

Housing & School Enrollment

The data presented below includes statistics related to school enrollment and housing in the Region, including median home values, median rent, median monthly housing costs and vacancy rates for communities in the UMRVDC Region as well as the state of Minnesota.

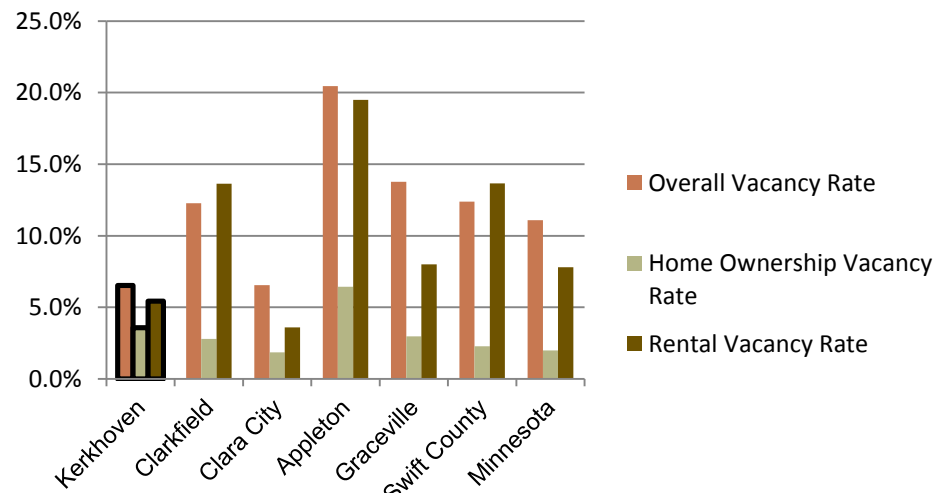
2010 Housing Statistics

City	Median Home Value	Median Rent	Median Monthly Housing Costs
Kerkhoven	\$86,900	\$325	\$850
Appleton	\$58,300	\$541	\$903
Clara City	\$81,800	\$682	\$985
Clarkfield	\$50,400	\$469	\$828
Graceville	\$62,400	\$534	\$993
Swift County	\$97,600	\$453	\$1,024
Minnesota	\$206,200	\$759	\$1,549

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS (2006-2010)

At \$86,900, the median home value in Kerkhoven is below that of both Swift County and the state of Minnesota, however it is the highest compared to similar sized communities in the Region. Median monthly housing costs for homeowners, however falls in the middle when compared to other similar sized communities, but remains lower than both the county and the state. The median rent in Kerkhoven, on the other hand, is the lowest compared to similar sized communities.

2010 Vacancy Rates



Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial

Home ownership vacancy rate and rental vacancy rate are the proportion of the homeowner or rental inventory that is vacant "for sale" or vacant "for rent." The overall vacancy rate includes other vacancies such as vacant "sold - not occupied," seasonal housing and vacant "rented - not occupied." In 2010, the city of Kerkhoven had a lower overall and rental vacancy rate compared to similar sized communities but a slightly higher home ownership vacancy rate than most.

School Enrollment Since 1999

School District	1999-2000	2005-2006	2010-2011	% Change
Benson School District	1,216	1,050	970	-20.23%
Canby School District	766	581	522	-31.85%
Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley School District	565	434	377	-33.27%
Dawson-Boyd School District	681	544	517	-24.08%
Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg School District	664	585	557	-16.11%
Lac qui Parle Valley School District	1,245	1,007	820	-34.14%
Lakeview School District	589	609	595	1.02%
M.A.C.C.R.A.Y. School District	986	790	674	-31.64%
Montevideo School District	1,599	1,459	1,342	-16.07%
Ortonville School District	717	530	527	-26.50%
Yellow Medicine East School District	1,299	1,081	862	-33.64%

Source: Minnesota Department of Education

Kerkhoven is part of the KMS School District, which has seen a decrease in enrollment over the past decade, however it has had the second slowest rate of decline of all school districts in the Region. Note that data was only available for public school districts.

UMVRDC staff developed the concept and design for the Community Profile Brochures and data was collected by students and staff from the Center for Small Towns at the University of Minnesota, Morris. All information was collected from trusted sources such as the U.S. Census Bureau, the American Community Survey, Minnesota Department of Employment & Economic Development (DEED), and the Minnesota Department of Education and is presumed to be accurate.



