

PROFILE OF FARIBAULT COUNTY

BRIEF HISTORY OF COUNTY

Faribault County was organized as one of Minnesota's territorial counties in 1856. The city of Blue Earth, with a population of 15, was named the temporary county seat by the legislature. That fall 82 residents in the county voted unanimously to leave the county seat in Blue Earth.

Over the years, the location of the county seat has been contested by other communities in the county. However, in 1890, the County Commissioners advertised for bids to build a new courthouse that would settle once and for all, the location of the county seat. The low bid for the project was \$42,120. By the time the building was finished in December 1892, the contractor had spent over \$70,000. The architect for the courthouse was C.A. Dunham of Burlington Iowa and the contractor was S.J. Hoban from St. Paul. The style of the courthouse is Richardsonian (Romanesque).

Source: County's website

QUICK FACTS OF COUNTY

Website: <http://www.co.faribault.mn.us/>

| Facts | Faribault County | Minnesota |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| Land area, 2010 (square miles) | 712.48* | 79,626.74* |
| Average Persons per square mile, 2010 | 20.4* | 66.6* |
| Number of Cities | 11** | 854*** |
| Number of Townships | 20** | 1,784*** |

Sources:

*U.S. Census Bureau: State and County Quick Facts, 2012)

**Number of Cities and Townships in Faribault County (Minnesota Department of Administration)

***Number of Townships in Minnesota (Minnesota Association of Townships)

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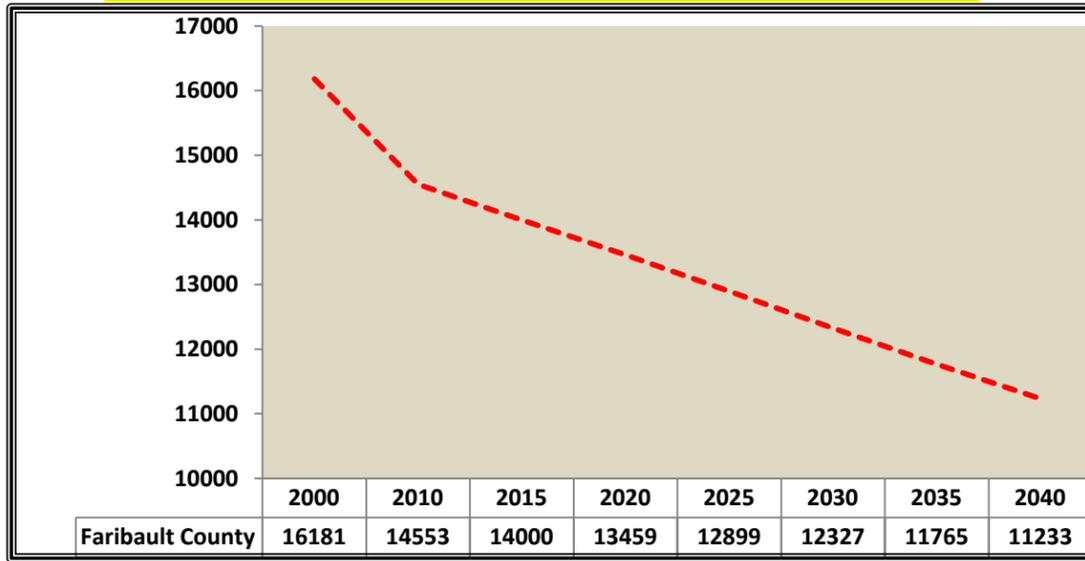
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POPULATION OF COUNTY

POPULATION TREND AND PROJECTIONS (2000-2040)



Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

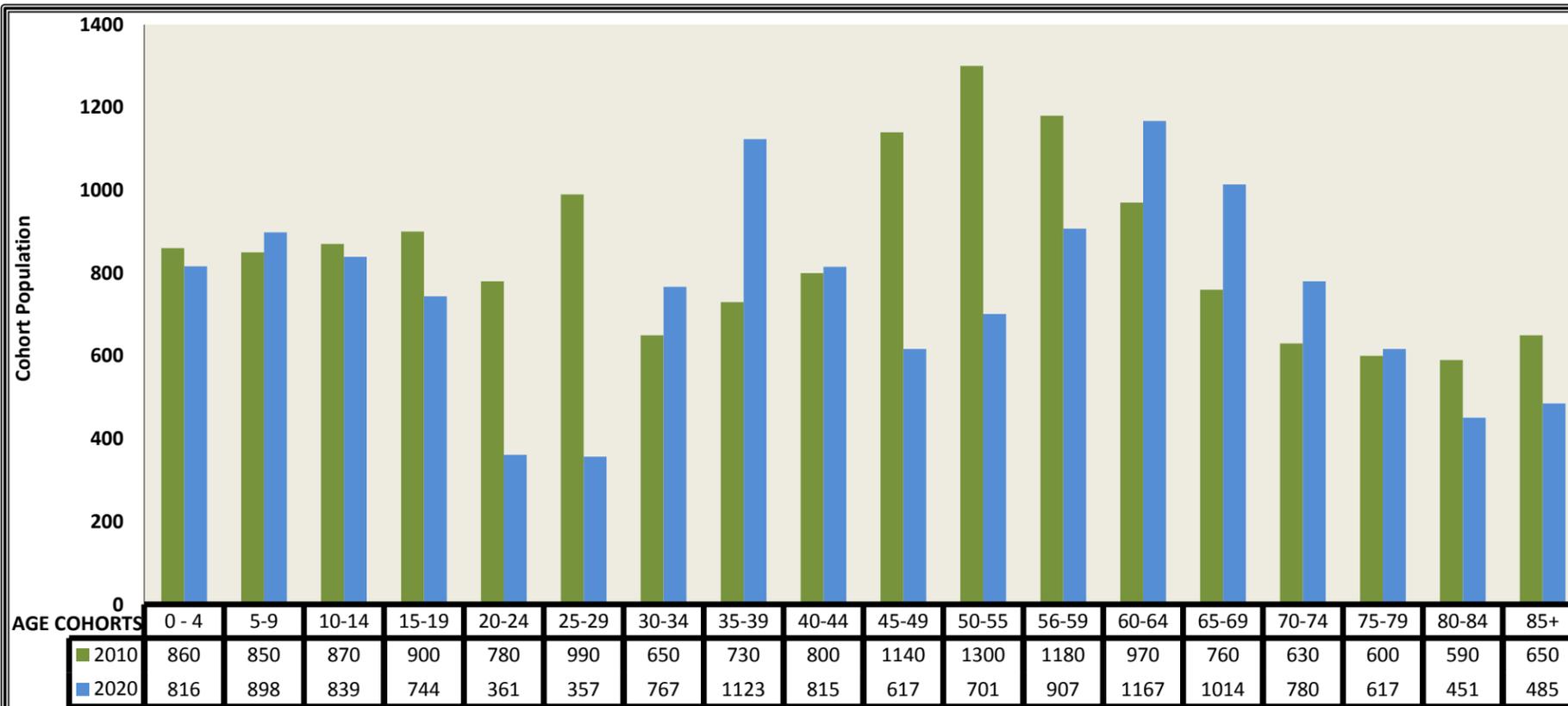
- ❖ The county's population is projected to decrease by a rate of between 4 – 4.6 per cent every five years from 2010 to 2040.
- ❖ By 2020, significant decreases of not less than 46% are expected for the following age cohorts: 20-24; 25-29; 45-49; and 50-55. This will affect the growth of the county's labor force population.
- ❖ The population of persons less than 19 years is expected to decrease by 5.3 per cent by 2020.
- ❖ Like other counties in the region, population over 65 years are expected to increase in 2020, meaning the need to consider housing and health facilities to accommodate the special needs of this population group.

