

PROFILE OF WASECA COUNTY

BRIEF HISTORY OF COUNTY

The Santee branch of the Dakota Indians inhabited the land of Waseca County before the first white settlers located here. The Asa and Eliza Sutlief family filed the first claim in the county in Wilton Township in 1854. By the time the county was organized in 1857, most of the areas in the county were established except Alton and Freedom Townships and the western edge of St. Mary and Wilton Townships, where a portion of the Winnebago Indian Reservation existed until 1863. When the Winnebagos were moved the land was opened for settlement. Settlers arrived, established homes and rural communities or villages were founded. Some of these early communities have become "memory towns," vanishing into the landscape. Others have remained and flourished.

Waseca is a Dakota word, which means rich, especially in provisions. In Dakota writing and books the word waseca is spelled as we spell the name and is used to mean fertile. The soil in Waseca County is very fertile. The name Waseca was first applied to the earliest farming settlement in 1855, near the present city of Waseca.

Waseca is located in Woodville Township and is the county seat for Waseca County. The city of Waseca was platted in July 1867, on the line of the Winona and St. Peter Railroad. Waseca was incorporated as a village on March 2, 1868, and as a city on February 23, 1881. It succeeded Wilton as the county seat in 1870. The post office began in Woodville in 1864 and was changed to Waseca in 1867.

Source: County's website

QUICK FACTS OF COUNTY

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

Facts	Waseca County	Minnesota
Land area, 2010 (square miles)	423.36*	79,626.74*
Average Persons per square mile, 2010	45.2*	66.6*
Number of Cities	4**	854***
Number of Townships	12**	1,784***

Sources:

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

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

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

PROFILE ISSUES COVERED

❖ QUICK FACTS OF COUNTY

❖ POPULATION OF COUNTY

- Population Trend and Projections (2000-2040)
- Population Projection by Age Cohorts (2010- 2020)
- Population of Cities In Waseca County (2006- 2011)
- Population of Townships In Waseca County (2006- 2011)
- Key Highlights

❖ SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

- Projection of County's Household Types (2010-2020)
- Ethnic Composition of County's Population (2000 – 2011)
- Education Attainment (2012)
- Key Highlights

❖ COUNTY'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

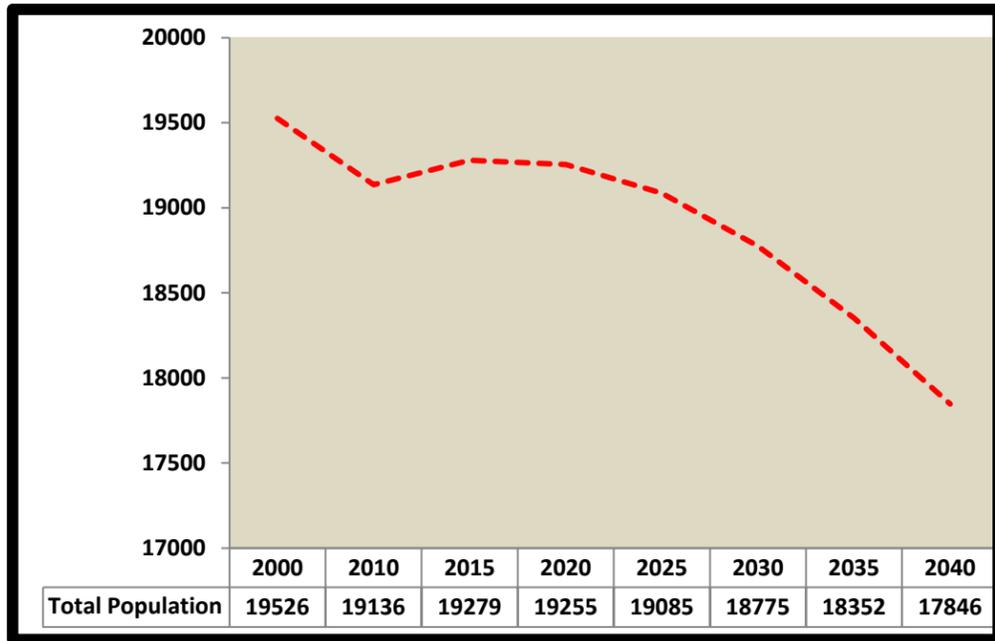
- County's Labor Force Outlook (2005-2035)
- County's Labor Force Outlook by Age Cohorts (2005-2035)
- Comparing Unemployment Rates for Waseca County, Region Nine and Sate (2000 – 2012)
- Trend in County's Per Capita Income (2000-2011)
- Key Highlights

