

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 and the State of Minnesota.

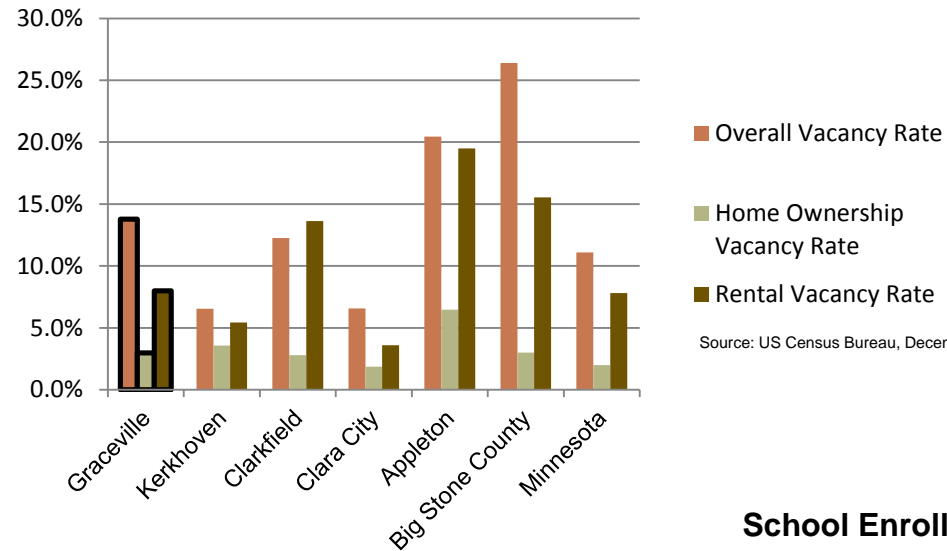
The median home value in Graceville is well below the median home values for both Big Stone County and the state of Minnesota. However, compared to like sized communities in the Region, Graceville's median home value and median rent falls in the middle. The median monthly housing costs for homeowners on the other hand, are the highest compared to other communities and the county as a whole.

2010 Housing Statistics

City	Median Home Value	Median Rent	Median Monthly Mortgage
Graceville	\$62,400	\$534	\$993
Clinton	\$46,300	\$334	\$655
Kerkhoven	\$86,900	\$325	\$850
Clarkfield	\$50,400	\$469	\$828
Clara City	\$81,800	\$682	\$985
Appleton	\$58,300	\$541	\$903
Big Stone County	\$81,900	\$447	\$924
Minnesota	\$206,200	\$759	\$1,549

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

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 Graceville had average vacancy rates compared to surrounding communities, but well below Big Stone County's rate.

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

Graceville is part of the CGB School District, which, like most school districts in the Region, has seen a decline in school enrollment over the last decade of over 33 percent. The decline in enrollment is consistent with the declining and aging population in Big Stone County and the entire Region. Note that data was only available for public school districts.



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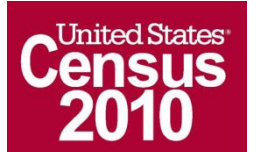
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2010 Census Data for Graceville, Minnesota



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 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 the Upper Minnesota Valley Region.



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Demographics

The demographic profile below provides a snapshot of Graceville 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
Graceville	823	735	780	671	605	577	-29.89%
Households	247	249	NA	267	257	263	6.48%
Average Household Size	3.33	2.95	NA	2.51	2.35	2.19	-34.16%
Appleton	2,122	1,789	1,842	1,552	2,871	1,412	-33.46%
Clinton	565	608	622	574	453	449	-20.53%
Clara City	1,358	1,491	1,574	1,307	1,393	1,360	0.15%
Kerkhoven	645	641	761	732	759	759	17.67%
Clarkfield	1,100	1,084	1,171	924	944	863	-21.55%
Big Stone County	8,954	7,941	7,716	6,285	5,820	5,269	-41.15%

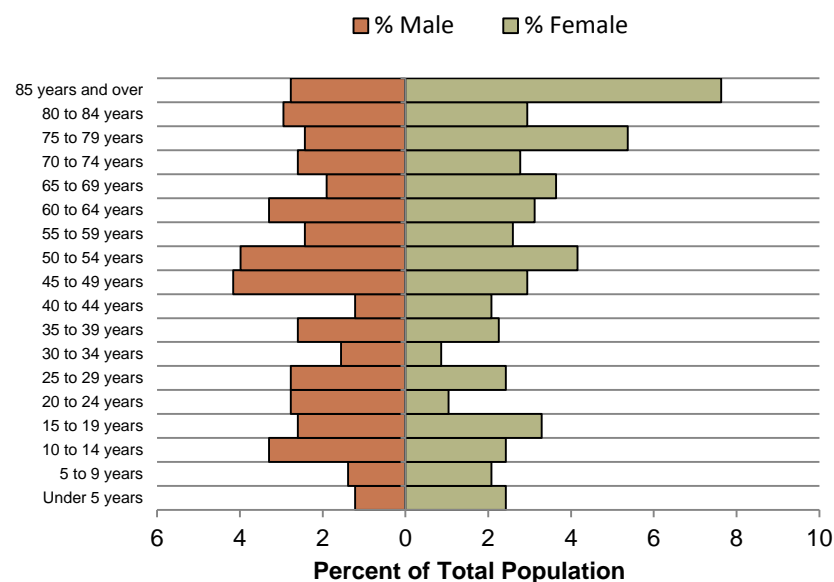
Source: US Census Bureau

Graceville Population Projections

	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	% Change
Graceville	561	558	558	552	546	-2.67%
Big Stone County	5,190	5,160	5,160	5,110	5,060	-2.50%
UMVRDC Region	45,510	45,300	45,000	44,500	44,110	-3.08%

