



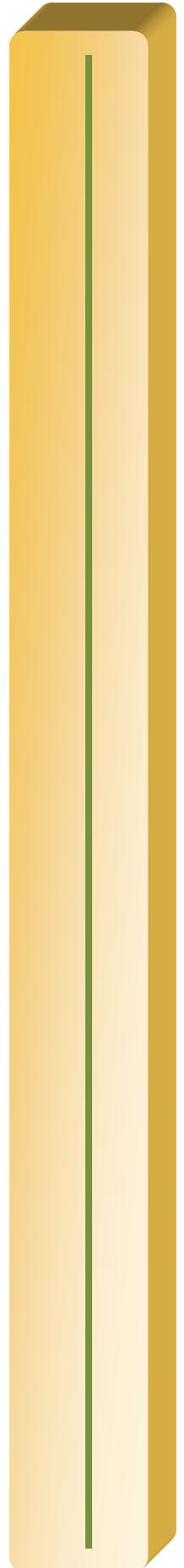
Washington County

2030 Comprehensive Plan A Policy Guide to 2030

County Context

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Washington County Mission

To provide quality public services in a cost-effective manner through innovation, leadership, and the cooperation of dedicated people.

Washington County Values

Fiscal Responsibility - to provide good stewardship of public funds

Ethics and Integrity - to maintain the public trust

Openness of the Process - to promote citizen participation

Our Heritage and Natural Resources - to conserve and preserve them

The Individual - to promote dignity and respect

Washington County Goals

- To promote the health, safety, and quality of life of citizens
- To provide accessible, high-quality services in a timely and respectful manner
- To address today's needs while proactively planning for the future
- To maintain public trust through responsible use of public resources, accountability, and openness of government



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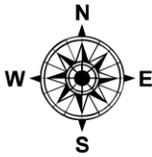
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Washington County is an area of abundant beauty, historical character, and agricultural heritage located on the eastern edge of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The county, encompassing 423 square miles of land and water surface, is the fourth smallest county in the state based on land area. The county is 38 miles from north to south and 14 miles from east to west. Elevations in the county range from a low of 675 feet at Lake St. Croix to over 1,100 feet in Section 17 in Woodbury. The St. Croix River forms the entire eastern border and the Mississippi River forms the southern and southwestern border. In 2008, 234,348 people resided in the county.



Figure 2-1

**Regional Context &
Washington County
Communities**



Prepared By: Washington County GIS Support Unit, IT Department
Data Source: Metropolitan Council - 2008

Historic Settlement Patterns and Influences

Washington County has historically played a diverse role in the region, serving the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area with its commercial, industrial, historical, natural, and agricultural resources.

Originally part of the St. Croix County of Wisconsin Territory, Washington County was established on October 27, 1849 after the formation of Minnesota Territory. Many of the first permanent settlements after the 1837 treaties with native populations were located along the rivers in the area of what later became Washington County. The earliest townsite developments were in Stillwater, Lakeland, and Marine on St. Croix along the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers. Settlements in the 1840s and 1850s along the St. Croix River included Copas, Arcola, Marine on St. Croix, Baytown, Afton, and Oak Park. Early townsites on the Mississippi River included Grey Cloud, Point Douglas, and Newport.

The county was one of the first areas of the state settled by people from the eastern United States and Europe, particularly Scandinavians. The earliest Swedish settlement in Minnesota occurred in Scandia in 1850, an area that was formally organized as a township in 1893.

The first commercial sawmill was established in Marine in 1839. By the 1850s, a sawmill site located in present day Stillwater became a booming lumber town. Cut timber was shipped via the Mississippi River to St. Louis and other southern markets. After the turn of the 19th century, much of the northern forests were felled and sawmilling declined, as did the area's economy. The populations of Stillwater and Washington County plummeted.

Agriculture gained importance and became the economic mainstay of the county through the 1950s. Townships of Afton, Denmark, Lakeland, Oakdale, Cottage Grove, Baytown, Grant, Oakdale, and Red Rock (now known as Woodbury) were important agricultural areas.



The railroad played an important role in the early development of Washington County. In the 1960s, construction of interstates 694 and 94 and improvements to the state highways, such as Highway 61, facilitated suburban growth in the outer rings of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. Cottage Grove and Oakdale were the first suburbs. Suburban growth continues today.

Washington County as a Place

Scenic beauty, historic significance, recreational amenities, and proximity to the growing Twin Cities Metropolitan Area have made Washington County a popular recreation and tourism destination. These qualities also explain the county's continued popularity for residential and commercial development.

Washington County's physical environment is very diverse; its surface and underground features vary throughout the county. The county is fortunate to have high-quality lakes, woodlands, agricultural areas, watersheds, wetlands, and two nationally significant river valleys. These natural resources and features are remarkably intact compared with those in other metropolitan counties; this is rapidly changing due to development. Parks and preserved open space provide an opportunity to preserve portions of the county's many natural systems, including groundwater, wildlife habitats, and vegetative and landscape types.

Surface waters cover about 10 percent or about 44 square miles of the county's 423 square miles. The majority of the county's surface waters consist of lakes and wetlands, most of which are located in the northern half of the county. The largest lakes are Forest Lake, Big Marine Lake, Lake Elmo, White Bear Lake, and Lake St. Croix. Many of the larger lakes, once resort and vacation spots during the first part of the 20th century, are now ringed with permanent residential development.

Before settlement, as much as 80 percent of the county was forested. The rest of the county was covered by lakes, wetlands, and some prairie. After the timber was harvested and the land was cleared, agriculture prevailed. Nearly all the

land suitable for agriculture was being farmed by the early 1900s. Today, woodlands cover about 9 percent of the county according to the Minnesota Land Cover Classification System and about 51 percent of the land area is classified agricultural according to the Metropolitan Council.

While much of Washington County has retained its rural atmosphere, today it is considered a “suburban” county. However, the county continues to maintain its diverse image- from the corn fields of Denmark Township to the residential neighborhoods of Woodbury; from the office and retail complexes along Interstate 94 to the cooling waters of the St. Croix River; from the lakeshore communities around White Bear Lake and Forest Lake to the pastoral wooded settings of May Township. Each area of Washington County possesses a distinct set of landscapes and resources.

Washington County is a place where a prosperous economy grows with vital industries. The continual expansion of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, with its resultant population growth, has caused a spread of highly developed suburban areas in Washington County in the cities of Woodbury, Cottage Grove, and Oakdale. The communities of Stillwater, Bayport, St. Paul Park, Newport, and Forest Lake have developed economic bases that support a local labor force.

