

Alpena County

Located in northeastern Michigan; bounded on the east by Lake Huron. Covers a land area of 574.15 square miles, a water area of 1,120.85 square miles, and is located in the Eastern Time Zone at 45.03° N. Lat., 83.53° W. Long. The county was founded in 1840. County seat is Alpena.

Alpena County is part of the Alpena, MI Micropolitan Statistical Area. The entire metro area includes: Alpena County, MI

Weather Station: Alpena Phelps Collins Airport

Elevation: 688 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	27	30	38	52	65	75	80	77	69	56	43	32
Low	11	11	19	31	40	50	55	54	46	36	28	18
Precip	1.7	1.3	1.9	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.0	3.3	2.9	2.6	2.1	1.8
Snow	21.4	18.0	11.0	na	na	na	na	na	tr	0.4	8.6	19.3

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches.

Weather Station: Alpena Wastewater Plant

Elevation: 587 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	28	30	37	50	61	72	77	76	69	56	43	33
Low	13	14	22	33	44	54	59	58	51	40	30	21
Precip	1.8	1.5	1.7	2.5	2.9	2.6	3.1	3.5	3.3	2.7	2.2	1.9
Snow	15.3	11.8	6.3	2.4	tr	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	3.2	13.1

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation and Snow in inches.

Population: 30,605 (1990); 31,314 (2000); 29,209 (2010); 28,026 (2015 projected); Race: 97.1% White, 0.7% Black, 0.6% Asian, 1.7% Other, 0.9% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 50.9 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.31 (2010); Median age: 44.2 (2010); Males 100 females: 95.1 (2010).

Religion: Five largest groups: 43.6% Catholic Church, 11.0% Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8.1% Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, 2.5% The United Methodist Church, 1.4% Episcopal Church (2010).

Economy: Unemployment rate: 10.3% (8/2011); Total civilian labor force: 13,366 (8/2011); Leading industries; 29.3% health care and social assistance; 18.4% retail trade; 12.0% manufacturing (2009); Farms: 573 totaling 85,947 acres (2007); Companies that employ 500 or more persons: 2 (2009); Companies that employ 100 to 499 persons: 8 (2009); Companies that employ less than 100 persons: 842 (2009); Black-owned businesses: n/a (2007); Hispanic-owned businesses: n/a (2007); Asian-owned businesses: n/a (2007); Women-owned businesses: 679 (2007); Retail sales per capita: \$15,355 (2010). Single-family building permits issued: 11 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (2010).

Income: Per capita income: \$20,402 (2007); Median household income: \$38,656 (2010); Average household income: \$47,629 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 7.1% (2010); Poverty rate: 16.6% (2009); Bankruptcy rate: n/a (2010).

Taxes: Total county taxes per capita: \$293 (2009); County property taxes per capita: \$279 (2009).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High School diploma (including GED) or higher: 88.0% (2010); Bachelor’s degree or higher: 15.5% (2010); Master’s degree or higher: 5.0% (2010).

Housing: Homeownership rate: 79.7% (2010); Median home value: \$95,221 (2010); Median contract rent: \$393 per month (2005-2009 5 year est.); Median year structure built: 1966 (2005-2009 5-year est.)

Health: Birth rate: 101.7 per 10,000 population (2009); Death rate: 121.5 per 10,000 population (2009); Age-adjusted cancer mortality rate: 153.3 deaths per 100,000 population (2007); Number of physicians: 26.0 per 10,000 population (2008); Hospital beds: 42.0 per 10,000 population (2007); Hospital admissions; 1,685.4 per 10,000 population (2007).

Elections: 2008 Presidential election results 50.9% Obama, 47.1% McCain, .08% Nader

National and State Parks: Alpena State Forest: Alpena State Park; Thunder Bay River State Forest

Additional Information Contacts

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Alpena County Communities

ALPENNA (city). County seat. Covers a land area of 8,380 square miles and a water area of 0.697 square miles. Located at 45.06° N. Lat.; 83.44° W. Long. Elevation is 591 feet.

History: The first settler came to Alpena in 1835, but the village was laid out in 1856 by several men from Detroit. They first called it Fremont, for General John C. Fremont, but the post office used the name of Alpena (Indian origin, meaning “partridge”) when it was established in 1857. Daniel Carter was the first resident of the new town, followed by G.N. Fletcher who built a store and boarding house. Soon there were many lumber and shingle mills in Alpena. After 1900, limestone quarrying was begun.

