



Wright County Statistical Data

DEMOGRAPHICS

Wright County has seen a **POPULATION INCREASE** of 70.8% between 1990 and 2007, adding 48,662 people for a 2007 population of 117,372. The population is projected to shrink by 6.5% by 2010.

County	Population			2010 Population Projection	Change		2010 Projected Change
	1990	2000	2007		1990-2000	2000-07	
Wright	68,710	89,993	117,372	109,710	31.0%	30.4%	-6.5%
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 much **younger than average population** with 27.6% being under 18 and only 8.4% at 65 or older.
- 5.2% of the population is **ethnically diverse**, compared to an average of 5.7% for the region.
- As of 2000, 17.9% of the population had a **Bachelor's degree or higher** which is above average for the region (15%) but lower than the state average (27.4%).
- **Mean travel time** to work was 29.1 minutes which is above average for our region (25.9 average mean) and much higher than the state mean of 21.9.
- In 2004, **median household income** was \$63,448 which is significantly higher than the state median income (\$51,202) and the IF regional average median income (\$46,682).
- The 2004 **poverty rate** was much lower than average in the region at 5.1% 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
Wright	27.6%	8.4%	5.2%	88.1%	17.9%	29.1	\$63,448	5.1%
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 4.3% in 2006 and 6.3% in 2008, compared to an IF Region rate of 7.6% and a state average of 6.8%.

	2006	2007	2008	Difference 2006 - 2008
Wright	4.3%	5.1%	6.3%	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 2007 was 1.89% compared to a 2008 rate of 2.35%. The 2008 Wright County rate is much higher 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	
Wright	--	0.77	1.89	2.35	0.46	84%	16%	
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 3,083 **EMPLOYER BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS** with a total of 31,418 employees and a payroll of \$947,137,000. The six top non-farm business sectors in the county as of 2006 were:

Industry	Total Payroll	Total Employees	Avg. Annual Wage	# of Establishments
Manufacturing	\$204,829,000	5,241	\$39,082	197
Construction	\$174,911,000	3,592	\$48,695	670
Retail Trade	\$130,489,000	6,440	\$20,262	470
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$118,617,000	4,133	\$28,700	202
Wholesale Trade	\$57,819,000	1,232	\$46,931	100

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

As of 2006, there were 9,404 **NON-EMPLOYER ESTABLISHMENTS** in Wright County with receipts of \$374.9 million.

	# of Non-employers Establishments			Receipts (\$1,000)
	2001	2006	Difference	2006
Wright	6,810	9,404	2,594	\$374,873
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

Between 2004 and 2005 there were 51 more **BUSINESS BIRTHS THAN DEATHS** and 53 more business expansions than contractions.

	Births	Deaths	Difference	Expansions	Contractions	Difference	Constants
Wright	301	250	51	692	639	53	851
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/deferterm.html>

From 2002 to 2007 the number of **FARMS** had decreased by 7.0% as the amount of total acreage had also decreased by 0.1%. The value of production had increased by 48.7% 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
Wright	1,646	1,531	-7.0%	265,605	265,376	-0.1%	161	173	7.5%	94,174	140,058	48.7%
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 779 to 352 in total permits (54.8%) and a value of construction change from \$143,777,034 to \$66,682,664 (53.6%).

	Buildings					Construction Cost				
	2004	2007	2008	Diff. 07-08	Percent	2004	2007	2008	Diff. 07-08	Percent
Wright	2,118	779	352	(427)	-54.8%	344,792,204	143,777,034	66,682,664	(77,094,370)	-53.6%
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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