



DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS	
Population (2013) ¹	15,916
Households ²	2012
Number of Households	10,807
Family Households	7,234
Non-family Households	3,047
Median Household Income	\$34,397
Mean Household Income	\$45,754
Household Income Distribution ²	Percent (%)
Under - \$35,000	50.9%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	15.7%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	18.1%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	7.8%
\$100,000 – \$149,999	5.3%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	1.1%
\$200,000 – Above	1.1%
Workforce Education Attainment (25 - 64 Years of Age) ³	Percent (%) (2008-2012)
Less than 9 th Grade	2.4%
9 th -12 Grade, No Diploma	5.8%
High School Graduate	36.5%
Some College	26.4%
Associates Degree	10.1%
Bachelors Degree	14.1%
Graduate/Professional Degree	4.7%
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_S1901

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



GOVERNMENT	
City Government	
City of Iron Wood ¹	
Form (Structure)	Council-Manager
# of Elected Officials	5
Mayor	Kim Corcoran
Years in Office	3
Next Election Date	Nov. 2015
City Manager (Yes or No)	Yes – Scott Erickson
City Clerk	Karen Gullan
Treasurer/ Finance Director	Paul Linn
Assessor	Dennis Hewitt
City of Iron Wood City Council Members ²	Brandon Tauer Joseph J. Cayer, Jr. Kim Corcoran Rick Semo David Sim
City of Wakefield ³	
Form (Structure)	Council-Manager
Mayor	Les Schneck
City Manager (Yes or No)	Yes – Margot Rusinek
City Treasurer	Sherry Ravelli
Clerk	Jennifer Jacobson
Assessor	Melissa Prisbe
City of Wakefield City Council Members ⁴	Dick Bolen Ted Finco Bob Blaskowski Joe DelFavero
City of Bessemer ⁵	
Form (Structure)	Council-Manager
Mayor	August "Butch" Semmerling
City Manager (Yes or No)	Yes - Uskiewicz
City of Bessemer City Council Members ⁵	August 'Butch' Semmerling Al Gaiss Doug Olsen Linda Nelson Marlene Zaleski

1 <http://cityofironwood.org/Government/Staff.html>

2 <http://cityofironwood.org/Government/City%20Commission/City%20Commissioners.html>

3 <http://www.cityofwakefield.org/index.php/2013-03-16-21-42-03/city-staff>

4 <http://www.cityofwakefield.org/index.php/2013-03-16-21-42-03/city-council>

5 <http://www.cityofbessemer.org/government-Council.html>



GOVERNMENT	
County Government	
Form (Structure)	Council of Commissioners
# of Elected Officials	7
Top Elected Officials	
Next Election Date	Nov. 2014
County Manager (Yes) ¹	Yes – Juliane M. Giackino
Clerk ²	Gerry Pelissero
Equalization ³	Tom Novascone
Gogebic County County Commissioners⁴	Leroy Kangas – District 1 James Oliver – District 2 Tom Laabs – District 3 Tom Gerovac – District 4 Joe Bonovitz – District 5 Bob Orlich – District 6 George Peterson III – District 7

1 <http://www.gogebic.org/admin.html>

2 <http://www.gogebic.org/clerk.html>

3 <http://www.gogebic.org/asses.html>

4 <http://www.gogebic.org/commis.html>



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 110 Represents Counties: Baraga, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Ontonagon	Scott Dianda
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State Senator Serving the Area ³

Legislative Senate District 38 Represents Counties: Alger, Baraga, Delta, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Luce, Marquette, Menominee, Ontonagon, Schoolcraft	Tom Casperson
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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://110.housedems.com/>

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

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

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



QUALITY OF LIFE		
Housing ¹	2012	
Number of Housing Units	10,807	
Occupied Housing Units	7,234	66.9%
Vacant Housing Units	3,573	33.1%
Homeowner Vacancy Rate	4.5%	
Median Home Value	\$67,500	
Number of Single Family Homes For Sale by Price ¹	Number (#)	Percent (%)
Less than \$50,000	2,005	36.4%
\$50,000 - \$99,999	1,796	32.6%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	544	9.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	408	7.4%
\$200,000 - \$299,999	431	7.8%
\$300,000 - \$499,999	243	4.4%
\$500,000 - \$999,999	72	1.3%
\$1,000,000 or more	11	0.2%
Rentals ¹	Average Monthly	
Gross Median Rent Paid	\$557	
Rental Vacancy Rate	1.6%	

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



QUALITY OF LIFE

Culture

Top Annual Events ^{1,2}	Event	Dates
SISU Ski Fest (Ironwood)	Nordic skiing, Snowshoeing	January 14
Home Show	Ironwood Township	March, 3 rd week
Polar Plunge	Water jump, Wakefield, Sunday Lake	April
Fourth of July Parade & Fireworks	Crafts, race, events, parade, fireworks	July 3-4
Festival Ironwood	Crafts, race, events, parade, fireworks	July, 3 rd week
Gogebic County Fair	Carnival, Motor Races	August, 2 nd week
Pumpkin Fest	Bessemer	September
Jack Frost Parade & Activities	Snowmobile races, Parade	December 6-8