❖ COUNTY'S HOUSING PROFILE

- Housing Units: Total, Owner and Renter Units (2000-2011)
- Trend in County's Homeownership Rate (1990-2011)
- Other Housing Characteristics (2000-2011)
- Housing Expenditure for Waseca County (2012)
- Key Highlights

POPULATION OF COUNTY

POPULATION TREND AND PROJECTIONS (2000-2040)



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

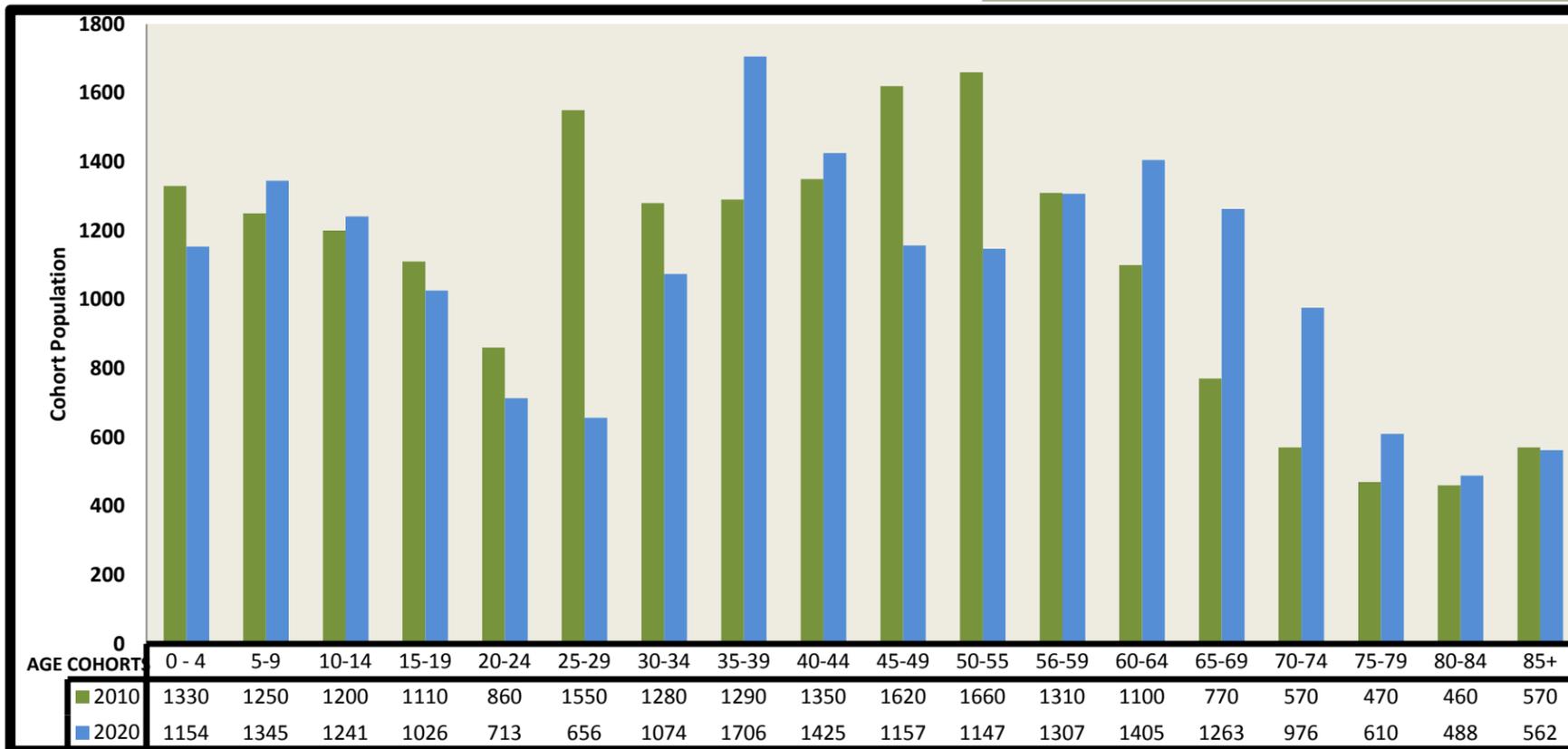
- ❖ Except for 2015, the County's population is projected to decline every five years from 2010 to 2040, with 2.8 per cent as the maximum rate of decrease.
- ❖ Population less than 19 years are expected to account for 25 per cent of the County's projected population increase in 2020. This only represents 3 per cent increase in the less than 19 years population group (comparing the 2010 and 2020 populations).
- ❖ Age cohort groups above 65+ cohort are expected to increase, meaning around 20 per cent of the County's population in 2020 will be 65+ years old. This number is 40 per cent more of what was recorded in 2010 implying possible increase in demand for Senior Housing and health care needs in the County.