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2010 Census Data for Kerkhoven, Minnesota



This Community Profile Brochure is comprised of statistical information from a variety of sources and will provide a snapshot of historical and current demographic, economic and social trends in the Upper Minnesota Valley Region. Having clear and concise community statistics will provide for more informed decision making about community development and business expansion, relocation and future investments.

This statistical and informational profile was compiled by the UMRVDC in collaboration with The Center for Small Towns at the University of Minnesota, Morris for all five counties (Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift and Yellow Medicine) and 37 cities in our Upper Minnesota Valley region.



Demographics

The demographic profile below provides a snapshot of Kerkhoven and surrounding communities' historical, current and future population trends including population distribution and make up.

Comparison Historical Population from 1960 to 2010

City	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	% Change
Kerkhoven	645	641	761	732	759	759	17.67%
Households	214	206	NA	299	313	329	53.74%
Average Household Size	3.01	3.11	NA	2.45	2.42	2.31	-23.46%
Appleton	2,122	1,789	1,842	1,552	2,871	1,412	-33.46%
Clara City	1,358	1,491	1,574	1,307	1,393	1,360	0.15%
Clarkfield	1,100	1,084	1,171	924	944	863	-21.55%
Graceville	823	735	780	671	605	577	-29.89%
Swift County	14,936	13,177	12,920	10,724	11,956	9,783	-34.50%

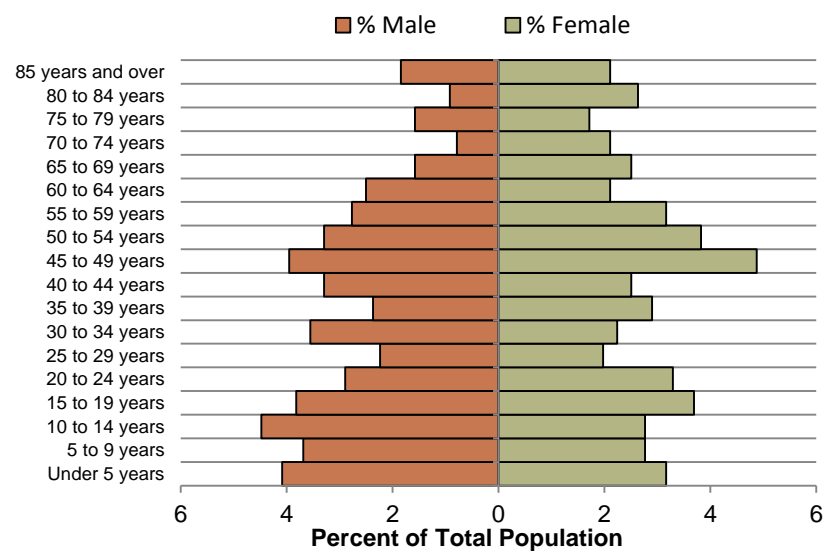
Source: US Census Bureau

Kerkhoven Population Projections

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	% Change
Kerkhoven	673	658	646	633	619	-8.02%
Swift County	10,510	10,300	10,150	9,960	9,800	-6.76%
UMVRDC Region	45,510	45,300	45,000	44,500	44,110	-3.08%

Source: Minnesota Demographic Center

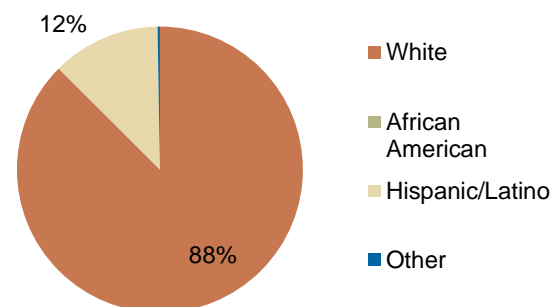
Kerkhoven Population Distribution, 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010

The above population distribution above shows that there is a large percentage of the population in the middle aged and 10 and under age cohorts, which is uncommon for communities in the Region as many have aging populations. Kerkhoven is more diverse than other communities in the region with over 12% of the population being non-white. This diversity may explain the higher percentages of youth in the population.

Race, 2010



Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial

Economic

The employment and industry data below represents a picture of the overall economic health of Kerkhoven and Swift County. This data shows the diversity of the Region's economy.