POPULATION OF CITIES IN FARIBAULT COUNTY (2006-

| City | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Blue Earth | 3,463 | 3,440 | 3,395 | 3,345 | 3,353 | 3,348 |
| Bricelyn | 339 | 334 | 327 | 319 | 365 | 368 |
| Delavan | 182 | 180 | 176 | 171 | 179 | 177 |
| Easton | 199 | 192 | 188 | 183 | 199 | 199 |
| Elmore | 668 | 658 | 642 | 633 | 663 | 665 |
| Frost | 229 | 225 | 219 | 214 | 198 | 196 |
| Kiester | 502 | 499 | 485 | 478 | 501 | 499 |
| Minnesota Lake | 654 | 650 | 636 | 628 | 687 | 625 |
| Walters | 82 | 84 | 77 | 73 | 73 | 72 |
| Wells | 2,508 | 2,491 | 2,458 | 2,434 | 2,343 | 2,338 |
| Winnebago | 1,409 | 1,398 | 1,388 | 1,371 | 1,437 | 1,435 |

Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012

POPULATION PROJECTION BY AGE COHORTS (2010- 2020)



Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012

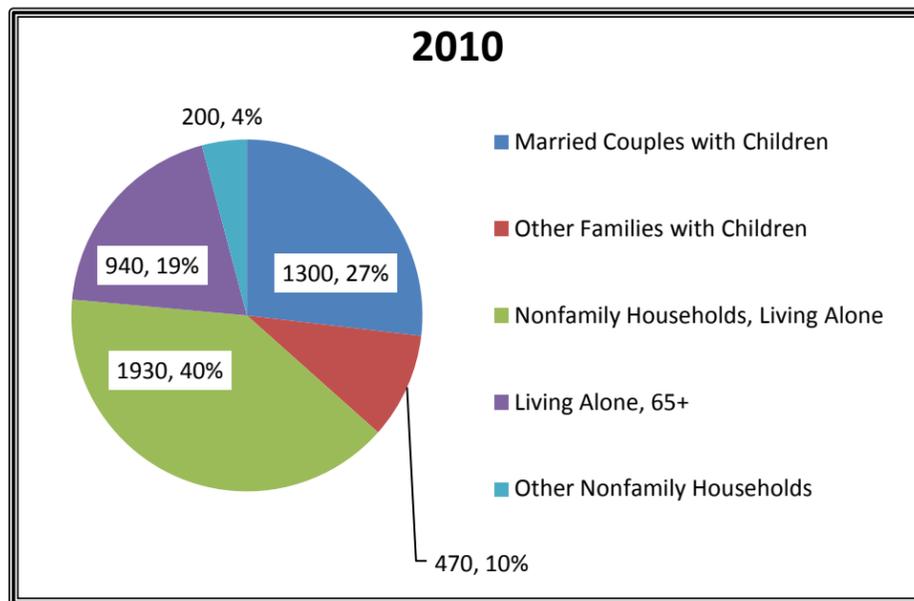
POPULATION OF TOWNSHIPS IN FARIBAULT COUNTY (2006- 2011)

| Township | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Barber | 262 | 262 | 249 | 245 | 248 | 245 |
| Blue Earth | 432 | 424 | 416 | 407 | 387 | 381 |
| Brush Creek | 237 | 230 | 223 | 219 | 225 | 223 |
| Clark | 306 | 303 | 292 | 287 | 169 | 165 |
| Delavan | 263 | 259 | 251 | 246 | 228 | 234 |
| Dunbar | 292 | 280 | 277 | 272 | 283 | 280 |
| Elmore | 202 | 195 | 189 | 186 | 181 | 179 |
| Emerald | 211 | 209 | 203 | 202 | 222 | 226 |
| Foster | 298 | 294 | 278 | 276 | 112 | 112 |
| Jo Daviess | 266 | 259 | 251 | 249 | 245 | 247 |
| Kiester | 304 | 298 | 293 | 288 | 260 | 257 |
| Lura | 205 | 204 | 197 | 194 | 163 | 158 |
| Minnesota Lake | 235 | 234 | 219 | 218 | 190 | 188 |
| Pilot Grove | 172 | 164 | 151 | 151 | 156 | 157 |
| Prescott | 206 | 205 | 198 | 192 | 163 | 158 |
| Rome | 156 | 154 | 147 | 144 | 143 | 140 |
| Seely | 206 | 198 | 189 | 183 | 193 | 193 |
| Verona | 359 | 352 | 338 | 332 | 364 | 363 |
| Walnut Lake | 237 | 229 | 217 | 213 | 214 | 210 |
| Winnebago | 225 | 224 | 215 | 209 | 240 | 239 |

