



Gogebic County is Michigan’s most northwestern county, bordering Wisconsin to Lake Superior. Its economy is comprised of 3 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 recreation and tourism activities including mountain biking, snowmobiling, downhill and cross country trails, hiking, and camping. Ottawa National Forest, including Sylvania Wilderness Area, is a strong recreation area. The tourism industry focuses on a wealth of natural resources located in the county. Lake Superior, trout streams, waterfalls, and inland lakes including Lake Gogebic draw fair weather visitors, while 4 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 operates a gaming casino/resort. The county has three tax-free development sites (“Renaissance Zones”) intended to attract new investment to the county by eliminating Michigan taxes to occupants of the zone.

Census	2000	2010	% Change
Population	17,375	16,427	-5.5%
Land Area	1,101.86 Square Miles		

LABOR FORCE (DEC 2010)

Total Labor Force.....	7,050
Employed.....	6,200
Unemployment.....	11.9%

EDUCATION & TRAINING

K-12 SCHOOLS	ENROLLMENT
Bessemer Area Schools	525
Ironwood Area Schools	1,205
Marenisco Public Schools	90
Wakefield Township Schools	283
Watersmeet Township	208

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

[Gogebic Community College](#), [Michigan Tech University](#)

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

[Western Upper Peninsula Michigan Works!](#)

HEALTH CARE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

ASPIRUS GRAND VIEW

Basic Care.....54 Beds

GOGEBIC MEDICAL CARE FACILITY

Basic/Skilled Care.....109 Beds
(Includes Long Term Care)

JOSEPHSON'S NURSING HOME

Basic Care.....47 Beds
(Includes Long Term Care)

WESTGATE LIVING CENTER

Basic Care.....65 Beds
(Includes Long Term Care)

FIRE DEPARTMENTS

3 cities, 6 townships

AMBULANCE

Beacon Ambulance Service, Inc., Marenisco Township, Watersmeet First Responders

CLIMATE

AVERAGE TEMPERATURES	
Summer.....	High 79.....Low 55
Winter.....	High 20.....Low 1
Snowfall Average.....	155 Inches Annually
Fall Colors Best in Region	

INDUSTRIAL PARKS

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

TAX-FREE SITES

Gogebic County Airport
Marenisco Township
[Wakefield Township](#)

MANUFACTURERS

[Globe Publishing LLC](#)
Corullo Forest Products Corp.
Globe Concrete & Supply
Burton Industries, Inc.
Extreme Tool & Engine Inc.
Precision Tool
Jacquart Fabric Products

MAJOR EMPLOYERS THAT EXPORT

	NUMBER EMPLOYED
Bessemer Plywood Corporation	150
Ironwood Plastics, Inc.	160
Jacquart Fabric Products	176
Extreme Tool & Engineering	55

OTHER EMPLOYERS

	NUMBER EMPLOYED
Dancing Eagles Resort Inc.	400
Grand View Health System Inc.	300
Indianhead Mountain Resort	200
Big Powderhorn Mountain	175
Ironwood Area Schools	100
Mt Zion Ski Hill	85
City of Ironwood	75
Josephson Nursing Home Inc.	62
Gogebic County Road Commission	50

FINANCIAL SERVICES

[Gogebic Range Bank](#)
[Wells Fargo Bank](#)
[River Valley Bank](#)
[Citizens Bank](#)
[1st National Bank of Wakefield & Bessemer](#)
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
Auditing & Bookkeeping
Management & Public Relations
Financial Communications & Media

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

LOCAL & CELLULAR TELEPHONE

[AT&T](#), [CenturyTel](#), [Charter](#), [Verizon](#)

ACCESSIBILITY

HIGHWAYS

US 41, US 141, M-28, M-38, M-64

NEAREST CENTRAL CITIES

Chicago.....393 Miles
Green Bay.....216 Miles

GOVERNMENT

[Gogebic County Government Directory](#)
[Public Records](#)

TRANSPORTATION

Rail Carrier
Canadian National

UTILITIES

ELECTRICITY

[Xcel Energy](#)
[Wisconsin Electric](#)
[Wakefield Municipal Utilities](#)

NATURAL GAS

[Xcel Energy](#)

PROPANE

[Ferrellgas](#)
Lakes Gas Company

WATER

Municipal Private Wells

SEWER

Municipal, Septic Systems

WASTE DISPOSAL

Superior Waste Service

CABLE TV

[Charter Communications](#)

RECREATIONAL

Black River Harbor Waterfalls
Copper Peak
Recreational Harbor Facilities
Downhill/Cross Country Ski Trails
[Lake Gogebic State Park](#)
130 Miles of Snowmobile Trails

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