

IRON COUNTY

Iron County is located in the west central region of the upper peninsula and is bordered by Wisconsin to the south. Geographically, it is a very large county, being the fourth largest in the state by square miles. The two primary sectors of the economy, manufacturing and tourism, are centered on the bountiful resources within the county. These resources include northern hardwood and pine forests, and numerous lakes, rivers and streams. The county boasts an economic development - friendly environment and offers a variety of incentives to businesses for creating new jobs.

POPULATION 2000

County	13,138
Region (Sq. Mile)	1,186
Persons Sq. Mile	11.08

LABOR FORCE 2001

Total Labor Force	5,516
Employed	4,994
Unemployment Rate	9.5%

EDUCATION & TRAINING

<u>K- 12 Schools</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>
Forest Park District	781
West Iron District	1,428

Colleges & Universities

(Within a 50 mile radius)
 Bay de Noc, Iron Mountain Campus
 Gogebic Community College, through
 Iron County Community Schools

Libraries

Amasa Community	1
Crystal Falls Community	1
West Iron District	1

Workforce Development Agencies

Michigan Works!

LICENSED DAYCARE FACILITIES

Family Facilities (4-8 children)	15
Group Facilities (8 + children)	5

HEALTHCARE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Iron County Community Hospitals
 71 beds; Surgical, Emergency,
 Laboratory, Cancer, Rehab, Radiology,
 Obstetrics, Home Health, & Health
 Education services.

Crystal Falls Facility
 Iron County General

Clinics

Falls Clinic	3
Marquette Medical Clinic	
Hilltop Clinic	

Iron County Medical Care Facility

Long-Term facility; offers Nursing,
 Dietary, Rehab, and Social Services and
 a Dementia Unit.

Crystal Manor Nursing Home

Basic Nursing Facility

Fire Departments

Alpha/Mastodon
 Amasa
 Caspian/Gaastera
 Crystal Falls
 Iron River

Law Enforcement

Sheriff Department
 Michigan State Police
 Department of Natural Resources
 Caspian Police
 Crystal Falls Police
 Iron River Police
 UPSET

Ambulance

County wide service available

CLIMATE

Average Temperatures
 Summer Hi 79 Lo 52
 Winter Hi 22 Lo 1

Average Precipitation

Rainfall	32 in.
Snowfall	78 in.

Growing Season: 84 days

TAX FREE SITES

The Crystal Falls Industrial Park is
 designated as a *Renaissance Zone*.

Tax Abatements & Incentives available
 in Iron River and Caspian as Core
 Communities and under Brownfield
 laws. Other communities by project.

KEY MANUFACTURERS

Lake Shore, Inc.
 Connor-AGA Sports Flooring
 Lester Dettterbeck Enterprises
 John Crane Inc
 D A MacPherson Inc
 Magiglide Inc
 Dina Mia Kitchens Inc
 Northland Publishers
 Northeastern Products Corp.

OTHER MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Angeli Foods
 Iron County Medical Care
 Iron County Community Hospital
 Iron River Care Center
 Dickinson Iron Dist. Health Department
 City of Crystal Falls
 West Iron School District
 Forest Park School District
 Aramark Uniform Service

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Banks 4
 Assets: \$190,000,000

Credit Unions 1
 Assets: \$44,000,000

Iron County Revolving Loan Fund

Superior Revolving Loan Fund

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

Crystal Falls
 Caspian
 Iron River

Class A Roads, Municipal Water &
 Sewer, Natural Gas, Electric, Telephone,
 High Speed Cable Internet available.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local
 Ameritech

Cellular

Alltel
 CenturyTel

Internet Service Providers

Up.net
 Uplogon.com
 Chartercom.net
 Diisd.org
 Iron River Co-op TV

TRANSPORTATION

Rail Service

Motor Carrier

UP Special Delivery

Air Service

Commercial carriers through the Ford
 Airport in Iron Mountain and two county
 airports.

UTILITIES

Electricity
 Upper Peninsula Power Company
 Wisconsin Electric
 City of Crystal Falls

Natural Gas

DTEnergy (Michigan Consolidated Gas)

Water

Municipal
 Private wells

CULTURAL/RECREATIONAL

Churches	30
Hotels/Motels	33
Newspapers	3
Local Radio Stations	2
Public Golf Courses	3
Public Tennis Courts	3
Public Parks	6
Country/Private Clubs	2
Public Ski Hills	2
Ski Resorts	1
Public Ice Rinks	2
Groomed Snowmobile Trails	250 miles
Blue Ribbon Trout Streams	4
Lakes	150+

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