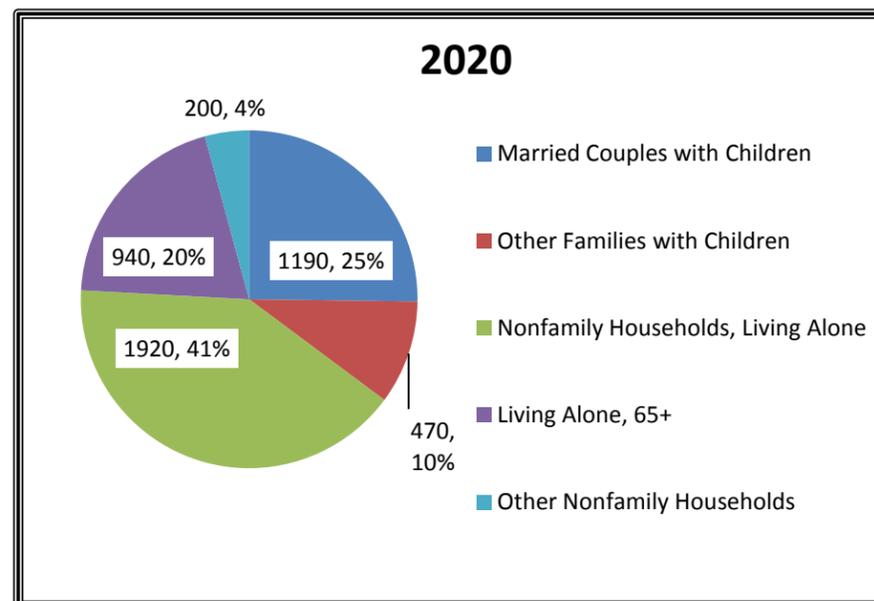
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SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

PROJECTION OF COUNTY'S HOUSEHOLD TYPES (2010- 2020)



Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Although there will be no significant change in the number of “Non-family households living alone” the 8.5 per cent reduction in “Married Couples with Children” in 2020 may imply a potential increase in demand for single family housing in Faribault County.
- ❖ With the exception of the White, Asian, and Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander ethnic groups, the number of all other ethnic groups has decreased significantly in 2011. In all, the percentage composition of minority ethnic groups (all except “white alone”) in the county’s population has decreased from 6.7 per cent (in 2000) to 2.8 per cent (in 2011).
- ❖ Less than half of the county’s 25+ population can be categorized as highly skilled labor force based on their education attainment (i.e. having attained more than high school degree).

ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF COUNTY'S POPULATION (2000 – 2011)

| Ethnic Group | 2000 | 2005-2009 | 2010 | 2011 |
|--|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| White alone | 13,692 | 13,846 | 13,875 | 15,402 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 742 | 700 | 707 | 566 |
| Asian alone | 32 | 32 | 46 | 57 |
| Black or African American alone | 72 | 29 | 21 | 39 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone | 44 | 40 | 49 | 29 |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Some Other Race alone | 5 | 10 | 11 | 1 |
| Two or more races | 103 | 162 | 125 | 81 |

