



Metro Ring Sub-region Statistical Data

DEMOGRAPHIC

The Metro Ring sub-region, which encompasses **Chisago, Isanti, Sherburne and Wright** Counties, has seen a **POPULATION INCREASE** of 75% between 1990 and 2007 adding 125,611 people for a 2007 population of 292,708. The population is projected to drop by 3.1% by 2010, the only Sub-region expected to actually drop in population.

| | Population | | | 2010 Population Projection | Change | | 2010 Projected Change |
|------------|------------|---------|---------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|
| | 1990 | 2000 | 2007 | | 1990-2000 | 2000-07 | |
| Chisago | 30,521 | 41,101 | 50,128 | 51,640 | 34.7% | 22.0% | 3.0% |
| Isanti | 25,921 | 31,287 | 38,921 | 35,930 | 20.7% | 24.4% | -7.7% |
| Sherburne | 41,945 | 64,415 | 86,287 | 86,350 | 53.6% | 34.0% | 0.1% |
| Wright | 68,710 | 89,993 | 117,372 | 109,710 | 31.0% | 30.4% | -6.5% |
| Sub-region | 167,097 | 226,796 | 292,708 | 283,630 | 35.7% | 29.1% | -3.1% |
| 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 area has a **significantly younger than average** population with 25.9 % of the population under 18 years old and only 8.8% being 65 or older.
- The population is 5.1% **ethnically diverse** compared to an average for our region of 5.7%.
- As of 2000, 16.8% 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%).
- Average **mean travel time** to work is 30.9 minutes which is high for our region (25.9 average mean) and much higher than the state mean which is 21.9.
- The 2004 **Median Household Income** was \$61,205 which was significantly higher than the state median income (\$51,202) and the IF regional average median income (\$46,682).
- The 2004 **poverty rate** was low at 5.4% 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 graduates, 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 |
|------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Chisago | 25.8% | 9.5% | 5.5% | 88.7% | 15.3% | 31.9 | \$61,376 | 5.5% |
| Isanti | 23.4% | 10.1% | 4.0% | 86.6% | 14.5% | 32.6 | \$55,345 | 6.3% |
| Sherburne | 26.8% | 7.1% | 5.7% | 89.9% | 19.4% | 29.9 | \$64,650 | 4.7% |
| Wright | 27.6% | 8.4% | 5.2% | 88.1% | 17.9% | 29.1 | \$63,448 | 5.1% |
| Sub-region | 25.9% | 8.8% | 5.1% | 88.3% | 16.8% | 30.9 | \$61,205 | 5.4% |
| Region | 23.8% | 13.6% | 5.7% | 83.9% | 15.0% | 25.9 | \$46,682 | 8.4% |
| State | 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 6.6% in 2008 compared to the IF region at 7.6% and the state average of 6.8% for the same period.

| | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | Difference 2006 - 2008 |
|------------|------|------|------|------------------------|
| Chisago | 4.9% | 5.8% | 6.9% | 2.0% |
| Isanti | 4.9% | 6.0% | 7.0% | 2.1% |
| Sherburne | 4.3% | 5.0% | 6.3% | 2.0% |
| Wright | 4.3% | 5.1% | 6.3% | 2.0% |
| Sub-region | 4.6% | 5.5% | 6.6% | 2.0% |
| 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 0.65% compared to a 2008 rate of 2.59%. Rates for Minnesota as a whole in 2008 were 1.26%. The Metro Ring sub-region has the highest rates in the IF region and some of the highest rates in the state.

| | Foreclosure Rates by 2005 Households | | | | 07-08 Change | Owner/Renter Occupied (2000) | |
|------------|--------------------------------------|------|------|------|--------------|------------------------------|----------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | | % Owner | % Renter |
| Chisago | 0.62 | 0.99 | 1.77 | 2.07 | 0.30 | 87% | 13% |
| Isanti | 0.58 | 1.41 | 2.32 | 3.27 | 0.95 | 85% | 15% |
| Sherburne | 0.75 | 1.22 | 2.41 | 2.65 | 0.24 | 84% | 16% |
| Wright | -- | 0.77 | 1.89 | 2.35 | 0.46 | 84% | 16% |
| Sub Region | 0.65 | 1.10 | 2.10 | 2.59 | 0.49 | 85% | 15% |
| Region | 0.49 | 0.80 | 1.40 | 1.64 | 0.23 | 81% | 19% |
| 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 there were 7,057 **EMPLOYER BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS** with a total of 69,755 employees and a payroll of \$2,064,271,000. The seven top non-farm business sectors in the Metro Ring sub-region as of 2006 were:

| Industry | Total Payroll | Total Employees | Avg. Annual Wage | # of Establishments |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Manufacturing | \$459,491,000 | 11,253 | \$40,833 | 484 |
| Health Care & Social Assistance | \$382,517,000 | 12,897 | \$29,659 | 507 |
| Construction | \$319,709,000 | 6,576 | \$48,618 | 1,606 |
| Retail Trade | \$270,985,000 | 13,452 | \$20,145 | 938 |
| Wholesale Trade | \$99,734,000 | 2,185 | \$45,645 | 233 |
| Finance & Insurance | \$84,634,000 | 2,222 | \$38,089 | 345 |
| Professional & Technical Services | \$83,901,000 | 2,212 | \$37,930 | 527 |

