

ELECTED COUNTY OFFICERS



Alcona County

The name of the county is a Native American word meaning “a fine or excellent plain.”

<i>Organized</i>	1869
<i>County Seat</i>	Harrisville 48740
<i>Population (2000)</i>	11,719
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Thomas J. Weichel (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Douglas W. Ellinger (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Gayle E. Simmons (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Karen V. Healy (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Thomas A. Katona (R)



Alger County

Named for the Hon. Russell A. Alger, Governor of the State, 1885-1886.

<i>Organized</i>	1885
<i>County Seat</i>	Munising 49862
<i>Population (2000)</i>	9,862
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Karen A. Bahrman (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	David M. Cromell (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Donald W. Kinnunen (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Donald W. Kinnunen (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Howard Masters (D)



Allegan County

Named for the Native American tribe of “Allegawi” or “Allegans” believed by some to have been identical with the mound builders.

<i>Organized</i>	1835
<i>County Seat</i>	Allegan 49010
<i>Population (2000)</i>	105,665
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Fred Anderson (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Blaine Koops (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Joyce A. Watts (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Joyce A. Watts (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sally L. Brooks (R)



Alpena County

The name of the county is a Native American word meaning “a good partridge country.”

<i>Organized</i>	1857
<i>County Seat</i>	Alpena 49707
<i>Population (2000)</i>	31,314
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Dennis P. Grenkowicz (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	James M. Marquardt (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Bonnie Friedrichs (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Kathy J. Matash (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Joelyn McCallum (R)



Antrim County

Antrim County was named for County Antrim in Ireland.

<i>Organized</i>	1863
<i>County Seat</i>	Bellaire 49615
<i>Population (2000)</i>	23,110
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Charles H. Koop (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Terry Johnson (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Laura Sexton (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Patty Niepoth (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sherry Comben (R)



Arenac County

Arenac is a derivation of the Latin *arena* and the Native American *ac*. The combined words mean “sandy place.”

<i>Organized</i>	1883
<i>County Seat</i>	Standish 48658
<i>Population (2000)</i>	17,269
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Curtis G. Broughton (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	James Mosciski (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Ricky R. Rockwell (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Roszella Smith (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dennis M. Stawowy (R)



Baraga County

Bishop Frederic Baraga, a missionary, was honored in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1875
<i>County Seat</i>	L'Anse 49946
<i>Population (2000)</i>	8,746
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Joseph P. O'Leary (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Bob Teddy (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Wendy J. Goodreau (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Wendy J. Goodreau (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Patricia A. Kissel (D)



Barry County

Named for the Hon. William T. Barry, Postmaster General under President Andrew Jackson.

<i>Organized</i>	1839
<i>County Seat</i>	Hastings 49058
<i>Population (2000)</i>	56,755
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Gordon Shane McNeill (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Stephen H. DeBoer (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Debbie S. Smith (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Darla Burghdoff (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Susan L. VandeCar (R)



Bay County

Obtained its name because it encircles Saginaw Bay.

<i>Organized</i>	1857
<i>County Seat</i>	Bay City 48706
<i>Population (2000)</i>	110,157
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Joseph K. Sheeran (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	John E. Miller (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Linda L. Tober (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Barbara Torka DuFresne (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jeanette E. Neitzel (D)
<i>County Executive</i>	Thomas L. Hickner (D)



Benzie County

A derivative of the French *aux-Bec-Scies*, the name was first applied to the river, changed to Betsey and finally Benzie.

<i>Organized</i>	1869
<i>County Seat</i>	Beulah 49617
<i>Population (2000)</i>	15,998
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Anthony Cicchelli (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Robert Blank (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Dawn Olney (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Michelle R. Gray (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Linda M. Wilson (R)



Berrien County

Named for the Hon. John M. Berrien, Attorney General under President Andrew Jackson.

<i>Organized</i>	1831
<i>County Seat</i>	St. Joseph 49085
<i>Population (2000)</i>	162,453
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	James Cherry (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	L. Paul Bailey (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	M. Louise Stine (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Lori Jarvis (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	William A. Wolf (R)



Branch County

Hon. John Branch, Secretary of the Navy under President Andrew Jackson, was honored in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1833
<i>County Seat</i>	Coldwater 49036
<i>Population (2000)</i>	45,787
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Kirk Kashian (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Warren Cannon (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Judy Elliott (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Linda Morrison-Mathews (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sandra S. Thatcher (R)



Calhoun County

Named for the Hon. John C. Calhoun, Vice President of the United States.

