



The EDC's mission is to be the conduit for collaboration in the pursuit of economic development and prosperity in Baraga County.

BARAGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The Baraga County Economic Development Corporation (BCEDC), a 501(c)(6) corporation, was reestablished in 2016 in response to community outcry for economic prosperity. Appointed by Baraga County Commissioners, the Board is comprised of a diverse group of active community leaders who understand the need to retain youth and support existing businesses, while actively working to create opportunities for new ones. These goals drive the BCEDC to fulfill its primary mission to promote collaboration for economic and workforce development within Baraga County as well as surrounding counties.

MEET THE BOARD

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HOW WE GOT HERE

Data has shown that the late 2000's recession affected Baraga County drastically compared to other parts of the state and nation with a total of 590 jobs lost over a three-year period. A target market analysis of Baraga County in 2016 showed a major need for housing in the county. This data led to the reestablishment of the organization and creation of task forces to address these issues.

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Your donation may be tax deductible under our 501c3 fund agreement.



SERVICES PROVIDED

- Business retention & expansion services
- Access to a variety of resources such as EMSI: Labor Market Analytics and Wage Studies
- ZoomProspector
 - See available buildings and/or sites
 - Access to current business data
 - Community demographics
 - List your properties, businesses or sites
- Data and research services
- Impact analysis
- Succession planning
- Attraction services
- Start-up services

COMMITTEES/TASK FORCES

- Infrastructure & Housing Task Force
- Branding & Marketing Task Force
- Talent Task Force
- Finance Committee
- Strategic Planning Committee



2018 BARAGA COUNTY DATA BOOKLET

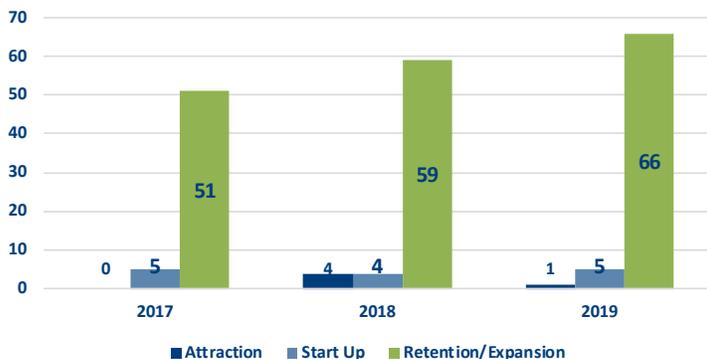
A Data Booklet is created annually to show a comprehensive objective assessment of data for Baraga County. Data is pulled from a number of sources including the U.S. Census Bureau, Department of Labor and Statistics and Economic Modeling Specialists (EMSI). The 2019 Data Booklet will be released in July.

BARAGA COUNTY METRICS

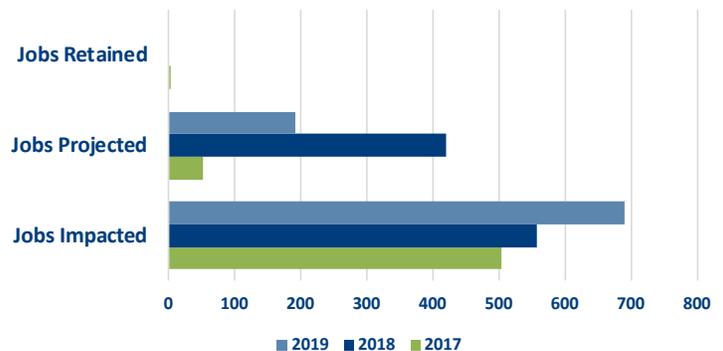
Total Clients - 72

A grant allowed the LSCP to work with the community in 2015 to do baseline retention and expansion visits with businesses in the area. The visits showed a need for help with hiring, succession planning and support for growing industries. In 2018 the EDC met with a total of 72 businesses throughout all industries and overall found that most were stable, but had similar areas of concerns.

Retention Visit Comparison



Jobs



GOALS FOR 2020

- Meet with 75 businesses
- Address employee base/hiring concerns, succession planning and access to incentives for expanding industries
- Collaborate with community leaders on housing, infrastructure, and talent issues and provide a plan to address them