

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.

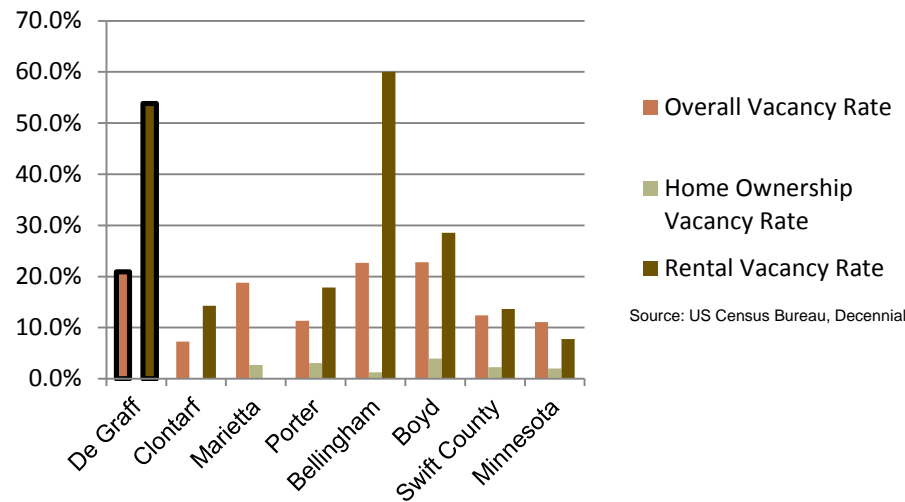
2010 Housing Statistics

City	Median Home Value	Median Rent	Median Monthly Housing Costs
De Graff	\$38,400	N/A	\$600
Bellingham	\$36,900	N/A	\$917
Boyd	\$22,200	\$535	\$550
Clontarf	\$81,900	\$310	\$582
Marietta	\$23,600	N/A	\$560
Porter	\$43,900	\$650	\$863
Swift County	\$97,600	\$453	\$1,024
Minnesota	\$206,200	\$759	\$1,549

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

At \$38,400, the median home value in DeGraff is below both Swift County and the state of Minnesota, however fall in the middle compared to other similar sized communities in the Region. The same is true for median monthly housing costs for homeowners. Data for median rent, however is unavailable due to confidentiality, which is typical for a community this size.

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 De Graff had a high rental vacancy rate with 7 of the 12 Census recognized housing units for rent being vacant.

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

De Graff is part of the Benson School District. The Benson School District, like other school districts in the Region, has seen a steady decline in school enrollment over the past decade, however the decreases in enrollment for the Benson School District are not as dramatic as other 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 De Graff, 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 De Graff 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
De Graff	196	195	179	149	133	115	-41.33%
Households	68	63	NA	60	60	53	-22.06%
Average Household Size	2.88	3.10	NA	2.48	2.22	2.17	-24.72%
Bellingham	327	263	290	247	205	168	-48.62%
Boyd	419	311	329	251	210	175	-58.23%
Clontarf	139	147	196	172	173	164	17.99%
Marietta	327	264	279	211	174	162	-50.46%
Porter	261	207	211	210	190	183	-29.89%
Swift County	14,936	13,177	12,920	10,724	11,956	9,783	-34.50%

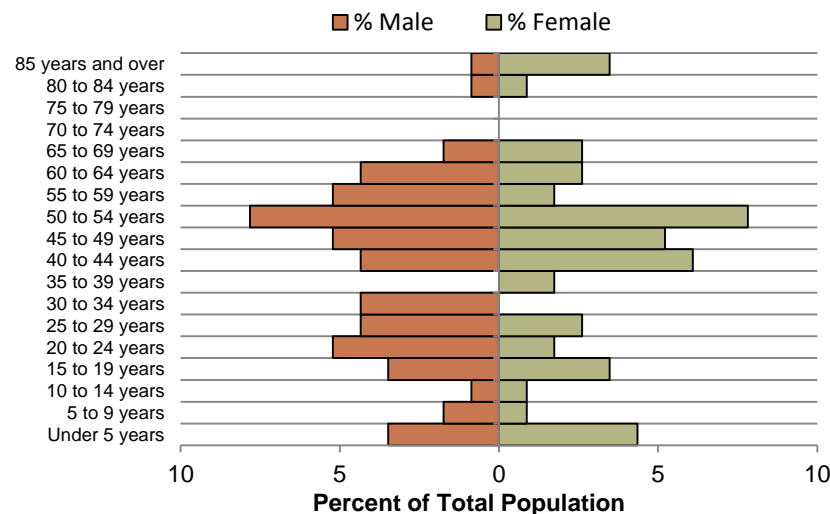
Source: US Census Bureau

De Graff Population Projections

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	% Change
De Graff	106	98	92	86	80	-24.53%
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: US Census Bureau

