



Stearns County Statistical Data

DEMOGRAPHICS

Stearns County has seen a **POPULATION INCREASE** of 22% between 1990 and 2007 adding 26,727 people for a 2007 population of 146,051.

County	Population			2010 Population Projection	Change		2010 Projected Change
	1990	2000	2007		1990-2000	2000-07	
Stearns	119,324	133,167	146,051	148,450	11.6%	9.7%	1.6%
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 slightly **younger than average population** for our region with 23% being under 18 and 11.7% being 65 or older.
- 6.3% of the population is **ethnically diverse**, compared to a regional average of 5.7% and the state at 14.1%.
- As of 2000, 22% of the population had a **Bachelor's degree or higher** which is well above average for the region (15%) but lower than the state average (27.4%).
- **Mean travel time** to work was 19.3 minutes which is below average in our region (25.9 average mean) and lower than the state mean of 21.9.
- 2004 **median household income** was \$47,032 which is lower than the state median income (\$51,202) and slightly higher than the IF regional average (\$46,682).
- The 2004 **poverty rate** was slightly higher than average in the region at 8.7% 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
Stearns	23.0%	11.7%	6.3%	86.2%	22.0%	19.3	\$47,032	8.7%
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 4.0% in 2006 and 5.6% in 2008, compared to an IF Region rate of 7.6% and a state average of 6.8%.

	2006	2007	2008	Difference 2006 - 2008
Stearns	4.0%	4.5%	5.6%	1.6%
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 0.26% compared to a 2008 rate of 0.77%. The 2008 Stearns 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
Stearns	0.26	0.41	0.71	0.77	0.06	70%	30%
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 a total of 4,475 **EMPLOYER BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS** with a total of 77,587 employees and a payroll of \$2,481,801,000. The five top non-farm business sectors in the county as of 2006 were:

Industry	Total Payroll	Total Employees	Avg. Annual Wage	# of Establishments
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$537,412,000	11,870	\$45,275	399
Manufacturing	\$504,392,000	13,097	\$38,512	269
Construction	\$240,343,000	5,200	\$46,220	631
Retail Trade	\$232,048,000	11,294	\$20,546	716
Wholesale Trade	\$168,352,000	4,120	\$40,862	186

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

In 2006 there were 9,937 **NON-EMPLOYER ESTABLISHMENTS** in Stearns County with receipts of \$433 million.

	# of Non-employers Establishments			Receipts (\$1,000)
	2001	2006	Difference	2006
Stearns	8,430	9,937	1,507	\$433,274
Region	44,097	54,251	10,154	\$2,181,839
State	324,967	376,864	51,897	\$15,332,265

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

	Births	Deaths	Difference	Expansions	Contractions	Difference	Constants
Stearns	383	289	94	1,136	1,036	100	1,370
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/susb/introusb.htm> and <http://www.census.gov/csd/susb/defterm.html>

From 2002 to 2007 the number of **FARMS** had increased by 6.9% as the amount of total acreage had also increased by 4.0%. The value of production had increased by 51.1% 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
Stearns	3,152	3,368	6.9%	681,350	708,284	4.0%	216	210	-2.8%	343,660	519,433	51.1%
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 602 to 318 (47.2%) in total permits and a value of construction decrease from \$103,133,418 to 55,945,029 (45.8%).

	Buildings					Construction Cost				
	2004	2007	2008	Diff. 07-08	Percent	2004	2007	2008	Diff. 07-08	Percent
Stearns	1,278	602	318	(284)	-47.2%	193,633,133	103,133,418	55,945,029	(47,188,389)	-45.8%
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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