

WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA COMMUNITIES ACTION, INC.

Community indicators are useful for analyzing a wide array of information and are often used to assess a community's quality of life. This page is a population profile of the West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. service area. This information is intended to give a better understanding of the geographic, demographic, and growth trends of the area and provide a basis to interpret the community indicators.

The charts on this page will show you the following:

Quick Facts: An introduction to the population and geographic data of the WCMCA service area including size, density, and the number of households.

40 Year Population: The 15 year historic population change and the projected 25 year population change as the percent difference from the 2005 population.

Age distribution: The age distribution of the WCMCA service area population relative to the population age distribution of Minnesota.

Race: The racial and ethnic breakdown of the WCMCA service area compared to the racial and ethnic breakdown of Minnesota.

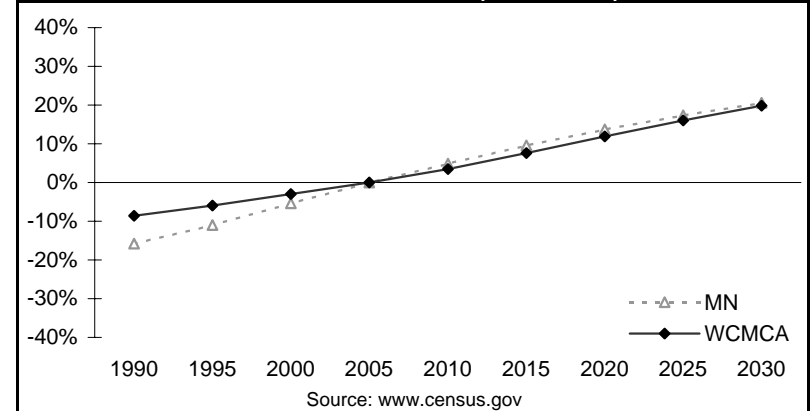
Population distribution: The distribution among counties in the service area.

POPULATION QUICK FACTS (2004)

	WCMCA	MN
Total Population	65,779	5,100,958
% of total MN population	1.3%	-
Land area (square miles)	2987	79,617
% of total MN area	3.8%	-
People per Square Mile	22	64
Households	27,049	2,007,587
2003-04 Household Change	up 1.2%	up 1.4%

Source: Minnesota Department of Health

40 YEAR POPULATION (1990 - 2030)

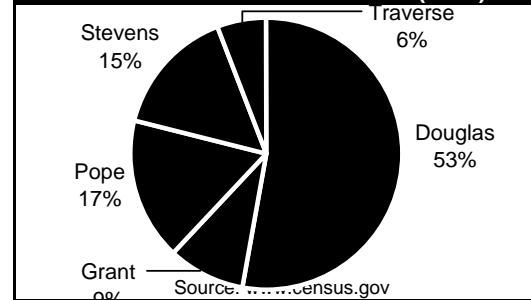


RACE (2004)

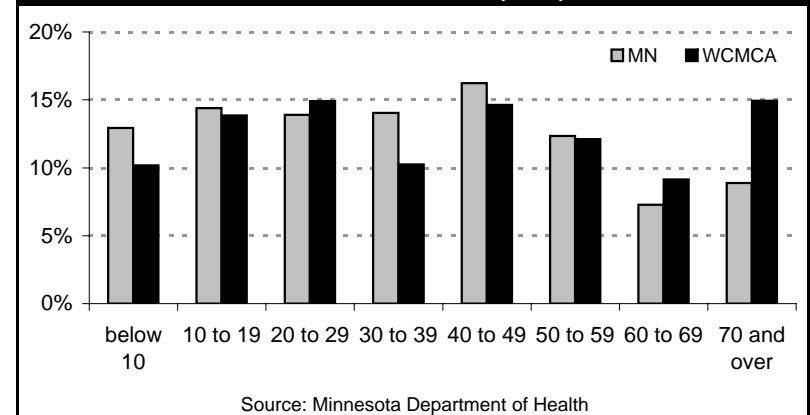
	WCMCA	MN
White	98.2%	89.9%
African American	0.4%	4.1%
American Indian	0.6%	1.2%
Asian American	0.5%	3.4%
Two or More Races	0.3%	1.4%
Hispanic/Latino	0.8%	3.4%

Source: Minnesota Department of Health

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION (2004)



AGE DISTRIBUTION (2004)



Reporting note: Data in this document are reported for the total West Central Minnesota CA service area (labeled WCMCA) when appropriate and possible. Otherwise, data are reported by individual county in the service area (labeled with county names). The service area includes Douglas, Grant, Pope, Stevens, and Traverse counties.

