



Cass County Statistical Data

DEMOGRAPHICS

Cass County has seen a **POPULATION INCREASE** of 32% between 1990 and 2007, adding 6,932 people for a 2007 population of 28,723.

	Population			2010 Population Projection	Change		2010 Projected Change
	1990	2000	2007		1990-2000	2000-07	
Cass	21,791	27,153	28,723	33,630	24.6%	5.8%	17.1%
Region	501,503	610,149	709,386	719,850	21.7%	16.3%	1.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Minnesota State Demographic Center, Metropolitan Council

- The county has a significantly **older than average population** with only 21.8 % of the population being under 18 years old and 18.3% being 65 or older.
- 13.9% of the population is **ethnically diverse**, compared to an average of 5.7% for the region and 14.1% for the state.
- As of 2000, 16.6% of the population had a **Bachelor's degree or higher** which is above average for the region (15%) but considerably lower than the state average (27.4%).
- **Mean travel time** to work is 21.9 minutes which is low for our region (25.9 average mean) and the same as the state mean.
- In 2004, **median household income** was \$38,906 which was significantly lower than the state median income (\$51,202) and the IF regional average median income (\$46,682).
- The 2004 **poverty rate** was high at 11.6% compared to the IF regional average of 8.4% and the state average of 8.1%.

	Persons under 18 years old, 2006	Persons 65 years old and over, 2006	Nonwhite Population Diversity, 2006	High school grads, age 25+, 2000	Bachelor's degree or higher, age 25+, 2000	Mean travel time to work (minutes), age 16+, 2000	Median household income, 2004	Persons below poverty, 2004
Cass	21.8%	18.3%	13.9%	83.9%	16.6%	21.9	\$38,906	11.6%
Region	23.8%	13.6%	5.7%	83.9%	15.0%	25.9	\$46,682	8.4%
Statewide	24.3%	12.1%	14.1%	87.9%	27.4%	21.9	\$51,202	8.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

The annual **UNEMPLOYMENT RATE** was 6.4% in 2006 and 8.6% in 2008, compared to an IF Region rate of 7.6% and a state average of 6.8%.

	2006	2007	2008	Difference 2006 - 2008
Cass	6.4%	7.1%	8.6%	2.2%
Region	5.5%	6.2%	7.6%	2.1%
Statewide	4.0%	4.6%	6.8%	2.8%

Source: MN Department of Employment and Economic Development

The **FORECLOSURE RATE** in 2005 was .28% compared to a 2008 rate of .97%. The 2008 county rate is lower than the statewide rate of 1.26%.

	Foreclosure Rates by 2005 Households				07-08 Change	Owner/Renter Occupied (2000)	
	2005	2006	2007	2008		% Owner	% Renter
Cass	0.28	0.66	0.77	0.97	0.20	86%	14%
Statewide	0.34	0.59	1.00	1.26	0.26	76%	24%

Source: Greater Minnesota Housing – Foreclosures in Minnesota: A Report Based on Sheriff's Sale Data

BUSINESS/INDUSTRY

As of 2006, Cass County had a total of 927 **EMPLOYER BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS** with a total of 6,705 employees and a payroll of \$152,517,000. The five top non-farm business sectors in the county as of 2006 were:

Industry	Total Payroll	Total Employees	Avg. Annual Wage	# of Establishments
Accommodations & Food Services	\$36,706,000	1,999	\$18,362	141
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$23,937,000	1,160	\$20,635	74
Retail Trade	\$22,736,000	1,102	\$20,632	154
Construction	\$17,684,000	530	\$33,366	146
Finance & Insurance	\$10,089,000	317	\$31,826	32

Source: U.S. Census Bureau – 2006 Business Patterns

As of 2006, there were 2,852 **NON-EMPLOYER ESTABLISHMENTS** with gross annual receipts of \$114,664,000.

	# of Non-employers Establishments			Receipts (\$1,000)
	2001	2006	Difference	2006
Cass	2,217	2,852	635	\$114,664
Region	44,097	54,251	10,154	\$2,181,839
Statewide	324,967	376,864	51,897	\$15,332,265

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Between 2004 and 2005 there were 8 more **BUSINESS BIRTHS THAN DEATHS** and about equal numbers of business expansions and contractions.

	Births	Deaths	Difference	Expansions	Contractions	Difference	Constants
Cass	81	73	8	191	190	1	288
Region	3,267	2,764	503	8,092	7,833	259	10,423
Statewide	13,655	12,122	1,533	35,033	34,465	568	46,749

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 1989-2005 Business Information Tracking Series

From 2002 to 2007 the number of **FARMS** had decreased by 12.8% as the amount of total acreage had also decreased by 14.2%. The value of production had increased by 48.9% compared to an increase in the IF region of 43.4% and a 53.7% increase in the state.

	Number of Farms			Land in Farms			Average Size of Farm			Market Value of Production (Per \$1,000)		
	2002	2007	Change	2002	2007	Change	2002	2007	Change	2002	2007	Change
Cass	646	563	-12.8%	197,153	169,160	-14.2%	305	300	-1.6%	14,326	25,631	78.9%
Region	17,061	16,158	-5.3%	3,400,028	3,233,912	-4.9%	198	200	1.1%	1,034,064	1,483,172	43.4%
Statewide	80,839	80,992	0.2%	27,512,270	26,917,962	-2.2%	340	332	-2.4%	8,575,627	13,180,466	53.7%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

BUILDING PERMIT comparisons between 2007 and 2008 show a drop from 330 to 199 (39.7%) in total permits and a value decrease from \$56,536,052 to \$33,701,423 (40.4%).

	Buildings					Construction Cost				
	2004	2007	2008	Diff. 07-08	Percent	2004	2007	2008	Diff. 07-08	Percent
Cass	381	330	199	(131)	-39.7%	53,252,365	56,536,041	33,701,423	(22,834,618)	-40.4%
Region	8,800	3,537	1,764	(1,773)	-50.1%	1,330,981,976	593,446,384	299,589,612	(293,856,772)	-49.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - Annual New Privately-Owned Residential Building Permits

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