Data Sources

This chapter takes a closer look at Washington County’s people, economy, and important themes that face the community in upcoming years. The data from this section comes from the 2000 U.S. Census, annual American Community Surveys, the Washington County Community Health Assessment, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, the Minnesota Department of Education, and the Metropolitan Council. Appendix 2-A, Washington County At-A-Glance, contains a summary of current data for Washington County.



Two agencies provide population and household projections for Washington County. Their projections are generated by differing methodologies. The Minnesota State Demographer's projections are based on the U. S. Census data. The projections are tied to a series of overall statewide control numbers against which cities and townships, in the aggregate, must match. The State Demographer's projections are used to establish broad statewide policies and to understand trends that influence statewide planning and legislation.

The Metropolitan Council's projections are generated with a greater understanding of land availability, site suitability, and historic growth patterns in the quadrants, rings and communities of the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The Metropolitan Council uses the projections to set its policies related to the location of the Metropolitan Urban Services Area and the services it provides.

Population and Households

Historic Growth

Washington County experienced modest population growth in the early part of the 20th century, increasing by only 24 percent between 1900 and 1950. The county experienced dramatic population growth during the second half of the 20th century. Population grew by 58 percent between 1960 and 1970 and was followed by a sustained high growth rate until 2000. With its population surging to 201,130 Washington County was the third fastest growing county in Minnesota in the 1990s. Since 2000, growth has slowed to a rate not seen since the early 1900s.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, between 1980 and 2000, household growth increasingly concentrated in the county's three largest cities of Oakdale, Cottage Grove, and Woodbury. These communities housed 42 percent of the total population in 1990 and 50 percent of the total population in 2006. The trend of growth concentration is expected to continue through 2030 when two-thirds of the county's population is expected to be

housed in the western communities of Woodbury, Cottage Grove, Oakdale, Hugo, and Forest Lake.

Table 2-1 Growth in Population and Households 1900 to 2030 Washington County								
	1900	1950	1960	1970	2000	2010	2020	2030
Population	27,808	34,544	52,452	82,948	201,130	257,932	318,603	363,190
Percent Increase	n/a	24%	52%	58%	38%	28%	24%	14%
Households	n/a	9,414	13,715	21,300	71,462	97,449	123,584	144,347
Percent Increase	n/a	n/a	46%	55%	45%	12%	27%	17%

*Percentages rounded to the nearest whole number.

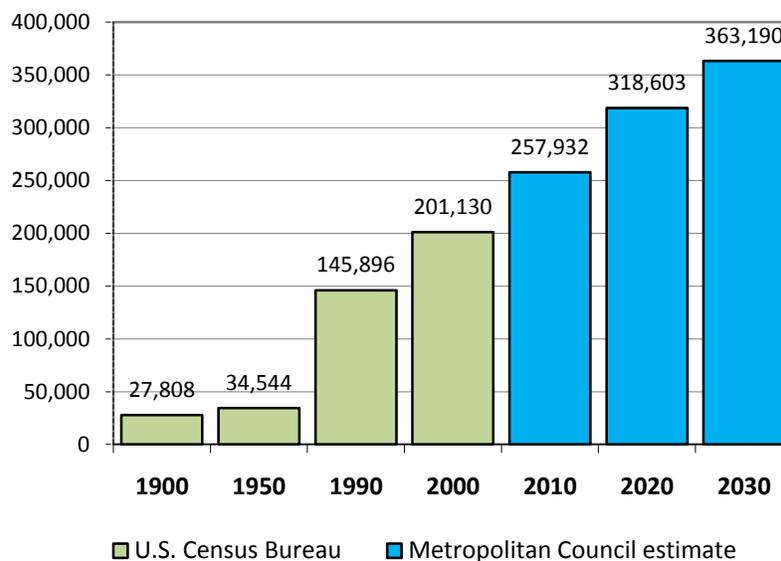
Source: U.S. Census Data for 1900-2000, Metropolitan Council estimates for 2008, 2010, 2020, and 2030.

Projected Growth

Today, Washington County is the fifth largest county in population in Minnesota; it is projected to continue this role through 2030. The Metropolitan Council estimates the county's population in 2008 to be 234,348. The county's population is expected to grow at a modest rate with the population expected to reach 318,603 by the year 2020 and 363,190 by the year 2030. This growth will result in an increase of 55 percent and 128,842 people between 2008 and 2030.



Figure 2-2
Population 1900 to 2030
Washington County



Population growth east of Washington County could affect the county's future growth. Population growth in St. Croix County, Wisconsin, due east of Washington County, is due to its abundance of affordable land and its proximity to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area job market. From 2000 to 2006, St. Croix County realized a 26.7 percent increase in its population, similar to the growth rates of Washington County's fastest growing cities of Forest Lake, Oak Park Heights, and Woodbury. This growth is dramatic when compared to the 3.6 percent growth for the same period for the State of Wisconsin. According to the Wisconsin State Demographic Center, the latest population projection from 2005 to 2030 has St. Croix County growing by 44.5 percent. This growth will add demand on the I-94 Hudson Bridge and the Trunk Highway 36 Stillwater Bridge. Washington County households are expected to grow by 66 percent from 86,709 in 2008 to 144,347 by 2030.