POPULATION OF CITIES IN WASECA COUNTY (2006-

City	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Janesville	2,197	2,204	2,209	2,213	2,256	2,268
New Richland	1,163	1,154	1,147	1,142	1,203	1,214
Waldorf	230	225	221	218	229	230
Waseca	9,828	9,827	9,789	9,328	9,410	9,368

Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012

POPULATION PROJECTION BY AGE COHORTS (2010- 2020)



Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012

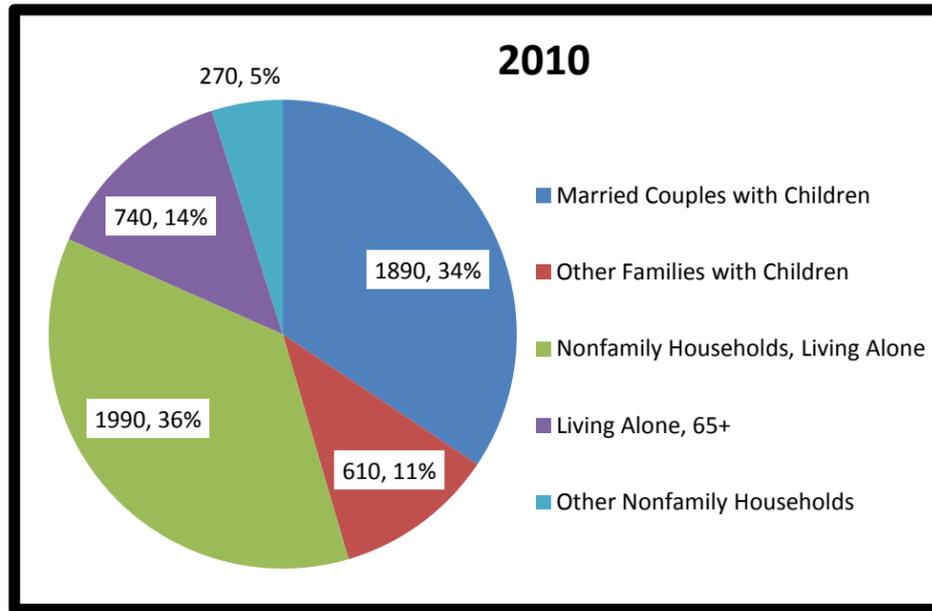
POPULATION OF TOWNSHIPS IN WASECA COUNTY (2006- 2011)

Township	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Alton	457	452	451	454	434	434
Blooming Grove	532	518	522	525	525	533
Byron	240	233	228	227	144	144
Freedom	379	370	364	362	326	327
Iosco	574	563	559	558	550	558
Janesville	486	471	467	467	513	516
New Richland	473	474	476	477	443	448
Otisco	615	610	608	607	599	602
St. Mary	484	476	476	477	460	462
Vivian	236	229	229	230	259	261
Wilton	388	393	393	388	365	370
Woodville	1,319	1,314	1,313	1,312	1,332	1,343

