

MICHIGAN.

Population 2,093,889.....Rep. Plur. in 1892, 20,412

Rep. vote, 222,708; Dem. 202,206; Pop. 10,822; Prohib. 14,060.

STATE CAPITAL, LANSING.

MICHIGAN is bounded north by Lake Superior, east by Lakes Huron, St. Clair, and Erie, and their connecting rivers, south by Ohio and Indiana, and west by Lake Michigan and Wisconsin; land area, 57,430 square miles. It consists of two peninsulas, of which the southern is the principal seat of wealth and population, its length, north to south, being about 300 miles; width, about 200; coast line of State on lakes not less than 1600 miles. This part of the State is a very level region, abounding in lakes and streams, with very extensive forests of pine and other timber in the north, oak openings or natural parks in the south, and prairies in the southwest. The soil contains sufficient sand to make it easily tilled, and few sections excel it as a farming region. In the west and southwest is the great fruit belt. Winter wheat, oats, and potatoes are abundant, and of excellent quality; corn and other cereals are largely grown. Dairy products are very valuable. Wool is raised in very large quantities, the product being about 15,000,000 pounds; live stock is plentiful. Peppermint and celery are raised extensively in the southwest, and grapes in the south. The surface of the northern peninsula is somewhat rough and mountainous, with a good soil in most parts outside the mining regions; its mineral wealth is very great, especially in copper, iron and silver. Large quantities of iron ore are mined and shipped to Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois to be smelted either alone or with the inferior ores found in those States. Marquette, Ishpeming, Negaunee, Gladstone, St. Ignace and Escanaba are the principal points of shipment. By far the most important copper mines of the country, and what is claimed to be the largest iron mine in the world, are in this State. The output of iron has more than doubled since 1880. There is a large quantity of coal in the lower peninsula used chiefly for local and railroad purposes. The salt producing territory covers about 9,500 square miles, and the annual product is not far from 5,000,000 barrels, which is more than double that of New York State; it is procured from artesian wells, and the Saginaw River and the mouth of the Manistee are the chief centres of manufacture. About 100,000 barrels of dairy salt are produced pronounced by competent judges to be the best in the world. 3500 hands are employed in the salt manufacture. Michigan ranks first among the States in the value and extent of its lumber product; the largest interest centering in East Saginaw. The lumber product, however, is rapidly falling off, through the rapid and wasteful reduction of the forest area. Gypsum, fire clay, and glass sand are also found. Manufactures are important and varied in extent. Among the leading are iron, lumber, salt, wooden ware, furniture, farm implements, leather, cotton and woolen goods, machinery, castings, and hollow ware. There are 84 Counties in Michigan; newspapers are published in 82.

ALCONA CO. (N.E.).....Pop. 5,411	
Rep. vote in 1892, 556; Dem. 380; Pro. 29; Pro. 3.	
Nearly level; soil generally fertile; good general farming country. Products—Wheat, oats, and potatoes; lumber, lath, shingles, and wood paper pulp. COUNTY SEAT, Harrisville, pop. 468.	
Alcona County Review.....Local ..Harrisville †.....	Circ 1562
ALGER CO. (N.C. Up Penin.) Pop. 1,384	
Rep. vote in 1892, 160; Dem. 156; Pro. 2.	
Hilly and broken; large forests of pine, etc. "Pictured Rocks" are in this county. COUNTY SEAT, Au Train, (twp.) pop. 280.	
Alger County Republican.....Rep ..Au Train †.....	Circ 1295
Herald ..Ind ..Grand Marais.....	

ALLEGAN CO. (S.W.).....Pop. 39,185	
Rep. vote in 1892, 4,283; Dem. 3,207; Pro. 544; Pro. 371.	
Undulating; soil fertile. Products—Wheat, oats, and corn large; barley and potatoes; much butter, wool, maple sugar and hay; apples, peaches, and small fruits are prominent products; lumber a leading export. Manufactures. COUNTY SEAT, Allegan, pop. 2,673.	

Allegan County Observer.....Fr.Silv. Allegan †.....	Circ
Democrat.....Dem.....	1,320
Gazette.....Rep.....	3,096
Journal.....Rep.....	1,750
Record.....Local.....DoTT.....	
Record.....Dem.....Douglas.....	675
Herald.....Ind.....Kennville.....	1285
Herald.....Local.....Hopkin's Station.....	1266
Messenger.....Ind.....Martin.....	
Union.....Ind.....Oshego.....	1,250
Enterprise.....Ind.....Plainwell.....	1,047
Lake Shore Commercial.....Ind.....Saugatuck.....	830
Saturday Globe.....Ind.....Wayland.....	504

ALPENA CO. (N.E.).....Pop. 17,715	
Dem. vote in 1892, 1,538; Rep. 1,623; Pro. 26; Pro. 19.	
Nearly level, and much of it in forest; lumber, paper pulp and cedar tea, chief articles of export; wheat, oats, and farm produce generally. COUNTY SEAT, Alpena, pop. 12,185.	
Argus.....Dem.....Alpena †.....	Circ 1,420
Evening Echo (evg.).....Ind.....	1,209
Pioneer.....Rep.....	1,285

CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. * Sworn. POPULATION; State Census of 1894. * Estimated. † County Seat.