

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 counties in the UMRDC Region and the State of Minnesota.

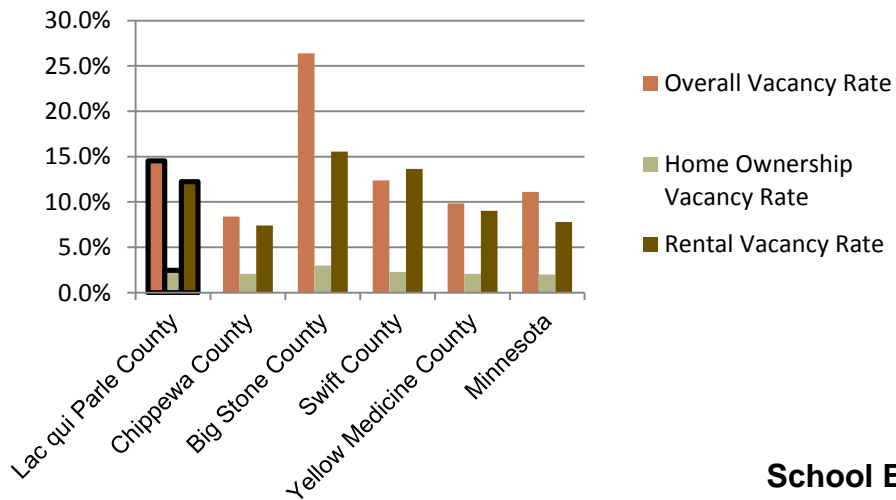
2010 Housing Statistics

County	Median Home Value	Median Rent	Median Monthly Housing Costs
Lac qui Parle County	\$77,100	\$449	\$868
Chippewa County	\$94,400	\$542	\$1,026
Big Stone County	\$81,900	\$447	\$924
Swift County	\$97,600	\$453	\$1,024
Yellow Medicine County	\$97,100	\$505	\$997
Minnesota	\$206,200	\$759	\$1,549

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

At \$77,100 the median home value in Lac qui Parle County is below the State of Minnesota at \$206,200, and is the lowest among home values in the Region. This trend continues for the median monthly rent and median monthly housing costs, as Lac qui Parle County has the lowest overall housing costs in the Region.

2010 Vacancy Rates



Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial

The school districts in Lac qui Parle County, like most school districts in the Region, have seen a steady decline in school enrollment over the last decade. Lac qui Parle Valley School District has seen the greatest decline in enrollment in the Region. The decline in enrollment is consistent with the declining and aging population in Lac qui Parle County as well as the Region.

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

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 Lac qui Parle County, 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. The purpose is to provide a concise summary of key community statistics to aid decision making about community and economic development.

This statistical and informational profile was compiled by the UMRDC 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 the Upper Minnesota Valley Region.



Demographics

The demographic profile below is a snapshot of historical, current and future population trends including population distribution and make up.

Comparison Historical Population from 1960 to 2010

	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	% Change
Lac qui Parle County	13,330	11,164	10,592	8,924	8,067	7,259	-45.54%
Households	2,928	3,286	3,885	3,505	3,316	3,155	7.75%
Average Household Size	4.55	3.40	2.66	2.55	2.43	2.30	-49.46%
Chippewa County	16,320	15,109	14,941	13,228	13,088	12,441	-23.77%
Big Stone County	8,954	7,941	7,716	6,285	5,820	5,269	-41.15%
Swift County	14,936	13,177	12,920	10,724	11,956	9,783	-34.50%
Yellow Medicine County	15,523	14,415	13,653	11,684	11,080	10,438	-32.76%

