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| **Big Stone County** |

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| Demographic[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| Total Population | 5,820 |
| Median Age | 43.6 |
| Male Population | 2,824 |
| Female Population | 2,996 |
| Ethnicity: White | 5,729 |
| Ethnicity: Black or African American | 10 |
| Ethnicity: Asian | 24 |
| Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino | 20 |
| Total Households | 2,377 |

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| Local Employment Dynamics[[2]](#footnote-2) |
|  | Quarter 1 | Quarter 2 | Quarter 3 | Quarter 4 | Annual |
| Total Employment | 1,426 | 1,507 | 1,482 | 1,505 | 1,480 |
| Net Job Flows | 68 | 77 | 4 | -41 |  |
| Job Creation | 138 | 184 | 74 | 113 | 127 |
| New Hires | 183 | 142 | 142 | 129 | 149 |
| Separations | 176 | 262 | 193 | 280 | 228 |
| Turnover (percent) | 7.4 | 10.0 | 8.9 | 9.8 | 9.0 |
| Average Monthly Earnings | $1,608.00 | $1,758.00 | $1,603.00 | $2,213.00 | $1,795.00 |
| Average New Hire Earnings | $925.00 | $1,103.00 | $1,147.00 | $1,325.00 | $1,125.00 |
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| Percent Employed[[3]](#footnote-3) | 54.6% |
| Percent Unemployed[[4]](#footnote-4) | 3% |

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| Commuting to Work (percent)[[5]](#footnote-5) |
| Car, Truck, or Van | 2,041 (83.1%) |
| Drove alone | 1,769 (72.0%) |
| Carpooled | 272 (11.1%) |
| Public Transportation (excluding taxicab) | 12 (0.5%) |
| Walked | 158 (6.4%) |
| Bicycle | 3 (0.1%) |
| Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means | 9 (0.4%) |
| Worked at home | 234 (9.5%) |
| Worked in county of residence | 1,845 (83%) |
| Worked outside county of residence | 376 (17%) |
| Mean travel time to work (minutes) | 15.7 |

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| Housing Occupancy (percent)[[6]](#footnote-6) |
| Total Housing Units | 3,171 |
| Occupied Housing Units | 2,377 (75%) |
| Vacant Housing Units | 794 (25%) |
| For Rent | 91 (11.5%) |
| Rented, not occupied | 25 (3%) |
| For sale only | 114 (14.4%) |
| Sold, not occupied | 19 (2.5%) |
| For seasonal, recreational, or occasional use | 433 (54.5%) |
| All other vacants | 112 (14.1%) |
| Homeowner vacancy rate | 5.3 |
| Rental vacancy rate | 20.4 |

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| Education (percent)[[7]](#footnote-7) |
|  Less than 9th grade | 467 (11.5%) |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 382 (9.4%) |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 1,627 (68.1%) |
| Some college, no degree | 835 (20.6%) |
| Associate’s degree | 279 (6.9%) |
| Bachelor’s degree | 344 (8.5%) |
| Graduate or professional degree | 170 (2.8%) |
| High school graduate or higher | 79% |
| Bachelor’s degree or higher | 11.4% |

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| Agriculture[[8]](#footnote-8) |
| Number of Farms | 446 |
| Land in Farms | 274,038 |
| Average Size of Farm | 614 |
| Total value of agricultural products sold | 57,670,000 |
| Value of crops including nursery and greenhouse | 44,923,000 |
| Value of livestock, poultry, and their products | 12,747,000 |

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| Farmland Sales[[9]](#footnote-9) |
| Number of Sales | 11 |
| Average Parcel Size | 144 |
| Sum of Parcel Size | 1,588 |
| Minimum Parcel Size | 52 |
| Maximum Parcel Size | 357 |

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| Timberland Sales[[10]](#footnote-10) |
| Number of Sales | NA |
| Average Parcel Size | NA |
| Sum of Parcel Size | NA |
| Minimum Parcel Size | NA |
| Maximum Parcel Size | NA |

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| Land Values[[11]](#footnote-11) |
| Total acres | 297,014 |
| Total estimated value | 187,187,980 |
| Estimated value per acre | 630 |

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| Soils Data[[12]](#footnote-12) |
| Erosion Water |
| 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | Total |
| 200 | 624 | 83,360 | 1,664 | 10,827 | 4,114 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 322,203 |
| Erosion Wind |
| 5 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | 35 | 40 | 45 | 50 | Total |
| 189,843 | 121,578 | 38,218 | 21,597 | 10,770 | 6,656 | 6,656 | 6,656 | 6,656 | 0 | 322,203 |
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| Crop Production Index |
| 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 | Total |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 322,203 |
| Aspen Production Index |
| 10 | 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70 | 80 | 90 | 100 | Total |
| 20,813 | 1,011 | 5,683 | 461 | 5,081 | 2,252 | 9,319 | 35,647 | 172,278 | 69,658 | 322,203 |

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.

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| Property Taxes[[13]](#footnote-13) |
|  | Taxable Market Value | Local Net Tax Capacity |
| Farm Homestead | 150,169,870 | 1,021,088 |
| Farm Non Homestead | 58,193,535 | 698,424 |
| Timber | 0 | 0 |
| Noncommercial Seasonal Recreation | 11,460,424 | 138,973 |
| Residential Homestead | 54,877,623 | 556,845 |
| Residential Non Homestead | 5,042,149 | 61,504 |
| Apartments | 1,704,379 | 32,965 |
| Commercial Seasonal Recreation | 356,898 | 4,485 |
| Commercial  | 7,574,707 | 185,847 |
| Industrial | 796,283 | 20,296 |
| Utilities | 2,463,113 | 77,830 |
| Railroads | 2,551,107 | 85,178 |
| Other  | 189,962 | 6,460 |
| Personal | 3,607,551 | 108,088 |
| Total | 298,987,600 | 2,997,984 |

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| Natality[[14]](#footnote-14) |
| Number of Births | 55 |
| Fertility Rate | 62.7 |
| Birth Rate | 9.9 |
| Number of Deaths | 97 |
| Death Rate | 17.4 |
| Natural Rate of Increase | -7.5 |

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| Mortality (all ages)[[15]](#footnote-15) |
| AIDS/HIV | 0 |
| Alzheimer’s Disease | 1 |
| Atherosclerosis | 0 |
| Cancer | 21 |
| Cirrhosis | 0 |
| Congenital Anomalies | 0 |
| Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease | 0 |
| Diabetes | 5 |
| Heart Disease | 35 |
| Homicide | 0 |
| Hypertension | 0 |
| Nephritis | 2 |
| Perinatal Conditions | 0 |
| Pneumonia and Influenza | 3 |
| Septicemia | 0 |
| SIDS | 0 |
| Stroke | 13 |
| Suicide | 0 |
| Unintentional Injury | 3 |
| Other | 3 |

1. US Census Bureau [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Local Employment Dynamics, All NAICS Sectors [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. American Community Survey [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. American Community Survey [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. American Community Survey [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. US Census Bureau [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. American Community Survey, population 25 years and over [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. 2007 Census of Agriculture [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Minnesota Land Economics [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
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13. Minnesota Land Economics [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
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