Data Source: US Census Bureau, 2012

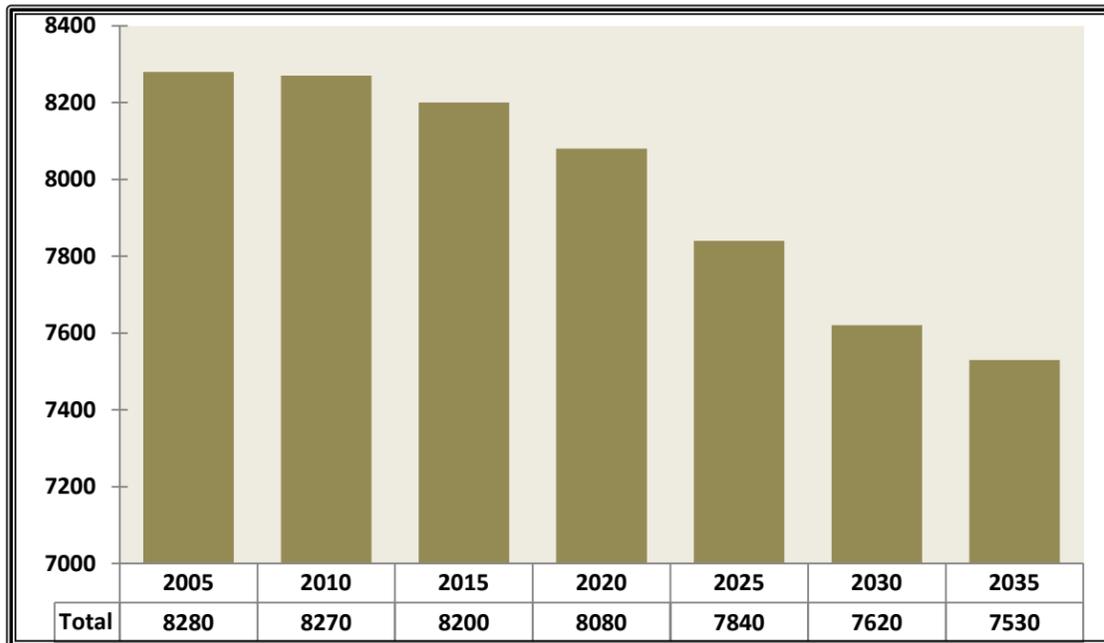
EDUCATION ATTAINMENT (2012)

| | TOTAL | % |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------|
| Population Age 25+ | 10,093 | |
| < Grade 9 | 521 | 5.16 |
| Grade 9-12 | 597 | 5.91 |
| High School | 4,096 | 40.58 |
| Some College | 2,329 | 23.08 |
| Assoc Degree | 1,014 | 10.05 |
| Bach Degree | 1,200 | 11.89 |
| Grad Degree | 336 | 3.33 |

Data Source: MN Department of Employment and Economic Development (MN DEED),

COUNTY'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

COUNTY'S LABOR FORCE OUTLOOK (2005-2035)