**Figure 2-3
Households 1900 to 2030
Washington County**

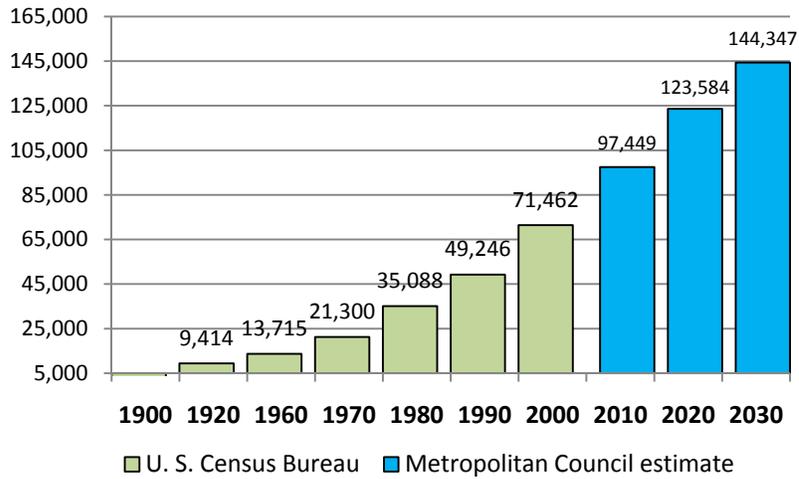
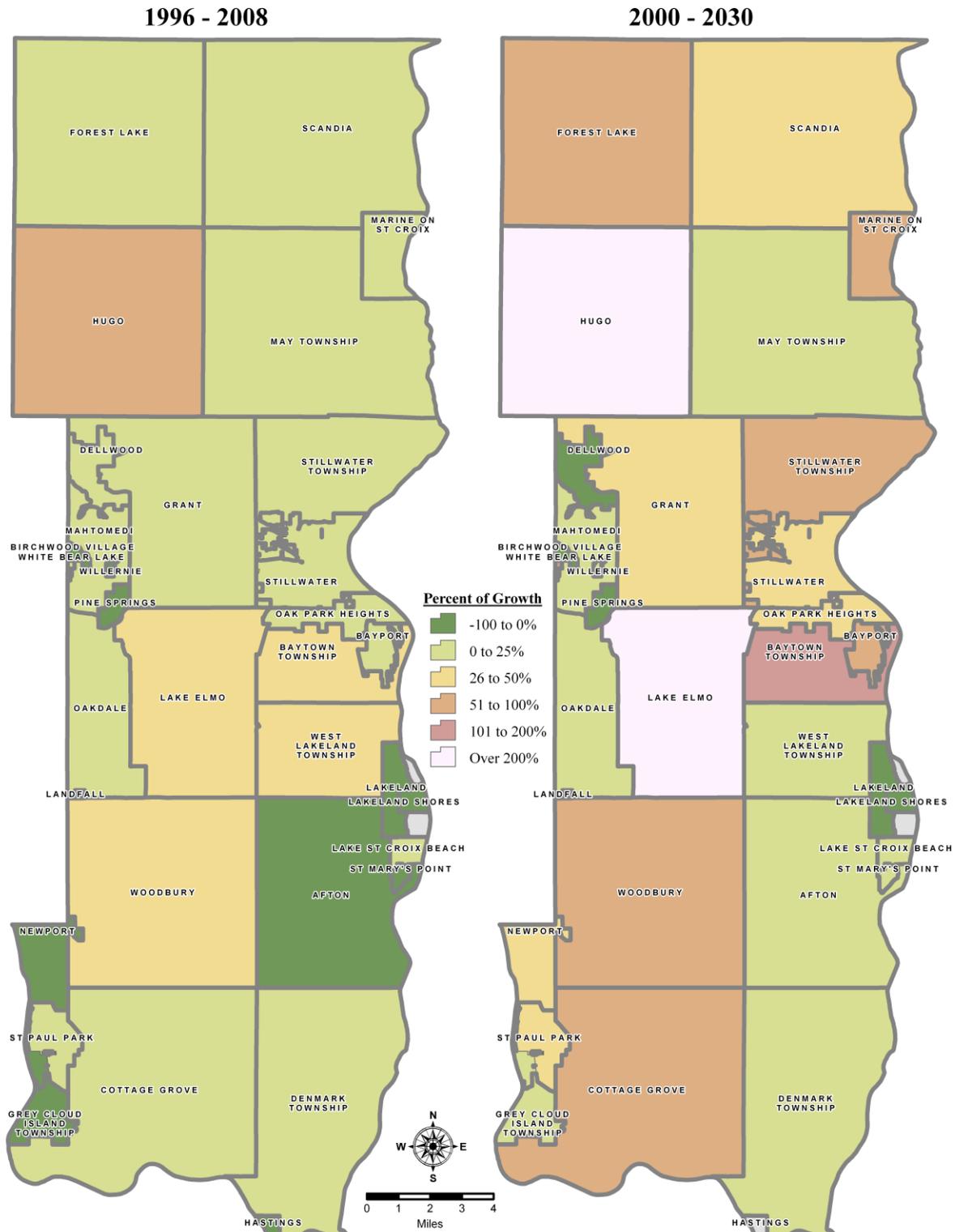


Figure 2-4 compares the population growth by community for 1996 - 2008 to projected population growth for 2008 - 2030. Figure 2-5 compares the concentration of population in 2008 and 2030. Appendices 2-B and 2-C contain the Metropolitan Council's population and household growth by community.