<i>Organized</i>	1833
<i>County Seat</i>	Marshall 49068
<i>Population (2000)</i>	137,985
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	John A. Hallacy (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Allen L. Byam (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Anne B. Norlander (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Anne B. Norlander (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Ann Rosenbaum-Petredan (R)



Cass County

The county was named in honor of Lewis Cass, a Governor of the Michigan Territory.

<i>Organized</i>	1829
<i>County Seat</i>	Cassopolis 49031
<i>Population (2000)</i>	51,104
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Scott Teter (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Joseph M. Underwood (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Ann L. Simmons (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Ann L. Simmons (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Linda Irwin (R)



Charlevoix County

Pierre F. de Charlevoix, a Jesuit missionary, was honored in this naming.

<i>Organized</i>	1869
<i>County Seat</i>	Charlevoix 49720
<i>Population (2000)</i>	26,090
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Mary Beth Kur (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	George T. Lasater (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Jane E. Brannon (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Charlene M. Novotny (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Joan L. Balch (R)



Cheboygan County

The name is a Native American word and was first applied to the river.

<i>Organized</i>	1853
<i>County Seat</i>	Cheboygan 49721
<i>Population (2000)</i>	26,448
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Catherine M. Castagne (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Dale V. Clarmont (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Mary Ellen Tryban (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Mary Ellen Tryban (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Linda A. Cronan (R)



Chippewa County

The county was named for the Native American tribe of the same name.

<i>Organized</i>	1826; boundaries changed in 1843
<i>County Seat</i>	Sault Ste. Marie 49783
<i>Population (2000)</i>	38,543
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Brian A. Peppler (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Jeff Moran (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Diane S. Cork (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Sharon H. Kennedy (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marilyn L. McDonald (D)



Clare County

Clare County was named for County Clare in Ireland.

<i>Organized</i>	1871
<i>County Seat</i>	Harrison 48625
<i>Population (2000)</i>	31,252
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Norman E. Gage (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Jeffrey V. Goyt (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Carol A. McAulay (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Carol A. McAulay (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Winifred A. Johnson (R)



Clinton County

Hon. DeWitt Clinton, Governor of New York and builder of the Erie Canal, was honored in this naming.

<i>Organized</i>	1839
<i>County Seat</i>	St. Johns 48879
<i>Population (2000)</i>	64,753
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Charles D. Sherman (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Wayne Kangas (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Diane Zuker (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Carol A. Wooley (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Tina Ward (R)



Crawford County

Colonel William Crawford was recognized in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1879
<i>County Seat</i>	Grayling 49738
<i>Population (2000)</i>	14,273
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	John B. Huss (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Kirk Wakefield (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Sandra Moore (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Sandra Moore (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Joseph V. Wakeley (R)



Delta County

Name taken from the Greek letter “Delta” referring to the triangular shape of the original county.

<i>Organized</i>	1861
<i>County Seat</i>	Escanaba 49829
<i>Population (2000)</i>	38,520
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Thomas L. Smithson (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Gary R. Carlson (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Nancy J. Kolich (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Nancy J. Kolich (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sandra Buckland (D)



Dickinson County

Named for the Hon. Donald M. Dickinson, Postmaster General under President Grover Cleveland.

<i>Organized</i>	1891
<i>County Seat</i>	Iron Mountain 49801
<i>Population (2000)</i>	27,472
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Christopher S. Ninomiya (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Donald J. Charlevoix (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Dolly L. Cook (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Dolly L. Cook (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Margie Tarsi (D)



Eaton County

Named for the Hon. John H. Eaton, Secretary of War under President Andrew Jackson.

<i>Organized</i>	1837
<i>County Seat</i>	Charlotte 48813
<i>Population (2000)</i>	103,655
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Jeffrey L. Sauter (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Rick Jones (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Fran Fuller (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Fran Fuller (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bill Conarton Jr. (R)



Emmet County

Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot, was honored in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1853
<i>County Seat</i>	Petoskey 49770
<i>Population (2000)</i>	31,437
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Robert J. Engel (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Peter A. Wallin (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Irene D. Granger (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Glenna A. Sipe (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marilyn May (R)



Genesee County

The settlers of this part of the state came from a county in western New York by the same name.