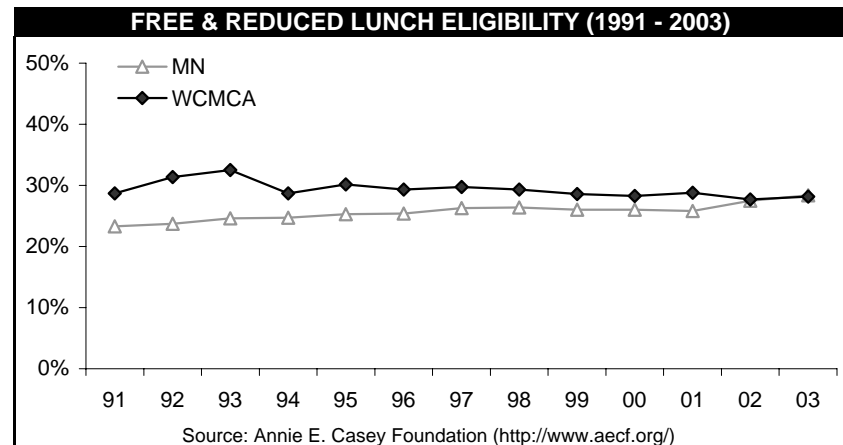
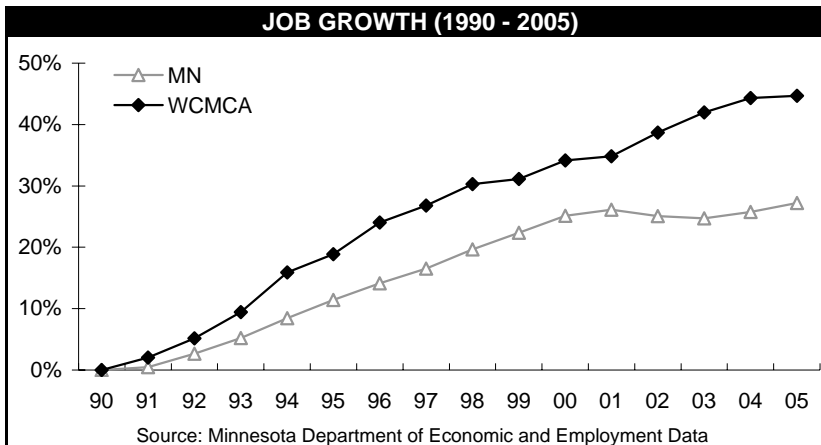
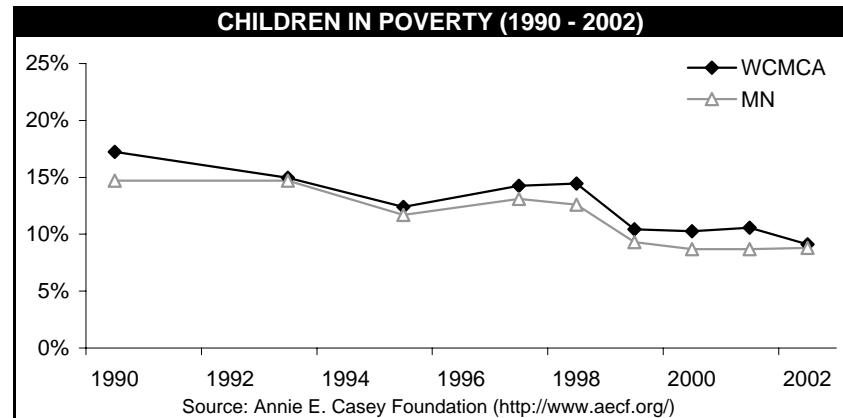
Here you will find economic data for the West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. service area. This information is intended to provide a basic understanding of the economic and employment needs of the WCMCA service area's citizens.

