

Crawford County Economic Summary

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CCEDP is a 501c3 non-profit that officially opened its door in January 2005; its first Executive Director came on board in May 2005.

Employment / Unemployment 2002 – 2005

Employment peaked in 2004 with total employment of 6,794 and a slight decrease in 2005 to 6,764. The 2005 annual average labor force was ____, with ____ residents employed, and an unemployment rate of 6.7%. Employment decreased in 2003 to ____ in the labor force, 6,641 employed, and an unemployment rate of ____.

County 2005 Annual Unemployment rate was 6.7%.

County 2006 Annual Unemployment rate was ____

County 2007 Annual Unemployment rate was ____

Crawford County's largest employers in 2006:

■ Mercy Hospital Grayling	540
■ Camp Grayling	235 + 740*
■ Crawford Au Sable Schools	226
■ Weyerhaeuser Company, Inc.	172
■ Springs Wood Products, Inc.	108
■ Camp Lehman	107
■ County of Crawford	104
■ AJD Forest Products LP	73
■ Holiday Inn	72
■ K-Mart	55
■ Fick & Sons	51 + 27*
■ Airway Automation	50
■ Various Health Professionals in County	190 + 2*

*Seasonal and/or part-time

Crawford County does not report any farm income. While tourism continues to be a main employment category, it unfortunately does not pay high wages.

Population

Crawford County Median Income in 2003 was just over \$32,773 compared to Michigan Median Income of \$46,291 and national Median Income of just over \$43,318. In per capita wealth, Crawford County ranks 68 out of 84 in Michigan.

Economic Activity 2005 – 2008

RAS, 7 new jobs, Fall 2005; expanded and added jobs in Fall 2007

Springs Wood Products, Spring 2006, 30 new jobs
Michigan Wood Pellets, Fall-Winter 2006-2007, 7 new jobs
Walgreens, 40 new jobs coming Summer 2008

MainStreet America, the 4-season theme park project, was approved for re-zoning by Grayling Township in June 2007. The developer is in his final phase for securing financial commitment to satisfy DNR. This project is projected to bring 700 full-time, year-round jobs plus 1,300 seasonal, part-time positions to Crawford County. Construction will take approximately 30 – 36 months.

Community Infrastructure Investment 2005 – 2008

Source of Data

- Crawford County Economic Development Partnership
- MEDC website
<http://www.michigan.org/medc/miinfo/places/CrawfordCounty/?section=economy>
- U.S. Census