

Houghton County, MI

With the promise of work and fortune, thousands of Finnish and Cornish immigrants came to mine copper on the Keweenaw Peninsula. You can immerse yourself in their and other cultures in Houghton County—and pursue your own dreams across our land and waters. Thousands of years before European settlers arrived, ancient peoples hunted, fished, and mined copper in the Keweenaw Peninsula. In the mid-1800s, thousands of dreams poured into the pristine woods and coastlines to seek the precious mineral. Generations later, their spirit of adventure, desire for knowledge and innovation, and joy in life are yours to experience all year in Houghton County.



LABOR FORCE	2014	2015
Total Labor Force	16,934	16,743
Employed	15,671	15,735
Unemployment	7.5%	6.00%

CENSUS	2010	2015	% Change
Population	36,628	36,739	0.30%

LAND AREA: 898 square miles

EMPLOYERS (# EMPLOYED)

Major Employers that Export	2014	2015
Calumet Electronics Corporation.....	180	190
Homer Flooring	48	45
Koppers, Inc.	53	55
GS Engineering.....	60	65
ThermoAnalytics.....	35	65
Anderson Welding	12	65
Other Employers		
Walmart.....	138	150
BHK Child Development Board.....	225	225
Michigan Tech University	1572	1609
Aspirus Keweenaw	434	431
Copper Country Mental Health.....	240	247
CLK Schools	125	133
Houghton- Portage Township Schools	166	103
Midwest Loan Service	116	70
Copper Country ISD	87	82
Vollwerth's	35	37
REL Machine.....	31	37
Thomas Moyle Construction.....	58	33
Campioni Enterprises.....	67	67

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Public Schools (Enrollment)	2014	2015
Calumet-Laurium-Keweenaw Schools	1,580	1,578
Houghton-Portage Twp. Schools	1,385	1,355
Lake Linden-Hubbell Schools.....	487	478
Adams Township School District	452	453
Dollar Bay/Tamarack City Area Schools.....	337	346
Chassell Township Schools.....	264	258
Stanton Township Public Schools.....	159	170
Elm River Twp. School District.....	5	11
Public School Total	5,487	5,445
Private Schools (Enrollment)		
Copper Country Christian School	38	52
Private School Total	38	52
Colleges and Universities (Enrollment)		
Michigan Technological University.....	7,104	7,242
Finlandia University.....	493	536

CLIMATE: Average Temperatures in F°	High	Low
Summer	75	54
Winter.....	7	-7
Annual Snowfall:	203 inches	

INDUSTRIES (# of Establishments)

2014	2015	
Retail Trade.....	132	129
Manufacturing.....	37	38
Construction.....	123	118
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.....	31	33
Accommodations and food services	95	97
Other services, except public administration	92	93
Health care and social assistance	69	73
Transportation and warehousing	22	22
Finance and insurance.....	45	45
Administrative and waste services	27	26
Wholesale trade.....	28	27
Real estate and rental and leasing	25	25
Professional and technical services.....	71	74
Information	10	8
Arts, entertainment, and recreation	16	16
Utilities.....	5	5
Educational Services	22	23
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction.....	2	2

HEALTHCARE

Aspirus Keweenaw, Aspirus FastCare Walk-In, Arden View Assisted Living and Memory Care, Centennial Healthcare Corp, Cypress Manor Health and Rehab Center, Houghton County Medical Care Facility, Our Lady of Mercy Health and Rehab, Portage Pointe

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Public Safety: Calumet Police Department, Hancock City Police, Houghton County Sherriff, Houghton Police Department, Lake Linden Village Police, Laurium Village Police

Fire Services: Calumet Twp., Twin Lakes, Laurium, Hubbel, Bootjack Fire and Rescue, Houghton, Hurontown Fire and Rescue

Ambulance Services: Mercy Ambulance Service

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Midwest Loan Services, Inc., Citizens Bank, Houghton County Revolving Loan Fund, Michigan Tech Employees Federal Credit Union, Miners State Bank, Range Bank, River Valley State Bank, Superior National Bank & Trust, Torch Lake Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local and Cellular: AT&T, Baraga Telephone, Sprint, Verizon

Internet: Charter Communications, up.net, Nsight Teleservices

UTILITIES

Electricity: Ontonagon County REA, U.P. Power Company, Wisconsin Electric, Xcel Energy

Natural Gas: SEMCO

Water and Sewer: Municipal, wells and septic systems

Waste Disposal: Waste Management

RECREATIONAL AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

250 Miles of Snowmobile Trails, ATV Trails, Calumet Theatre, Copper Country State Forest, Copper Country Trail National Byway, Copper Mining Ruins, F.J. McInain State Park, Fishing and Boating, Historic Town of Calumet, Keweenaw National Historical Park, Miles of Shoreline with Agate Beaches, Quincy Mine and Steam Hoist, Skiing, Biking, Camping, Hunting

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

2- 50+ Acre Parks

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

NEAREST CENTRAL CITIES (Miles)

Green Bay, WI	209 miles	Chicago, IL	415 miles
Duluth, MN	212 miles	Minneapolis, MN	361 miles

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

UPWARD Talent Council Michigan Works!