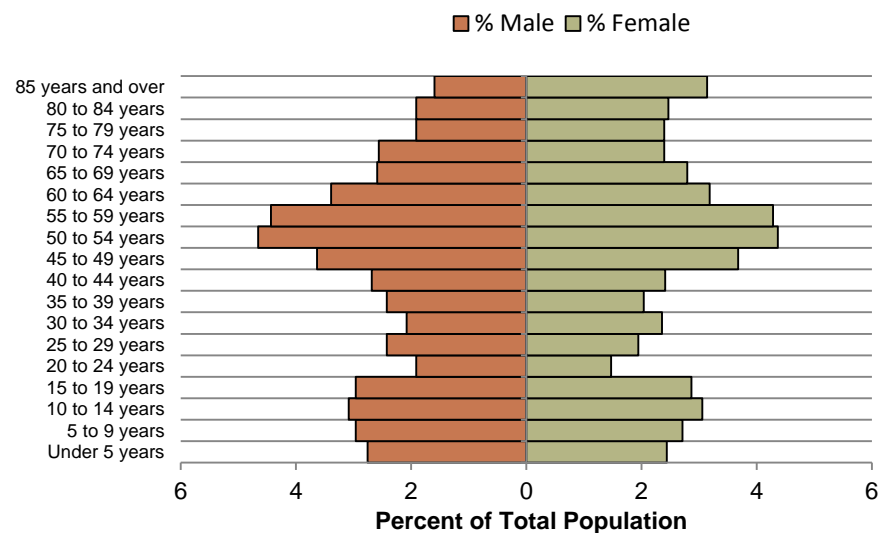
Source: US Census Bureau

UMVRDC Regional Population Projections

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	% Change
Lac qui Parle County	6,940	6,830	6,770	6,640	6,520	-6.05%
Big Stone County	5,190	5,160	5,160	5,110	5,060	-2.50%
Chippewa County	12,890	13,040	13,200	13,130	13,130	1.86%
Swift County	10,510	10,300	10,150	9,960	9,800	-6.76%
Yellow Medicine County	9,980	9,970	9,720	9,660	9,600	-3.81%
UMVRDC Region	45,510	45,300	45,000	44,500	44,110	-3.08%

Source: US Census Bureau

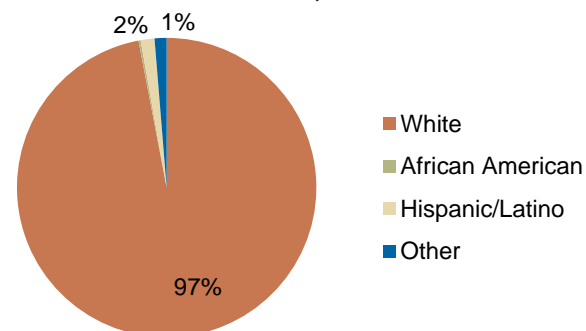
Lac qui Parle County Population Distribution, 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010

Lac qui Parle County has seen an overall decrease in population from 1960 to 2010, with the greatest decrease of over 2,000 people occurring between 1960 and 1970. The number of households increased by 7% over these same years, however the significant decrease in average household size offset that increase. The population is projected to decrease over the next few decades, and although not as dramatically as the last fifty years, Lac qui Parle County is projected to lose more population in the future than almost all other counties in the Region.

Race, 2010



Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census

The population distribution shows that there is a higher middle age population (ages 45 to 60) in Lac qui Parle County with lower percentages of the population in the younger and older age cohorts. Lac qui Parle County has nearly an entirely white population, which is typical for counties made up of small, rural communities.

Economic

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

Annual Median Household Income:

- Big Stone - \$44,438
- Chippewa - \$44,712
- **Lac qui Parle - \$48,269**
- Swift - \$43,846
- Yellow Medicine - \$50,740
- UMVRDC Region - \$46,401
- Minnesota - \$57,243

