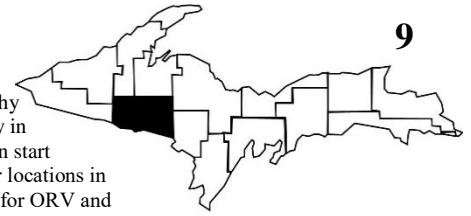


# Iron County, MI

Outdoor enthusiasts seeking the best nature offers can find it everywhere in Iron County. It's hours of wholesome fun for your whole family – a good “fresh air” experience for your children – and an easy time for your wallet. Why spend a single day at an expensive theme park when you can spend the whole week here? With half of all property in Iron County available for hunting and recreation, you are never far from your perfect outdoor spot. In fact, you can start in town and be far away from everything in just a minute. Find fishing so plentiful that you couldn't fish all of our locations in an entire lifetime ... golfing at George Young Recreational Complex... skiing at Ski Brule ... plus this is a mecca for ORV and ATV riders. Iron County is big on hosting events, too, from bucking broncos to massive fungi that will bring you back for more memories.



<b>LABOR FORCE</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Total Labor Force	5,124	5,265
Employed	4,676	4,911
Unemployment	8.7%	6.70%

<b>CENSUS</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Population</b>	11,817	11,348	-3.97%

**LAND AREA:** 1,166 square miles

<b>EMPLOYERS (# EMPLOYED)</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Major Employers that Export</b>		
Connor-AGA Sports Flooring.....	125	129
Krist Oil, Co.....	131	73
Northeastern Products Corp.....	18	16
Oldenburg Group.....	152	149
Lester Detterbeck Enterprises.....	22	22
Dina Mia Kitchens, Inc.....	15	14
John's Industries, Inc.....	20	20
<b>Other Employers</b>		
Angeli Foods, Co.....	102	102
Iron River Care Center.....	71	71
Forest Park School District.....	51	53
Global Response North Corp.....	44	44
Riverside Bar & Pizzeria.....	14	14
Iron County Medical Facility.....	351	344
Ski Brule.....	150	150
West Iron County Public Schools.....	93	100
Aramark.....	103	103

<b>EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Public Schools (Enrollment)</b>		
West Iron District.....	844	850
Forest Park District.....	451	435
Public School Total.....	1,295	1,285
<b>Colleges and Universities (Enrollment)</b>		
Bay de Noc College, Iron Mountain.....	2,811	1,853
Gogebic Community College.....	1,121	1,053

<b>CLIMATE: Average Temperatures in F°</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Low</b>
Summer.....	79	52
Winter.....	22	1
<b>Annual Snowfall:</b> .....	78 inches	

**HEALTHCARE**  
Aspirus Iron River, Dickinson-Iron District Health Department, Iron County Medical Care Facility, Iron River Care Center, Marquette Medical Clinic, Northpoint Behavioral Health Care, Victorian Heights Assisted Living

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
**Public Safety:** Caspian, Crystal Falls, Department of Natural Resources, Iron River, Michigan State Police, Sherriff Department, UPSET  
**Fire Services:** Amasa Hematite Twp. Volunteer, Caspian Gaastra, Crystal Falls, Alpha Mastodon Twp., West Iron County, Caspian Gaastra Volunteer  
**Ambulance Services:** Greater Iron County EMS/Marquette GHS, NORTHSTAR Health System

**FINANCIAL SERVICES**  
Citizens Bank, CoVantage Credit Union, First National Bank of Crystal Falls, Iron County Revolving Loan Fund, Miners State Bank-Iron River, SIR Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**Local and Cellular:** AT&T, Verizon  
**Internet:** Diisd.org, Fast Air Internet, Iron River Co-Op TV, UP.net, UPlogon.com

**UTILITIES**  
**Electricity:** City of Crystal Falls, Upper Peninsula Power Company, Wisconsin Electric  
**Natural Gas:** DTE Energy  
**Water and Sewer:** Municipal, wells and septic systems  
**Waste Disposal:** Waste Management

**RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**  
250 Miles of Groomed Snowmobile Trails, 4 Blue Ribbon Trout Streams, 150+ Lakes, 442+ Campsites in 11 Local Campgrounds and 3 State Campgrounds

**CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES**  
Iron County Courthouse, Paint River Boardwalk, Iron County Historical Museum, Pentoga Park Indian Burial Grounds, Alpha Circle Historical District, Harbour House, Mansfield Location and Pioneer Church, Amasa Museum

<b>INDUSTRIES (# of Establishments)</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Retail Trade.....	50	50
Manufacturing.....	14	13
Construction.....	49	51
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting.....	18	16
Accommodations and food services.....	28	30
Other services, except public administration.....	31	33
Health care and social assistance.....	21	22
Transportation and warehousing.....	19	20
Finance and insurance.....	15	13
Administrative and waste services.....	12	12
Wholesale trade.....	12	11
Real estate and rental and leasing.....	14	15
Professional and technical services.....	34	31
Information.....	11	8
Arts, entertainment, and recreation.....	7	6
Utilities.....	4	4
Management of companies and enterprises.....	2	2
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction.....	1	0

**INDUSTRIAL PARKS**  
Crystal Falls, Caspian, Iron River, Amasa Industrial Development District

**MAIN HIGHWAYS:** US-2, US-141, M-69, M-73, M-189, Forest Route 16

<b>NEAREST CENTRAL CITIES (Miles)</b>			
Green Bay, WI.....	125.5 miles	Chicago, IL.....	331.4 miles
Duluth, MN.....	208.1 miles	Minneapolis, MN.....	319.4 miles

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES**  
UPWARD Talent Council Michigan Works!

**GOVERNMENT**  
Iron County Government Directory, Public Records, Iron County Chamber of Commerce

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