<i>Organized</i>	1836
<i>County Seat</i>	Flint 48502
<i>Population (2000)</i>	436,141
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Arthur A. Busch (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Robert J. Pickell (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Michael J. Carr (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Melvin P. McCree (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Daniel T. Kildee (D)



Gladwin County

Named for Major Henry Gladwin, English Commandant at Detroit in 1763.

<i>Organized</i>	1875
<i>County Seat</i>	Gladwin 48624
<i>Population (2000)</i>	26,023
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Thomas R. Evans (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Michael Shea
<i>County Clerk</i>	Laura E. Flach (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Bonnie K. House (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jannis K. Letzgus (D)



Gogebic County

Named for a lake in the territory called Lake Agogebic but was changed to Gogebic. Agogebic is a Native American word.

<i>Organized</i>	1887
<i>County Seat</i>	Bessemer 49911
<i>Population (2000)</i>	17,370
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Richard B. Adams (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Larry Sanders (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Gerry Pelissero (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Gerry Pelissero (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sharon Hallberg (D)



Grand Traverse County

The name of the county is a French phrase *grande traverse* meaning long crossing.

<i>Organized</i>	1851; boundaries changed in 1865
<i>County Seat</i>	Traverse City 49684
<i>Population (2000)</i>	77,654
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Dennis LaBelle (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Scott Fewins (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Linda Coburn (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Peggy Haines (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	William Rokos (R)



Gratiot County

Named for Capt. Charles Gratiot, who supervised the building of Fort Gratiot at the present site of Port Huron.

<i>Organized</i>	1855
<i>County Seat</i>	Ithaca 48847
<i>Population (2000)</i>	42,285
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Keith Kushion (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Robert Beracy (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Pauline M. Merchant (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Janet M. Davis (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mary L. Sullivan (R)



Hillsdale County

The rolling terrain of the area served as the basis for the name of the county.

<i>Organized</i>	1835
<i>County Seat</i>	Hillsdale 49242
<i>Population (2000)</i>	46,527
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Neal A. Brady (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Stanley W. Burchardt (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Thomas C. Mohr (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Bambi L. Somerlott (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gary A. Leininger (R)



Houghton County

Named for Dr. Douglass Houghton, Michigan's first state geologist.

<i>Organized</i>	1846; reorganized in 1848
<i>County Seat</i>	Houghton 49931
<i>Population (2000)</i>	36,016
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Douglas S. Edwards (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Brian J. McLean (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Mary Schoos (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Mary Schoos (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Janet Kay Gregorich (D)



Huron County

This county was named for the Native American tribe of the same name.

<i>Organized</i>	1859
<i>County Seat</i>	Bad Axe 48413
<i>Population (2000)</i>	36,079
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Mark J. Gaertner (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Kent D. Tibbits (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Peggy A. Koehler (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Frances L. Holdwick (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Roberta Moetteli (R)



Ingham County

Named for the Hon. Samuel D. Ingham, Secretary of the Treasury under President Andrew Jackson.

<i>Organized</i>	1838
<i>County Seat</i>	Mason 48854
<i>Population (2000)</i>	279,320
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Stuart J. Dunning III (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Gene L. Wriggelsworth (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Michael J. Bryant (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Paula Johnson (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Eric Schertzing (D)



Ionia County

This county was named for a province in Greece.

<i>Organized</i>	1837
<i>County Seat</i>	Ionia 48846
<i>Population (2000)</i>	61,518
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Gail Benda (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Dwain Dennis (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Barbara A. Trierweiler (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Diane M. Adams (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Nancy Hickey (R)



Iosco County

Iosco is a Native American word meaning "water of light."

<i>Organized</i>	1857
<i>County Seat</i>	Tawas City 48763
<i>Population (2000)</i>	27,339
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Gary W. Rapp (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Michael Fischer (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Michael A. Welsch (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Bonita M. Coyle (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Elite P. Shellenbarger (D)



Iron County

The mineral prevalent in the county served as the reason for this name.