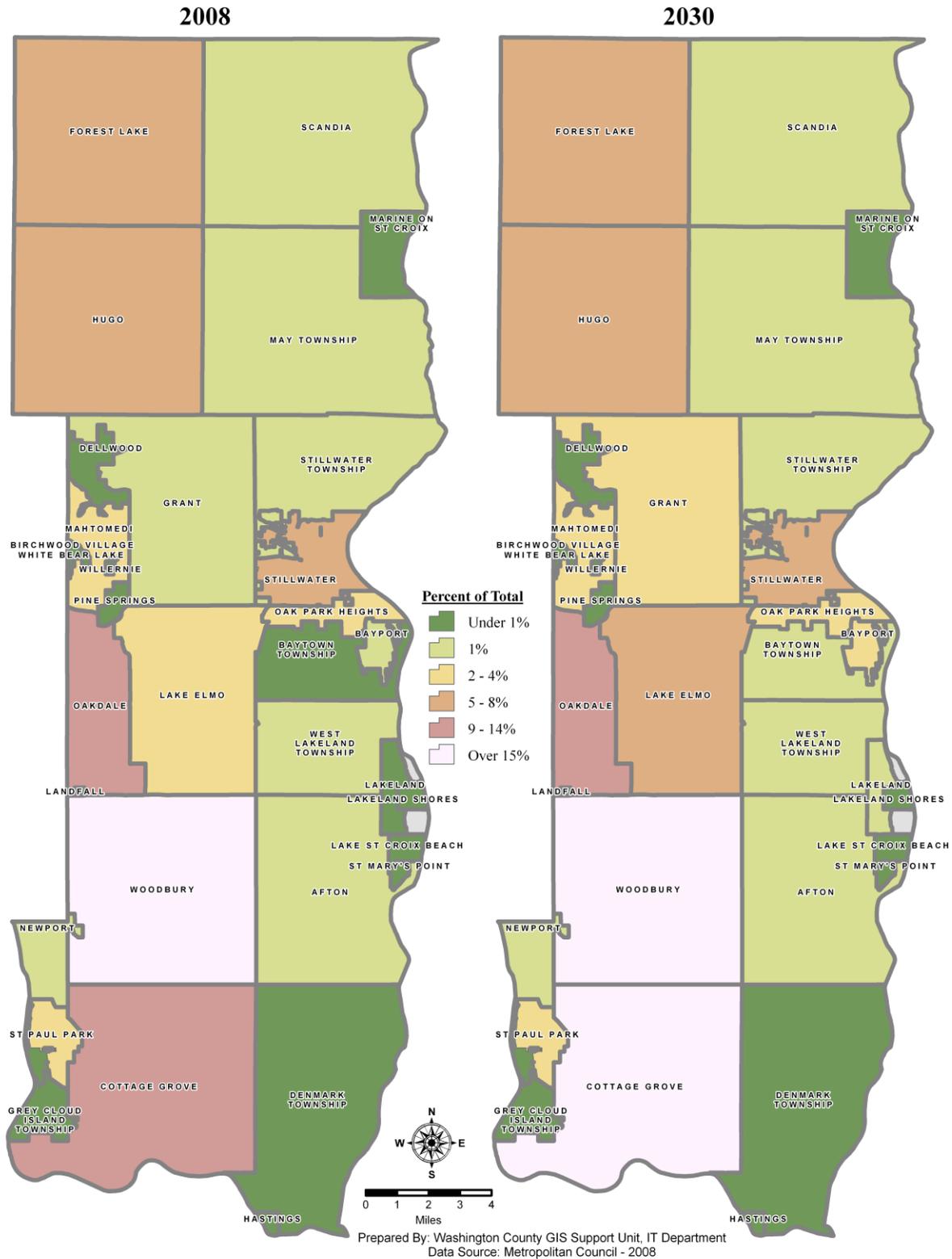


Figure 2-4 Population Growth By Community



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Data Source: Metropolitan Council - 2008

Figure 2-5 Percent of Total Population By Community





Population Characteristics

Household Types

The 2008 American Community Survey reports that 71.8 percent of households are family households, of which 35.6 percent have their own children less than 18 years. Non-family households make up about 28.2 percent of Washington County. Of the non-family households, 6.8 percent are 65 years of age and over. The average household size is 2.63 persons and the average family size is 3.14 persons.

In 2000, 77 percent of the county's households were families, compared with 67 percent for the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area. The difference is primarily the result of a high number of new families moving into the county, compared to younger singles. "Other Family" includes single parents and unmarried couples with no children.

	Non-Family		Family		
Location	Living Alone	Other (roommates)	Married with children	Married without children	Other Family
Washington County	18.7%	4.8%	34.0%	30.8%	11.7%
Metro Area	25.4%	7.9%	27.3%	26.6%	12.8%

Source: U.S. Census Data for 2000

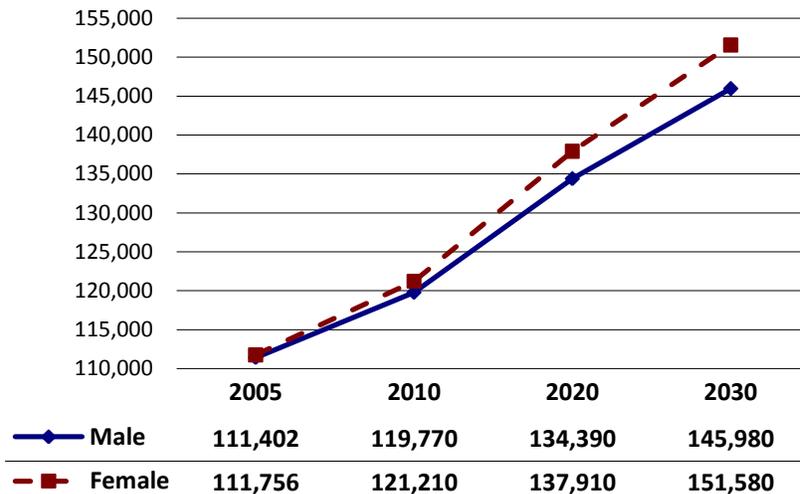
Age and Gender

The county's population is aging, mirroring state trends. In 1980, the median age in Washington County was 27.4; by 2000 it had increased by 7.7 to 35.1. In 2008 the median age was 36.7 years, an increase of 9.0 years since 1980. In 2000 the median age for males was 34.5 and for females it was 35.6.

In 1980, 3 percent of the county population was over 65; this doubled to 6 percent in 1990. In 2009, 8.9 percent of the population was over the age of 65. During the coming decade, the elderly population in Washington County will grow by 78 percent. According to the State Demographic Center of Minnesota Planning, between 2005 and 2035, the population of older Minnesotans will increase by as much as 125 percent.

The male to female ratio in Washington County is fairly even. The 2000 U.S. Census reported that 49.7 percent of Washington County was male, and 50.3 percent was female. The 2008 American Community Survey reported 49.8 percent was male and 50.2 percent was female. The percent of the population that is female is expected to begin growing after 2010 with the gap between male and female genders widening through 2030.

Figure 2-6
Projected Population by Gender 2005 to 2030
Washington County



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, June 2007



**Table 2-3
Projected Population by Age and Gender 2005 to 2030
Washington County**

Estimated Population		
	2005	
	Male	Female
Age 0 to 4	7,475	7,081
Age 5 to 19	25,547	24,588
Age 20 to 64	70,221	69,836
Age 65+	8,159	10,251
Gender Totals	111,402	111,756
Total Population		223,158

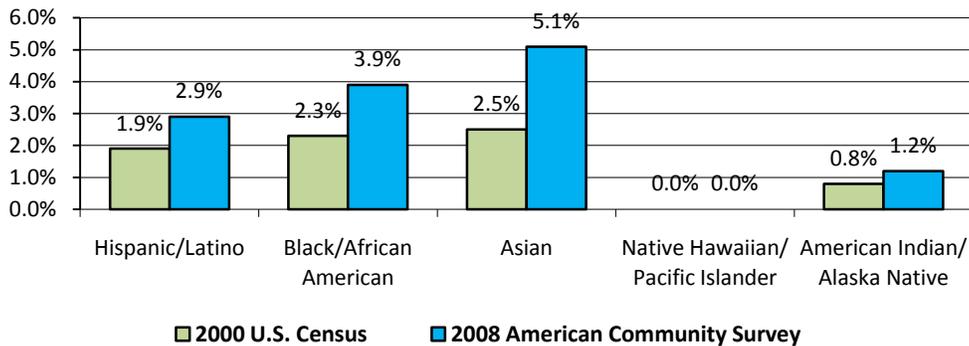
Projected Population						
	2010		2020		2030	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Age 0 to 4	7,750	7,400	8,150	7,770	8,130	7,760
Age 5 to 19	26,300	25,260	28,150	26,810	29,540	28,230
Age 20 to 64	74,530	75,210	79,090	80,530	80,050	81,340
Age 65+	11,190	13,340	19,000	22,800	28,260	34,250
Gender Totals	119,770	121,210	134,390	137,910	145,980	151,580
Total Population		240,980		272,300		297,560

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, June 2007

Ethnic and Racial Diversity

Washington County is becoming more racially diverse. The non-white population almost tripled from 3.2 percent of the total population in 1990 to 8.5 percent of the total population in 2008. The non-white population attributed to inmates in correctional institutions is small and statistically insignificant. The non-white population in 2000 was smaller in Washington County (6.4 percent) than in Minnesota (8.8 percent). Figure 2-7 shows the change in each ethnic group between 2000 and 2008.

