

# Demographics

## Emmet County

### Location

Emmet County is located in the Northwest corner of the lower peninsula of Michigan. The County was organized in 1853 and was named in honor of the Irish Patriot Robert Emmet. The early French fur traders and missionaries called it L'Arbre Croche, or Crooked Tree, after a tall tree overhanging a high bluff that was used as a landmark for approaching canoes. Rambling Victorian cottages serve as a reminder that Emmet County has been a summertime destination of vacationing city dwellers for several generations.

Emmet County has a strong and varied heritage and its future appears equally bright. Tourism continues to be a major economic force and has grown to include winter attractions as well. The county is now a four-season vacation area offering world class alpine skiing, numerous kilometers of groomed cross-country trails, championship golf courses, all types of water sports, breathtaking Autumn colors, and morel mushroom hunting in the Spring. Emmet County is experiencing diversified economic development that includes industry, specialty shopping, health care, education, and other services.

### Population Demographics, 2000

Community	Population	Male	Female
<b>Cities</b>			
Petoskey (City Limits)	6,080	2,805	3,275
Harbor Springs	1,567	704	863
<b>Villages</b>			
Alanson	760	384	401
Pellston	641	383	388
Mackinaw City	514	402	457
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31,437</b>	<b>15,459</b>	<b>15,978</b>

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2001, [www.factfinder.census.gov](http://www.factfinder.census.gov)

### Population by Race, 2000

Race	Emmet County	
	Number	Percent
White	29,655	94.3
American Indian & Alaskan Native	978	3.1
African American	147	0.5
Asian, Pacific Islander, Aleut	146	0.5
Hispanic or Latino	285	0.9

Source: [www.factfinder.census.gov](http://www.factfinder.census.gov), 2001

### Housing Occupancy, Emmet County, 2000

<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>18,544</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Occupied housing units	12,577	67.8
Vacant housing units	5,977	32.2
For seasonal, recreational or occasional use	5,039	27.2

### Population by Age, 2000

Age	Emmet County	
	Number	Percent
0 to 14 years	6,496	20.6
15 to 34 years	7,424	23.7
35 to 59 years	11,619	37
60 and over	5,898	18.7
<b>Median Age</b>		<b>38.9</b>

Source: [www.factfinder.census.gov](http://www.factfinder.census.gov), 2001

### Housing Tenure, Emmet County, 2000

<b>Occupied Housing Units</b>	<b>12,577</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Owner-occupied	9,502	75.6
Renter-occupied	3,075	24.4

Source: [www.factfinder.census.gov](http://www.factfinder.census.gov), 2001

**Household by Type, Emmet County, 2000**

Type of Household	Number	Percent
Total Households	12,577	100.0
Family	8,527	67.8
With own children under 18	3,982	31.7
Married-couple family	7,030	55.9
With own children under 18	3,013	24.0
Female householder, no husband	1,067	8.5
With own children under 18	702	5.6
Non-family household	4,050	32.2
Householder living alone	3,387	32.2
Aged 65 and older	1,262	10.0
<b>Average household size – 2.44</b>		
<b>Average family size – 2.97</b>		

Source: www.factfinder.census.gov, 2001

**Property Tax Base for 2000 (at a 50% ratio as of 9/00)**

Agricultural	\$52,838,600
Residential	1,619,647,173
Industrial	15,036,200
Commercial	223,163,700
Timber-Cutover	2,273,400
Developmental	1,980,900
Personal	113,603,039
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,028,543,012</b>

**Primary Retail Market Area of Petoskey – 1998/2003**

Snapshot	1998 Update	2003 Forecast
Population	41,168	43,979
Households	16,192	17,538
Average Household Income	\$42,991	\$50,272

Source: HyettPalma, The Retail Report, 1999

**Colleges and Universities**

North Central Michigan College (NCMC)  
 1515 Howard St, Petoskey, MI 49770  
 231.348.6605  
 2,148 enrolled

**Medical Facilities**

Northern Michigan Hospital  
 416 Connable Ave, Petoskey, MI 49770  
 231.487.4000  
 Hospitals in County: 1  
 Licensed Total Beds: 243  
 Nearest Major Medical Center: Local  
[www.northernhealth.org](http://www.northernhealth.org)

