

DATA SERVICES CENTER
University of Minnesota, Morris

Benson city, Swift County

2000

Demographic¹

Total Population	3,376
Median Age	41.8
Male Population	1,563
Female Population	1,813
Ethnicity: White	3,311
Ethnicity: Black or African American	8
Ethnicity: Asian	8
Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino	40
Total Housing Units	1,451

Local Employment Dynamics²

Percent Employed ³	60%
Percent Unemployed ⁴	2.9%

Commuting to Work (percent)⁵

Car, Truck, or Van	88.5%
Drove alone	83.5%
Carpooled	5%
Public Transportation (excluding taxicab)	1.6%
Walked	5.5%
Bicycle	1.5%
Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means	0.4%
Worked at home	2.6%
Worked in county of residence	1,395
Worked outside county of residence	177
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	14.3 mins

¹ US Census Bureau

² Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Local Employment Dynamics, All NAICS Sectors

³ American Community Survey

⁴ American Community Survey

⁵ American Community Survey

Housing Occupancy (percent) ⁶	
Total Households	1,566
Occupied Housing Units	92.7%
Vacant Housing Units	7.3%
For Rent	51.3%
Rented, not occupied	12.0%
For sale only	22.6%
Sold, not occupied	2.8%
For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use	2.6%
All other vacants	8.7%
Homeowner vacancy rate	2.5
Rental vacancy rate	12.2

Education (percent) ⁷	
Less than 9 th grade	11.1%
9 th to 12 th grade, no diploma	10.3%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	32.1%
Some college, no degree	20.4%
Associate's degree	5.7%
Bachelor's degree	16.6%
Graduate or professional degree	3.8%
High school graduate or higher	78.6%
Bachelor's degree or higher	20.4%

Land Values ⁸	
Total acres	157
Total estimated value	101,900
Estimated value per acre	649

⁶ US Census Bureau

⁷ American Community Survey, population 25 years and over

⁸ Minnesota Land Economics

Soils Data ⁹										
Erosion Water										
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	Total
1,927	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,927
Erosion Wind										
5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	Total
1,647	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,927
Crop Production Index										
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	Total
27	0	0	0	212	240	333	919	91	104	1,927
Aspen Production Index										
10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,927

Wind and water erosion tables reflect the number of acres with the above listed tonnage of erosion per acre.

Crop production index display the number of acres that fall within the above listed crop growing potential; the higher the growing potential, the better that land is for farming.

Aspen production index display the number of acres that fall within the above listed aspen growing potential; the higher the growing potential, the better that land is for growing aspen trees or forests.

Property Taxes ¹⁰		
	Taxable Market Value	Local Net Tax Capacity
Farm Homestead	144,520	1,186
Farm Non Homestead	70,756	677
Timber	0	0
Noncommercial Seasonal Recreation	0	0
Residential Homestead	54,466,328	456,876
Residential Non Homestead	3,460,641	34,708
Apartments	3,12,623	38,924
Commercial Seasonal Recreation	0	0
Commercial	7,664,461	158,116
Industrial	1,302,898	30,967
Utilities	6,496	164
Railroads	394,211	9,496
Other	0	0
Personal	743,366	16,167
Total	71,383,300	747,282

⁹ Minnesota Land Economics

¹⁰ Minnesota Land Economics

