

Dickinson County

Dickinson County is located in the south-central Upper Peninsula of Michigan, it is considered one of the industrial hubs of northern Michigan. Its strong industrial base is further complemented by recreational opportunities that supply a steady stream of tourism to the area. It has grown 9% since 1997, and is estimated to reach a population of 27,820 by the year 2010.

POPULATION 2000

County	27,472
Region (square miles)	776
Persons Sq. Mile	32

LABOR FORCE

Total Labor Force	14,500
Employed	14,050
Unemployment Rate	3.4%

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Public & Parochial Schools

Iron Mountain Public Schools	1,340
Breitung Township Schools	2,184
Norway Vulcan Area Schools	1,010
North Dickinson School	500
Dickinson Iron Intermediate Schools	
Dickinson Area Catholic School	170
Pine Mountain Christian School	24
Holy Spirit Central School	106
Dickinson Iron Technical Education Ctr	

Colleges & Universities

Northern Michigan University	8,427
Michigan Tech University	5,979
Bay de Noc Community College	8,245

Workforce Development

Michigan Works!

HEALTHCARE & EMERGENCY SERVICES

Dickinson Healthcare Systems

96 Beds

Veterans Administration Hospital

69 Beds

Nursing Homes

(3)

Assisted Living Facility

(5)

Home Health Providers

(8)

Fire Departments

(4)

Ambulance

Beacon ambulance Service
Faithorn Rescue Squad

CLIMATE

Average Rainfall	30"
Average Snowfall	63"
January Avg Temperature	3-23 degrees
July Avg Temperature	55-80 degrees
Growing Season	112 days

PRINCIPAL EMPLOYERS

Dickinson Healthcare Systems	648
International Paper	602
Cable Constructors	500
Grede Foundries	485
Stora Enso	450*
Veterans Affairs Hospital	430
MJ Electric	300
Systems Control	205
Louisiana Pacific Corp.	180
Khoury, Inc.	150
North Star Print Group	100
Dickinson Homes	100
Foley-Martens	95

* Stora Enso is located in Niagara, WI.
Many of the employees live in Dickinson County

FINANCIAL SERVICES

First National Bank of Iron Mountain/Kingsford
First National Bank of Norway
Iron Mountain Kingsford Credit Union
National City
North Country Bank
Republic Bank
Wells Fargo of Michigan
Revolving Loan Funds (Dickinson County, Kingsford, Norway and Dickinson Area Partnership)
US Rural Development

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

Iron Mountain	(1)
Norway	(1)
Norway-Vulcan	(1) *

Class A Roads, Municipal Water & Sewer, Natural Gas, Electric, Telephone, High Speed Cable Internet available at all parks. Rail lines to some.
*Following items not listed.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local

Ameritech Niagara Telephone

Cellular:

Century Tel	Cellular One
NSight	Cellcom

Cable Internet:

Charter Communications
Computer Connections
U.P. Logon.com Internet
U.P. Net

TRANSPORTATION

Major Highways US2, US141, US8
M-69 & M-95

Air Service Ford Airport
Great Lakes Aviation, Ltd.
(United Express)
Northwestern Charter Service by
Superior Aviation

Railroads Escanaba & Lake Superior
Canadian National Railway

Ports Escanaba (Lake Michigan)
Marquette (Lake Superior)

UTILITY PROVIDERS

Electric City of Norway
WE Energies

Natural Gas DTE Energy

Local Telephone Ameritech
Niagara Telephone

Fiber Optics Charter Communications
Cable Constructors
Ameritech

Cable TV Charter Communications
DirecTV Northside Cable
City of Norway

Waste Disposal
Great American Disposal & Recycling

MEDIA

Newspapers
The Daily News
The Advertiser
The Norway Current

Television TV6 New
(Iron Mountain Bureau)

Radio Stations

Northern Star Broadcasting	
93.1 & 94.3	WJNR101.5
WOBE	100.7
WMIQ	107.7

CULTURAL RECREATIONAL

Pine Mountain Music Festival
Pine Mountain Music Jam
Dickinson County Council for the Arts
Community Performing Arts
Norway-Vulcan Fine Arts
Pine Mountain Ski Jumping

Camping, Hiking, Biking, Snowmobile, Skiing, ORV trails, Bed & Breakfasts, Hotel/motel rooms, Fishing and miles and miles of lakes and scenic highways.