**Educational Facilities in Emmet County (as of 10/00)**

<b>Community</b>	<b>School District</b>	<b># of Students</b>	<b># on Staff</b>
Petoskey	Petoskey Public School (K-12) 1130 Howard St Petoskey, MI 49770 231.348.0160	2,983	300
	St. Francis Xavier Grade School (K-8) 414 Michigan St Petoskey, MI 49770 231.347.3651	241	42
	Petoskey Adventist Church School 1404 S Howard St Petoskey, MI 49770 231.347.2560	6	1
	Concord Academy (K-12) 2240 E Mitchell St Petoskey, MI 49770 231.347.1600	289	26
Harbor Springs	Harbor Springs Public School (K-12) 174 E Lake St Harbor Springs, MI 49770 231.526.2801	1,085	69
	Harbor Light Christian School (K-12) 8333 Clayton Rd Harbor Springs, MI 49770 231.347.7859	187	32
Alanson	Littlefield Public School 7400 N Street Alanson, MI 49706 231.548.2261	491	59
Pellston	Pellston Public School (K-12) 172 N Park Pellston, MI 49769 231.539.8682	797	54
Mackinaw City	Mackinaw City Public Schools (K-12) 609 W Central Mackinaw City, MI 49701 231.436.8211	250	28

**Commercial Services , 2001**

General Building Contractors: 90 +  
 Retail Establishments: 400+  
 Advertising: 6  
 Television Channels: 20+  
 Legal Services: 50+  
 Accounting, Auditing, and Bookkeeping: 20+  
 Commercial Printing: 10  
 Hotel/Motel Rooms: 2,000+  
 Computer Services: 25

Real Estate: 30+  
 Metalworking/ Machinery: 9  
 Restaurants/ Dining: 50+  
 Personnel Supply Services: 7  
 Radio Stations: 150+

**Average Sold Price of Property in Northern Michigan (as of 9/00)**

<b>Northern Michigan ProMatch Statistics For Period 1/1/200 to 6/30/2000</b>	
<b>School District</b>	<b>Price</b>
Commercial Property Type	
Boyne City	\$71,600
Central Lake	69,900
Charlevoix	445,100
Harbor Springs	130,557
Littlefield	125,000
Petoskey	259,506
Multi-Family Type	
Petoskey	\$127,667
Residential Property Type	
Boyne City	\$174,900
Boyne Falls	193,711
Central Lake	233,625
Charlevoix	239,554
Cheboygan	200,000
East Jordan	128,935
Ellsworth	128,257
Harbor Springs	261,309
Inland Lake	190,858
Littlefield	98,887
Mancelona	125,000
Pellston	108,871
Petoskey	199,361
Wolverine	77,725
Vacant Property Type	
Alba	\$16,000
Boyne City	27,857
Boyne Falls	53,780
Central Lake	130,500
Charlevoix	66,860
East Jordan	75,338
Ellsworth	24,983
Harbor Springs	169,857
Inland Lake	74,114
Littlefield	22,222
Mackinaw City	1,439,201
Pellston	70,446
Petoskey	61,305

Source: Emmet Association of Realtors, 231.347.0700

**Civilian Labor Force (as of October 2002)**

Emmet County	
Total labor force	18,700
Employed	17,875
Unemployed	825
Rate (percent)	4.4

Michigan (Data in thousands)	
Total labor force	5,135
Employed	4,875
Unemployed	260
Rate (percent)	5.1

City of Petoskey	
Total labor force	4,750
Employed	4,600
Unemployed	150
Rate (percent)	3.1

United States (Data in thousands)	
Total labor force	142,877
Employed	135,237
Unemployed	7,640
Rate (percent)	5.3

City of Harbor Springs	
Total labor force	1,100
Employed	1,075
Unemployed	50
Rate (percent)	3.6

**Employment by Industry, Emmet County, 1999**

Industry	Employees	Total Establishments
Total	13,819	1,370
Forestry, Fishing, Hunting, and Agricultural Support	0-19	3
Mining	0-19	2
Utilities	20-99	1
Construction	1,159	221
Manufacturing	1,663	62
Wholesale Trade	291	38
Retail Trade	2,419	284
Transportation and Warehousing	152	15
Information	269	16
Finance and Insurance	336	54
Real Estate, Renting and Leasing	184	40
Professional, Scientific Technical Enterprises	411	98
Management of Companies and Enterprises	100-249	3
Administration, Support, Waste Management and Remediation	685	70
Educational Services	166	8
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,756	144
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	239	27
Accommodation and Food Services	2,166	143
Other Services (except public administration)	635	123
Auxiliaries (except corporate, subsidiary & regional management)	20-99	1
Unclassified Establishments	0-19	17

Source: [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov)

