

# CHIPPEWA COUNTY

Chippewa County is located on the southern shore of Lake Superior and includes one city, one village and 15 townships. Chippewa County has a strong services/government sector employment base and a growing manufacturing base. The largest employer is the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. Year round tourism brings in \$50 million per year. Median household income is \$34,464 and 73.4% of the residents own their homes. Average commute time in the county is 17.7 minutes.

The county covers 2,698 square miles, has 456 miles of Great Lakes Shoreline, 34 inland lakes over 50 acres in size, and nearly 458,000 acres of public recreation land. There are 11 marinas. There are seven first class golf courses. It is the outdoor enthusiast's paradise.

## POPULATION 2005 (est.)

Chippewa County	38,844
Sault Ste. Marie (County Seat)	14,318
Region (Sq. Mile)	2,698
Persons Sq. Mile	14.3

## LABOR FORCE 2006 (Annual Ave.)

Total Labor Force	17,908
Employed	16,398
Unemployed	1,510
Unemployment Rate	8.4

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

### Public and Private Enrollment

<u>Schools</u>	
Sault Area	2,650
Rudyard Area	980
Brimley Area	500
Pickford Public	330
DeTour Area	175
Whitefish Schools	50
St. Mary's (Sault)	125
Bahweting School	340
Christian School (Rudyard)	15
Immanuel Lutheran	30
Drummond Island	45
Bay Mills Charter School	95

### Colleges & Universities

Lake Superior State University	3,100
Bay Mills Community College	740

### Workforce Development Agencies

Michigan Works!

## HEALTHCARE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

War Memorial Hospital 87 Beds, Includes 51 long-term care beds, 45 physicians, 177,000 sq. ft. facility, modern diagnostic tools, including CT scanner, ultrasound, MRI scanner, cath lab and hearing lab.

### Sault Tribal Health Center

Services include: medical, dental, pharmaceutical, nutrition, community health, x-ray, audiology, optometry, traditional medicine, laboratory.

### Outpatient Services

Chippewa County Health Dept., Great Lakes Home Medical, Marquette Home Health, and Hospice, Hiawatha Behavioral Services, and Marquette General Health.

### Nursing Homes (2)

Tendercare and Sunset Manor (Sault)

### Public Safety & Fire Personnel:

Sault Ste. Marie Police:	28
County Sheriff:	34
Michigan State Police:	
Sault Ste. Marie Fire/EMS:	20
Kinross Charter Twp. Police:	5
Kinross Charter Twp. EMS:	21

## CLIMATE

### Average Temperatures

Summer	High 75	Low 52
Winter	High 21	Low 5

Annual Snowfall: 115

Annual Rainfall: 33

## KEY MANUFACTURERS

	# Empl
Precision Edge Surgical Products	135
Northern Transitions Inc.	130
Tech Optics	115
PCC Superior Fabrication	75
Key Plastics	70
Hoover Precision Products	45
R & B Electronics	45
MCM Marine	35
Cushman Fabrications	25
JAS Veneer	20
Bunker Manufacturing	15
Kretz Lumber Co.	12
Innovative Composites	10

## OTHER MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians	2,300
Kinross Prisons	1,170
Bay Mills Resort	740
War Memorial Hospital	670
State of Michigan offices	360
Sault Area Public Schools	330
Lake Superior St. University	320
Wal-Mart	200
U.S. Coast Guard	195
C.L.M. Community Action	190
Rudyard Area Schools	177
Chippewa County	155
Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan	125
City of Sault Ste. Marie	125
Hiawatha Behavioral Health	120
Tendercare Nursing Homes of	110
Graham Trucking	100
Chippewa County Health Dept	100
US Army Corps of Engineers	95
Bay Mills Community College	70

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

Full service banks (6); Credit Unions (4)

## INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL

Retail Trade	187
General Building Contractors	12
Wholesale Establishments	46
Real Estate	13
Computer & Data Processing	9
Legal Services	15
Engineering & Architectural	6
Acctg, Auditing & Bkkgp	13
Machine Shops	3
Electrical Contractors	12
Printers	3
Attorneys	26
Customs Brokers	3

## INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Sault Industrial Park; 64 acres, State Certified Park & Foreign Trade Zone.  
Sault Air Industrial Park; 80 acres, 5,200' runway.  
Chippewa County Air Industrial Park; 619 acres.

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local: AT&T, CenturyTel, Chippewa County Telcom, Hiawatha Tel.  
Cellular: Alltel & Cellular One  
ISP's: Seven (7): (incl. DSL and dial-up)  
Cable Internet: Charter Communications

## TRANSPORTATION

Air Service: Chippewa County International Airport (Kinross)-Mesaba Aviation  
SS Marie Municipal Airport/Sanderson Field

Trucking Companies: Graham Trucking, FedEx, UP Special Delivery, PMF, UPS, DHL

Rail Carrier: Canadian National

Bus lines: Indian Trails, EUPTA & DIAL-A-RIDE (Eastern UP Transit Authority, Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency)

Taxi Services: 5

Car & truck rentals: 5

## Marine

Sault Ste. Marie (Soo Locks), Port Drummond (Lake Huron), Reiss Coal Dock (Sault), Carbide Dock (Sault)

## UTILITIES

Electricity: Edison Sault Electric, Cloverland Electric Co-Op

Natural Gas : DTE Energy

Water & Sewer: Municipal in Sault Ste. Marie and Kinross Charter Township. Well & septic in all other areas.

## Cable TV

Charter Communications

Waste Disposal: Waste Management, Inc. , Smith Waste Hauling (Private)

## CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL

### The Arts

Alberta House Arts Center, River of History Museum, Kinross Heritage, Pickford Historical Society, Great Lakes Shipwreck Historical Society, Chippewa County Historical Society, LeSault DeSainte Marie Historic Sites, Inc., Historic Homes (Sault), Tower of History.

### Other:

Casinos:	Sault (1), Bay Mills (2)
Lighthouses:	7
Numerous City, County and Township Parks	
National Forest Campgrounds:	13
State Parks: Brimley, Tahquamenon Falls	
Total campgrounds:	41
Campsites:	1,984
Bed & Breakfasts	1
Hotel/motel rooms	1,493
Miles of Great Lakes Shoreline	456
Miles of hiking, skiing, bike trails:	145
Miles of snowmobile trails:	220
Miles of ORV trails:	50
Miles of scenic highway:	91

## MEDIA

### Newspapers

Sault Evening News (daily), Tri County Buyers Guide (weekly), The Community Voice (wkly). Whitefish Eagle (monthly), Bay Mills Community News (wkly)

### Radio:

FM Channels (10), AM Channels (2)

### Television:

Channels 29&8 (WGTV/ABC), WWTW/WWUP 9&10(CBS), Channel 7&4(NBC), CTV & CBC (Canadian)

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