<i>Organized</i>	1885
<i>County Seat</i>	Crystal Falls 49920
<i>Population (2000)</i>	13,138
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Joe Sartorelli (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Robert W. Remondini (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Joan Luhtanen (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Mark Selmo (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marcia Cornelia (D)



Isabella County

Queen Isabella of Spain was honored in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1859
<i>County Seat</i>	Mt. Pleasant 48858
<i>Population (2000)</i>	63,351
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Larry Burdick (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Barry DeLau (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Joyce Swan (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Sharon Brown (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Steven W. Pickens (R)



Jackson County

The county was named for President Andrew Jackson.

<i>Organized</i>	1832
<i>County Seat</i>	Jackson 49201
<i>Population (2000)</i>	158,422
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Henry C. Zavislak (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Daniel Heyns (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Sandra Crowley (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Mindy Reilly (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Janet C. Rochefort (D)



Kalamazoo County

The name supposedly means “the mirage or reflecting river” and the original Native American name was *Kikalamazoo*.

<i>Organized</i>	1830
<i>County Seat</i>	Kalamazoo 49007
<i>Population (2000)</i>	238,603
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	James J. Gregart (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Thomas N. Edmonds (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Timothy A. Snow (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Timothy A. Snow (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Herman Drenth (R)



Kalkaska County

It is thought by some to be a Chippewa word meaning “burned over.”

<i>Organized</i>	1871
<i>County Seat</i>	Kalkaska 49646
<i>Population (2000)</i>	16,571
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Brian F. Donnelly (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Nelson J. Cannon (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Patricia Rodgers (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Joan E. Hall (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gwendolyn Gehrcke (R)



Kent County

Chancellor James Kent, a celebrated jurist of New York, was honored by this naming.

<i>Organized</i>	1836
<i>County Seat</i>	Grand Rapids 49503
<i>Population (2000)</i>	574,335
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	William A. Forsyth (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Lawrence A. Stelma (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Mary Hollinrake (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Mary Hollinrake (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Kenneth D. Parrish (R)



Keweenaw County

This is a Native American word meaning “portage or place where portage is made.”

<i>Organized</i>	1861
<i>County Seat</i>	Eagle River 49924
<i>Population (2000)</i>	2,301
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Donna Jaaskelainen (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Ronald J. Lahti (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Marilyn Winquist (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Marilyn Winquist (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Geri Hall (D)



Lake County

There is no special appropriateness to this name other than the fact that the county has numerous small lakes.

<i>Organized</i>	1871
<i>County Seat</i>	Baldwin 49304
<i>Population (2000)</i>	11,333
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	David C. Woodruff, Sr. (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Robert A. Hilts (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Shelly Myers (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Shelly Myers (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Brenda Kutchinski (D)



Lapeer County

This county's name is supposedly derived from the French words *La Pierre*, meaning “stone” or “flint.”

<i>Organized</i>	1835
<i>County Seat</i>	Lapeer 48446
<i>Population (2000)</i>	87,904
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Byron Konschuh (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Ron Kalanquin (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Marlene M. Bruns (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Melissa R. DeVaugh (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Sally W. Eilersen (R)



Leelanau County

The name is a Native American word meaning “delight of life.”

<i>Organized</i>	1863
<i>County Seat</i>	Leland 49654
<i>Population (2000)</i>	21,119
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Sara W. Brubaker (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Michael Oltersdorf (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Michelle L. Crocker (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Barbara J. Kirt (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Vicki A. Kilway (R)



Lenawee County

A Native American word meaning “male” or “man” is the source of this naming.

<i>Organized</i>	1826
<i>County Seat</i>	Adrian 49221
<i>Population (2000)</i>	98,890
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Irving C. Shaw, Jr. (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Lawrence Richardson (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Lou Ann Bluntschly (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Victoria Daniels (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	May Crow (R)



Livingston County

Named for the Hon. Edward Livingston, Secretary of State under President Andrew Jackson.

<i>Organized</i>	1836
<i>County Seat</i>	Howell 48843
<i>Population (2000)</i>	156,951
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	David L. Morse (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Donald D. Homan (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Margaret M. Dunleavy (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Nancy Haviland (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Dianne H. Hardy (R)



Luce County

The county was named for the Hon. Cyrus G. Luce, Governor of Michigan, 1887-1890.

<i>Organized</i>	1887
<i>County Seat</i>	Newberry 49868
<i>Population (2000)</i>	7,024
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Peter Tazelaar (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Kevin R. Erickson (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Kathy S. Mahar (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Kathy S. Mahar (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Deborah K. Johnson (R)



Mackinac County

The county was laid out under the name of Michilimackinac in 1818.

