

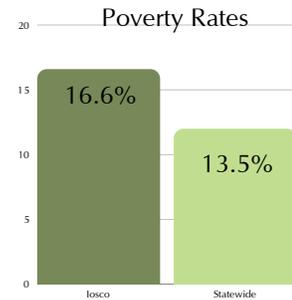
IOSCO COUNTY	2025	2024
Labor Force	10,434	10,210
Employed	9,700	9,527
Unemployed	734	683
Unemployment Rate	7.00%	6.70%

Iosco County’s unemployment rate rose slightly from 6.7 percent in August 2024 to 7.0 percent in August 2025. While the labor force expanded modestly over the year, the number of residents facing unemployment increased from 683 to 734, pointing to ongoing workforce challenges

Source: Michigan Center for Data and Analytics (milmi.org)

Household and per-capita incomes in Iosco County continue to fall below Michigan’s statewide averages, reflecting ongoing economic challenges that reinforce the importance of local job creation, workforce development, and expanded access to living-wage employment.

Additionally, with a poverty rate of 16.6 percent compared to the state’s 13.5 percent, many residents face financial strain even as the region remains one of the most affordable places to live in northern Michigan. These factors highlight the continued need for targeted economic development strategies, business support services, and community investments that help strengthen long-term economic stability for residents and families across the county.



Iosco County Housing Units

Median Value of Owner-Occupied Housing	\$122,900
Total Housing Units	19,978
Total Households	11,449
% of Homeownership	82.90%

Data Source: Census Reporter, Iosco County, MI Profile

Iosco County’s housing profile shows a significant imbalance between the number of available housing units and the number of year-round residents who need stable places to live. With nearly 20,000 housing units compared to 11,449 households, a large share of homes are used seasonally or as second homes, limiting the availability of year-round housing options for local families and workers.