**Figure 2-7
Ethnic and Racial Diversity 2000 to 2008
Washington County**



According to the 2000 U.S. Census and the 2008 American Community Survey, the following changes occurred within the county between the year 2000 and 2008.

- Hispanic or Latino (of any race) population increased from 1.9 percent of the population to 2.9 percent.
- Black or African American population increased from 2.3 percent to 3.9 percent of the population.
- Asian population increased from 2.5 percent to 5.1 percent of the population.
- Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Islander remained below 0 percent of the population.
- American Indian and Alaska Native increased from 0.8 percent to 1.2 percent of the population.

The 2008 American Community Survey reports that 91.6 percent of Washington County residents are English-only speakers in their homes. The remaining 8.4 percent speak a language other than English, including Spanish, other Indo-European languages, Asian, Pacific Islander, or some other language as their primary language at home. The Minnesota Department of Education reports that nearly 50 different languages are spoken in Washington County schools, including Hmong, Spanish, Chinese, and Russian.



Income and Poverty

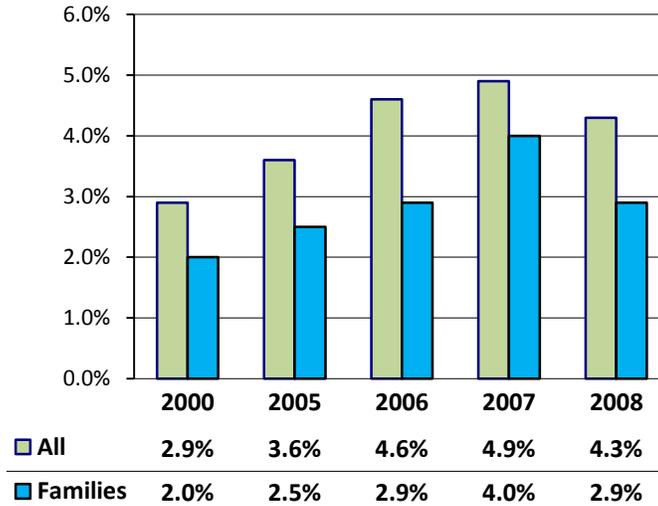
Washington County is the second most affluent county in Minnesota based on household income, after Scott County. This is due to the dominant influence of rapidly growing second and third ring suburbs made up of professional and managerial households. Median household income increased from \$44,122 in 1990 to an estimated \$79,339 in 2008, a 44 percent increase. Minnesota's median household income was \$30,909 in 1990 and \$57,288 in 2008, an increase of 46 percent.

According to the U. S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Washington County had the third highest per capita income in the state in 2007 at \$47,351, behind Hennepin (\$56,280) and Carver (\$49,691) counties. In 2007, Washington County's per capita income was above the state average of \$41,105 and the U.S. average of \$38,615. Per capita income includes earnings, assets (interest, dividends, rent) and transfer payments.

Although poverty has increased in the last seven years Washington County continues to have a low poverty rate. The percent of Washington County population below the poverty level increased from 2.9 percent in 2000 to 4.3 percent in 2008. The percent of families below the poverty level also increased from 2.0 percent in 2000 to 2.9 percent in 2008.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, low-income concentrations exist in 14 of the county's 35 census tracts. Low-income concentrations are defined as census tracts with 51 percent or more of the total population at or below 80 percent of the median-family income. These tracts are located in Forest Lake, Stillwater, Bayport, Oak Park Heights, Landfall, Oakdale, and Cottage Grove.

**Figure 2-8
Poverty Level 2000 to 2008
Washington County**



Source: 2000 U.S. Census, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Economy

Labor Force and Employment

In 2008, 122,485 Washington County residents were employed. The Office of the State Demographer projects that number to increase by about 45 percent or 54,809 by 2030. The number of residents employed in 2030 should be about 177,000 or 49 percent of the population.

Between 1990 and 2006, employment increased by an average of 2,252 people annually with the greatest growth occurring in the early 1990's. Growth in employment has stabilized in recent years but is projected to increase at a rate that will add, on average, 2,383, per year between 2006 and 2030.

According to the 2008 American Community Survey, the median earnings for workers working within Washington County in 2008 were \$41,098, while the median earnings for workers within the State of Minnesota were \$31,562.



The 2008 unemployment rate in Washington County was 5.1 percent, an increase of 2.7 percent from 2000. The current unemployment rate has remained lower than in the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, but continues to increase at a similar rate.

Year	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Unemployment Rate	
				Washington County	Metropolitan Area
1990	82,781	79,691	3,090	3.7%	4.8%
1995	104,642	101,893	2,749	2.6%	3.7%
2000	117,904	115,004	2,900	2.5%	3.1%
2005	127,163	122,699	4,464	3.5%	4.1%
2007	128,022	122,846	5,176	4.0%	4.3%
2008	128,957	122,485	6,472	5.0%	5.2%
Change 1990 to 2000					
Number	35,123	35,313	-190	---	---
Percent	42.4	44.3	-6.1	---	---
Change 2000 to 2008					
Number	10,118	7,481	3,572	---	---
Percent	8.6	6.5	123.2	---	---

Sources: MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development

Jobs

The Metropolitan Council's forecast projects employment in Washington County to grow to 130,620 by 2030, a 93 percent increase from 67,649 jobs in 2000. The number of jobs located in Washington County is projected to grow by a little over 20,000 between 2000 and 2010 (30 percent), about 24,000 between 2010 and 2020 (27 percent), and approximately 19,000 between 2020 and 2030 (17 percent). This is a greater growth rate than the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area, which is projected to experience growth of 17 percent during the period between 2010 and 2030. Appendix 2-D contains the Metropolitan Council's projected employment by community.