GOVERNMENT

Houghton County Government Directory, Public Records

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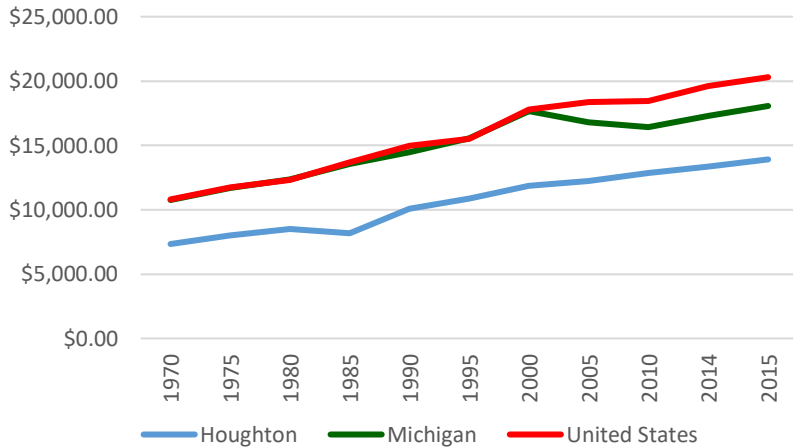
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Community and Economic Overview

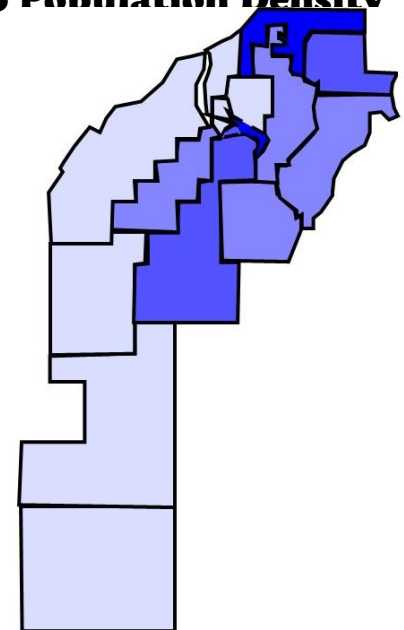
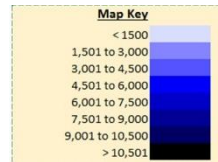
Adjusted Per Capita Personal Income



27.7%

Of Residents Hold a Bachelor's Degree or Higher

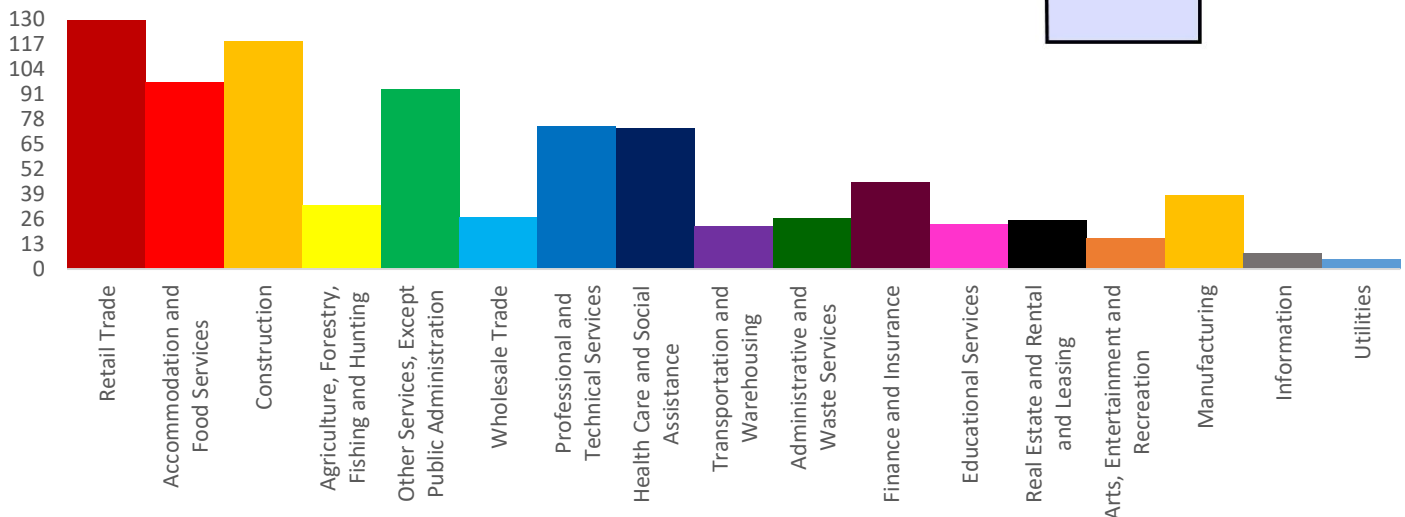
2010 Population Density



85.1%

Of Students Graduate from High School

of Establishments by Industry in 2015



Data Sources:

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