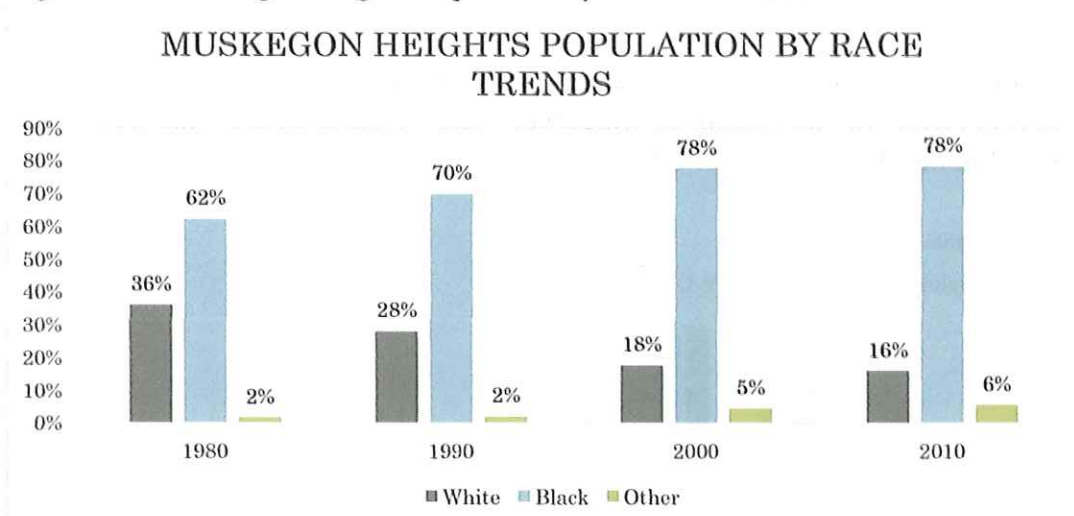


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Population and Crime in Muskegon Heights

Figure 2.04: Muskegon Heights Population Change over Time

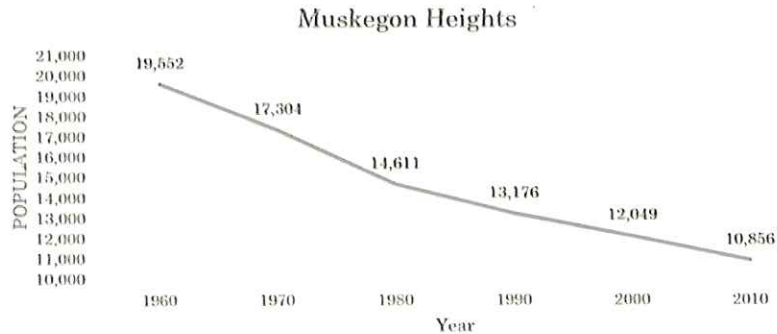
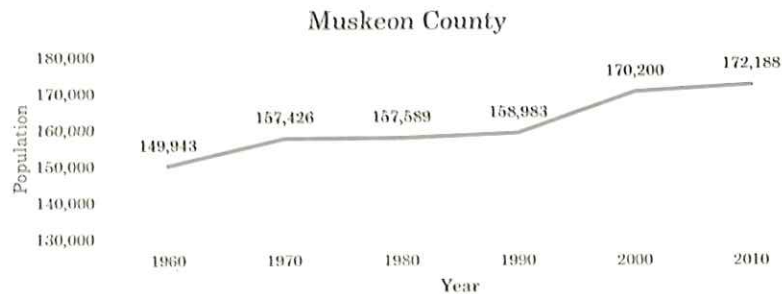
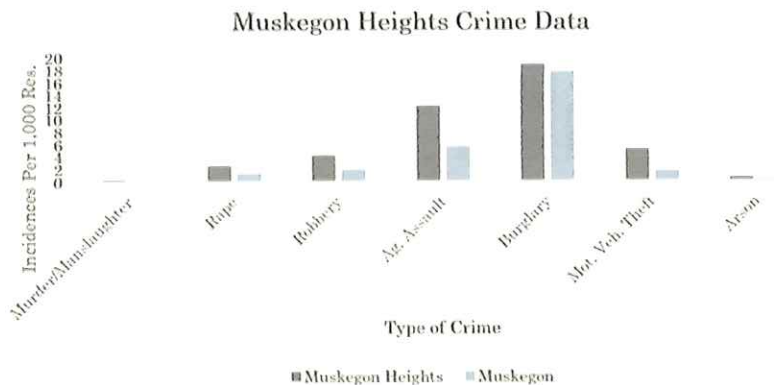


Figure 2.05: Muskegon County Population Change over Time



As you can see from the above graphs, the population of Muskegon county has steadily risen over the past 50 years while the population of Muskegon Heights has declined. This is one primary reason for the number of abandoned buildings.

