

# ALGER COUNTY

*Home of beautiful Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Alger County extends along the southern shore of Lake Superior for over 80 miles. Several hundred thousand visitors come to local attractions each year, supporting a significant year-around tourism industry. Alger County also provides a significant amount of manufacturing employment and is connected to the Midwest and Canadian markets by means of Highways M-28 and US-41, as well as by rail. The wealth of natural resources is crucial to the local economy, supplying both raw materials for industry and scenic beauty and recreational opportunities for local residents and tourists. This Central Upper Peninsula county includes eight townships, one city, and ten unincorporated communities. Munising is the major city and seat of local government.*

## POPULATION 2000

County	9,862
Region (Sq. Mile)	918
Persons Sq. Mile	10.7

## LABOR FORCE 2001

Total Labor Force	4,450
Employed	4,200
Unemployed	275
Unemployment Rate	6.0%

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Public School Districts	Enrollment
AuTrain-Onota	28
Burt Township	79
Munising	1,102
Superior Central	401

### Colleges & Universities

Northern Michigan Univ.	8,427
Bay de Noc Comm. Coll.	2,400

M-TEC at Bay College – offers customized business training

### Workforce Development Agencies

Michigan Works!

## HEALTHCARE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

### Munising Memorial Hospital

Basic Care 40 Beds

### Marquette General Hospital

(50 miles from Munising)

### Nursing Homes (1)

### Assisted Living Facilities (2)

### Home Health Providers (3)

### Fire Departments

AuTrain Township  
Burt Township  
Munising City  
Munising Township  
Onota Township  
Tri-County

### Ambulance

County Wide Service Available

## CLIMATE

### Average Temperatures

Summer: High 76 Low 55

Winter: High 28 Low 14

Annual Average Snowfall: 185 Inches

## MAJOR EMPLOYERS

(Number of Employees)

### Manufacturers

Kimberly Clark Corp.	370
Timber Products Company	300
Hiawatha Log Homes	25
Trenary Home Bakery	20
Roy Graves Lumber	20

### Other Major Employers

Mich. Dept. of Corrections	400
Munising Public Schools	150
Christmas Kewadin Casino	120
Superior Central Schools	80
Munising Memorial Hospital	85
Tendercare Nursing Home	75
Glen's Market	50
County of Alger	50
Northern Motel (Day's Inn)	45
Best Western Motel	45

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

North County Bank  
Peoples State Bank  
Republic Bank  
Wells Fargo Bank  
Munising Community Credit Union  
Chatham-Eben Federal Credit Union  
Trenary Co-op Federal Credit Union

## INDUSTRIAL & COMMERCIAL

(Number of Establishments)

Forestry, fishing and agriculture	15
Construction	41
Manufacturing	9
Wholesale trade	8
Retail trade	66
Transportation & warehousing	9
Information	4
Finance & Insurance	19
Real Estate & rental & leasing	9
Professional & technical services	19
Admin Support, waste mgt svcs	12
Health care & social assistance	21
Arts & recreation	9
Accommodations & food services	58
Other services	41

## TRANSPORTATION

### Air Service

Sawyer International Airport (50 mi.)  
Midwest Express/Skyway  
Northwest Airlines  
American Eagle

### Rail Carriers

Canadian National Railway

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### Local Telephone

Hiawatha Telephone Company  
TDS Telecom  
Ameritech

### Cellular Telephone

CenturyTel  
Cellular One

### Internet Service Providers

HCI Communications (dsl)  
Charter Communications (cable)  
Baraga Telephone Company  
Hiawatha Telephone Company  
TDS Telecom

## UTILITIES

### Electric

Alger-Delta Electric Cooperative  
Upper Peninsula Power Company  
WE Energy

### Natural Gas

MichCon/DTE Energy

### Cable Television

Charter Communications

### Municipal Water & Sewer

City of Munising

## RECREATIONAL

Casino (Christmas Kewadin)	1
Lighthouses	5
Scenic waterfalls	20
Lake Superior harbor facilities	2
National Forest campgrounds	5
National Lakeshore campgrounds	15
Municipal and private campgrounds	5
Total campsites	750
Bed & Breakfasts	2
Hotel/motel rooms	690
Miles of Lake Superior shoreline	80
Miles of hiking/skiing/bike trails	239
Miles of snowmobile trails	150

Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore  
Hiawatha National Forest  
Grand Island National Recreation Area  
North Country Trail Network  
Alger Underwater Preserve  
Pictured Rocks and shipwreck tours  
Charter fishing and diving  
Snowmobiling  
Cross-county skiing  
Kayaking