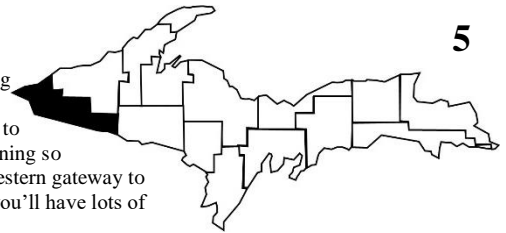


Gogebic County, MI

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
Major Employers that Export		
Jacquart Fabric Products	122	122
Ironwood Plastics, Inc.	165	112
Extreme Tool and Engineering	89	89
Other Employers		
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
Public Schools (Enrollment)		
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
Private Schools (Enrollment)		
All Saints Catholic Academy	35	25
Bluff View Christian School	8	14
Private School Total	43	39
Colleges and Universities (Enrollment)		
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
1st 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, WI216 miles Chicago, IL393 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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