

Alger County, MI

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US CENSUS	2010	2018	% Change
Population	9,601	9,097	-5.25%

LABOR FORCE	2018	2019
Total Labor Force	3,243	3,301
Employed	2,989	3,053
Unemployed	7.89%	7.55%

EMPLOYERS (# Employed) 2018 2019

Major Employers that Export

Neenah Paper, Inc. (Munising Mill)	264	238
Timber Products	160	158
Trenary Home Bakery	9	10

Other Employers

Michigan Department of Corrections	244	257
Munising Public Schools	102	99
Munising Memorial Hospital	87	86
MediLodge of Munising	74	78
Christmas Kewadin Casino	67	68
County of Alger	48	59
Superior Central Schools	48	49
Peoples State Bank	34	35
Hiawatha Communications	28	29
Family Fare Super Market	22	24
Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore	17 [^]	19 [^]

[^]Does NOT include seasonal positions

Pathways	8	8
Pictured Rocks Cruises	80*	90*
Uncle Ducky Outdoors	69*	73*

*Fulltime and seasonal positions

INDUSTRIES (# Establishments) 2016 <

Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting	8
Utilities	2
Construction	28
Manufacturing	9
Wholesale Trade	3
Retail trade	40
Transportation and warehousing	11
Information	5
Finance and insurance	11
Real estate, rental, leasing	4
Professional, scientific, technical	9
Management of companies/enterprises	1
Administrative and waste services	8
Health care and social assistance	14
Arts and entertainment	4
Accommodation and food services	49
Other services (except public admin)	24

<Source: US Census/American Fact Finder

Attraction and Recreation Businesses 35 in 2019

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Public School Enrollment

	2018	2019
AuTrain-Onota	40	37
Burt Township	30	31
Munising	623	652
Superior Central	338	332
Public School Total	1,031	1,052
<u>Private School Enrollment</u>		
Munising Baptist	58	48
Total School Enrollment	1,089	1,100

Colleges and Universities

(No colleges or universities in Alger County – closest available colleges or universities)

Northern Michigan University	7,750	7,612
Bay De Noc Community College	1,842	1,859

HEALTHCARE

LMAS County District Health Department, Munising Memorial Hospital, Munising Tribal Health Center, Superior Walk-In Center, U.P. Health System-Marquette

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Public Safety: Alger County Sheriff, Michigan State Police, Munising City Police

Fire Services: AuTrain Twp., Burt Twp., City of Munising, Mathias Twp., Munising Township, Onota Twp., Rock River Twp., Tri-County Fire, USDA Forest Service-Munising Ranger District

Ambulance/Rescue Service: 911 Service, Advanced EMS, Alger County Rescue 21, Life Support

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Embers Credit Union-2 branches, Northern Lights Credit Union, Peoples State Bank-5 branches

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Local and Cellular: AT&T, Charter Communications, Hiawatha Communications, TDS Telecom, Verizon

UTILITIES

Electricity: Alger-Delta Electric Co-Op, Upper Peninsula Power Company (UPPCO)

Natural Gas/Propane: Bowman Gas, DTE Energy, Lagasco Propane, UP Propane

Water and Sewer: Grand Marais Water, Munising Municipal Water & Sewer, Trenary/Mathias Twp. Water, Village of Chatham Water & Sewer, Well and Septic

Waste Disposal/Recycling: Great American Disposal, Local volunteer paper recycling, North Country Disposal, Waste Management, Wood Island Landfill

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Industrial Parks:

Munising Industrial Park

Main Highways: US-41, M-28, M-67, M-77, M-94

Nearest Central Cities:

Detroit, MI – 405 miles Green Bay, WI – 172 miles
Duluth, MN – 295 miles Chicago, IL – 378 miles

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES

UPWARD Talent Council/Michigan Works!, The Job Force Board, Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center

GOVERNMENT

Alger County Courthouse, City of Munising City Hall, Michigan Secretary of State office

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Alger County Heritage Center, Alger Parks and Recreation Department, Art in the Alley, Art Murals, Mather Auditorium, Munising Farmers' and Artisans' Market, Open Wings Pottery and Gallery, Pictured Rocks Interpretive Center, Summer Concerts in the Park, UP-Scale Art

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

400+ miles of snowmobile/ORV trails, 800+ hotel/motel rooms, 200+ rental cabins/resorts/bed and breakfasts, 750 campsites in 13 National and State Forest campgrounds, 7 municipal and private campgrounds, 240+ miles of hiking and biking trails, 80 miles of Lake Superior shoreline, 20 scenic waterfalls, 6 lighthouses/range lights, Alger Underwater Preserve, Lake Superior State Forest, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Hiawatha National Forest, Grand Island National Recreation Area, Boat cruises/tours, Charter fishing and diving, Guided hunting trips, Guided kayak tours, Ice caves and formations, Ice climbing, Guided ice climbing tours, Snowshoeing, Cross country skiing

CLIMATE: Average Temperature in F

	High	Low
Summer	76	55
Winter	28	14

Average Annual Snowfall: 152 inches

LAND AREA: 915 square miles

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