## County Facts: Houghton County, MI
Population 36,000

### The Local Economy

- **Unemployment rate**: 6.1% (Houghton County), 4.6% (MI), 4.4% (United States)
- **Poverty rate**: 16.8% (Houghton County), 16.3% (MI), 15.1% (United States)
- **Median family income (000s)**: $57 (Houghton County), $53 (MI), $53 (United States)
- **Population growth 2000-2017**: 1% (Houghton County), 0% (MI), 16% (United States)
- **Manufacturing share of workforce**: 10% (Houghton County), 10% (MI), 9% (United States)
- **Farming share of workforce**: 1.8% (Houghton County), 1.7% (MI), 1.4% (United States)
- **Great Recession unemployment spike (pp)**: 6.6% (Houghton County), 5.1% (MI), 4.7% (United States)

### How Local Kids’ Lives Turn Out

- **Percent graduating any college**: 53% (Houghton County)
- **Percent reaching upper-middle class**: 46% (Houghton County)
- **Percent achieving American Dream**: 46% (Houghton County)
- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 20% (Houghton County)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 8% (Houghton County)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $6.5 (Houghton County)

- **Percent giving birth as a teen**: 20% (MI), 10% (United States)
- **Percent landing in jail**: 8% (MI), 10% (United States)
- **Local school expenditure per student (000s)**: $6.4 (MI), $6.4 (United States)
Local Colleges and Upward Mobility

4-Year Colleges

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*: Data refers to the full college system, not just this campus. †: In nearby county

Local Demographics

- Percent Black: 3% (Houghton County), 14% (MI), 13.8% (United States)
- Percent Hispanic: 1% (Houghton County), 5% (MI), 5% (United States)
- Percent over age 65: 17% (Houghton County), 15.0% (MI), 13.0% (United States)
- Percent college grad: 21% (Houghton County), 19% (MI), 19% (United States)
- Crime rate (arrests per 10K residents): 31 (Houghton County), 55 (MI), 76 (United States)
- Life expectancy (years): 82.6 (Houghton County), 83.0 (MI), 83.2 (United States)
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