De Graff Population Distribution, 2010

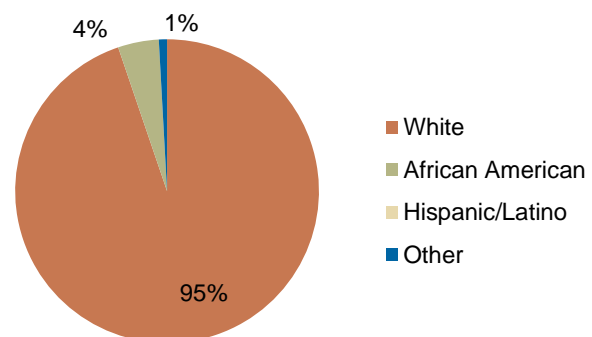


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census

The population distribution shows that there is a high percentage of the population in the middle age cohorts (40 to 59), but a relatively lower percentage of the population 70 years and older. De Graff has nearly an all white population, which is typical for a community of this size.

DeGraff has seen an overall decrease in population of over 41 percent from 1960-2010. The decrease has been steady with decreases averaging approximately 17 people per decade since 1970. The population is projected to continue to decrease over the next few decades.

Race, 2010



Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial

Economic

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

Annual Median Household Income:

- City of DeGraff- \$17,083
- 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

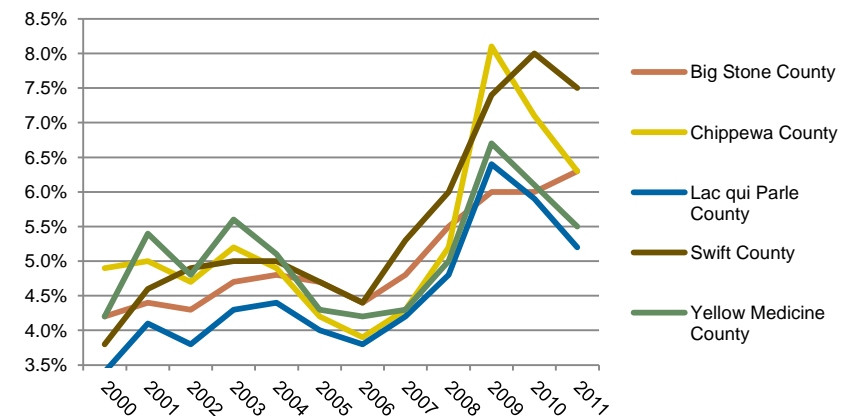
Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Types of Employment in De Graff, 2011

Types of Industry	Number of Employees	Number of Firms	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Leisure and Hospitality	10	1	\$105,617	\$216
Total, All Industries	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, QCEW

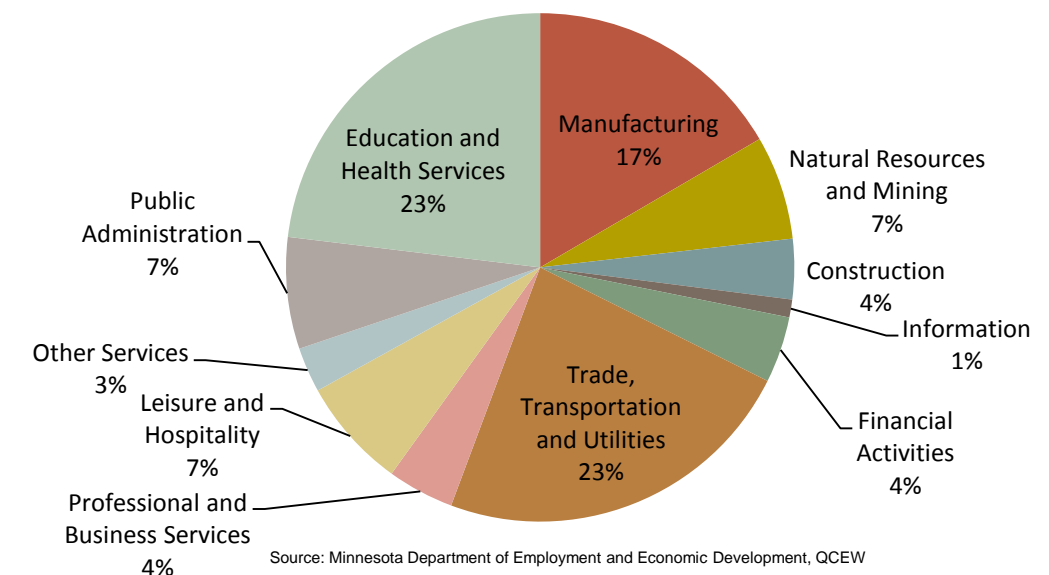
Unemployment Rates, 2000-2011



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. There is some activity within the 11 Super Sectors, however, data for the total number of employees and firms are not available, therefore a comparison of activity within the 11 Super Sectors is unavailable. The pie chart below details that in Swift County, about half of all employment comes from the Education and Health Services and Trade, Transportation, and Utilities sectors. 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

