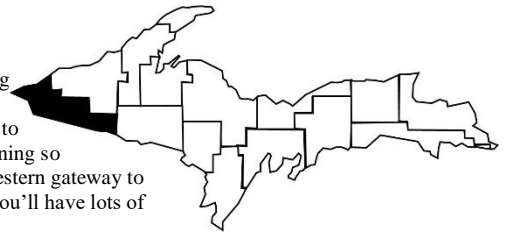


# Gogebic County, MI

With its boundless, unspoiled wilderness sprinkled with expansive waterways, Gogebic County lets you unplug from the ceaseless distractions of daily life. Located as far west as you can go in Michigan, it is within a few hours drive of cities in northern Illinois, Minnesota, and Wisconsin, giving you and your family a perfect path to reconnect with nature. This is your wilderness getaway. Escape to the Gogebic Iron Range that made iron mining so important to this area. Lace up your boots and explore the million-acre Ottawa National Forest or enter the western gateway to the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. Because Gogebic County is within the Central Time Zone, you'll have lots of daylight to fit in all your adventuring.



LABOR FORCE	2014	2015
Total Labor Force	6,750	6,625
Employed	6,160	6,164
Unemployment	8.7%	7.00%

CENSUS	2010	2015	% Change
Population	16,427	16,042	-2.34%

LAND AREA: 898 square miles

EMPLOYERS (# EMPLOYED)	2014	2015
<b>Major Employers that Export</b>		
Jacquart Fabric Products .....	122	122
Ironwood Plastics, Inc. ....	165	112
Extreme Tool and Engineering .....	89	89
<b>Other Employers</b>		
Lac Vieux Desert .....	268	260
Grand View Health System, Inc. ....	393	336
Indianhead Mountain Resort .....	141	118
Big Powderhorn Ski Resort .....	108	115
Ironwood Area Schools .....	96	83
Gogebic Community College .....	82	82
City of Ironwood .....	60	38
Gogebic County Road Commission .....	31	30

EDUCATION AND TRAINING	2014	2015
<b>Public Schools (Enrollment)</b>		
Ironwood Area Schools .....	804	792
Bessemer Area Schools .....	425	395
Wakefield-Marenisco School District .....	290	305
Watersmeet School District .....	159	148
Public School Total .....	1,678	1,640
<b>Private Schools (Enrollment)</b>		
All Saints Catholic Academy .....	35	25
Bluff View Christian School .....	8	14
Private School Total .....	43	39
<b>Colleges and Universities (Enrollment)</b>		
Michigan Technological University .....	7,104	7,242
Gogebic Community College .....	1,121	1,053

INDUSTRIES (# of Establishments)	2014	2015
Retail Trade .....	60	61
Manufacturing .....	16	15
Construction .....	38	37
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting .....	15	16
Accommodations and food services .....	49	46
Other services, except public administration .....	55	47
Health care and social assistance .....	26	26
Transportation and warehousing .....	16	17
Finance and insurance .....	19	19
Administrative and waste services .....	15	14
Wholesale trade .....	16	15
Real estate and rental and leasing .....	15	15
Professional and technical services .....	21	20
Information .....	8	7
Arts, entertainment, and recreation .....	14	14
Utilities .....	5	5
Educational Services .....	10	10

CLIMATE: Average Temperatures in F°	High	Low
Summer .....	79	55
Winter .....	20	1
Annual Snowfall: .....	155 inches	

## HEALTHCARE

Aspirus Grand View, Gogebic Medical Care Facility, Westgate Living Center

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

**Public Safety:** Wakefield, Ironwood, Marenisco Twp., Watersmeet, Lac Vieux Desert

**Fire Services:** Ironwood Public Safety, City of Bessemer, Marenisco Volunteer, Watersmeet Volunteer

**Ambulance Services:** Beacon Ambulance Service Inc., Marenisco Twp., Watersmeet First Responders

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

1<sup>st</sup> National Bank of Wakefield and Bessemer, First Merit Bank, Gogebic County Federal Credit Union, Gogebic Range Bank, River Valley Bank, Superior Revolving Loan Fund and Ironwood Loan Fund, Wells Fargo Bank

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

**Local and Cellular:** AT&T, CenturyTel, Charter Communications, Verizon  
**Internet:** Charter Communications, AT&T, Nsight Teleservices

## UTILITIES

**Electricity:** Wakefield Municipal Utilities, Wisconsin Electric, Xcel Energy

**Natural Gas:** Xcel Energy

**Water and Sewer:** Municipal, wells and septic systems

**Waste Disposal:** Superior Waste Service

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

130 Miles of Snowmobile Trails, Black River Harbor Waterfalls, Copper Peak, Downhill/Cross Country Ski Trails, Lake Gogebic State Park, Recreational Harbor Facilities, 217+ Campsites in 9 Local Campgrounds and 1 State Park, 18 Waterfalls, Copper Peak Adventure Ride, Lac Vieux Desert

## INDUSTRIAL PARKS

2- 20+ Acre Parks

**MAIN HIGHWAYS:** US-41, M-26, M-28, M-38, M-203

## NEAREST CENTRAL CITIES (Miles)

Green Bay, WI .....216 miles      Chicago, IL .....393 miles

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

UPWARD Talent Council Michigan Works!