Population: 11,350 (1990); 11,304 (2000); 10,370 (2010); 9,883 (2015 projected); Race: 96.4% White, 0.9% Black, 0.9% Asian, 1.9% Other, 0.9% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 1,237.4 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.19 (2009); Median age: 43.1 (2010); Males 100 females: 90.9 (2010). Marriage status: 26.4% never married, 52.2% now married, 8.7% widowed, 12.6% divorced (2005-2009 5-year est.); Foreign born: 1.3% (2005-2009 5-year est.); Ancestry (includes multiple ancestries): 31.1% German, 20.9% Polish, 15.6% English, 12.3% French, 11.1% Irish (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Economy: Single-family building permits issued: 0 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (2010); Employment by occupation: 7.8% management, 22.5% professional, 17.9% services, 30.6% sales, 0.3% farming, 7.2% construction, 13.5% production (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Income: Per capita income: \$19,006 (2010); Median household income: \$33,983 (2010); Average household income: \$42,076 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 4.8% (20010); Poverty rate: 23.4% (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Taxes: Total city taxes per capita: \$514 (2009); City property taxes per capita: \$504 (2009).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High School diploma (including GED) or higher: 89.1% (2010); Bachelor’s degree or higher: 17.3% (2010); Master’s degree or higher: 5.6% (2010).

School District(s)

Alpena Public Schools (KG-12)
 2009-10 Enrolment: 4,485.....(989) 358-5040
 Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD (PK-PK)
 2009-10 Enrolment: 76.....(989) 354-3101
 Bingham Academy (KG-08)
 2009-10 Enrollment: 143.....(989) 358-2500

Two-year College(s)

Alpena Community College (Public)
 Fall 2009 Enrollment: 2,077.....(989) 356-9021
 2010-11 Tuition: In-state \$4,660; Out-of-state \$6,040

Housing: Homeownership rate: 70.8% (2010); Median home value: \$84,835 (2010); Median contract rent: \$398 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1949 (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Hospitals: Alpena Regional Medical Center (146 beds)

Safety: Violent crime rate: 21.6 per 10,000 population; Property crime rate: 361.4 per 10,000 population (2010).

Newspapers: The Alpena News (Local news; circulation 11,677); Alpena Star (Community news; circulation 18,921); Presque Isle Star (Community news: Circulation 7,318).

Transportation: Commute to work: 90.5% car, .05% public transportation, 2.1% walk, 5.1% work from home (2005-2009 5-year est.); Travel time to work: 80.8% less than 15 minutes, 11.6% 15 to 30 minutes, 4.9% 30 to 45 minutes, 1.2% 45 to 60 minutes, 1.5% 60 minutes or more (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Airports: Alpena County Regional (commercial service)

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ALPENA (township). Covers a land area of 105.025 square miles and a water area of 36.405 square miles. Located at 45.08° N. Lat.; 83.44° W. Long. Elevation is 591 feet.

History: When Alpena Township was surveyed in 1839, land was offered to anyone in the survey party in lieu of wages, but there were no takers. The area was desolate cedar swamp.

Population: 9,606 (1990); 9,788 (2000); 9,378 (2010); 9,095 (2015 projected); Race: 97.2% White, 0.6% Black, 0.7% Asian, 1.6% Other, 0.6% 0.7% Hispanic of any race (2010); Density: 89.3 persons per square mile (2010); Average household size: 2.28 (2010); Median age: 45.7 (2010); Males 100 females: 94.4 (2010). Marriage status: 21.6% never married, 59.5% now married, 7.9% widowed, 10.9% divorced (2005-2009 5-year est.); Foreign born: 1.4% (2005-2009 5-year est.); Ancestry (includes multiple ancestries): 31.1% German, 26.2% Polish, 15.2% French, 13.3% English, 10.6% Irish (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Economy: Single-family building permits issued: 10 (2010); Multi-family building permits issued: 0 (2010); Employment by occupation: 11.2% management, 19.9% professional, 19.4% services, 25.7% sales, 0.2% farming, 8.4% construction, 15.2% production (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Income: Per capita income: \$21,738 (2010); Median household income: \$40,784 (2010); Average household income: \$50,300 (2010); Percent of households with income of \$100,000 or more: 7.9% (2007); Poverty rate: 9.5% (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Education: Percent of population age 25 and over with: High School diploma (including GED) or higher: 89.5% (2010); Bachelor's degree or higher: 16.4% (2010); Master's degree or higher: 5.7% (2010).

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Housing: Homeownership rate: 80.3% (2010); Median home value: \$103,706 (2010); Median contract rent: \$365 per month (2005-2009 5-year est.); Median year structure built: 1971 (2005-2009 5-year est.).

Hospitals: Alpena Regional Medical Center (146 beds)

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Transportation: Commute to work: 93.4% car, .7% public transportation, 1.2% walk, 3.7% work from home (2005-2009 5-year est.); Travel time to work: 56.6% less than 15 minutes, 33.9% 15 to 30 minutes, 3.1% 30 to 45 minutes, 2.3% 45 to 60 minutes, 4.2% 60 minutes or more (2005-2009 5-year est.).

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