

GOGEBIC COUNTY

Gogebic County is Michigan's most northwestern county, bordering Wisconsin to Lake Superior. Its economy is comprised of three dominant sectors: Diverse Industries, Forest products, and Tourism. Non-forest related industries include precision tool making, plastic injection molding, industrial sewing operations, and electronic assembly. Forest related industries include logging, sawmills, and dimension mills with regional, national and international markets. The forest provides for recreation and tourism activities including mountain bike, snowmobiling, and downhill and cross country trails, hiking, camping, and others.

The Ottawa National Forest, which includes the Sylvania Wilderness Area is a strong recreation. The tourism industry focuses on the wealth of natural resources located in the county. Lake Superior, trout streams, waterfalls, and inland lakes including Lake Gogebic draw fair weather visitors, while the four alpine ski hills/resorts in the county and miles of ski and snowmobile trails afford ample opportunities for winter visitors. The Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribe operates a gaming casino/resort.

The county has three tax free development sites ("Renaissance Zone") intended to attract new investment to the county by eliminating Michigan taxes to occupants of the zone.

POPULATION 2000

County	17,370
Region (Sq. Mile)	6,037
Persons Sq. Mile	3

LABOR FORCE (May 2002)

Total Labor Force	8,200
Employed	7,725
Unemployment Rate	6.9%

EDUCATION & TRAINING

<u>Public Schools (2001-2002)</u>	
Bessemer Area School District	525
Ironwood Area Schools	1,205
Marenisco Public Schools	90
Wakefield Township Schools	283
Watersmeet Township Schools	208

Colleges & Universities Fall 2001

Gogebic Comm. College	1,474
Michigan Tech University	6,620

Workforce Developments

Michigan Works!

HEALTHCARE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

<u>Grandview Hospital</u>	
Basic Care	54 Beds

<u>Gogebic Medical Care Facility</u>	
Basic/Skilled Care	109 Beds
(Includes Long Term Care)	

<u>Josephson's Nursing Home</u>	
Basic Care	47 Beds
(Includes Long Term Care)	

<u>Westgate Living Center</u>	
Basic & Long Term Care	65 Beds

Fire Departments

3 cities, 6 townships

Ambulance

County Wide Service Available

CLIMATE

<u>Average Temperatures</u>	
Summer High 79	Low 55
Winter High 20	Low 1
<u>Snowfall</u>	
Average 155 Inches Annually	
Fall Colors Best in Region	

TAX FREE SITES

Gogebic County Airport
Marenisco Township
Wakefield Township

MANUFACTURERS

Bessemer Plywood Corp
Ironwood Plastics, Inc.
Globe Publishing LLC
Jacquart's Fabric Products
Corullo Forest Products Corp.
Globe Concrete & Supply
Burton Industries, Inc.
Everson Tool & Machine Ltd.
Extreme Tool & Engine., Inc.
FibreTech
Modern Case Company

MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Lac Vieux Desert Tribal Enterprises
Grand View Health System
Ironwood School District
Gogebic Community College
Gogebic Community Mental Health
Kmart Corporation

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Gogebic Range Bank
Wells Fargo Bank
National City Bank
Republic Bank
City of Ironwood Revolving Loan Fund
County Revolving Loan Fund
Superior Revolving Loan Fund
Local Development Corporation

INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL

Retail Trade
General Building Contractors
Truck & Courier
Real Estate
Computer & Data Processing
Legal Services
Accounting, Auditing & Bookkeeping
Management & Public Relations
Financial
Communications & Media

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

2 - 20+ Acre Parks, Class A Road
Municipal Water & Sewer, Natural Gas,
Electric, Telephone, Rail Lines

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local

Ameritech

Cellular

Cellulink
CellularOne
CenturyTel

TRANSPORTATION

Rail Carrier

Canadian National

UTILITIES

Electricity

Xcel Energy
Wisconsin Electric
Wakefield Municipal Utilities

Natural Gas

Xcel Energy

Propane

Ferrellgas

Water

Municipal
Private Wells

Sewer

Municipal, Septic Systems

Waste Disposal

Superior Waste Service

Cable TV

Charter Communications

RECREATIONAL

Black River Harbor Waterfalls
Recreational Harbor Facilities
Downhill/Cross Country Ski Trails
Lake Gogebic State Park
130 Miles of Snowmobile Trails

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