Two thirds of all the jobs in Washington County in 2005 were located in the Stillwater area, and the cities of Woodbury and Cottage Grove. The Stillwater area had the most jobs, 27 percent of the total, including employers such as Andersen Corporation, Minnesota Correctional Facilities, Washington County Government, and School District 834. Woodbury is projected to take the lead in the number of jobs by 2010. By 2030, the City of Woodbury will have 37,000 jobs, followed by the City of Lake Elmo with 14,000 jobs and the Stillwater area with 13,600 jobs.

Employment by Industry

Table 2-5 shows the job growth in Washington County between 2000 and 2008. The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development data indicates that Washington County experienced job growth since 2000 in every industry sector except natural resources and mining, manufacturing, and financial activities. Education and health care, wholesale trade, transportation, and utilities, and leisure and hospitality had the greatest growth. The greatest average wage changes from 2000 to 2008 were in the financial activities category at 50.5 percent, wholesale trade, transportation and utilities at 37.5 percent and education and health at 30.8 percent.

Commuting

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Washington County ranks 10th in the nation for residents who commute to work outside of the county, at 69.1 percent of the workforce.

Travel time to work has increased from 24.6 minutes in 2000 to 25.5 minutes in 2008. The majority of workers, 83.0 percent drove alone to work, 7.3 percent carpooled, 2.3 percent used public transportation, and 2.6 percent used other means, while 4.8 percent worked from home. The fastest growing segment of commuting patterns is suburb to suburb.

Appendix 2-A

Washington County, Minnesota 2010 At-A-Glance

POPULATION

Washington County Population	(+16.5% since 2000)	234,348*
Median Age (both genders)	35.1 (2000) 36.7 (2008) ***	
Population Rank in Minnesota	5 of 87 counties **	
Population age 18 years and over		169,666 ***
Population age 65 years & over		20,489 ***
Civilian Veterans		15,125 ***
Housing Units		86,258***
Households		86,709***
Persons per Household		2.63***

Source: * 2008 Metropolitan Council 4/1/08; estimates made public summer 2009
 ** 2000 U.S. Census
 *** 2008 American Community Survey (margin of error not included)

PROJECTED GROWTH 2008 to 2030

Number of New Residents Forecast	128,842 (+ 55%) *
Number of New Households Forecast	57,638 (+ 66%) *
Projected Population in 2030	363,190 *
Projected Households in 2030	144,347 *
Projected Employees in 2030	130,620 *

Source: * Metropolitan Council Forecasts of Population, Households, and Employment 12/31/09

ECONOMIC

Median Household Income	\$ 79,339 *
Per Capita Income (2007)	\$ 47,351 **
Average Residential Value (Single Family Dwelling/Townhouse/Condo)	\$297,800 ***
Median Residential Taxable Market Value-pay 2010	\$240,000 ****
New Houses (Single Family Dwelling/Townhouse/Condo) Started (2007)	1,041 ***
Mean Commute Travel Time for Work	25.5 minutes *
Employment within County (2000)	72,442 *****

Source: * 2008 American Community Survey (margin of error not included)
 ** Bureau of Economic Analysis
 *** Washington County's 2008 Assessment Report
 **** Washington County Property Records and Taxpayer Services
 ***** Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

LABOR FORCE

Employment Statistics (a)	
Annual Labor Force Average	128,957
Number of County Residents Employed	122,485
Unemployed	6,472
Unemployment Rate	(MN 5.4%) 5.0%

Top 10 Taxpayers (b)		2009 Net Tax Capacity
Xcel Energy		\$7,224,929
Woodbury Lakes Retail, LLC		\$1,763,084
Tamarack Village Shopping		\$1,630,156
Menard, Inc.		\$878,418
Imation Corporation		\$836,445
3M Company		\$ 826,378
State Farm Mutual Automobile		\$796,236
Woodbury Village Shop Corporation		\$791,132
Centro-Oakdale, LLC		\$ 685,300
Wal-Mart		\$ 557,632

Occupations (c)	
Management, Professional	42.4%
Sales and Office	27.4%
Service	12.8%
Production, Transportation, Material Moving	9.5%
Construction, Extraction, Maintenance	7.3%
Farming, Fishing, Forestry	.7%

Source: (a) Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (annual average not seasonally adjusted)
 (b) Property Records and Taxpayer Services query; completed on 4/15/08
 (c) 2008 American Community Survey (margin of error not included)

HUMAN SERVICES

Percent of People Below Poverty Level	4.3% **
Percent of Families Below Poverty	2.9% **
Percent of B.A. or Professional Degree	40.3% **
Rate of Homelessness per 10,000 residents (2006)	3.7% ***
MN Medical Assistance Expenditures (2008)	\$165.7 million *
Cash Assistance & Food Support (2008)	\$11.4 million *

Source: * Washington County Community Services
 ** 2008 American Community Survey (margin of error not included)
 *** Wilder Research, Minnesota Statewide Survey of People without Shelter (2006), and U.S. Census Bureau (2007)

COUNTY BUDGET & PERCENTAGES

Total 2010 Budget *	\$183,476,500
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Revenue Sources **

Net Levy	47%
Intergovernmental	24%
Fees, Licenses, and Fines	10%
Interest Income and Miscellaneous	7%
Bond Proceeds	5%
Other Taxes	4%
County Program Aid	3%

Expenditures

Wages and Benefits	47%
Direct Payments	19%
Capital Expenditures	16%
Other Operations	13%
Debt Service	5%

County Budget Comparison ***		
	2009	2010
Operating	\$146.4 million	\$144.3 million
Capital	\$14.9 million	\$29.0 million
Debt	\$9.4 million	\$10.1 million
Total	\$170.7 million	\$183.4 million

County General Obligation Bond Rating

Moody's Aa1	Standard & Poor's AAA
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County Tax Rate

2010	27.71%	2009	26.21%	2008	25.94%	2007	25.67%
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Source: * Washington County Office of Administration
 ** Rounded to the nearest whole number
 *** Rounded to the nearest tenth

Data in At-A-Glance reflects a one-time snapshot of the county. The data will continue to change between now and the next At-A-Glance. Please check with the sources for the most recent information.