<i>Organized</i>	1849
<i>County Seat</i>	St. Ignace 49781
<i>Population (2000)</i>	11,943
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	W. Clayton Graham (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Lawrence Leveille (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Mary Kay Tamlyn (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Diane Frankovich (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jane E. Hampton (D)



Macomb County

Named for General Alexander Macomb, an officer in the War of 1812.

<i>Organized</i>	1818
<i>County Seat</i>	Mt. Clemens 48043
<i>Population (2000)</i>	788,149
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Carl J. Marlinga (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Mark A. Hackel (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Carmella Sabaugh (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Carmella Sabaugh (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Ted B. Wahby (D)



Manistee County

The name is Native American and was first applied to the principal river of the county.

<i>Organized</i>	1855
<i>County Seat</i>	Manistee 49660
<i>Population (2000)</i>	24,527
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Ford Stone (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Dale Kowalkowski (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Marilyn Kliber (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Penny Pepera (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Alan G. Verheek (R)



Marquette County

Father Marquette, the Jesuit missionary, was honored in this naming.

<i>Organized</i>	1846; reorganized in 1848
<i>County Seat</i>	Marquette 49855
<i>Population (2000)</i>	64,634
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Gary L. Walker (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Michael H. Lovelace (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	David J. Roberts (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Patricia A. Manley (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gary Yoder (D)



Mason County

The county was named for the Hon. Stevens T. Mason, Governor of Michigan, 1835-1840.

<i>Organized</i>	1855
<i>County Seat</i>	Ludington 49431
<i>Population (2000)</i>	28,274
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Cris J. VanOosterum (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Larry Stewart (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Ivan J. Anthony (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Margaret Kolaski Elliott (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Timothy Hansen (R)



Mecosta County

Chief Mecosta, a Native American chief, was recognized in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1859
<i>County Seat</i>	Big Rapids 49307
<i>Population (2000)</i>	40,553
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Peter Jaklevic (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	John W. Sonntag (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Ruth L. Hess (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Joanne B. Brown (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Shirley I. Johnson (R)



Menominee County

Named for the Menominee tribe of Native Americans who lived in the county.

<i>Organized</i>	1861 (under the name of Bleeker); reorganized in 1863
<i>County Seat</i>	Menominee 49858
<i>Population (2000)</i>	25,326
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Daniel Hass (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Ed Powell, Jr. (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Barbara Morrison (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Barbara Morrison (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Patrick Kass (R)



Midland County

The county is located not far from the geographical center of the Lower Peninsula and thus was named.

<i>Organized</i>	1850
<i>County Seat</i>	Midland 48640
<i>Population (2000)</i>	82,874
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Norman W. Donker (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	John S. Reder (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Karen A. Holcomb (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Scott I. Haines (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Wynne D. Downing (R)



Missaukee County

Named for a prominent Native American chief of that region who was better known as "Nesaukee."

<i>Organized</i>	1871
<i>County Seat</i>	Lake City 49651
<i>Population (2000)</i>	14,478
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	William J. Donnelly, Jr. (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	James D. Bosscher (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Carolyn Flore (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Carolyn Flore (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marilyn J. Keway (R)



Monroe County

The county was named in honor of James Monroe, fifth president of the United States.

<i>Organized</i>	1817
<i>County Seat</i>	Monroe 48161
<i>Population (2000)</i>	145,945
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Michael A. Weipert (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Tilman Crutchfield (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Geri Allen (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Geri Allen (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Norman J. Blanchett (D)



Montcalm County

A French officer, General Marquis de Montcalm, was recognized in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1850
<i>County Seat</i>	Stanton 48888
<i>Population (2000)</i>	61,266
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Andrea Krause (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	William Barnwell (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Kristen Millard (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Lori A. Wilson (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marcia A. Sawdy (R)



Montmorency County

Named in honor of Count Morenci, who aided the united colonies in the war with England.

<i>Organized</i>	1881
<i>County Seat</i>	Atlanta 49709
<i>Population (2000)</i>	10,315
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Terrie Conklin-Case (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Ronald J. Karr (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Cheryl Neilsen (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Teresa Walker (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Wanda M. Teets (R)



Muskegon County

This name is a derivation of the Native American word meaning “river with marshes.”

