

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Second job availability:

Possible

Average cost of housing per week:

\$50-75

State's minimum wage:

\$8.15

Typical transportation:

Walk

MACKINAW CITY (MACKINAW CITY, PETOSKEY, TRAVERSE CITY)

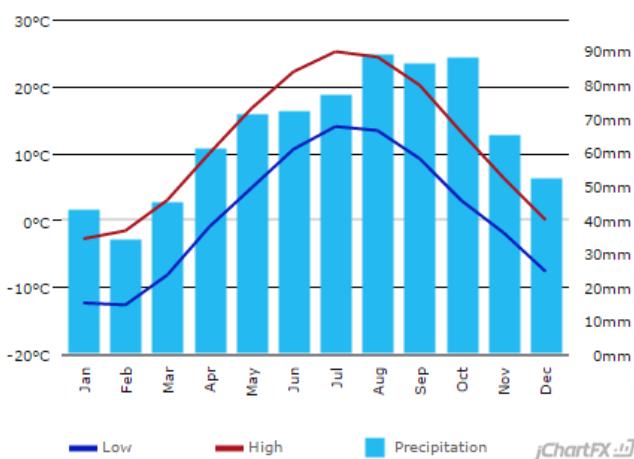
Traverse City has been voted one of the most charming places in the country! It was voted the "Most Beautiful Place in America" by Good Morning America viewers. The city is located on Lake Michigan with miles of beach and water access. In the summer, it's perfect weather for swimming, hiking and site seeing around the vibrant downtown. You'll find live music for every taste including jazz, classical, indie and rock at our local restaurants and watering holes!

Petoskey is nestled along Little Traverse Bay and is steeped in history and scenic beauty. Victorian architecture and the historic Gaslight Shopping District have held an appeal to visitors for generations. Harbor Springs is a charming community that offers and many shops, galleries and culinary delights. There is always something fun happening in this lakeside town.

Mackinaw City is a resort community located on the shores of the Straits of Mackinac at the tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. There are over 1.2 million visitors each year!

WEATHER

Cheboygan Climate Graph - Michigan Climate Chart



CITIES & AIRPORTS

Closest international airport: Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD)

Closest airport: Cherry Capital Airport in Traverse City, Michigan (TVC)

About 4.5 hours from Detroit, Michigan

About 6 hours from Chicago, Illinois

Traverse City is 66 miles to Petoskey, Petoskey is 35 miles to Mackinaw City

COMMUNITY GROUPS & RESOURCES

Traverse City and **Petoskey** do not have organized community groups, but employers are very hands-on and provide housing, bikes or transportation and cultural opportunities.

There are no organized groups in **Mackinaw City**, but employers there are working to host their first welcome orientation in summer 2015! Employers are hands-on and ensure students have access to bikes and cultural activities, and all employers provide housing.

THINGS TO DO & CULTURAL EVENTS

Traverse City- Outdoor recreation enthusiasts can choose from summer sports galore. And when you need a break from the great outdoors, you can take in a film at the restored State Theatre, tour a lighthouse, visit one of our many art galleries or take in a museum. Stroll through our vibrant downtown shopping district or venture into the shops, galleries and restaurants at the historic Grand Traverse Commons. You'll find live music for every taste including jazz, classical, indie and rock at our local restaurants and watering holes.

Petoskey- Visit indoor waterparks, local parks, vibrant downtown, historic sites, local shops and restaurants, stroll the beach by the lake, windsurfing, jet skiing, bike, hike trails

Mackinaw City- There is a welcome event with the Mackinaw City Visitors Bureau, local church has a bike loan program, discounted pass to local parks, beach (on a lake NOT ocean), free shuttle to the local Walk Mart, CIEE will host an event this summer, movie theater, zip line, shopping. Students can also take the ferry to Mackinac Island for a discounted ticket price. Shuttles take you to Petoskey where there are other things to do.

PROS & CONS

PRO: For all three cities, affordable housing that is provided by the employer, bike loan program, welcoming community, good opportunity for 40 hours/week and second jobs. Students are able to earn good money for the summer without a lot of added expenses. Mackinaw City employers provide weekly transportation to larger surrounding cities for shopping and cultural activities and there is a Greyhound Bus station that is centrally located. You can walk or bike around the city, very easy to get around. Traverse City has an awesome public bus system and in Petoskey, you can walk or bike all over town!

CON: Takes a few days to arrive if coming from Chicago or Detroit.

HOT TIPS

Employers in **Mackinaw City** are planning cultural outings and activities and providing transportation so that students can see more of the area.

Traverse City has an awesome downtown that is accessible by the public bus system. **Petoskey** has lots that is walking or biking distance and the employer plans monthly cultural trips at the students request.



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