LAND USE

	Total Acres	%
Residential	50,042	18.5
Commercial	3,349	1.2
Industrial	4,946	1.8
Institutional & Recreational	26,328	9.7
Major 4-Lane Highways	2,851	1.1
Nonurbanized Land Total	157,402	58.1
Open Water Bodies	25,843	9.5
Total	270,761	99.9

Source: Metropolitan Council Generalized Land Use – Historical 1984, 1990, 1997, 2000, and 2005 For The Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.

GEOGRAPHY

Total Area	423.2 sq. miles *
Land Area (Without Water)	391.7 sq. miles **
Maximum county width	13.8 miles
Maximum county length	40.4 miles
County total area rank in Minnesota	83 of 87 counties *
Washington County Parks	7 parks
Lake Elmo Park Reserve	2,317 acres *
Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	540.8 acres *
Pine Point Park	312 acres *
Point Douglas Park	9 acres *
Square Lake Park	25 acres *
St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	584 acres *
Big Marine Park Reserve	120 acres *
Number of major water bodies +	585 ***

Source: * Land Management Information Center data 2003

** U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF1-Percent data)

*** Lakes and type 3, 4, 5 wetlands. Wetlands are defined as over 10 acres in unincorporated areas or 2 ½ acres in incorporated areas. Lakes are defined as "all natural enclosed depressions, 10 acres or more in area, which have substantial banks capable of containing water, and which are discernible on aerial photographs," from "Inventory of Minnesota Lakes," Minnesota Conservation Department, Bulletin No. 25, 1968.

+ Department of Natural Resources Protected Waters Inventory

WASHINGTON COUNTY FACILITIES

Types of Facilities	Contact Number	#
Government Center -Stillwater (County Seat)	(651) 430-6000	1
County Service Center-Cottage Grove	(651) 430-4075	1
County Service Center- Forest Lake/Headwaters	(651) 275-7200	1
County Service Center – Woodbury	(651) 275-8600	1
County Branch Libraries	(651) 275-8500	9
License Centers	(651) 275-8600	3
County Parks	(651) 430-8368	7
Historic Courthouse	(651) 275-7075	1
Law Enforcement Center	(651) 439-9381	1
Household Hazardous Waste	(651) 430-6655	1
Transportation Offices	(651) 430-4300	2

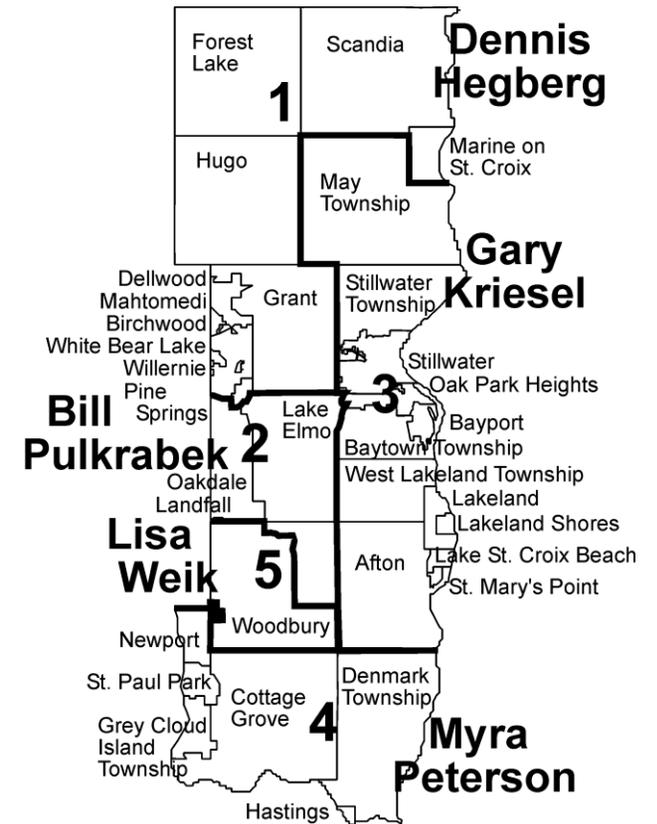
LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENTS & DISTRICTS

Number of Cities (See map to right)	27 *
* Includes portions of Hastings and White Bear Lake located in Washington County.	
Number of Townships (See map to right)	6

Watershed Districts	Contact Number
Brown's Creek	(651) 275-1136 x26
Carnelian Marine	(651) 433-2150
Comfort Lake – Forest Lake	(651) 209-9753
Ramsey-Washington Metro	(651) 792-7950
Rice Creek	(763) 398-3070
South Washington	(651) 714-3729
Valley Branch	(651) 748-4230

Independent School Districts	Contact Number
I.S.D. 200 (Hastings)	(651) 437-6111
I.S.D. 622 (North St. Paul)	(651) 748-7622
I.S.D. 624 (White Bear Lake)	(651) 407-7500
I.S.D. 831 (Forest Lake Area)	(651) 982-8100
I.S.D. 832 (Mahtomedi)	(651) 407-2000
I.S.D. 833 (South Washington County)	(651) 458-6300
I.S.D. 834 (Stillwater Area)	(651) 351-8301
I.S.D. 916 (Valley Crossing)	(651) 415-5657
I.S.D. 2144 (Chisago Lakes)	(651) 213-2000
I.S.D. 6067 (Crosswinds)	(651) 379-2600

Washington County, Minnesota



Washington County Commissioners - 2010

- District 1 – Dennis C. Hegberg
- District 2 – Bill Pulkrabek – Chair
- District 3 – Gary Kriesel – Vice Chair
- District 4 – Myra Peterson
- District 5 – Lisa Weik

County Board meetings: Tuesdays, 9 a.m.
(no meetings on 5th Tuesdays)



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2010 Legal newspaper: Oakdale-Lake Elmo Review
At-A-Glance is prepared by the Office of Administration 01/10



**Table 2-5
County Jobs by Industry 2000 and 2008
Washington County**

Industry	2000			2008			Change	
	Number of Employees	% of Total	Average Wage	Number of Employees	% of Total	Average Wage	Number	Percent
Natural Resource/Mining	737	1.1%	\$24,336	608	.8%	\$28,028	-129	-21.2%
Construction	3,682	5.5%	\$40,976	3,825	5.3%	\$51,272	143	3.7%
Manufacturing	12,003	17.9%	\$50,232	8,964	12.3%	\$60,424	-3,039	-33.9%
W. Trade, T & U*	3,367	5.0%	\$42,160	5,387	7.4%	\$57,967	2,020	37.5%
Retail Trade	11,331	16.9%	\$20,280	12,104	16.6%	\$22,828	773	6.8%
Information	662	1.0%	24,804	---	---	---	---	---
Financial Activities	4,891	7.3%	\$36,660	4,504	6.2%	\$55,172	-387	-7.9%
Professional & Business Services	5,623	8.4%	\$47,632	6,336	8.7%	\$47,996	1,013	-12.7%
Education & Health Services	10,268	15.3%	\$31,616	14,668	20.1%	\$41,340	4,400	42.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	8,916	13.3%	\$11,544	10,316	14.2%	\$13,624	1,400	15.7%
Other Services	2,503	3.7%	\$17,628	2,647	3.6%	\$21,060	144	5.8%
Government	3,054	4.6%	\$35,516	3,468	4.8%	\$45,552	414	13.6%
Total	67,037	100%	\$32,627	72,827	100%	\$40,478	5,790	8.6%

* Wholesale Trade, Transportation, & Utilities

--- Information not available

Sources: MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development, Maxfield Research Inc.