The charts on this page will show you the following:

- Quick Facts:** Basic economic facts of the service area including income, unemployment, and use of state benefits (food stamps, WIC, and MFIP).
- Children In Poverty:** An estimate of children living below the federal poverty level. Child poverty levels tend to be slightly higher than overall poverty levels. This measurement may under represent poverty levels. (See: Free and Reduced Lunch Eligibility)
- Free & Reduced Lunch Eligibility:** Children relying on public programs to supplement their nutritional needs. This may be a more accurate indicator than Federal poverty guidelines of the number of families experiencing poverty or struggling to meet basic needs.
- Job Growth:** The 15 year job growth as a percent of jobs in 1990. Reported as yearly average for all years except 2005 which is the third quarter average. Includes government jobs.

JOBS AND INCOME QUICK FACTS (2004)		
	WCMCA	MN
Income Per Capita (2003)	\$26,965	\$34,031
Number Unemployed	1,503	137,851
Unemployment Rate*	4.0%	4.7%
WIC Participants	3,117	207,555
% of Total Population	4.7%	4.1%
Households Using Food Stamps	1,155	118,337
% of Total Households	4.3%	5.9%
MFIP-MA Enrollment (under 19)	584	104,733
% of Population Under 19	3.7%	7.5%

Source: Minnesota Department of Health



Here you will find education and healthcare-related data for the West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. service area. This information is intended to provide a basic understanding of the level of education of residents in the WCMCA service area as well needs related to education and healthcare.

The charts on this page will show you the following:

Quick Facts: Basic enrollment information for schools, special education, and state subsidized healthcare (MNCARE & Medical Assistance).

Low Birth Weight: Infants weighing less than 2,500 grams at birth is an indicator of health problems for newborns and increased risk of long-term disabilities. Risk factors for low birthweight include smoking, low maternal weight gain, maternal or fetal stress, infections, and violence

Child Immunization: Kindergartners receiving all of the appropriate immunizations by age two. Immunizations can prevent disability and death from infectious diseases and can help control the spread of infections within communities.

Educational Attainment: The adult population-25 years or older-at each educational level. Education is correlated with community involvement, voter participation, and volunteerism.

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (1990 & 2000)		
1990	WCMCA	MN
Less Than 9th Grade	16.8%	8.6%
9th - 12th grade, No Diploma	8.5%	9.0%
High School Graduate or Equivalency	35.8%	33.0%
Some College, No Degree	15.1%	19.0%
Associate Degree	11.3%	8.6%
Bachelor's Degree	9.2%	15.6%
Graduate or Professional Degree	3.3%	6.3%
2000	WCMCA	MN
Less Than 9th Grade	8.6%	5.0%
9th - 12th grade, No Diploma	7.1%	7.0%
High School Graduate or Equivalency	34.0%	28.8%
Some College, No Degree	24.1%	24.0%
Associate Degree	9.6%	7.7%
Bachelor's Degree	12.0%	19.1%
Graduate or Professional Degree	4.7%	8.3%

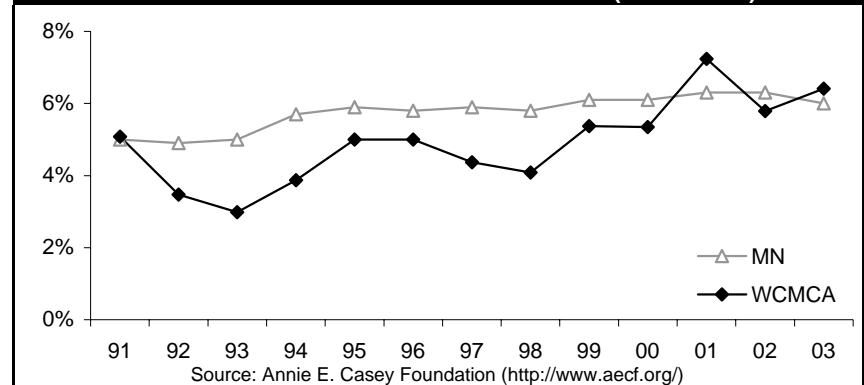
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SCHOOLS & HEALTH QUICK FACTS (2004)