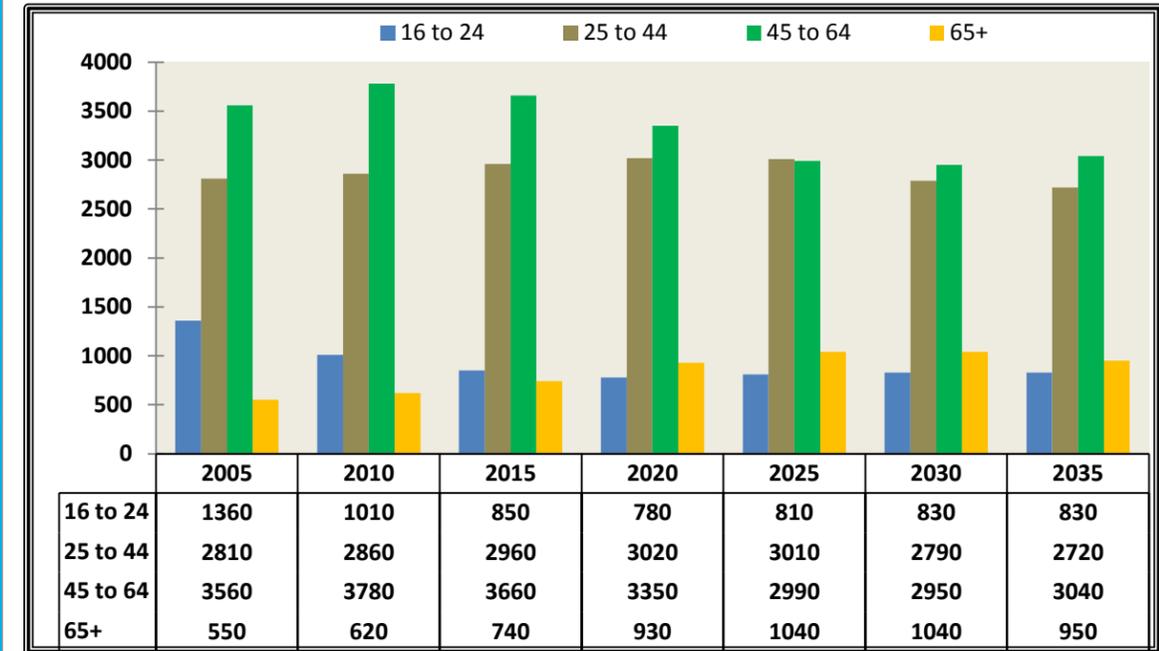


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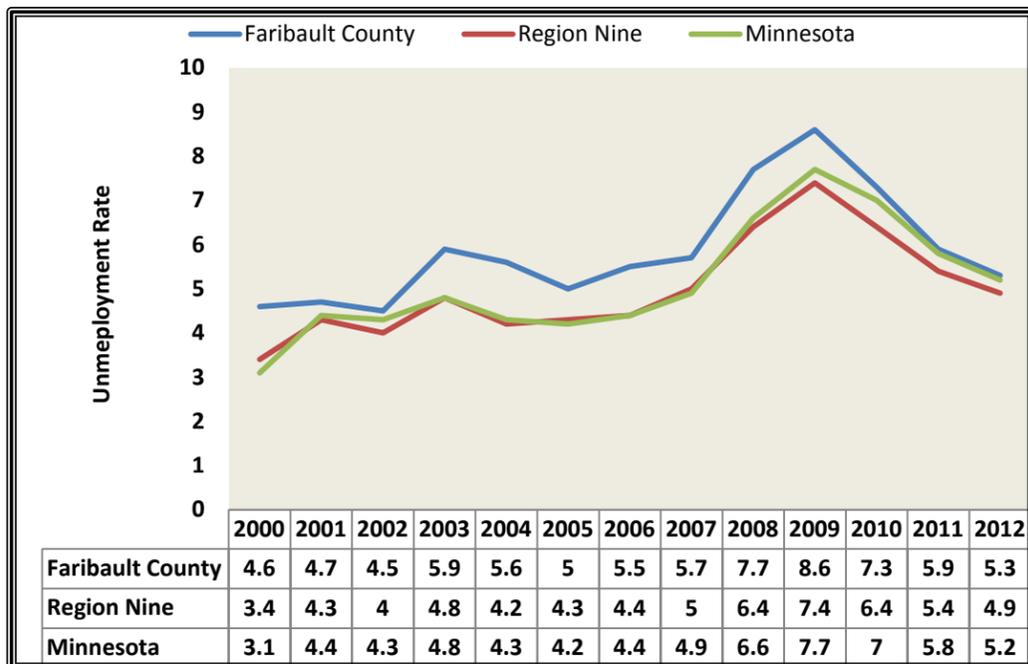
- ❖ As earlier indicated at population section, the county's labor force population in 2020 is expected to decrease due to the significant decreases projected for the 20-24; 25-29; 45-49; and 50-55 age cohorts.
- ❖ The unemployment rate for the county has always been higher than that of the region and state.
- ❖ Except 2008, 2009 and 2011, the county's per capita income has been always lower than the state since 2000. In 2011, an individual earned about 5% more of what is averagely earned by a person statewide.

COUNTY'S LABOR FORCE OUTLOOK BY AGE COHORTS (2005-2035)



