



CHIPPEWA COUNTY

DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS		
Population (2013) ¹	38,696	
Households ²	2012	
Number of Households	14,662	
Family Households	9,267	
Non-family Households	5,395	
Median Household Income	\$41,114	
Mean Household Income	\$52,516	
Household Income Distribution ²	Number (#)	Percent (%)
Under - \$35,000	6,381	43.4%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	2,242	15.3%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	2,787	19.0%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	1,785	12.2%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	1,066	7.3%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	219	1.5%
\$200,000 – Above	199	1.4%
Workforce Education Attainment (25 - 64 Years of Age) ³	Percent (%) (2008-2012)	
Less than 9 th Grade	2.7%	
9 th -12 Grade, No Diploma	8.2%	
High School Graduate	37.6%	
Some College	26.7%	
Associates Degree	7.1%	
Bachelors Degree	11.0%	
Graduate/Professional Degree	6.7%	
Total	100.00%	

1 http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=PEP_2013_PEPANNRES

2 http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_12_5YR_DP03

3 http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_12_5YR_S1501#



CHIPPEWA COUNTY

GOVERNMENT

City Government

City of Sault Ste. Marie

Form (Structure)	Commission - Administrator
City Manager (Yes or No) ¹	Oliver Turner
City Clerk ¹	Robin Troyer
Assessor ¹	Tina Fuller
Treasurer ¹	Kristin Collins
Mayor ²	Anthony Bosbous
City of Sault Ste. Marie City Commission ²	Anthony Bosbous William Lynn Ray Bauer Don Gerrie Patricia Shimmens Jeff Stefanski Kathleen Twardy

County Government

Form (Structure)	Commission - Administrator
# of Board Members	5
County Administrator (Yes or No) ³	Yes – Jim German
Clerk ⁴	Cathy Maleport
Treasurer ⁵	Marjorie Hank
Equalization ⁶ / Register of Deeds ⁷	Sharon Kennedy
Sherriff ⁸	Robert Savoie
Chippewa County Commissioners ⁹	Scott Shackleton – District 1 Don Cooper – District 2 Don McLean – District 3 Ted Postula – District 4 George Kinsella – District 5

1 <http://www.sault-sainte-marie.mi.us/departments.htm>3

2 <http://www.sault-sainte-marie.mi.us/commission.htm>

3 http://www.chippewacountymi.gov/administrator_office.html

4 <http://www.chippewacountymi.gov/clerk.html>

5 <http://www.chippewacountymi.gov/treasurer.html>

6 <http://www.chippewacountymi.gov/equalization.html>

7 <http://www.chippewacountymi.gov/rod.html>

8 <http://www.chippewacountymi.gov/sheriff.html>

9 http://www.chippewacountymi.gov/board_of_commissioners.html



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GOVERNMENT

State Government ¹

Form (Structure)	Bicameral
# of Elected Officials	148
Upper House Representing Area	1
Total Statewide Upper House	38
Lower House Representing Area	2
Total Statewide Lower House	110

State Representative Serving the Area ²

Legislative House District 107 Represents Upper Peninsula Counties: Chippewa, Mackinac	Frank Foster
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State Senator Serving the Area ³

Legislative Senate District 37 Represents Upper Peninsula Counties: Chippewa, Mackinac	Howard Walker
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Governor ⁴

Name	Rick Snyder
Years in Office	2
Current Term Expiration Date	Jan. 1, 2015
Allowed to Run for Another Term (Yes or No)	Yes
Next Election Date	Nov. 4, 2014

US Government Representation

Congressional Districts Listed by District # in the Service Area (By District)

US Congresspersons Serving the Area ⁵

Name	Dan Benishek
Years in Office	2
Current Term Expiration Date	Jan. 3, 2015
Next Election Date	Nov. 4, 2014

US Senators Serving Area

Name	Carl Levin
Years in Office	34
Current Term Expiration Date	Jan. 3, 2015
Next Election Date	Nov. 4, 2014
Name	Debbie Stabenow
Years in Office	13
Current Term Expiration Date	Jan. 3, 2018
Next Election Date	Nov. 4, 2017

1 http://www.michigan.gov/som/0,4669,7-192-29701_29704---,00.html

2 <http://gophouse.org/representatives/up/foster/>

3 <http://www.senatorhowardwalker.com/>

4 <http://www.michigan.gov/snyder>

5 <http://www.contactingthecongress.org>



CHIPPEWA COUNTY

QUALITY OF LIFE		
Housing ¹	2012	
Number of Housing Units	21,234	
Occupied Housing Units	14,662	69%
Vacant Housing Units	6,572	31%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	3.0%	
Median Value	\$102,400	
Number of Single Family Homes For Sale by Price ¹	Number (#)	Percent (%)
Less than \$50,000	1,618	15.5%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	3,446	33.1%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	2,264	21.7%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	1,315	12.6%
\$200,000 - \$299,999	1,035	9.9%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	518	5.0%
\$500,000 - \$999,999	514	1.5%
\$1,000,000 or more	65	0.6%
Rentals ¹	Average Monthly	
Median Gross Rent Paid	\$593	
Rental Vacancy Rate	8.7%	