Appendix 2-B

2030 Projected Population Growth by Community Washington County

	2000	2010	2020	2030
Afton*	2,839	3,250	3,650	4,050
Bayport	3,162	4,600	5,300	6,000
Baytown Twp.***	1,533	1,820	1,960	2,160
Birchwood Village	968	950	930	930
Cottage Grove*	30,582	36,000	45,400	53,000
Dellwood	1,033	1,060	990	970
Denmark Twp.	1,348	1,750	2,150	2,550
Forest Lake***	14,440	22,200	33,300	38,300
Grant	4,026	4,400	4,450	4,500
Grey Cloud Island Twp.***	307	350	300	280
Hastings (pt)	3	0	0	0
Hugo**	6,363	19,100	29,000	40,000
Lake Elmo	6,863	9,952	18,403	24,000
Lakeland	1,917	1,880	1,790	1,760
Lakeland Shores***	355	370	370	370
Lake St. Croix Beach	1,140	1,140	1,100	1,080
Landfall	700	700	700	700
Mahtomedi*	7,563	8,100	8,000	8,000
Marine on St. Croix	602	760	880	1,000
May Twp.	2,928	3,200	3,600	4,000
Newport	3,715	3,800	4,400	4,890
Oakdale	26,653	28,000	28,400	30,000
Oak Park Heights***	3,777	5,100	5,400	5,700
Pine Springs	421	400	380	360
St. Mary's Point	344	370	350	340
St. Paul Park*	5,070	7,650	9,700	10,400
Scandia*	3,692	4,370	5,000	5,400
Stillwater	15,323	19,100	21,300	19,900
Stillwater Twp.	2,553	2,690	2,940	3,350
West Lakeland Twp.	3,547	3,860	3,950	4,190
White Bear Lake (pt)***	351	420	420	420
Willernie*	549	590	590	590
Woodbury*	46,463	60,000	73,500	84,000
TOTAL	201,130	257,932	318,603	363,190

Source: Metropolitan Council 2030 Regional Development Framework – Revised forecasts as of December 31, 2009.

* Forecasts revised by Council action in 2006.

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Appendix 2-C

2030 Projected Household Growth by Community Washington County

	2000	2010	2020	2030
Afton*	996	1,150	1,350	1,550
Bayport	763	1,140	1,300	1,500
Baytown Twp.***	492	600	680	760
Birchwood Village	357	370	370	370
Cottage Grove*	9,932	12,600	16,500	20,000
Dellwood	353	380	390	390
Denmark Twp.	481	650	820	990
Forest Lake***	5,433	8,500	13,000	15,000
Grant	1,374	1,540	1,570	1,600
Grey Cloud Island Twp.***	117	120	110	100
Hastings (pt)	2	0	0	0
Hugo**	2,125	7,200	11,100	15,600
Lake Elmo	2,347	3,619	6,324	8,727
Lakeland	691	700	710	710
Lakeland Shores***	116	130	130	130
Lake St. Croix Beach	462	480	480	480
Landfall	292	300	300	300
Mahtomedi*	2,503	2,900	3,000	3,100
Marine on St. Croix	254	320	370	430
May Twp.	1,007	1,200	1,400	1,600
Newport	1,418	1,580	1,850	2,130
Oakdale	10,243	11,300	12,000	13,000
Oak Park Heights	1,528	2,180	2,300	2,500
Pine Springs	140	140	140	140
St. Mary's Point	132	150	150	150
St. Paul Park*	1,829	2,900	3,770	4,150
Scandia*	1,294	1,590	1,890	2,100
Stillwater	5,797	7,500	8,100	8,600
Stillwater Twp.	833	960	1,110	1,260
West Lakeland Twp.	1,101	1,290	1,400	1,510
White Bear Lake (pt)***	149	210	210	210
Willernie*	225	250	260	260
Woodbury*	16,676	23,500	30,500	35,000
TOTAL	71,462	97,449	123,584	144,347

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Appendix 2-D

2030 Projected Employment Growth by Community Washington County

	2000	2010	2020	2030
Afton*	351	450	560	630
Bayport	4,900	5,200	5,700	6,300
Baytown Twp.***	154	130	160	180
Birchwood Village	20	0	0	0
Cottage Grove*	6,263	8,500	10,000	11,500
Dellwood	282	150	170	180
Denmark Twp.	386	360	400	440
Forest Lake***	6,636	7,800	10,300	11,900
Grant	750	620	620	630
Grey Cloud Island Twp.***	50	100	100	100
Hastings (pt)	224	0	0	0
Hugo**	1,917	2,600	3,600	4,500
Lake Elmo	1,682	2,250	7,200	14,000
Lakeland	374	420	500	600
Lakeland Shores***	20	50	50	50
Lake St. Croix Beach	50	110	120	130
Landfall	50	60	70	90
Mahtomedi*	1,252	1,870	2,350	2,500
Marine on St. Croix	235	290	330	380
May Twp.	40	40	50	50
Newport	2,480	3,900	5,200	6,500
Oakdale	7,812	9,300	10,600	11,900
Oak Park Heights	2,713	3,900	4,100	4,600
Pine Springs	10	0	0	0
St. Mary's Point	10	10	10	10
St. Paul Park*	1,399	1,400	1,650	1,700
Scandia*	272	420	520	610
Stillwater	10,719	11,600	12,500	13,600
Stillwater Twp.	120	120	120	120
West Lakeland Twp.	313	90	90	100
White Bear Lake (pt)***	131	140	150	170
Willernie*	135	140	140	150
Woodbury*	15,899	26,000	34,200	37,000
TOTAL	67,649	88,060	111,560	130,620

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