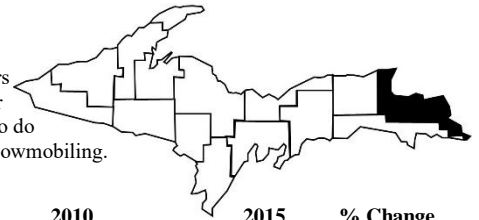


# Chippewa County, MI

Michigan was born in Chippewa County. But it's not just historians who navigate here. People travel a few hours from downstate or from across the world to discover things they can't experience anywhere else... things here for centuries that will be here for centuries more. Visit and make your own lasting memories. You'll find so much to do in Chippewa County, you'll need to plan a return trip... or two! Soo Locks. Historic sites. Fishing. Golfing. Snowmobiling. Three casinos. Drummond Island with its natural beauty and affordable activities. You'll never run out of fun.



LABOR FORCE	2014	2015
Total Labor Force	16,868	16,880
Employed	15,227	15,623
Unemployment	9.40%	7.40%

EMPLOYERS (# EMPLOYED)	2014	2015
<b>Major Employers that Export</b>		
Precision Edge Surgical Products	183	200
PCC Superior Fabrication	75	129
Hoover Precision Productions	51	57
R&B Electronics	38	51
Kinross Fab and Machine	22	27
Bunker Manufacturing	15	10
JAS Veneer	14	25
Innovative Composites	11	6

<b>Other Employers</b>		
War Memorial Hospital	848	906
Bay Mills Resort	600	674
Lake Superior State University	961	500
Sault Ste. Marie Public Schools	286	292
U.S. Coast Guard	248	262
Rudyard Cooperative Company	73	74
Chippewa County Road Commission	66	72
Riverside Medical Associates	48	49
Brimley Area Schools	55	64
Bay Mills Community College	60	62
City of Sault Ste. Marie	153	160
JKL Bahweting Anishnabe PSA	105	102
Eastern U.P. ISD	112	100
Chippewa County	154	154
Chippewa-Luce-Mackinaw CAA	192	131
Cloverland Electric Co-Op	108	108
Hiawatha Behavioral Health	129	129
Northern Transitions	108	101

INDUSTRIES (# of Establishments)	2014	2015
Retail Trade	136	131
Manufacturing	23	22
Construction	96	96
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting	19	18
Accommodations and food services	103	110
Other services, except public administration	71	72
Health care and social assistance	58	59
Transportation and warehousing	42	28
Finance and insurance	36	36
Administrative and waste services	24	26
Wholesale trade	23	24
Real estate and rental and leasing	20	19
Professional and technical services	42	43
Information	11	10
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	15	16
Utilities	5	5
Mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction	4	4

**INDUSTRIAL PARKS**  
 Sault Industrial Park, State Certified Park & Foreign Trade Zone Chippewa County Air Industrial Park, Sault Ste. Marie Air Industrial Park

**MAIN HIGHWAYS:** I-75, M-28, M-80, M-123, M-129, M-134, M-221

<b>NEAREST CENTRAL CITIES (Miles)</b>			
Green Bay, WI	281 miles	Saginaw, MI	231 miles
Grand Rapids, MI	285 miles	Lansing, MI	271 miles

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES**  
 UPWARD Talent Council Michigan Works!, Sault Area Career Center

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
 Old Mission Bank, Chippewa County Credit Union, DeTour Drummond

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CENSUS	2010	2015	% Change
Population	38,520	38,698	0.46%

**LAND AREA:** 898 square miles

EDUCATION AND TRAINING	2014	2015
<b>Public Schools (Enrollment)</b>		
Sault Ste. Marie Area Public Schools	2,370	2,264
Rudyard Area Schools	706	693
Pickford Public Schools	504	479
Brimley Area Schools	516	530
Joseph K. Lumsden Charter School	486	516
Eastern Upper Peninsula ISD	202	191
De Tour Area Schools	141	143
Bay Mills Ojibwe Charter School	101	99
De Tours Arts and Technology Academy	45	221
Whitefish Township Community Schools	24	17
Public School Total	4,948	5,153