¹ http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_12_5YR_DP04



CHIPPEWA COUNTY

QUALITY OF LIFE

Culture ¹

Top Annual Event	Dates - 2014
International Bridge Walk	June
4 th of July Parade	July 4
Annual Sault Tribe Gathering and Pow Wow	July 10-13
Sugar Island Gathering & Pow-Wow	July 18-20
Chippewa County Fair	July 30 – August 2
Downtown Days	August 1-2
Sault Summer Arts Festival	August 5
Michigan Paranormal Convention	August 8-9
Sault International Marathon	September 27
	Dates - 2015
International Snowmobile Race	February 7

CULTURAL PLACES

Recreational Outlets within a 2 Hour Drive ⁴	Museums ²		Theater Companies		
	Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum Lipsett Hardware Building Point Iroquois Light Steamship Valley Camp Whitefish Point Light DeTour Passage Historical Museum Pickford Area Historical Museum River of History Museum Soo Locks Water Street Historic Homes		Chippewa Theater Guild		
			Symphony Orchestras ³		
			Sault Symphony Orchestra		
	Hockey	Golf		Resorts/ Casino	
	Taffy Abel Arena Pullar Center Kaines Rink Big Bear Arena	Tanglewood Marsh Golf Course Wild Bluff Munuscong Golf Club Sault Ste. Marie Country Club Lockside Golf		Kewadin Inn Bay Mills Resort Les Cheneaux Drummond Island	
	Parks/ Campgrounds		Fishing		Snowmobile Trails
	Brimley State Park Tahqamenon Falls Sherman Park Soo Locks Park Soldier's Lake		St. Mary's River Munuscong Bay Carp River Two-Hearted River Pine River		Algonquin Trails

1 <http://www.saultstemarie.com/the-sault-calendar-of-events-5/>

2 <http://www.envisionthepast.com/museums-mich-upe/>

3 <http://www.saultsymphony.com/>

4 <http://www.saultstemarie.com/attractions-3/>



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Non-Agricultural Employment Reported by Place of Work ¹		Total Number Employed	
		2013	2012
Mining		38	35
Construction		908	881
Manufacturing		514	535
Public Utilities		106	98
Wholesale Trade		250	259
Retail Trade		2,214	2,144
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate		1,117	1,090
Service*		3,551	3,501
Healthcare		1,043	1,032
Agriculture & Forestry		443	462
Labor Participation Rate Percent (%) ²		Commute To Work Time (2012) ³	
		Percent (%)	
		Less than 10 minutes	35.7%
Male	52.7%	10 to 19 minutes	31.2%
Female	47.3%	20 – 29 minutes	17.0%
Total	100%	30 minutes or more	16.0%
		Median Travel Time	16.5 minutes

*Services includes Professional, Technical, Scientific, Administrative, Support, Waste and Remediation, Educational, Food and Accommodation, and other services

1 <http://www.economicmodeling.com/data/usa-data/>

2 http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_12_5YR_S2401

3 http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?pid=ACS_12_5YR_S0801



COMPANIES THAT HAVE EXPANDED IN THE AREA WITHIN THE LAST THREE YEARS ¹

Company		Location		Product/ Service	Function	Year Established	Union Affiliation
		City	County				
New to the Area	AMI Hose	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa	Automotive Hoses	Retail	2014	No
	Smart Zone	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa	Business Incubator	R&D Center	2013	No
Two Years Ago	Senopra	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa	Security	Regional Office	2012	No
Expansions/ New Facilities	Hoover Products	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa	Factory	Branch	1983	No

¹ Personal communication with Jeff Hagen, Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Council <http://eup-planning.org/il>:



LABOR - MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Is the State Right to Work

Yes

Labor Unions Located In Chippewa County ¹

Union Name	Membership
UAW Local 3803	71
Cloverland Electric	21
Steelworkers 8140	11
Steelworkers 13685	70
Steelworkers 182	61
NALC 707	18
Steelworkers 13547	39
Steelworkers 13635	72
National Treasury 187	80
UFCW local 799	251
Michigan Nurses Association	148

¹ <http://kcerds.dol-esa.gov/query>



VOCATIONAL/TECHNICAL CENTER RESOURCES EXCLUDING COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Name of Institution	Location	
	City	County
Michigan Rehabilitation Service ¹	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa
Sault Career Center ²	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa

¹ <http://www/michworks-upnorth.org/about>

² <http://sault.eup.k12.mi.us/site/Default.aspx?Pagetype=1&SiteID=48&Channel1ID=66&DirectoryType=6>



CHIPPEWA COUNTY

RESEARCH BASE				
Name of Center	Location		Affiliation (e.g. Corporate, Non-Profit, University, Government, etc.)	Research Specialty
	City	County		
Smart Zone ¹	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa	Non-profit	Technology- Small Business
Lake Superior State University Product Development Center ²	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa	University	Engineering
Industrial Incubator ³	Sault Ste. Marie	Chippewa	University	Manufacturing, Technology

