NMU’s Contributions

Northern Michigan University’s great impact on Marquette’s economy has been chronicled on many occasions since the institution began its period of exceptional growth in 1950. The latest statement of the university’s economic contribution to the city appears in a newly-published brochure entitled “Northern Michigan University and Marquette: 70 Years of Progress.” The text of the brochure updates NMU’s role in the city’s economic well-being with a barrage of impressive statistics. For instance, the brochure notes that NMU is Marquette’s largest single employer and its largest “industry.” The university has approximately 1,500 employees, including 382 faculty members. Its annual payroll amounts to $9,305,670.

The university’s more than 7,500 students spend an estimated $1,200 each in the community, not including payments made by them to the university. This totals about $8,700,000.

NMU’s annual operating budget is more than $717,000.