



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.

## LABOR FORCE (DEC 2010)

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

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

| K-12 SCHOOLS                                     | ENROLLMENT |
|--|------------|
| <a href="#">Bessemer Area Schools</a> .....      | 525        |
| <a href="#">Ironwood Area Schools</a> .....      | 1,205      |
| <a href="#">Marenisco Public Schools</a> .....   | 90         |
| <a href="#">Wakefield Township Schools</a> ..... | 283        |
| <a href="#">Watersmeet Township</a> .....        | 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 |
|--|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Bessemer Plywood Corporation</a> .....   | 150             |
| <a href="#">Ironwood Plastics, Inc.</a> .....        | 160             |
| <a href="#">Jacquart Fabric Products</a> .....       | 176             |
| <a href="#">Extreme Tool &amp; Engineering</a> ..... | 55              |

## OTHER EMPLOYERS

|  | NUMBER EMPLOYED |
|--|-----------------|
| <a href="#">Dancing Eagles Resort Inc.</a> .....     | 400             |
| <a href="#">Grand View Health System Inc.</a> .....  | 300             |
| <a href="#">Indianhead Mountain Resort</a> .....     | 200             |
| <a href="#">Big Powderhorn Mountain</a> .....        | 175             |
| <a href="#">Ironwood Area Schools</a> .....          | 100             |
| <a href="#">Mt Zion Ski Hill</a> .....               | 85              |
| <a href="#">City of Ironwood</a> .....               | 75              |
| <a href="#">Josephson Nursing Home Inc.</a> .....    | 62              |
| <a href="#">Gogebic County Road Commission</a> ..... | 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

| Census            | 2000                  | 2010   | % Change |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------|----------|
| <b>Population</b> | 17,375                | 16,427 | -5.5%    |
| <b>Land Area</b>  | 1,101.86 Square Miles |        |          |

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

### Gogebic County Economic Development Commission

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