<i>Organized</i>	1859
<i>County Seat</i>	Muskegon 49440
<i>Population (2000)</i>	170,200
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Tony Tague (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	George Jurkas (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Susan R. Doriot (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Mark F. Fairchild (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Jan “John” Koens (R)



Newaygo County

This county was named to honor Chief Newaygo, a Chippewa chief.

<i>Organized</i>	1851
<i>County Seat</i>	White Cloud 49349
<i>Population (2000)</i>	47,874
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Chrystal Roach (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Michael S. Mercer (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Laurel J. Breuker (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Linda M. Landheer (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Arlan G. Jackson (R)



Oakland County

The prevalence of oak trees in the area was the reason for this name.

<i>Organized</i>	1820
<i>County Seat</i>	Pontiac 48053
<i>Population (2000)</i>	1,194,156
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	David G. Gorcyca (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Michael J. Bouchard (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	G. William Caddell (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	G. William Caddell (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Patrick Dohany (R)



Oceana County

Traditional explanation is that it derives its name from its proximity to Lake Michigan; recent deduction attributes source to the title of a book (*Oceana*, James Harrington, 1656).

<i>Organized</i>	1851; reorganized in 1855
<i>County Seat</i>	Hart 49420
<i>Population (2000)</i>	26,873
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Terry Shaw (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Kenneth Prince (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Rebecca J. Griffin (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Janice Foster (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Deloris H. Hasty (R)



Ogemaw County

The county was named in honor of the Ogemaw tribe of Native Americans.

<i>Organized</i>	1875
<i>County Seat</i>	West Branch 48661
<i>Population (2000)</i>	21,645
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Darris Richards (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Howie Hanft (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Gary R. Klacking (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Wanda Muzik (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Maggie Robinson (R)



Ontonagon County

This is a derivation of the Native American word *Nondon-organ* meaning "hunting river."

<i>Organized</i>	1846; reorganized in 1848; legalized by legislature in 1853
<i>County Seat</i>	Ontonagon 49953
<i>Population (2000)</i>	7,818
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	James R. Jessup (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	John E. Grauer (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Judith D. Roehm (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Judith D. Roehm (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Diana J. Killoran (D)



Osceola County

Chief Osceola, a Seminole Native American, was honored in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1869
<i>County Seat</i>	Reed City 49677
<i>Population (2000)</i>	23,197
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Sandra Marvin (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	James Crawford (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Karen J. Bluhm (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Nancy Crawford (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Carole Halladay (R)



Oscoda County

The name is supposedly a Native American word meaning "pebbly prairie."

<i>Organized</i>	1881
<i>County Seat</i>	Mio 48647
<i>Population (2000)</i>	9,418
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Barry L. Shantz (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Michael J. Larrison (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Patsy J. Peters (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Patsy J. Peters (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Charles R. Bohlinger (R)



Otsego County

The county was named for the Otsego tribe of Native Americans.

<i>Organized</i>	1875
<i>County Seat</i>	Gaylord 49735
<i>Population (2000)</i>	23,301
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Kevin Hesselink (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	James D. McBride (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Evelyn M. Pratt (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Evelyn M. Pratt (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Erma M. Backenstose (R)



Ottawa County

This county was named for the Native American tribe of the same name.

<i>Organized</i>	1837
<i>County Seat</i>	Grand Haven 49417
<i>Population (2000)</i>	238,314
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Ronald J. Frantz (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Gary A. Rosema (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Daniel C. Krueger (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Gary Scholten (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Mary Richardson (R)



Presque Isle County

This is a derivation of the French term, meaning “narrow peninsula.”

<i>Organized</i>	1871; reorganized in 1875
<i>County Seat</i>	Rogers City 49779
<i>Population (2000)</i>	14,411
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Donald J. McLennan (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Terry D. Flewelling (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Susan M. Rhode (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Janet M. Lamb (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Patricia J. Cornett (R)



Roscommon County

The name was taken from the county of the same name in Ireland.

<i>Organized</i>	1875
<i>County Seat</i>	Roscommon 48653
<i>Population (2000)</i>	25,469
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Thomas A. Swanson
<i>Sheriff</i>	Francis Staley (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Ann M. Bonk (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Ann M. Bonk (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Julie Dworzynski (R)



Saginaw County

Derived from the Native American words *Sac-e-nong* or *Sac-town* having reference to the story that a tribe of Sacs lived at the mouth of the river.