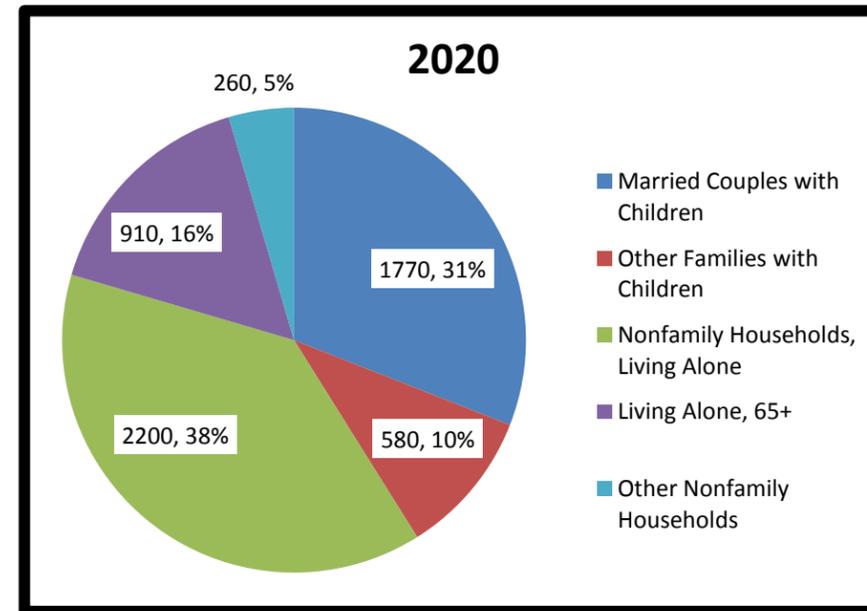
Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012

SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS

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



Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012



Data Source: MN State Demographic Center, 2012

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

Ethnic Group	2000	2005-2009	2010	2011
White alone	18,198	17,656	17,444	17,376
Hispanic or Latino	566	724	894	934
Asian alone	89	284	103	102
Black or African American alone	435	160	228	223
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	111	78	104	90
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	6	0	0	0
Some Other Race alone	8	0	0	9
Two or more races	113	339	395	420

Data Source: US Census Bureau, 2012

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ With projected decline of 6.3 per cent in the number of “Married Couples with Children” and 11 per cent increase in “Non-family households living alone” in 2020, there might be potential increase in demand for single family housing in the County.
- ❖ The population of “Hispanic or Latino” and “Asian alone” ethnic groups have significantly increased since 2000, but that of “Black or African American alone” have decreased by nearly half. In all, the percentage composition of minority ethnic groups (all except “white alone”) in the county’s population has increased from 7.3 per cent (in 2000) to 9.3 per cent (in 2011).
- ❖ More than half (51 per cent) 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).

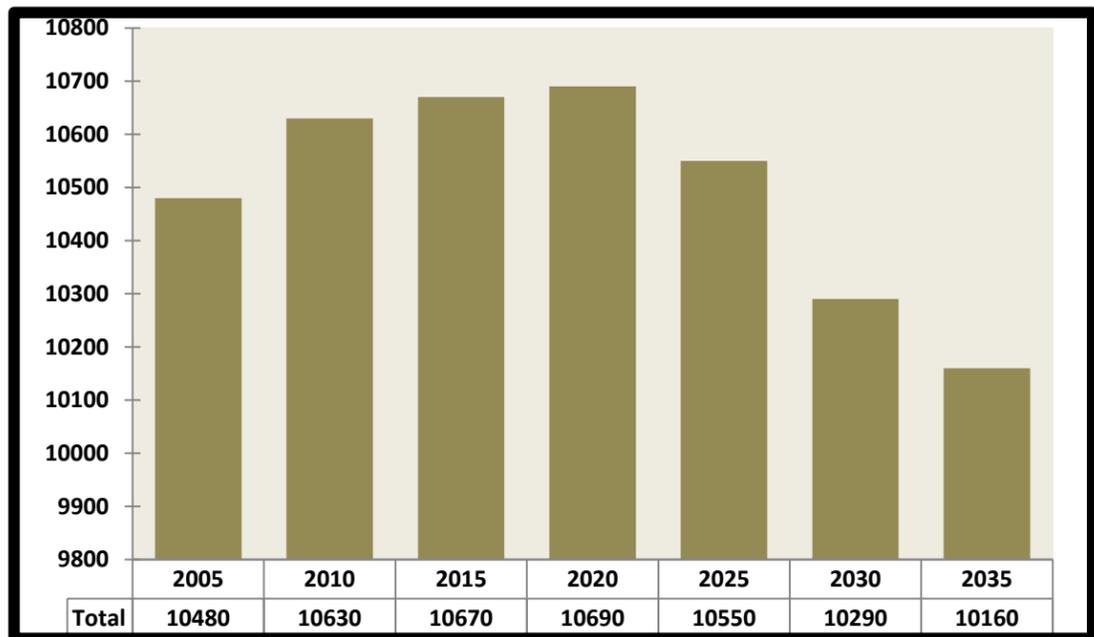
EDUCATION ATTAINMENT (2012)

