



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUR COUNTY: Houghton County

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KEY METRICS



37,693
total population



\$58,899
median household income



6,775 | 18%
age 65+



32.2
median age



17%
poverty rate



1,870 | 5%
under age 5

POVERTY RATE FOR



Families with children:

13%



Children under age 18:

12%



Single parent (female) family:

44%

RACE/ETHNICITY

White	34,270	(91%)
Black or African American	416	(1%)
Hispanic or Latino	697	(2%)
Asian	1,084	(3%)
American Indian/ Alaska Native	172	(1%)
Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander	3	(<1%)
Two or More Races	724	(2%)

MEDIAN WAGE

\$56,491
for men

\$44,793
for women

Female-to-male earnings ratio: **79%**
(Women earn 79¢ for every dollar men earn.)

LANGUAGE SPOKEN

A language other than English spoken at home:

2,326 | 7%

Kamusta!

Habari!

Limited English proficiency (age 5+):

730 | 2%

Hola!

ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

21% Under \$25,000

38% \$25,000 - \$74,999

41% \$75,000 or more

TECHNOLOGY



13,310 | 93%
Households with a computer



12,686 | 89%
Households with broadband internet subscription

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AGE 25+

Less than ninth grade	363	2%
Ninth to twelfth grade, no diploma	854	4%
High school diploma or equivalent	6,162	28%
Some college, no degree	4,602	21%
Associate degree	1,782	8%
Bachelor's degree	4,528	21%
Graduate or professional degree	3,639	17%

DISABILITY STATUS



263 | 4%
children under age 18 with disability

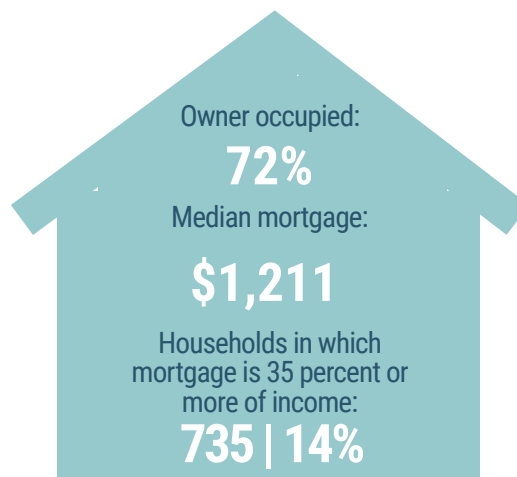
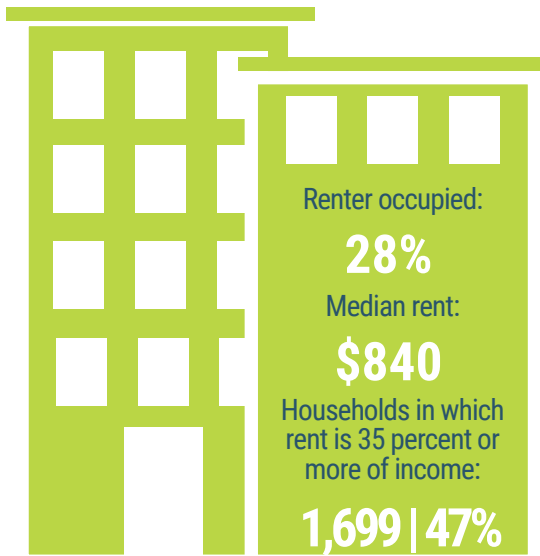


2,340 | 10%
18-64 years old with disability



1,692 | 26%
65 years old and over with disability

HOUSING



HEALTH INSURANCE



Population with Health Insurance

Private: **27,164 | 73%**

Public: **13,862 | 37%**

Population with No Health Insurance

Total: **1,890 | 5%**

Children: **288 | 3%**

COMMUTING TO WORK

Travel time to work: 15.6 minutes



64%

Drove alone
(car, truck or van)



10%

Carpooled



2%

Public
transportation



10%

Walked



2%

Other means



11%

Worked at
home

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Source: American Community Survey, 2024 5-Year Data Profiles