Source: Minnesota Demographic Center

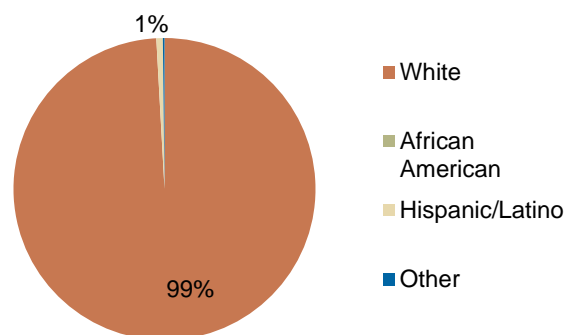
Graceville Population Distribution, 2010



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010

Graceville has seen an overall decrease in population from 1960-2010 of nearly 30 percent. Most of the decrease has occurred since 1980. The population is projected to decrease over the next few decades, although at a slower rate than it has in the past.

Race, 2010



Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census

The above population distribution shows that Graceville has an aging population with a majority of its population over the age of 50 years. Graceville has nearly an all white population, which is typical for a community of this size.

Economic

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

Annual Median Household Income:

- City of Graceville- \$37,917
- 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

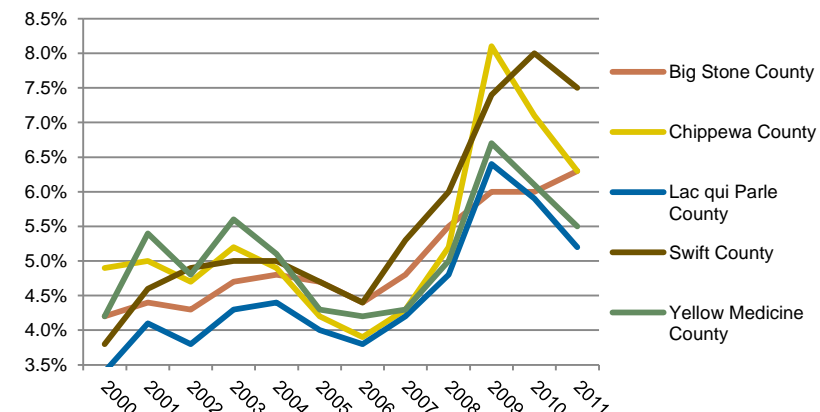
Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Types of Employment in Graceville, 2011

Types of Industry	Number of Employees	Number of Firms	Total Wages	Average Weekly Wage
Construction	11	5	\$482,689	\$765
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	59	7	\$3,001,971	\$976
Public Administration	11	1	\$144,198	\$248
Total, All Industries	287	28	\$9,262,757	\$621

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, QCEW

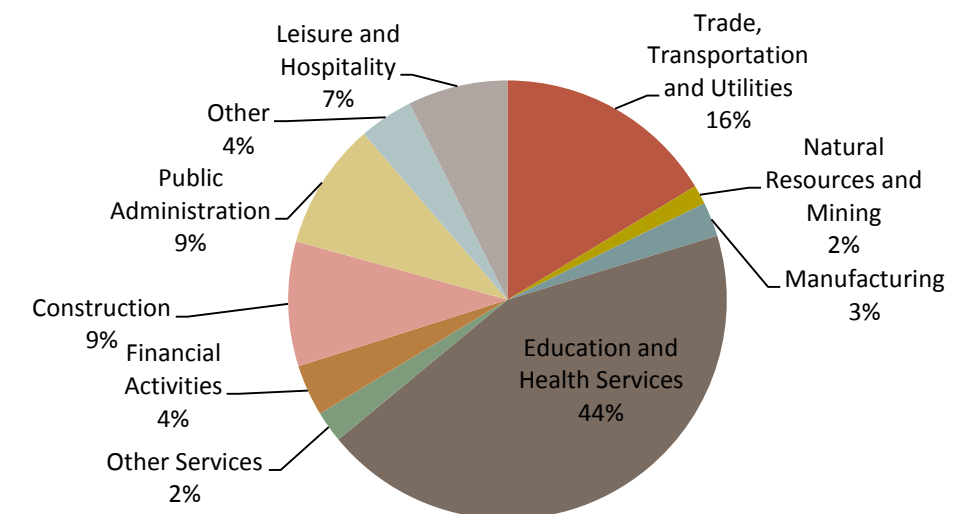
Unemployment Rates, 2000-2011



Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, LAUS

The employment categories shown in the table above and the chart below show the 11 Super Sectors of Industry, which is the federal standard in data pertaining to business and industry. However, when comparing the 11 Super Sectors with the total industries in Graceville, it shows that much of the economic activity and employment is outside of these sectors—over 200 jobs and \$5.6 million in economic activity. The pie chart below details that in Big Stone County, nearly half of all employment comes from Education and Health Services. Big Stone County had a slight increase in unemployment during the Recession of 2007-2009, but in 2011 maintained an unemployment rate under 6.5%.

Employment by Industry in Big Stone County, 2011



Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development QCEW