## Learning Levels/Labor Rates

<b>Position</b>	<b>Wage</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Wage</b>
Administrative Staff	\$7-10	Bookkeeper	\$9-12
Builders/Remodeling	8-40	Carpentry	7-16
Caseworkers	11-22	Cashiers	7
Computer Operations	19-40	Customer Service	10
Data Entry	8-12	Dental Assistant/Hygienist	11-26
Domestic Service	6-11	Drivers	9-12
Electrician	9-20	Engineers	17-40
Food Service	2.65-13	Hotel/Motel Services	6.50-12
Machine Operator	7.25-14	Machinist/CNC	8-15
Manager	14-36	Manufacturing Assembler	6.50-12
Mechanic/Maintenance	7-15	Nursing	7-34
Pharmacy	23-33	Plumbing & Heating	16-24
Sales	9-36	Shipping/Receiving	9-10
State Trooper	14-23	Supervisors	7-17
Surgical Technologist	11-16	Teacher	6.25-24
Technicians	9-40	Telemarketing	7-15
Tellers	9-10	Therapist	13-28
Utilities	7-20	Welder/Soldered	7-9

## Principle Industrial Employers

<b>Employer</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># of Employees</b>	<b>Type of services</b>
Control Engineering Co	Harbor Springs	250	Total engineering design & manufacturing of automatic guided vehicles, steel fabrications, electrical panel wiring & heavy-duty roller conveyor systems
Continental Structural Plastics	Petoskey	200	Compression molded structural plastics
Petoskey Plastics	Petoskey	162	Manufacturer of blown film products
Northern Diecast Corporation	Harbor Springs	161	Magnesium diecasting
Moeller Aerospace Technology	Harbor Springs	155	Precision aircraft engine & power generation components
Manthei Inc	Petoskey	145	Hardwood Veneer
Circuit Controls Corporation	Petoskey	140	Automotive electrical terminals
Michigan Maple Block Co	Petoskey	77	Manufactured laminated table tops & butcher-block counter tops
Town & Country Cedar Homes	Petoskey	75	Custom cedar homes
Petoskey News-review	Petoskey	65	Newspaper, telephone directories
Mitchell Graphics Inc	Petoskey	60	Color printing
Poquette Leasing Co, Inc	Petoskey	35	Specialized aggregates
Northern Michigan Cutstone	Petoskey	27	Counter tops, granite, marble
American Spoon Foods	Petoskey	26	Specialty gourmet foods
VTE Inc	Pellston	25	Metal tubing fabrication
Kilwin's Quality Confections	Petoskey	25	Food manufacturer, chocolate candy, ice cream, fudge
E.K. Hydraulics, Inc	Petoskey	18	Machine Shop, hydraulic parts & repair, hose assembly

Source: Northwest Michigan Industrial Association, 2002 Membership Directory

## Sanitary Sewage Disposal Services

System Owner	Disposal system	Treatment plant location
City of Petoskey	Secondary Treatment	Petoskey
Harbor Springs Area	Lagoons	Little Traverse Township
Springvale/Bear Creek Township Sewage Disposal Authority	(Not Applicable)	Petoskey and Little Traverse Township
Littlefield/Alanson Sewage Disposal Authority	(Not Applicable)	Little Traverse Township
Boyne Highlands	Lagoons	Boyne Highlands
Village of Mackinaw City	Lagoons	Wawatam Township

Source: Emmet County/City of Petoskey Comprehensive Plan

## Municipal Services

Community/Phone	Zoning	Master Plan	Police	Fire
City of Petoskey 231.347.2500	Yes	Yes	City	Class 5, Volunteer
City of Harbor Springs 231.526.2104	Yes	Yes	City	Class 7, Volunteer
Village of Alanson 231.548.5431	Yes	No	Sheriff	Volunteer
Village of Pellston 231.539.8342	Yes	No	County, Sheriff	Volunteer
Village of Mackinaw City, 231.436.5351	Yes	Yes	Village	Volunteer

## Industrial Sites (As of 9/00)

Fochtman Industrial Park  
 Contact: Jack VanTreese  
 Jack VanTreese & Associates  
 425 Michigan St, Suite 3  
 Petoskey, MI 49770  
 231.347.3943

Little Traverse Industrial Park  
 Contact: Pat Cormican  
 Pat Cormican Realtor  
 6 Penn Plaza  
 Petoskey, MI 49770  
 231.347.1780

Franklin Park  
 Contact: Tom Graham  
 Graham Real Estate  
 198 E Main St  
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 231.526.6251

Airport Industrial Sites  
 Contact: Kelley Atkins  
 Pellston Regional Airport  
 US 31 North  
 Pellston, MI 49769  
 231.539.8441

Keystone Commercial Park  
 Contact: Paul Mooradian  
 Keystone Real Estate  
 999 W Conway Rd  
 Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 231.347.2010

County park  
 Contact: Pat Cormican  
 Pat Cormican Realtor  
 6 Penn Plaza  
 Petoskey, MI 49770  
 231.347.1780

## Water

	Source	Gallons		Liters		Pressure (lb/sq in)
		Capacity	Use	Capacity	Use	
Harbor Springs	Wells	25	10	95	38	30-85
Petoskey	Wells	30	24	114	91	40-240