	TOTAL	%
Population Age 25+	12,873	
< Grade 9	433	3.36
Grade 9-12	789	6.13
High School	5,072	39.4
Some College	3,085	23.96
Assoc Degree	1,148	8.92
Bach Degree	1,662	12.91
Grad Degree	684	5.31

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

COUNTY'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

COUNTY'S LABOR FORCE OUTLOOK (2005-2035)

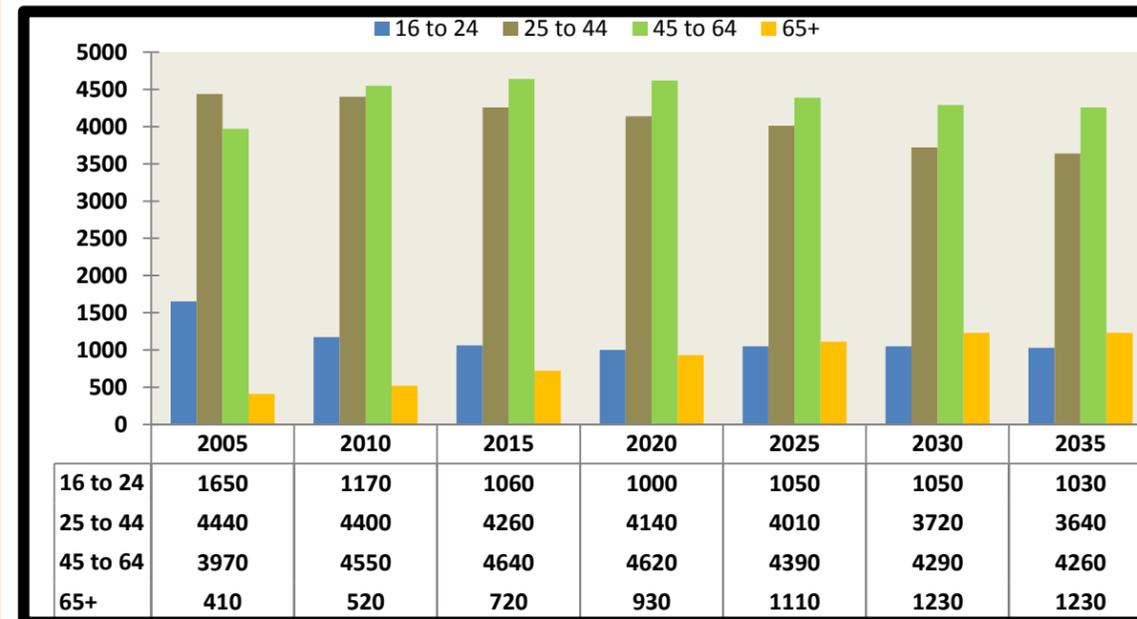


Data Source: MN DEED, 2012

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

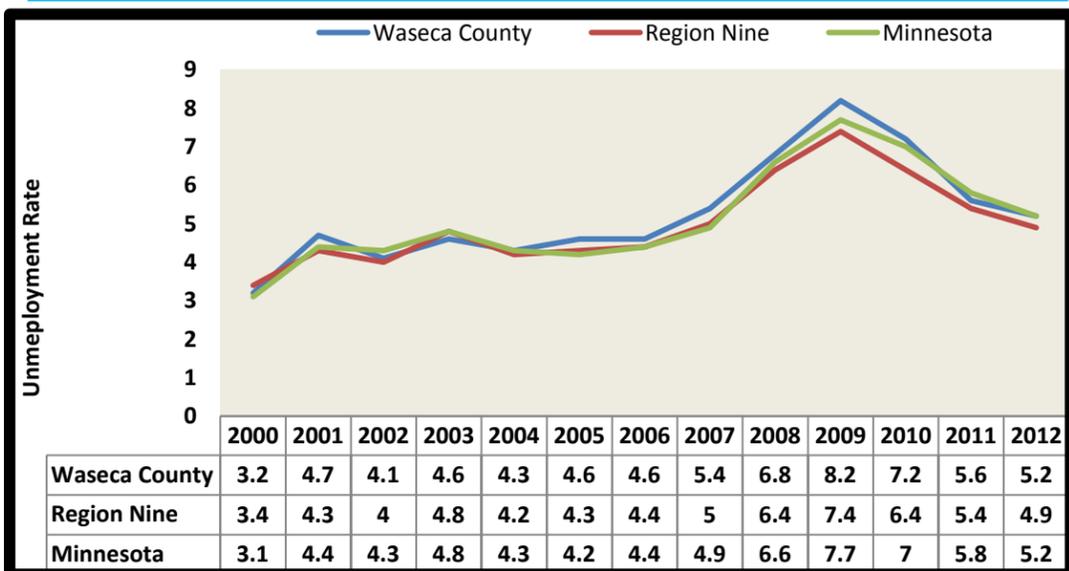
- ❖ Total labor force population is expected to increase every five years at a rate of between 0.02 and 0.04 per cent till 2025 when it starts decreasing every five years at a rate of between 1 and 2.5 per cent.
- ❖ The County's unemployment rate is typically higher than the State's but currently has the same rate (5.2 per cent) as the State.
- ❖ An individual in this County earns about 14 per cent less annually of what is averagely earned by a person statewide (using the 2011 per capita income statistics).