Annual Median Household Income:

- City of Kerkhoven- \$32,000
- Big Stone - \$44,438
- Chippewa - \$44,712
- Lac qui Parle - \$48,269
- Swift - \$43,846
- Yellow Medicine - \$50,740
- UMRDC Region - \$46,401
- Minnesota - \$57,243

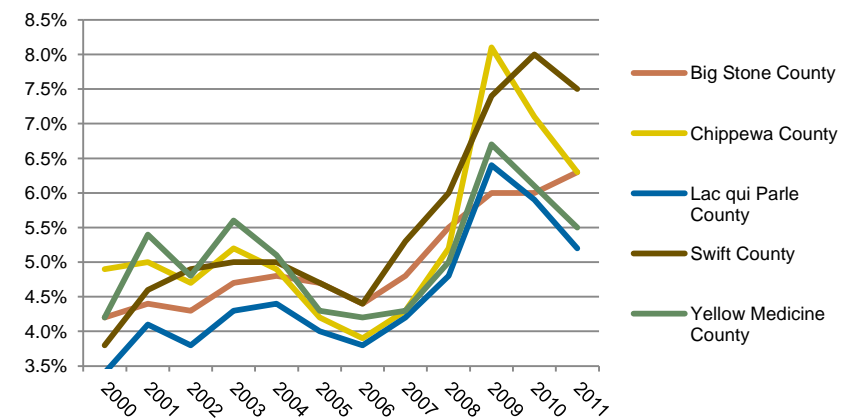
Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Types of Employment in Kerkhoven, 2011

Types of Industry	Number of Employees	Number of Firms	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	72	11	\$1,244,163	\$334
Education and Health Services	39	1	\$1,541,614	\$753
Financial Activities	20	4	\$772,978	\$734
Public Administration	7	1	\$127,173	\$447
Total, All Industries	167	24	\$4,722,238	\$541

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, QCEW

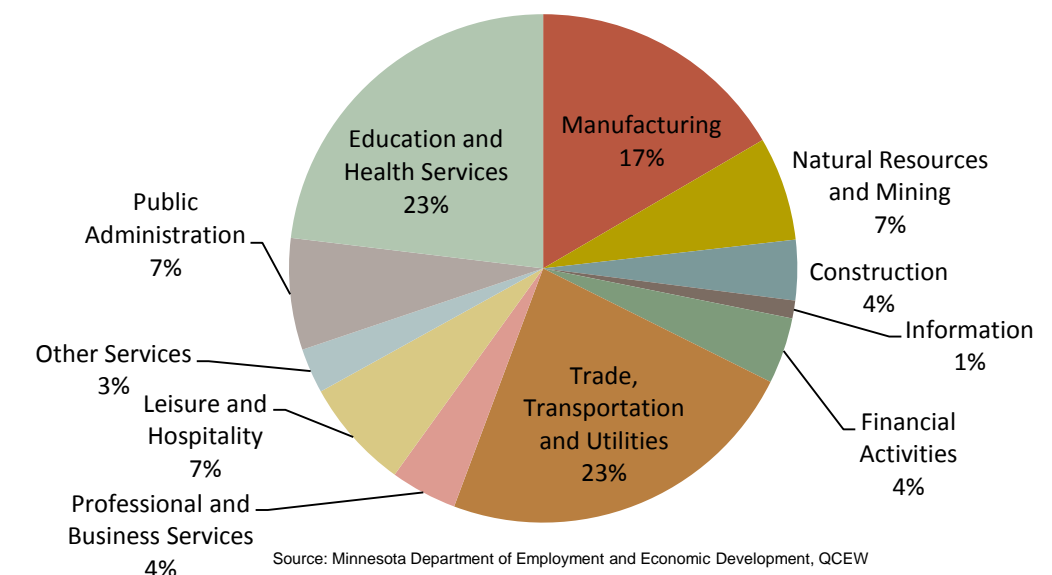
Unemployment Rates, 2000-2011



Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, LAUS

The employment categories shown in the table above and chart below show the 11 Super Sectors of Industry, which is the federal standard in data pertaining to business and industry. Much of the employment and economic activity in Kerkhoven is in the Trade, Transportation, and Utilities, and the Education and Health Services sectors. The pie chart below details that in Swift County, about half of all employment comes from Education and Health Services, and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities. Swift County had a slight increase in unemployment during the Recession of 2007-2009, but in 2011 had an unemployment rate under 7.5%.

Employment by Industry in Swift County, 2011



Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, QCEW

