County Facts: Alpena County, MI
Population 28,000

The Local Economy

- Unemployment rate: 5.9% (Alpena County), 4.6% (MI), 4.4% (United States)
- Poverty rate: 16.3% (Alpena County), 16.0% (MI), 15.1% (United States)
- Median family income (000s): $57 (Alpena County), $53 (MI), $42 (United States)
- Population growth 2000-2017: -9% (Alpena County), 0% (MI), 16% (United States)
- Manufacturing share of workforce: 16% (Alpena County), 17% (MI), 10% (United States)
- Farming share of workforce: 2.7% (Alpena County), 1.7% (MI), 1.4% (United States)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (pp): 6.5% (Alpena County), 6.6% (MI), 4.7% (United States)

How Local Kids' Lives Turn Out

- Percent graduating any college: 47% (Alpena County), 46% (MI), 46% (United States)
- Percent reaching upper-middle class: 20% (Alpena County), 20% (MI), 20% (United States)
- Percent achieving American Dream: 11% (Alpena County), 10% (MI), 8% (United States)
- Percent giving birth as a teen: 17% (Alpena County), 13% (MI), 10% (United States)
- Percent landing in jail: 1.5% (Alpena County), 1.2% (MI), 0.7% (United States)
- Local school expenditure per student (000s): $7.2 (Alpena County), $5.4 (MI), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

### 4-Year Colleges
- **Michigan 4-year-college average**: 6.3%
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: 9.3%
- **Michigan 2-year-college average**: 50.3%
- **U.S. 2-year-college average**: 51.3%

### 2-Year Colleges
- **Michigan 4-year-college average**: (Data referred to the full college system, not just this campus.)
- **U.S. 4-year-college average**: (Data referred to the full college system, not just this campus.)

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Local Demographics

- **Percent Black**
  - Alpena County: 14%
  - MI: 14%
  - United States: 1%

- **Percent Hispanic**
  - Alpena County: 17%
  - MI: 5%
  - United States: 1%

- **Percent over age 65**
  - Alpena County: 19.5%
  - MI: 13.8%
  - United States: 13%

- **Percent college grad**
  - Alpena County: 19%
  - MI: 13%
  - United States: 31

- **Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents)**
  - Alpena County: 55
  - MI: 76
  - United States: 83.7

- **Life expectancy (years)**
  - Alpena County: 83.2
  - MI: 82.6
  - United States: 83.2
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Definitions and Sources

The Local Economy
- Unemployment rate (August 2018, BLS)
- Poverty rate (2012-2016 ACS)
- Median family income (2016 ACS)
- Manufacturing share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Farming share of workforce (2012-2016 ACS)
- Great Recession unemployment spike (BLS LAUS)

How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out
- Percent graduating any college (2-yr or 4-yr, Tax Data 2, N/A for some counties)
- Percent reaching upper middle-class (top 20% of the U.S. income distribution, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent achieving American Dream (share of local low-income kids—i.e. those with 25th-income-percentile parents—who reach the top 20% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent (of local female kids) giving birth as a teen (Tax Data 1, N/A for some counties)
- Percent landing in jail (percent of local kids in jail on 1 April 2010, Tax Data 1 and 2010 Census, N/A for some counties)
- Local school expenditure per student (in public schools, NCES, N/A for some counties)

Local Colleges and Upward Mobility
- Low-income share of students (share of age-18-22 students with bottom-20% parents, Tax Data 2)
- Low-income student success rate (share of low-income age-18-22 students who reach the top 40% of the U.S. income distribution as adults, Tax Data 2)

Local Demographics
- Percent Black (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent Hispanic (2012-2016 ACS)
- Percent over age 65 (2010 Census)
- Percent college grad (4-yr college, 2012-2016 ACS)
- Crime rate (serious violent and property arrests per 10,000 residents, FBI Uniform Crime Reports, N/A for some counties)
- Life expectancy (at age 40, Tax Data 3, N/A for some counties)
- Opioid deaths (per 10,000 residents in 2017, CDC, N/A for some counties and some counties report population weighted commuting zone average)

Sources Legend
- ACS: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Surveys, 2012-2016
- CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. Multiple Cause of Death 1999-2017 on CDC WONDER Online Database.
- Census: U.S. Census Bureau