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



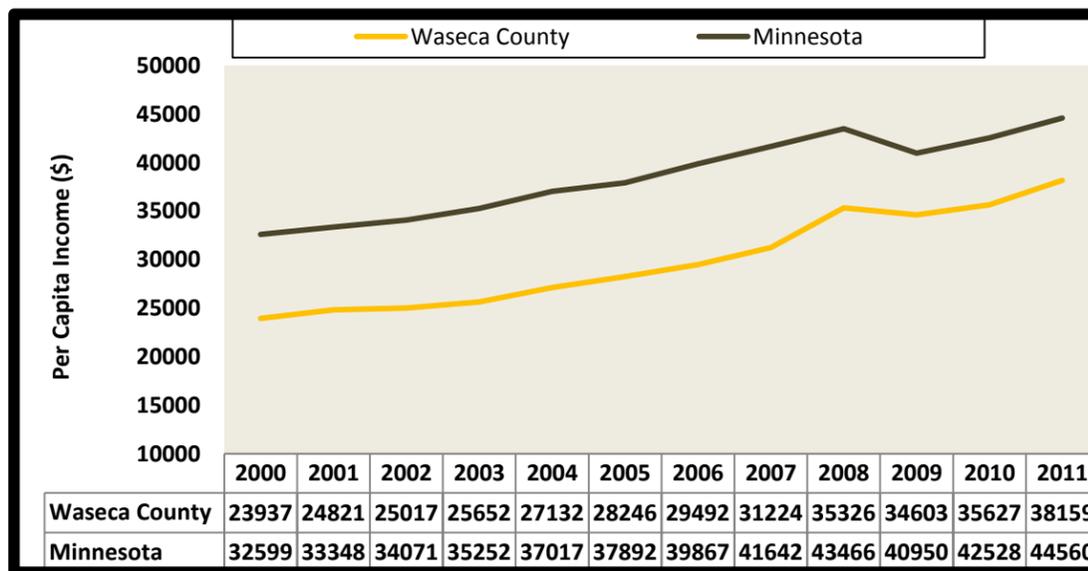
Data Source: MN DEED, 2012

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



Data Source: MN DEED, 2012

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

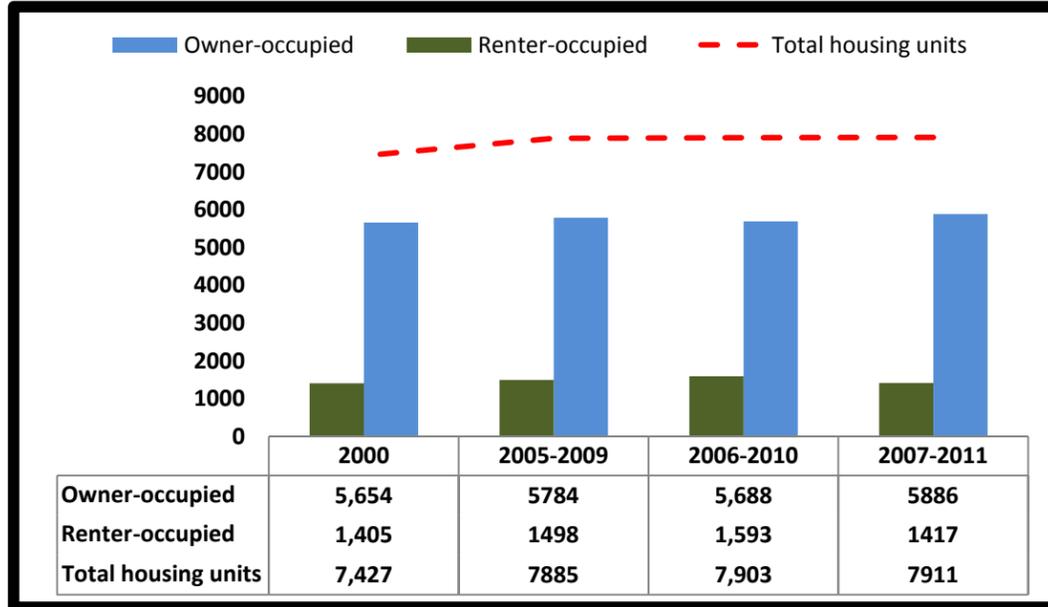


Data Source: US Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2012

COST OF LIVING

COUNTY'S HOUSING PROFILE

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

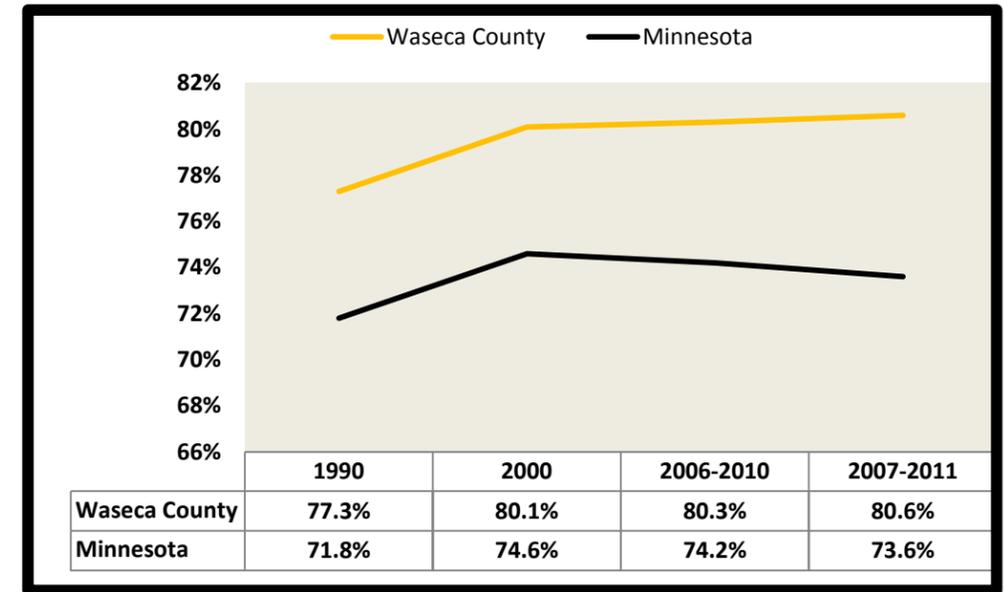


Data Source: US Census Bureau, 2012

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Housing units increased by 6.5 per cent in 2011 (compared with the number of housing units in 2000). Although both owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing units have increased since 2000, the increase in owner-occupied housing units is the most significant.
- ❖ Homeownership rate in the County has been higher than that of the State since the 1990s.
- ❖ Annually, rent cost per household represents 34% 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	7,059	7,282	7,281	7,303
Vacant housing units	368	603	622	608
Population in owner-occupied housing units	15,129	15,298	14,570	14,874
Population in renter-occupied housing units	2,957	3,030	3,222	3,081
Homeowner vacancy rate (percent)	1.3	-	2.1	2.3
Rental vacancy rate (percent)	7.1	-	9.9	7.4
Average household size of owner-occupied units	2.68	2.64	2.56	2.53
Average household size of renter-occupied units	2.1	2.02	2.02	2.17

Data Source: US Census Bureau, 2012

HOUSING EXPENDITURE FOR BLUE EARTH COUNTY (2012)

	\$ PER HOUSEHOLD	TOTAL \$000'S
Mortgage Interest	\$3,751	\$27,305
Property Taxes	\$1,627	\$11,847
Miscellaneous Owned Dwelling Costs	\$1,278	\$9,307
Rental Costs	\$2,241	\$16,313
Other Lodging	\$512	\$3,729

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