

DELTA COUNTY

Delta County is located on the northern shore of Lake Michigan and includes 2 cities and 14 unincorporated communities. Delta County has a strong manufacturing base, meeting the state's average of 21%. The largest employer is MeadWestvaco. Year around tourism brings in \$50 million a year. Median household income is \$33,301 and 79.6% own their homes. Average commute time in the county is 15.6 minutes.

The county has 199 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 514 miles of rivers/streams, nearly 6,000 inland lakes over 50 acres in size, and nearly 310,000 acres of public recreation land. There are 3 marinas, 4,855 registered watercraft, and two annual world-class sanctioned walleye fishing tournaments. There are four championship golf courses and three nine-hole courses in the county. It is the outdoor enthusiast's paradise.

POPULATION 2000

County	38,520
Region (Sq. Mile)	1,173
Persons Sq. Mile	32.9

LABOR FORCE 2001

Total Labor Force	19,850
Employed	18,475
Unemployment Rate	7.0

EDUCATION & TRAINING

K- 12 Schools Enrollment

6 Public Districts	7,406 students
4 Private Schools	518 students

Colleges & Universities

Bay de Noc Community College 2,400

Offering 4 year degrees at Bay:

Central Michigan University
Franklin University
Lake Superior State University
Northern Michigan University
Phoenix University

M-TEC at Bay College –offers customized business training across UP

Workforce Development Agencies

Michigan Works!

HEALTHCARE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

OSF St Francis Hospital 110 Beds
Medical center, dialysis center, rehab center, ICU, home health, hospice, and several rural centers

Marquette General Hospital:
Medical Centers in county; hosp 65 mi.

Nursing Homes (4) 307 Beds
Assisted Living Facility (1)
Home Health Providers (6)

Public Safety & Fire Personnel:

Escanaba: 31
Gladstone: 33
County Sheriff: 11
Michigan State Police: 21

Ambulance

County Wide Service Available

CLIMATE

Average Temperatures

Summer	High 84	Low 47
Winter	High 39	Low 2
<u>Snowfall:</u> 2001:	37 inches; avg=55	

TAX FREE SITES

Renaissance Zone at Delta County
Airport features 177 acres free of state and local taxes.

Tax Abatements & Incentives available in Escanaba and Gladstone as Core Communities and under Brownfield laws. Other communities by project.

KEY MANUFACTURERS

21% of employment base	<u># Empl</u>
Andex Industries	100
Engineered Machined Products*	460
Lakeside Machine	125
MeadWestvaco	1,370
Northern Michigan Veneers**	80
*2001MI Manufacturer of the Year	
**2001 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of Year	

OTHER MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Escanaba/Gladstone Schools	710
OSF St Francis Hospital	480
Bay de Noc Comm. College	180
Shopko (dept store)	175
Community Action Agency	175
City of Escanaba	150
US Forest Service	134
WalMart	125
Marquette Medical Clinic	125
Christian Park Nursing Home	101

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Full service banks	7
Credit Unions	7
Other business financial resources:	
Revolving loan funds (Escanaba & Gladstone)	
Northern Initiatives; Shorebank BIDCO;	
US Rural Development	

INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL

Retail Trade	439
General Building Contractors	143
Wholesale Establishments	72
Truck & Courier	11
Real Estate	11
Computer & Data Processing	10
Legal Services	33
Acctg, Auditing & Bkpg	20
Communications & Media	24

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Escanaba (3)
Gladstone (2)
County (1)
Class A Roads, Municipal Water & Sewer, Natural Gas, Electric, Telephone;
High Speed Cable Internet available at all parks. Rail Lines to some.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local: Ameritech
Cellular: CenturyTel & Cellular One
ISP's: Five (5) providers
Cable internet: Charter Communications

TRANSPORTATION

Air Service: Delta County Airport (ESC)
Passenger service: Midwest Express/ Skyway
Daily Charters to Lansing: Superior Aviation
Daily air service: Fed Ex; UPS, USPO.

Ground Service:

Bus lines: Greyhound & DATA (Delta Area Transportation Authority)	
Trucking Companies:	6
Delivery Services:	6
Taxi Services:	2
Car & truck rentals:	8

Rail Carriers

Escanaba & Lake Superior
Canadian National Railway

Marine

Delta County is home to three deep-water ports: Escanaba, Gladstone, and Wells. Escanaba ships 6 million tons of iron ore out each year. Coal, limestone, bulk chemicals come into ports as well.

UTILITIES

Electricity

Escanaba and Gladstone municipal
Upper Peninsula Power Co
WE Energy
Alger-Delta Electric Cooperative

Natural Gas: MichCon/DTE Energy

Water & Sewer: Municipal in Escanaba & Gladstone. Well & septic other areas.

Cable TV - Charter Communications

CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL

The Arts: Bonifas Fine Arts Center.
Players de Noc, Bay Arts, Strings on the Bay, Bay Choral Society, Bay Jazz Band, Delta Folks, Numerous guilds.

Other:

Casino: Chip In Island Resort & Casino	
Lighthouses:	2
National Forest Campgrounds:	13
State Parks: (historical) Fayette	
Total campgrounds:	26
Total Campsites:	567
Bed & Breakfasts	7
Hotel/motel rooms	926
Miles of Great Lakes Shoreline	199
Miles of hiking, skiing, bike trails:	82
Miles of snowmobile trails:	53
Miles of ORV trails:	21
Miles of scenic highway:	81

Recurring Events: Weekly City Band
Concerts in park, Civil War Encampment, Waterfront Arts Festival, UP State Fair, Krusin Klassics Car Show.