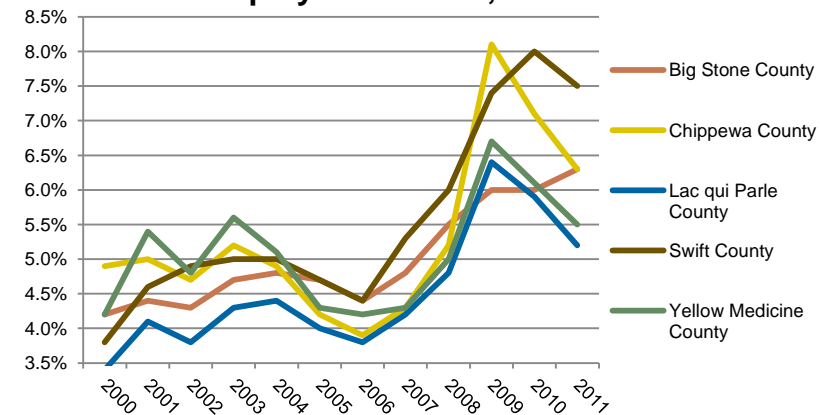
Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Types of Employment in Lac qui Parle County, 2011

Types of Industry	Number of Employees	Number of Firms	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Education and Health Services	817	18	\$24,586,545	\$579
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	502	61	\$14,764,131	\$566
Manufacturing	326	10	\$12,819,336	\$760
Construction	212	32	\$10,378,162	\$958
Public Administration	159	22	\$4,272,077	\$518
Financial Activities	130	28	\$4,634,917	\$683
Leisure and Hospitality	89	17	\$844,650	\$180
Other Services	78	20	\$999,363	\$247
Professional and Business Services	50	13	\$1,140,314	\$439
Natural Resources and Mining	30	5	\$1,122,508	\$715
Information	25	5	\$261,155	\$206
Total, All Industries	2,421	230	\$75,823,158	\$602

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, QCEW

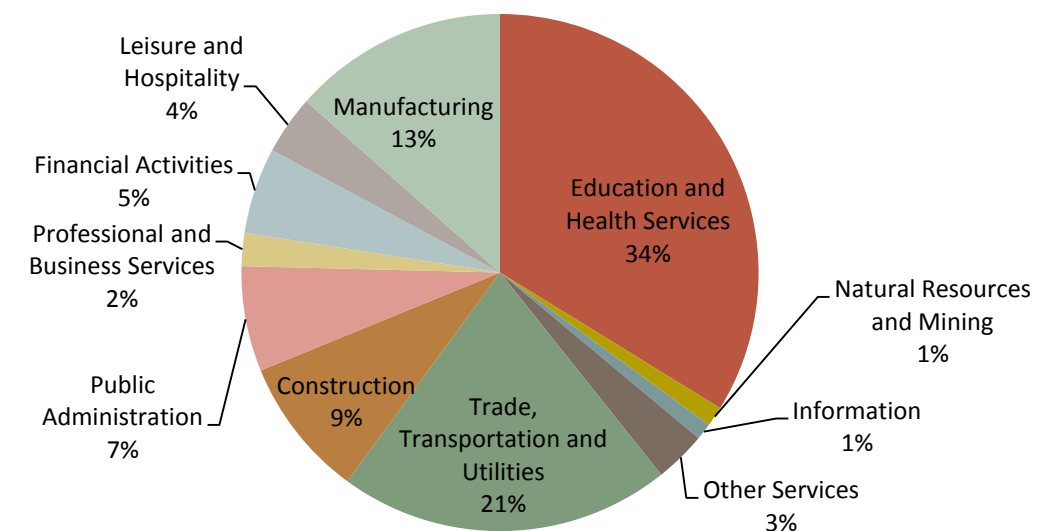
Unemployment Rates, 2000-2011



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 economic activity in Lac qui Parle County is in Education in and Health Services and over one third of all employment comes from Education and Health Services. In 2011 Lac qui Parle County had an unemployment rate of 5.3%, which is the lowest in the Region and below that of both the State of Minnesota at 6.4% and the nation at 8.9% during the same time period.

Employment by Industry in Lac qui Parle County, 2011



Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, QCEW