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

There were 23,100 **NON-EMPLOYER ESTABLISHMENTS** as of 2006 with gross annual receipts of \$892,361,000.

| | # of Non-employers Establishments | | | Receipts (\$1,000) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------|------------|--------------------|
| | 2001 | 2006 | Difference | 2006 |
| Chisago | 3,577 | 4,241 | 664 | \$155,609 |
| Isanti | 2,247 | 2,845 | 598 | \$109,459 |
| Sherburne | 4,570 | 6,610 | 2,040 | \$252,420 |
| Wright | 6,810 | 9,404 | 2,594 | \$374,873 |
| Sub-region | 17,204 | 23,100 | 5,896 | \$892,361 |
| 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 747 **BUSINESS BIRTHS** and 605 **BUSINESS DEATHS** for a net gain of 142 businesses. There were about 5% more business expansions than contractions.

| | Births | Deaths | Difference | Expansions | Contractions | Difference | Constants |
|------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| Chisago | 130 | 115 | 15 | 274 | 255 | 19 | 374 |
| Isanti | 109 | 78 | 31 | 181 | 183 | (2) | 248 |
| Sherburne | 207 | 162 | 45 | 389 | 384 | 5 | 492 |
| Wright | 301 | 250 | 51 | 692 | 639 | 53 | 851 |
| Sub-region | 747 | 605 | 142 | 1,536 | 1,461 | 75 | 1,965 |
| 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: 1989-2005 Business Information Tracking Series - <http://www.census.gov/epcd/subs/introusb.htm> and <http://www.census.gov/csd/subs/defterm.html>

From 2002 to 2007 the number of **FARMS** decreased by 8.6% and the amount of total acreage decreased by 5.3%. The value of production increased by 34.2% compared to 43.4% increase in IF regional crop values as a whole and a 53.7% increase in crop values statewide.

| | 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 |
| Chisago | 943 | 867 | -8.1% | 116,948 | 115,280 | -1.4% | 124 | 133 | 7.3% | 28,749 | 33,412 | 16.2% |
| Isanti | 952 | 910 | -4.4% | 138,608 | 126,202 | -9.0% | 146 | 139 | -4.8% | 25,597 | 27,114 | 5.9% |
| Sherburne | 677 | 549 | -18.9% | 125,798 | 106,127 | -15.6% | 186 | 193 | 3.8% | 48,538 | 63,939 | 31.7% |
| Wright | 1,646 | 1,531 | -7.0% | 265,605 | 265,376 | -0.1% | 161 | 173 | 7.5% | 94,174 | 140,058 | 48.7% |
| Sub-region | 4,218 | 3,857 | -8.6% | 646,959 | 612,985 | -5.3% | 154 | 160 | 3.4% | 197,058 | 264,523 | 34.2% |
| 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 2004 and 2008 show a drop from 4,721 to 544 (88.5%) in total permits and a value decrease from \$742,326,786 to \$99,168,677 (86.6%).

| County | Buildings | | | | | Construction Cost | | | | |
|------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------|
| | 2004 | 2007 | 2008 | Diff. 07-08 | Percent | 2004 | 2007 | 2008 | Diff. 07-08 | Percent |
| Chisago | 491 | 143 | 53 | (90) | -62.9% | 70,714,299 | 23,164,509 | 9,176,246 | (13,988,263) | -60.4% |
| Isanti | 609 | 171 | 31 | (140) | -81.9% | 92,265,715 | 24,645,077 | 4,736,954 | (19,908,123) | -80.8% |
| Sherburne | 1,503 | 333 | 108 | (225) | -67.6% | 234,554,568 | 57,236,403 | 18,572,813 | (38,663,590) | -67.6% |
| Wright | 2,118 | 779 | 352 | (427) | -54.8% | 344,792,204 | 143,777,034 | 66,682,664 | (77,094,370) | -53.6% |
| Sub Region | 4,721 | 1,426 | 544 | (882) | -61.9% | 742,326,786 | 248,823,023 | 99,168,677 | (149,654,346) | -60.1% |
| 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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