1 <http://www.ssmartzone.com/>

2 <http://www.lssu.edu/eng/pdc/>

3 <http://www.saultedc.com/sault-industrial-incubator-50/>



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TAXATION ¹	
Corporate Income Tax/Franchise Tax	State
Rate (range)	6%
Personal Income Tax	State
Rate (Range)	4.33%
Sales/Use Tax Rate	
State	6%
Sales Tax Rate by Utility:	
Electric Power	4%
Natural Gas	4%
Fuel Oil	.19/gal

¹ <http://www.michiganbusiness.org/site-selection/commercial-real-estate-database/>



CHIPPEWA COUNTY

TAXATION

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATES TOTAL MILLAGE (2013) ¹

Chippewa County Townships	Principal Residence or Ag Exemption	Non Homestead	Industrial Personal	Commercial Personal
Bay Mills	25.2648	43.2648	19.2648	31.2648
Bruce	22.9126 25.4326	40.9162 43.4326	16.9126 19.4326	28.9126 31.4326
Chippewa	25.9148	43.9148	19.9148	31.9148
Dafter	20.4148 21.8848 25.9148	38.4148 39.8848 43.9148	14.4148 15.8848 19.9148	26.4148 27.8848 31.9148
Detour	20.8629	38.8629	14.8629	26.8629
Village of De Tour	29.9466	47.9466	23.9466	35.9466
Drummond	23.2932	41.2932	17.2932	29.2932
Hulbert	25.8659	43.8659	19.8659	31.8659
Kinross	25.3848	43.3848	19.3848	31.3848
Pickford	27.3581	45.3581	21.3581	33.3581
Raber	23.2982 25.6182 23.3982	41.2982 43.6182 41.3982	17.2982 19.6182 17.3982	29.2982 31.6182 29.3982
Rudyard	26.0080	44.0080	20.0080	32.0080
Soo	20.3731	38.3731	14.3731	26.3731
Sugar Island	28.0431	46.0431	22.0431	34.0431
Superior	25.9144	43.9144	19.9144	31.9144
Trout Lake	22.5648	40.5648	16.5648	28.5648
Whitefish	21.7682	39.7682	15.7682	27.7682
Sault Ste. Marie City	41.6474	59.6474	35.6474	47.6474

¹ http://www.michigan.gov/documents/taxes/2013_Total_Rates_450527_7.pdf



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ENVIRONMENTAL				
Area in Attainment for Federal Air Pollution Regulations ¹		Yes	No	
Ozone		X		
Carbon Monoxide		X		
Particular Matter		X		
Lead		X		
Sulfur Dioxide		X		
Nitrogen Dioxide		X		
State Instituted a One-Stop Air & Water Quality Permitting System			X	
Average Permit Approval Time From Date of Completed Routine Application ¹			Average Time	
Air Permit			160 days	
Water Permit			180 days	
Hazardous Waste Permit			140 days	
Nearest Licensed Hazardous Waste Disposal Site ²			City	
Northern Transitions, Inc.			Sault Ste. Marie	
# of Licensed Hazardous Waste Haulers Serving the Area ³				
Great American Disposal Recycle Center				
Landfill Location (s) ⁴	Capacity Remaining (Cubic Yards)	Projected Years of Remaining Capacity	Address	Phone
Dafter Sanitary Landfill, Inc.	3,641,244	73 years	3962 West 12 Mile Rd Dafter, MI 49724 ⁵	906-632-6186
Hiawatha Shores Landfill, Inc.	48,714	5 years	436 County Road Gulliver, MI 49840 ⁶	906-341-2001
Contact Information	Name of Agency		Address	Phone
Air Quality ⁷	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality		1504 W. Washington, Marquette, MI 49855	906-228-4853
Water Quality ⁸	Chippewa County Health Department		508 Ashmun St Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	906-635-1566
Hazardous Waste	Northern Transitions, Inc. Chippewa County Recycling Center ²		1401 W. Easterday Ave. Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783	906-635-5681
	Hiawatha Shores Landfill, Inc. ⁶		3098 N. River Rd Gulliver, MI 49840	906-341-2001

1 http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3306_3329-12306--,00.html

2 <http://northerntransitions.org/>

3 <http://greatamericandisposal.com/recycling/recycle-center/>

4 http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/DEQ-OWMRP-SWS-SolidWasteAnnualReportFY2013_447054_7.pdf

5 <http://www.yellowpages.com/dafter-mi/mip/dafter-sanitary-landfill-inc-4073821>

6 <http://hiawathashores.com/>

7 http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3310_4195---,00.html

8 <http://www.chippewahd.com>



INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES

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Companies by Country of Ownership ¹	Total Employment		Country
Hoover Precision Products	51		Japan
Innovative Compost, Inc.	10		Canada
International Air Transportation to ²	Name of Airport	City Distance to Airport	# of Weekly Non-Stop Flights
Canada	Chippewa County International Airport	15 miles	13 to Detroit
International Bridge Crossing ³	Sault Ste. Marie, Canada		

1 Personal communication with Jeff Hagen, Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning & Development Council <http://eup-planning.org/il>:

2 <http://www.airciu.com/>

3 <http://www.saultbridge.com/>