<b>Private Schools (Enrollment)</b>		
St. Mary's Catholic School	145	150
Maplewood Baptist Academy	69	0
Rudyard Christian School	21	16
Private School Total	235	166

<b>Colleges and Universities (Enrollment)</b>		
Bay Mills Community College	495	473
Lake Superior State University	2,405	2,249

CLIMATE: Average Temperatures in F°	High	Low
Summer	75	52
Winter	21	5
<b>Annual Snowfall:</b>	115 inches	

**HEALTHCARE**  
 Sault Tribe Health Center, VA Clinic, War Memorial Hospital

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
**Public Safety:** Bay Mills Tribal Police, Chippewa County Sheriff, Sault Ste. Marie City Police, Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Police, Kinross Twp. Police, Michigan State Police  
**Fire Services:** City of Sault Ste. Marie, Soo Twp., Bay Mills, Sugar Island Volunteer, Drummond Island Volunteer  
**Ambulance Services:** Kinross EMS, Bay Mills Emergency Connection, Whitefish Twp. Ambulance Corporation, Drummond Twp. Ambulance Service, Pickford Twp. Volunteer Ambulance Corporation, Chippewa County Ambulance Service, Sugar Island Ambulance Corporation, DeTour Ambulance Corporation

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**Local and Cellular:** AT&T, CenturyLink, Charter Communications, Chippewa County, Hiawatha Tel, Sprint, Telecom, Verizon  
**Internet:** Charter Communications, Seven ISPs

**UTILITIES**  
**Electricity:** Cloverland Electric  
**Natural Gas:** DTE Energy  
**Water and Sewer:** Municipal in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross Charter Twp, and DeTour Village, well and septic in all other areas  
**Waste Disposal:** Waste Management, Smith Sanitation, Republic Waste Services

**RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES**  
 1,984 Campsites in 41 Campgrounds and 13 National Forest Campgrounds, 1,493 Hotel/Motel rooms, 456 miles of Great Lakes Shoreline, 220 miles of snowmobile trails, 91 miles of Scenic Highway, 3 Casinos, Tahquamenon Scenic Heritage Route, Brimley and Tahquamenon Falls State Parks, numerous museums, lighthouses, historic homes, theatres, and historical sites

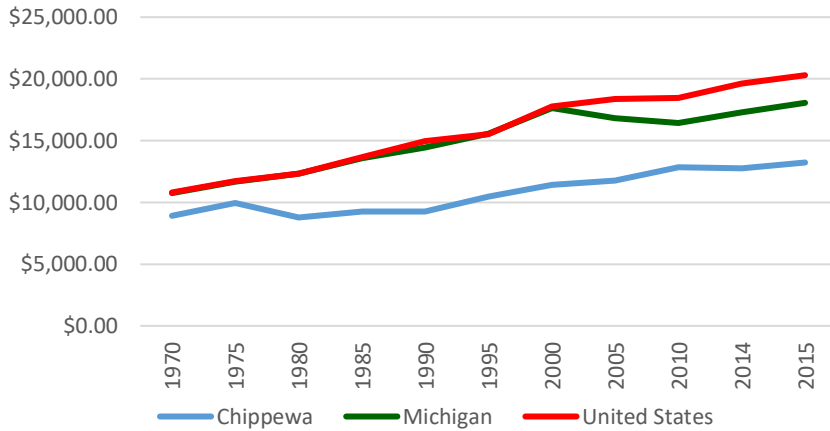
**GOVERNMENT**  
 Chippewa County Government Information, Public Records