<i>Organized</i>	1835
<i>County Seat</i>	Saginaw 48602
<i>Population (2000)</i>	210,039
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Michael D. Thomas (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Charles L. Brown (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Susan Kaltenbach (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Mildred M. Dodak (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Marvin D. Hare (D)



St. Clair County

Named for General Arthur St. Clair, the first Governor of the Northwest Territory.

<i>Organized</i>	1821
<i>County Seat</i>	Port Huron 48060
<i>Population (2000)</i>	164,235
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Peter R. George (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	E. Dan Lane (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Marilyn Dunn (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Marilyn Dunn (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Maureen Ruff (R)



St. Joseph County

This county honored St. Joseph, the patron saint of New France.

<i>Organized</i>	1829
<i>County Seat</i>	Centreville 49032
<i>Population (2000)</i>	62,422
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Douglas K. Fisher (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Matt Lori (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Pattie S. Bender (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Cynthia L. Jarratt (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Janet L. Beals (R)



Sanilac County

County was named for Sanilac, a Native American chieftain.

<i>Organized</i>	1848
<i>County Seat</i>	Sandusky 48471
<i>Population (2000)</i>	44,547
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	James V. Young (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Virgil A. Strickler (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Linda I. Kozfkay (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Michele VanNorman (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Kathleen Dorman (R)



Schoolcraft County

The county was named for Henry R. Schoolcraft, who was a member of the Territorial Council of Michigan.

<i>Organized</i>	1846
<i>County Seat</i>	Manistique 49854
<i>Population (2000)</i>	8,903
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Peter J. Hollenbeck (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Gary L. Maddox (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Sigrid I. Doyle (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Sigrid I. Doyle (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Terri A. Evonich (D)



Shiawassee County

This Native American word meaning “river that twists about” supposedly refers to the stretch of the Shiawassee River.

<i>Organized</i>	1837
<i>County Seat</i>	Corunna 48817
<i>Population (2000)</i>	71,687
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Randy O. Colbry (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	R. Jon Wilson (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Lauri L. Braid (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	G. Kaye Grubba (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Thomas W. Dwyer (R)



Tuscola County

The name is Native American but the meaning is uncertain; may mean “level lands.”

<i>Organized</i>	1850
<i>County Seat</i>	Caro 48723
<i>Population (2000)</i>	58,266
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Mark E. Reene (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Thomas Kern (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Margie A. White-Cormier (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Virginia McLaren (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Patricia Donovan (D)



Van Buren County

Martin Van Buren, then Secretary of State and later President of the United States, was honored in the naming of this county.

<i>Organized</i>	1837
<i>County Seat</i>	Paw Paw 49079
<i>Population (2000)</i>	76,263
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Juris Kaps (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Dale R. Gribler (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Shirley K. Jackson (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Mark A. Smith (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Karen Makay (R)



Washtenaw County

The original word was *wash-ten-ong* meaning at or on the river.

<i>Organized</i>	1826; reorganized in 1829
<i>County Seat</i>	Ann Arbor 48107
<i>Population (2000)</i>	322,895
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Brian L. Mackie (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Daniel Minzey (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Peggy M. Haines (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Peggy M. Haines (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Catherine McClary (D)



Wayne County

The first county to be organized was named for General Anthony Wayne.

<i>Organized</i>	1815
<i>County Seat</i>	Detroit 48226
<i>Population (2000)</i>	2,061,162
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	Michael E. Duggan (D)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Warren C. Evans (D)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Cathy M. Garrett (D)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Bernard J. Youngblood (D)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Raymond J. Wojtowicz (D)



Wexford County

This county was named for County Wexford in Ireland.

<i>Organized</i>	1869
<i>County Seat</i>	Cadillac 49601
<i>Population (2000)</i>	30,484
<i>Prosecuting Attorney</i>	William Fagerman (R)
<i>Sheriff</i>	Gary A. Finstrom (R)
<i>County Clerk</i>	Elaine L. Richardson (R)
<i>Register of Deeds</i>	Lorie Sorensen (R)
<i>Treasurer</i>	Wendy Moore (R)