## GOVERNMENT

Gogebic County Government Directory, Public Records

## CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Stormy Kromer Factory Tour, Ironwood Historic Depot & Museum, Olde Suffolk Ale House, Hiawatha- The World's Tallest Indian, Ironwood Area Historical Society, Ironwood Theatre Center for the Arts, Lac Vieux Desert Casino, Wakefield Historical Museum, Theatre North

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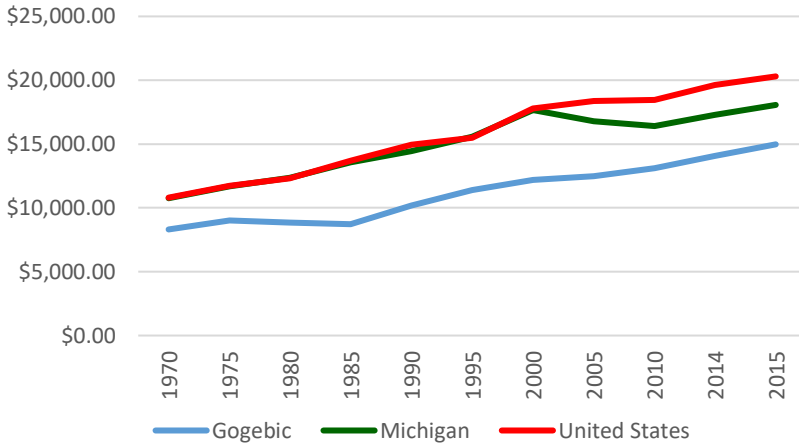
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## Community and Economic Overview

### Adjusted Per Capita Personal Income



**18.7%**

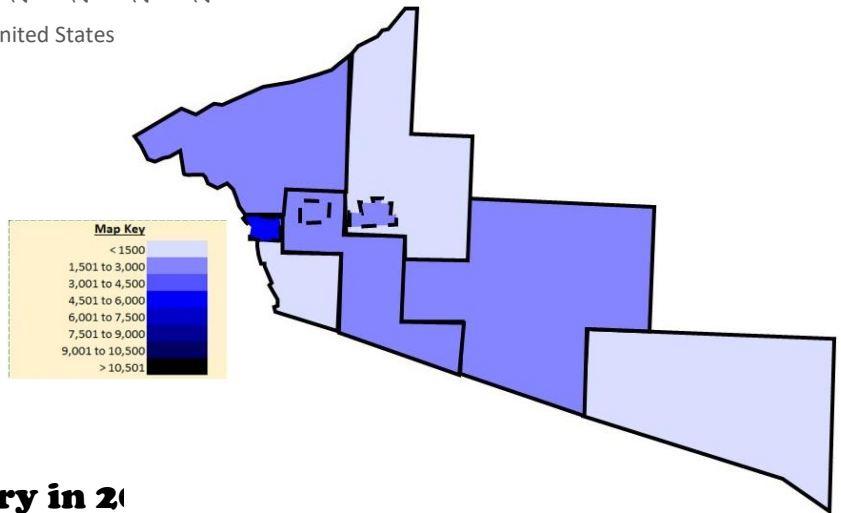
**Of Residents Hold a Bachelor's Degree or Higher**



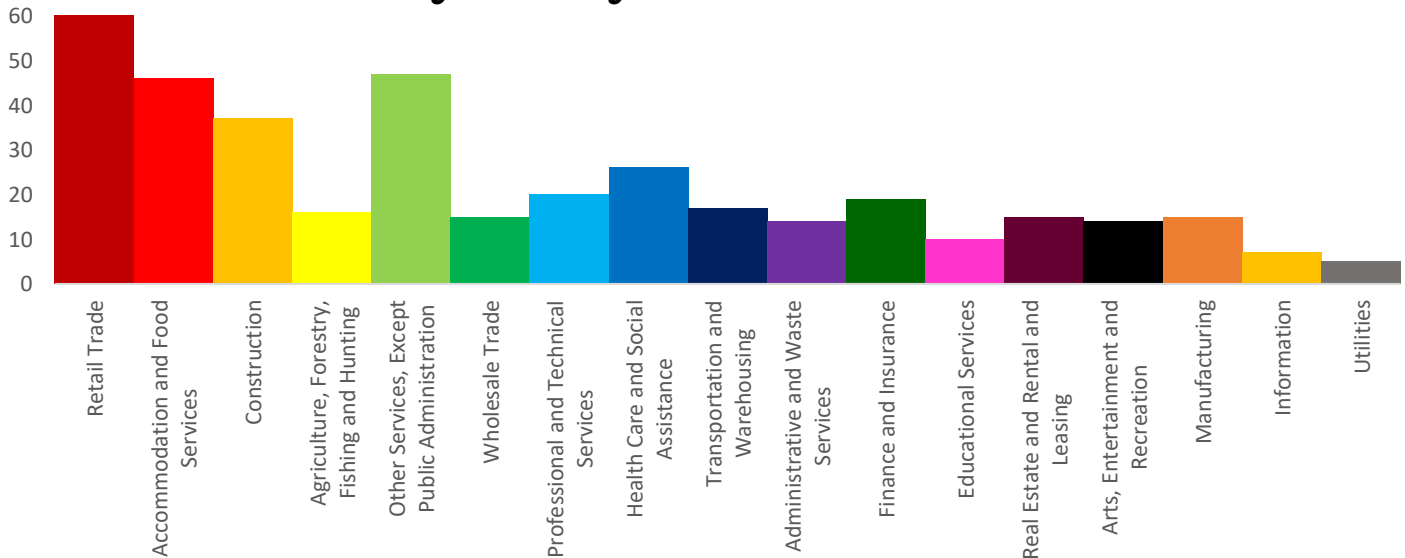
**84.3%**

**Of Students Graduate from High School**

### 2010 Population Density



### # of Establishments by Industry in 2010



#### Data Sources:

United States Bureau of Economic Analysis  
 United States Bureau of Census  
 US Bureau of Labor Statistics  
 Michigan Department of Education

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