Daily capacity and maximum use are reported in hundreds of thousands of gallons/liters per day

## Sewer

	Type	Gallons		Liters	
		Capacity	Use	Capacity	Use
Harbor Springs	Lagoon	3	3	12	10
Petoskey	Tertiary	50	10	189	38

Daily capacity and present load are reported in hundreds of thousands of gallons/liters per day

**Licensed Landfills**

Emmet County Transfer Station, 7363 Pleasantview Rd, Harbor Springs 231.526.2031

**Climate** (As reported by the Petoskey Wastewater Treatment Plan)

Growing Season: 120 days  
 Average Annual Rainfall: 31.33”  
 Average Annual Snowfall: 117”  
 Elevation Above Sea Level: 720 ft, Pellston Regional Airport  
 January (average): High 28F, Low 15F  
 July (average): High 76F, Low 59F  
 Record High: 96F (June 1971)  
 Record Low: -25F (February 1979)

**Land Use Acreage by Category, Emmet County**

<b>Land Cover/Use</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Residential	6988.76	2.27
Commercial	773.10	0.25
Industrial	433.00	0.14
Institutional	247.39	0.08
Transportation	958.64	0.31
Communication and Utilities	658.64	0.31
Extractive or Wells	927.71	0.30
Outdoor Recreation	1206.02	0.39
Cemeteries	154.62	0.05
Agricultural	52013.66	16.82
Open Land, Shrub, and Herbaceous	34325.31	11.10
Upland Forest	152129.57	49.20
Lowland Forest	36613.66	11.85
Water	9756.00	3.14
Wetlands	10266.67	3.30
Beach, Riverbank, Rock, Sand Dunes, Barren	1484.34	0.49
<b>Total Area: Acres</b>	<b>309237.09</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Source: Michigan Resource Inventory, 1978

**Utilities**

<b>Municipality</b>	<b>Electricity Provider</b>	<b>Gas Provider</b>
Harbor Springs	City of Harbor Springs	DTE Energy/MichCon
Petoskey	City of Petoskey	DTE Energy/MichCon
Bear Creek, Maple River, Little Traverse, McKinly, Littlefield, Wawatam	Consumers Energy	DTE Energy/MichCon
Carp Lake	Presque Isle	DTE Energy/MichCon
Bliss, Center, Cross Village, Friendship, Bear Creek, Carp Lake, Pleasantview, Readmond, Resort, Springvale, Wawatam	Great Lakes Energy	DTE Energy/MichCon

**Telecommunications**

Wireless Communication – Cellular One, NPI Wireless, Century Tel, Alltel  
 Local Telephone – Ameritech, SBC  
 Long Distance – AT&T, MCI, Quest, SBC, and others

## **Transportation (as of 10/98)**

### **Main Highways:**

I-75, M-68, M-119, US 31, US 131

### **Truck Lines:**

Great Northern Trucking Co  
65 Fochtman Industrial Dr, Petoskey  
231.347.3009

### **Bus Lines:**

Indian Trails Bus System  
301 W Mitchell St, Petoskey  
231.347.4400

### **Rail Lines:**

Tuscola-Saginaw-Bay Railroad

### **Airports:**

Harbor Springs Airport  
General Aviation/Charters  
8656 M119, Petoskey  
231.347.2812

Pellston Regional Airport  
Commercial/General Aviation; NW Airlin  
N US 31 Highway, Pellston  
231.539.8441

### **City Marinas:**

Petoskey Municipal Marina  
100 W Lake, Petoskey  
231.347.6691 (Season)  
231.347.2500 (Winter)

Harbor Springs Marina  
250 E Bay, Harbor Springs  
231.526.5355 (Season)  
231.526.2104

## **Government**

### **Community**

	<b>Phone</b>
Alanson	231.548.5431
Bliss Twp	231.537.2483
Center Twp	231.539.8592
Emmet County	231.348.1744
Harbor Springs	231.526.2104
Little Traverse Twp	231.526.0351
Maple River Twp	231.526.3000
Petoskey (City of)	231.347.2500
Pleasant View Twp	231.526.814
Resort Twp	231.347.7915
Wawatam Twp	231.436.5274

### **Community**

	<b>Phone</b>
Bear Creek Twp	231.347.0592
Carp Lake Twp	231.537.4628
Cross Village Twp	231.526.5193
Friendship Twp	231.526.8955
Littlefield Twp	231.548.2220
Mackinaw City	231.439.5351
McKinley Twp	231.539.8342
Pellston	231.539.8342
Readmond Twp	231.526.9601
Springvale Twp	231.347.3077
West Traverse Twp	231.526.7361

**For more economic information, please contact:**

**Northern Lakes Economic Alliance**

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**Boyne City, MI 49712**

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