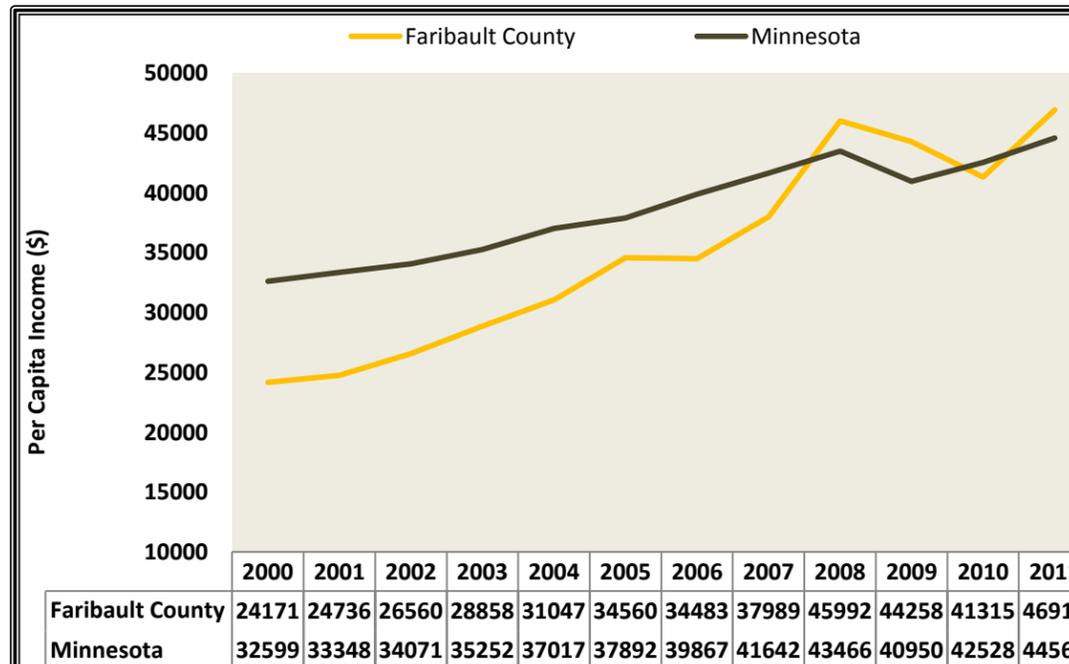
Data Source: MN DEED, 2012

COMPARING UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR FARIBAULT COUNTY, REGION NINE AND STATE (2000 – 2012)



Data Source: MN DEED, 2012

TREND IN COUNTY'S PER CAPITA INCOME (2000-2011)

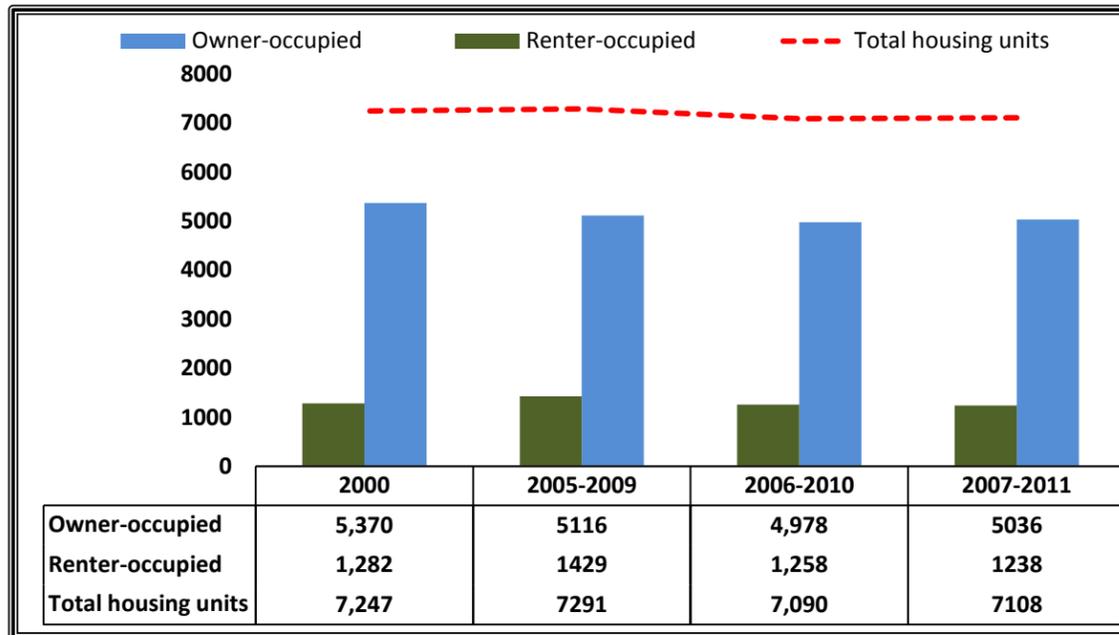


Data Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2012

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COUNTY'S HOUSING PROFILE

HOUSING UNITS: TOTAL, OWNER AND RENTER UNITS (2000-2011)