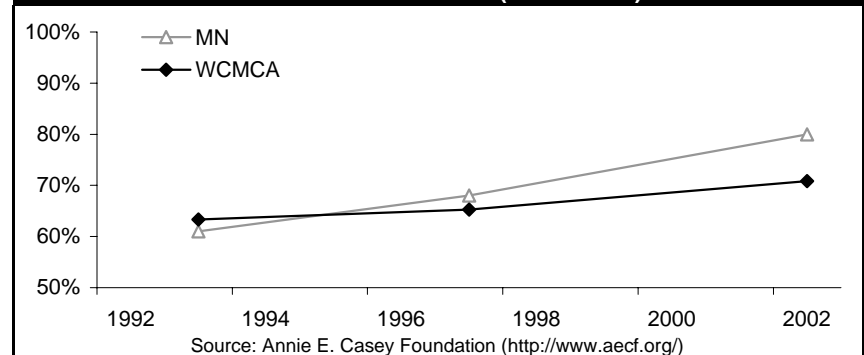
	WCMCA	MN
School Enrollment (K-12)	10,718	925,735
% of Total Population	16.3%	18.1%
Special Education Enrollment	1,711	118,449
% of School Enrollment	16.0%	12.8%
MNCARE Enrollment (under 19)	1,346	62,121
% of Population Under 19	8.5%	4.5%
Medical Assistance Enrollment	2,298	148,795
% of Population Under 19	14.5%	10.7%
People Without Health Insurance*	15.5%	13.0%

Source: Minnesota Department of Health
*Source: Annie E. Casey Foundation (<http://www.aecf.org/>)

CHILDREN BORN AT LOW BIRTH WEIGHT (1991 - 2003)



CHILD IMMUNIZATION (1993 - 2002)



Here you will find data on housing and housing affordability in the West Central Minnesota Communities Action, Inc. service area. This information is intended to provide a better understanding of how people in the WCMCA service area are housed and the level of financial burden represented by housing costs.

The tables on this page will show you the following:

Quick Facts: Basic facts about the housing stock including: housing units, vacancy, and distribution of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units.

Housing Burden: The distribution of households experiencing high and extreme burdens from housing costs. Housing burden is an indicator of the overall housing affordability in the community.

Housing by County: Median value of owner-occupied units and median owner cost are indicative of the cost of living and affordability for housing owners. (Owner cost includes monthly debt payments, insurance, taxes, utilities, and upkeep) Median gross rent and gross rent as a percent of income indicates cost of living and housing affordability for non-owners. Meals included with rent indicates aging or special needs populations which may have different housing and budgetary needs. Includes the rank of each county among the 87 Minnesota counties.

HOUSING QUICK FACTS (2000)		
	WCMCA	MN
Total Housing Units	31,892	2,065,946
Occupied Housing Units	25,791	1,895,127
Vacancy	19.1%	8.3%
Renter-Occupied Units	5,804	482,403
% of Total Occupied Housing Units	22.5%	25.5%
Owner-Occupied Units	19,987	1,412,724
% of Total Occupied Housing Units	77.5%	74.5%
Owner-Occupied Units Not Mortgaged	42.1%	25.8%

Source: www.census.gov/

HOUSING BURDEN* (2000)		
	WCMCA	MN
Renter-Occupied		
High Burden	12.9%	11.7%
Extreme Burden	14.4%	15.4%
Owner-Occupied (Mortgaged)		
High Burden	7.6%	7.6%
Extreme Burden	6.6%	5.5%
Owner-Occupied (Not Mortgaged)		
High Burden	3.0%	2.7%
Extreme Burden	3.2%	2.6%

*Note: High housing burden is paying between 35% and 50% of household income on housing, extreme housing burden is paying over 50%.

Source: www.census.gov/

HOUSING BY COUNTY WITH RANKING (2000)						
	Douglas	Grant	Pope	Stevens	Traverse	MN
Median Value of Owner-Occupied Units	\$101,500 22	\$59,400 75	\$79,900 47	\$71,400 56	\$41,100 87	\$122,400 -
Median Monthly Owner Cost (Mortgaged)	\$825 32	\$664 67	\$704 56	\$696 57	\$593 81	\$1,044 -
Median Monthly Owner Cost (Not Mortgaged)	\$247 31	\$232 50	\$230 55	\$247 31	\$230 55	\$271 -
Median Gross Rent (Renter-Occupied)	\$411 37	\$359 66	\$363 64	\$385 52	\$374 56	\$566 -
Gross Rent as a Percent of Household Income	25.5% 12	22.0% 63	23.2% 46	23.6% 40	25.6% 10	NA -
Percent of Units Including Meals in Rent	2.3% 41	0.0% 87	7.6% 4	2.9% 30	8.2% 3	2.3% -

Source: www.census.gov

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