# Of Cultural Places & Amenities ²	Museums	Dance Companies
	Wakefield Historical Museum Ironwood Historical Museum Downtown Art Place (DAP) Bessemer Area Heritage Center	Ironwood Dance Company
Gogebic County Recreational Outlets ²	Golf Courses	Theatre Companies
	Boulder Creek Gogebic County Golf Course	Theatre North Historical Ironwood Theatre
	Major Ski Hills	Large Parks
	Big Powderhorn Mountain Blackjack Mountain Indian Head Mountain Wolverine Cross Country ABR Cross Country Copper Peak Adventure Ride	Black River Harbor Ottawa National Forest Miners Memorial Heritage Park Little Girl's Point Black River Harbor Lake Gogebic Ramsay Memorial Park
	Outdoor Adventure	Casinos
	Multiple ATV, Bike, Hiking and Nordic trails Hiawatha Statue, Waterfalls	Lac Vieux Desert Resort Lake of the Torches Resort & Casino

¹ <http://www.explorewesternup.com/events-5/>

² Summer Fun & Dining Guide published by The Daily Globe



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Non-Agricultural Employment Reported by Place of Work	Total Number Employed	
	2006-2010 ¹	2008-2012 ²
Construction	549	458
Manufacturing	767	687
Public Utilities & Transportation	247	216
Wholesale Trade	86	86
Retail Trade	831	914
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	265	191
Service*	1,625	1,566
Healthcare	773	782
Agriculture & Forestry	226	192
Government	1,350	1,234
Total	6,719	6,329
Employed Residents Working Outside County of Residence (2011)	Number (#)	Percent (%)
	1,540	25.30%
Commute Times to Work ³		Percent (%)
Less than 10 Minutes		35.9%
10 - 19 Minutes		35.6%
20 – 29 Minutes		11.0%
Over 30 Minutes		17.5%
Median Travel Time		18.2 minutes
Labor Participation Rate ⁴		Percent (%)
Male		48.90%
Female		51.10%
Total		100%

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

1 www.usa.com/michigan/gogebic-income/careers-2006-2010

2 www.usa.com/michigan/gogebic-income/careers-2008-2012

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

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



LABOR - MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Is the State Right to Work ¹			Yes
Unions ²	Local	# People in Union	Contact
BMW- Maintenance of Way Employees	IBT Local 2932	43	401 1 st Ave North Hurley, WI 545341
IAM – Machinists	Local 621	244	Joseph Rundell E5379 West Norrie Park Rd Ironwood, MI 49938
NALC – Letter Carriers	Local 437	9	Lucille Sjogrch 100 E Ayer St Ironwood, MI 49938
NFEF – Federal Employees NFFE	District 1, IAM Local 1928	10	John Pagel E6248 US Hwy 2 Ironwood, MI 49938
City of Wakefield		17	Margot Rusinek 311 Sunday Lake Street Wakefield, MI 49968
City of Bessemer		13	Michael Uskiewicz 411 South Sophie Street Bessemer, MI 49911
City of Ironwood		27	Scott Erickson 213 South Marquette Street Ironwood, MI 49938
Gogebic County Courthouse Gogebic County Sheriff's Department			30 approximate
Michigan Education Association Including Gogebic Community College			320
Ojibway Correctional Facility without UAW			132
UAW Local 6000 State Employees			36

¹ www.michigan.gov

² www.unions.org



HIGHER EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES COMMUNITY COLLEGES ¹

Name of Institution	Location		Enrollment			Top 5 Programs
	City	County	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	
Gogebic Community College	Ironwood	Gogebic	1,049	659	390	Art
						Applied Business
						Applied Science
						Applied Tech
						Associates Science



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

TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATES TOTAL MILLAGE (2013) ²

Gogebic County Townships	Principal Residence or Ag Exemption	Non Homestead	Industrial Personal	Commercial Personal
Bessemer	33.010 31.8630	50.9704 49.4717	27.0010 25.8630	38.9704 37.4717
Erwin	29.4319	47.4319	23.4319	35.4319
Ironwood	30.0436	48.0436	24.0436	36.0436
Marenisco	30.5209	48.1296	24.5209	36.1296
Wakefield	26.7738	44.3825	20.7738	32.3825
Watersmeet	27.8762	45.8762	21.8762	33.8762
Bessemer City	40.8026	58.772	34.8026	46.7720
Ironwood City	54.4380	72.4380	48.4380	60.4380
Wakefield City	41.7949	59.4036	35.7949	47.4036

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

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



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
Nearest Licensed Hazardous Waste Disposal Site	Average Permit Approval Time From Date of Completed Routine Application*		Average Time
<i>Gogebic Range Solid Waste Management Authority ³</i>	Air Permit		30 days from receipt
	Water Permit		2 to 4 weeks
# of Licensed Hazardous Waste Haulers Serving the Area ³	Hazardous Waste Permit		2 to 4 weeks
8	Remaining Capacity at Current Site (Cubic Yards)	Projected Years of Remaining Capacity	Address ⁵
Landfill Location (s) ⁴	2,042,396	20 years	11877 State Highway M38 Ontonagon, MI 49953
K & W Landfill			
Contact Information	Name of Agency	Telephone	Address
Air Quality ¹	Michigan Department of Environmental Quality	906-228-4853	1504 W. Washington, Marquette, MI 49855
Water Quality ²	Western Upper Peninsula Health Department	906-667-0263	210 N. Moore St., Bessemer, MI 49911
Hazardous Waste ³	Gogebic County Clerk	906-663-4518	200 N. Moore St., Bessemer, MI 49911

1 <http://www.michigan.gov/deq>

2 Western Upper Peninsula Health Department: <http://www.wupdhd.org/>

3 www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-recycle-contact-gogebic_215380_7.pdf

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

5 <http://www.yellowpages.com/ontonagon-mi/mip/k-w-landfill-inc-452933282>