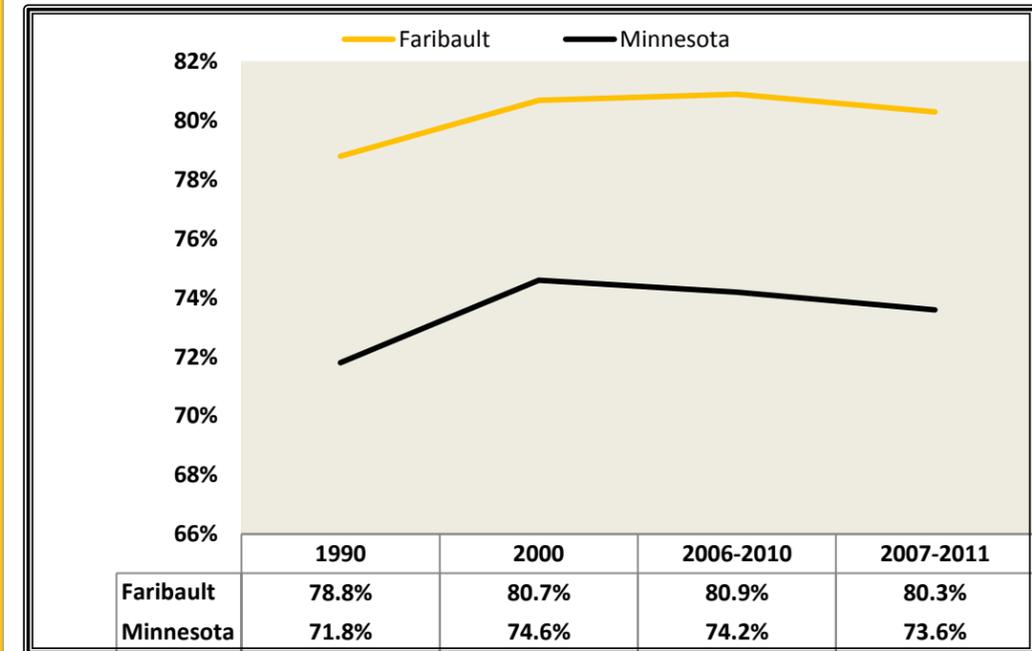


Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ The County experienced a 2 per cent decrease in housing units in 2011 (compared with the number of housing units in 2000).
- ❖ Although owner-occupied housing units increased in 2011, the County's homeownership rate -which is always higher than the State since the 1990s- decreased by 0.06 per cent in 2011.
- ❖ Annually, rent cost per household represents 38 per cent of the total housing cost paid by a homeowner.

TREND IN COUNTY'S HOMEOWNERSHIP RATE



Data Source: Compiled from Decennial Census and U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey

OTHER HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS (2000-2011)

| Characteristics | 2000 | 2005-2009 | 2006-2010 | 2007-2011 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Occupied housing units | 6,652 | 6,545 | 6,236 | 6,274 |
| Vacant housing units | 595 | 746 | 854 | 834 |
| Population in owner-occupied housing units | 13,152 | 11,657 | 11,666 | 11,803 |
| Population in renter-occupied housing units | 2,579 | 2,769 | 2,551 | 2,461 |
| Homeowner vacancy rate (percent) | 2.1 | | 3 | 3.5 |
| Rental vacancy rate (percent) | 9.1 | | 11.7 | 6.5 |
| Average household size of owner-occupied units | 2.45 | 2.28 | 2.34 | 2.34 |
| Average household size of renter-occupied units | 2.01 | 1.94 | 2.03 | 1.99 |

Data Source: US Census Bureau, 2012

HOUSING EXPENDITURE FOR FARIBAULT COUNTY (2012)

| | \$ PER HOUSEHOLD | TOTAL \$000'S |
|------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Mortgage Interest | \$3,273 | \$20,146 |
| Property Taxes | \$1,470 | \$9,049 |
| Miscellaneous Owned Dwelling Costs | \$1,150 | \$7,080 |
| Rental Costs | \$2,238 | \$13,778 |
| Other Lodging | \$445 | \$2,743 |

Data Source: MN DEED, 2012(mnprospector.com)