# Chippewa County

## Community and Economic Overview

### Adjusted Per Capita Personal Income



**17.7%**

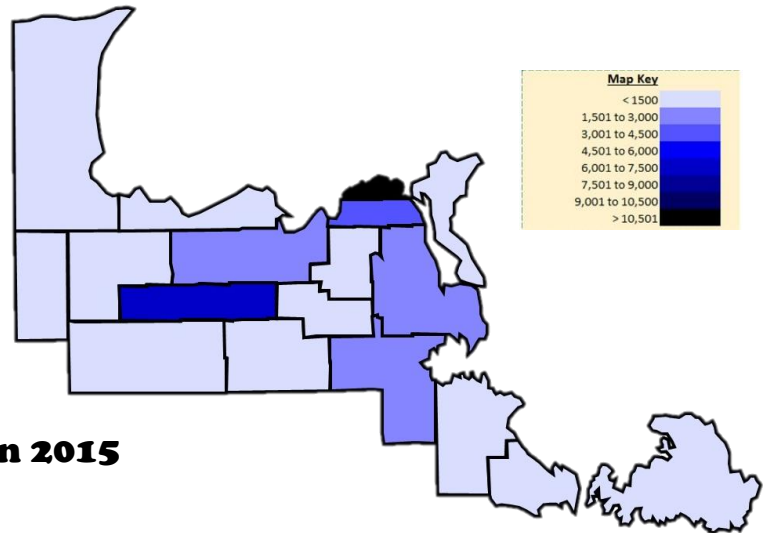
**Of Residents Hold a Bachelor's Degree or Higher**



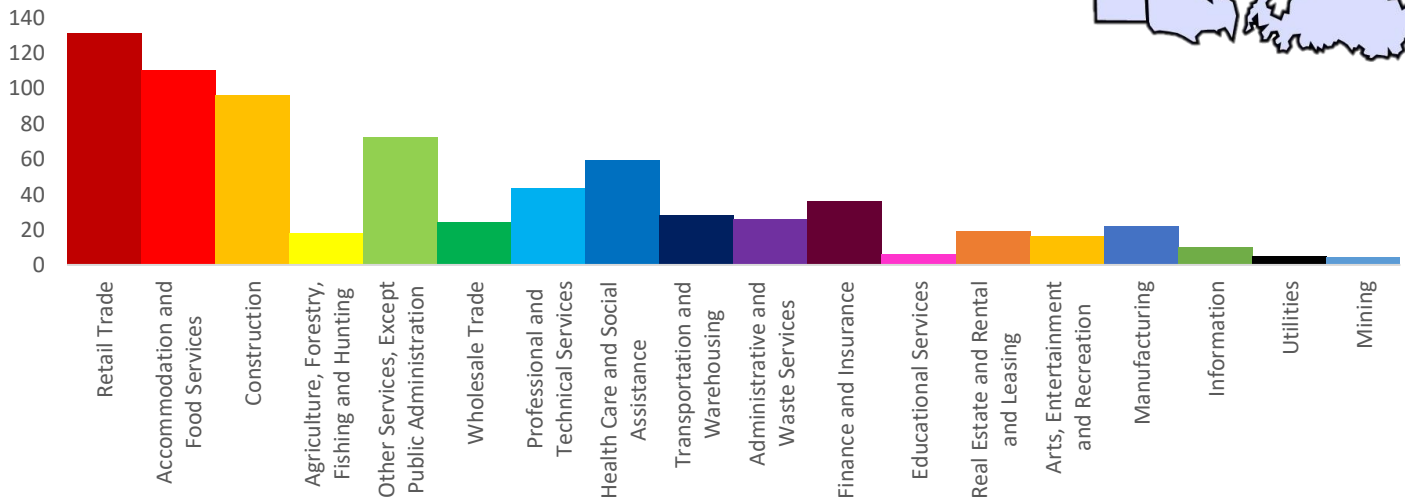
**73.9%**

**Of Students Graduate from High School**

### 2010 Population Density



### # of Establishments by Industry in 2015



#### Data Sources:

United States Bureau of Economic Analysis  
 United States Bureau of Census  
 US Bureau of Labor Statistics  
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