Figure 2.22: Muskegon Heights 2013 Crime Data



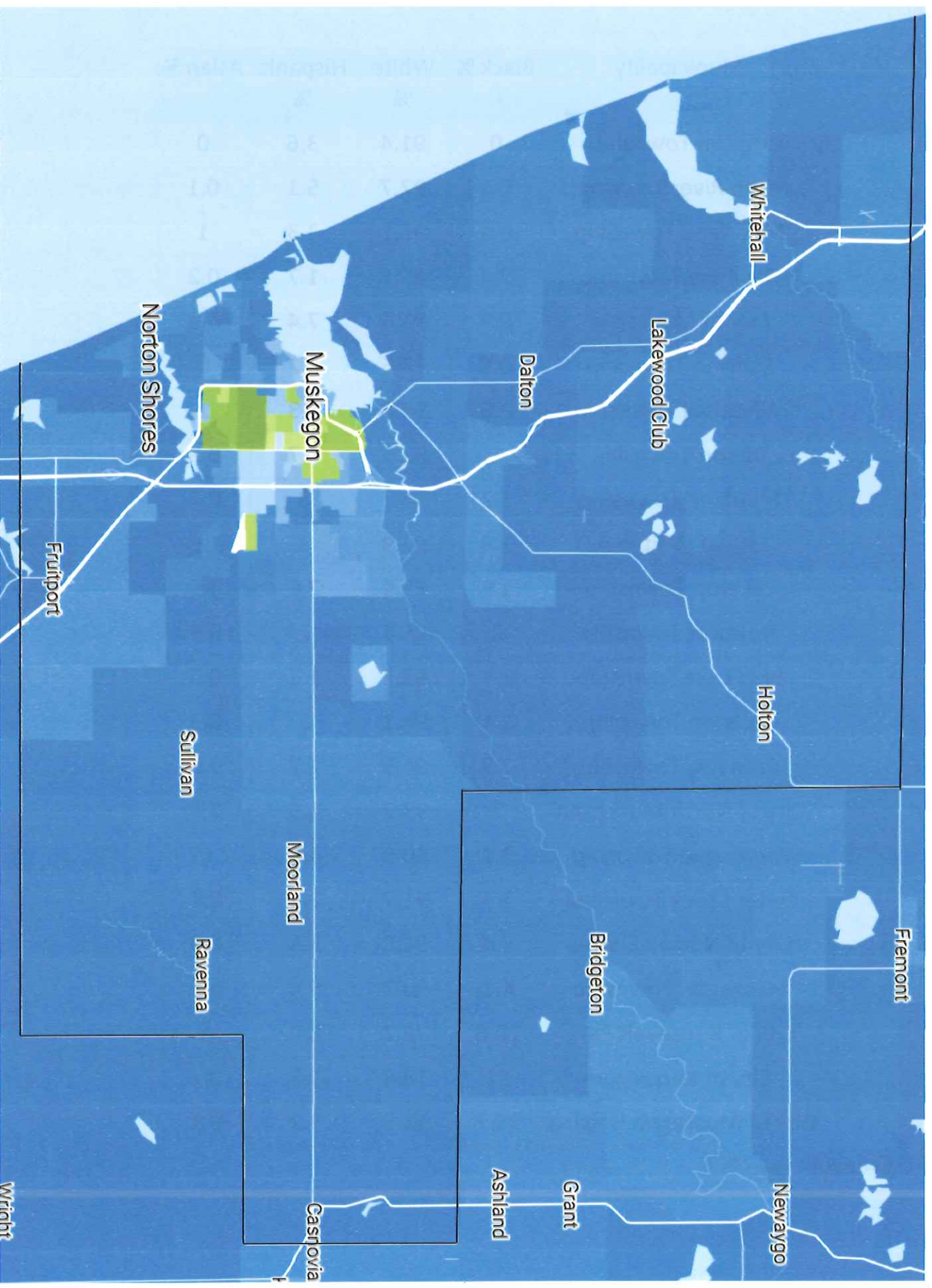
SOURCE: 2013 FBI UNIFORM CRIME REPORT

One of the reasons for the population loss in Muskegon Heights is the crime rate. As you can see from the table, Muskegon Heights has significantly more assault and robbery crime compared with the rest of the county.

Municipality	Black %	White %	Hispanic %	Asian %
Holton Township	0	91.4	3.6	0
White River Township	0.3	92.7	5.1	0.1
Moorland Township	0.4	95.1	2.3	1
Ravenna Township	0.4	95.1	1.7	0.2
City of Montague	0.5	91.4	7.4	0.1
Sullivan Township	0.8	93.5	5.2	0
Whitehall Township	0.8	94.6	2.3	1
Dalton Township	1	92.5	3.7	0.8
Fruitland Township	1.2	94.7	3	0.4
City of Whitehall	1.9	92.9	3	1.6
Laketon Township	1.9	93.4	2.6	1.6
Fruitport Township	2	95.5	2	0.3
Blue Lake Township	2.4	92.2	1.7	0.5
Egelston Township	2.4	94.1	2	0.3
Casnovia Township	2.8	94.3	1.7	0.5
City of North Muskegon	3	93.7	1.9	0.1
Montague Township	3.1	90.5	4.6	0
Cedar Creek Township	3.4	91.7	2.4	0.8
City of Norton Shores	3.4	91.8	3.5	0.9
Muskegon Township	4.1	90.7	5.4	0.2
City of Roosevelt Park	10.6	78.2	6.2	1
City of Muskegon	32	58.8	9.7	0.2
City of Muskegon Heights	75.7	18.5	3.2	0.1

US Census Bureau 2019

Heat Map of African American Population in Muskegon County



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