



# THREE RIVERS COMMUNITY ACTION



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# SERVICE COMMUNITY

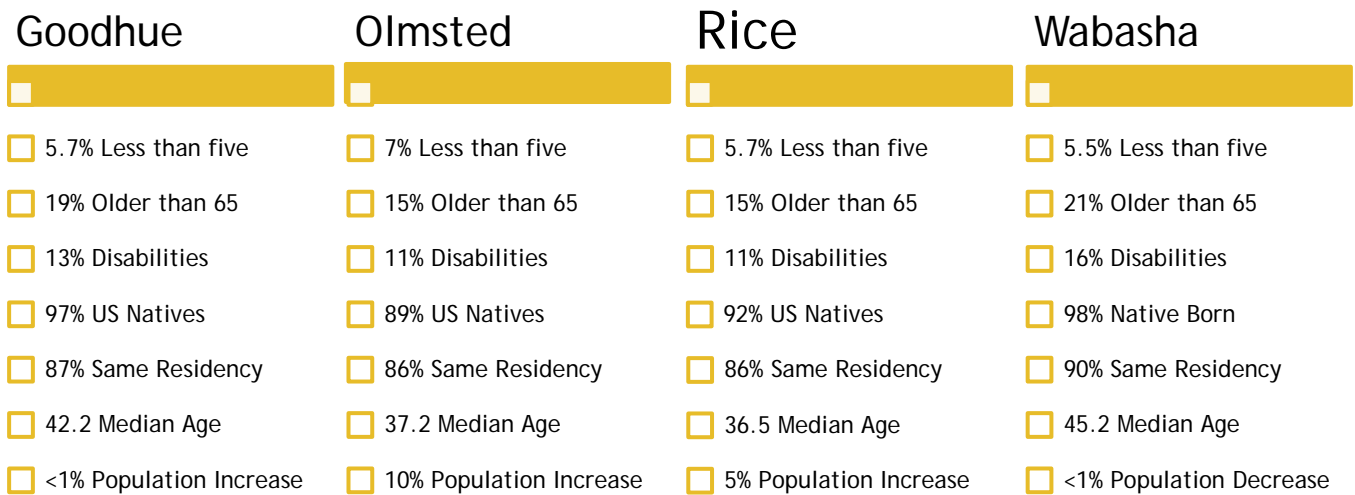
Three Rivers Community Action Agency serves four counties located in the Southeast region of Minnesota. The physical area is about 2,329 square miles, or about 3% of Minnesota’s land mass,<sup>1</sup> with a combined population of 288,777.<sup>1</sup> The counties are all in the Economic Development Region (EDR)10- Southeast. Olmsted County is the second largest in physical size, with a population of more than the other three counties combined.

	<i>Goodhue (1853)</i>	<i>Olmsted (1855)</i>	<i>Rice (1853)</i>	<i>Wabasha (1849)</i>
<i>Square Miles</i>	757	653	496	523
<i>Population</i>	46,246	154,809	66,185	21,537
<i>Cities</i>	10	8	7	11
<i>Townships</i>	20	18	14	17
<i>School Districts</i>	5	6	6	4
<i>Tribal Nation</i>	Prairie Island Indian Community (PIIC)	No	No	No

## POPULATION

The combined population of the community is nearly 290,000, with 6% under the age of 5 and 16% over the age of 65. However, each community is comprised of a unique story. Olmsted has the largest percentage of young children (7%) with the other communities closer to 6%. Wabasha has the largest residents in the over 65 age group, which is on trend with previous years, but Goodhue (19%) is also over the Minnesota average, of 16.3% in this age group. Rice and Olmsted are most similar in population, each having a younger median age than either Goodhue, Wabasha, as well as that of Minnesota (37.8 Median Age). The population change represents the change of population from 2000 Census to 2019 ACS Data.

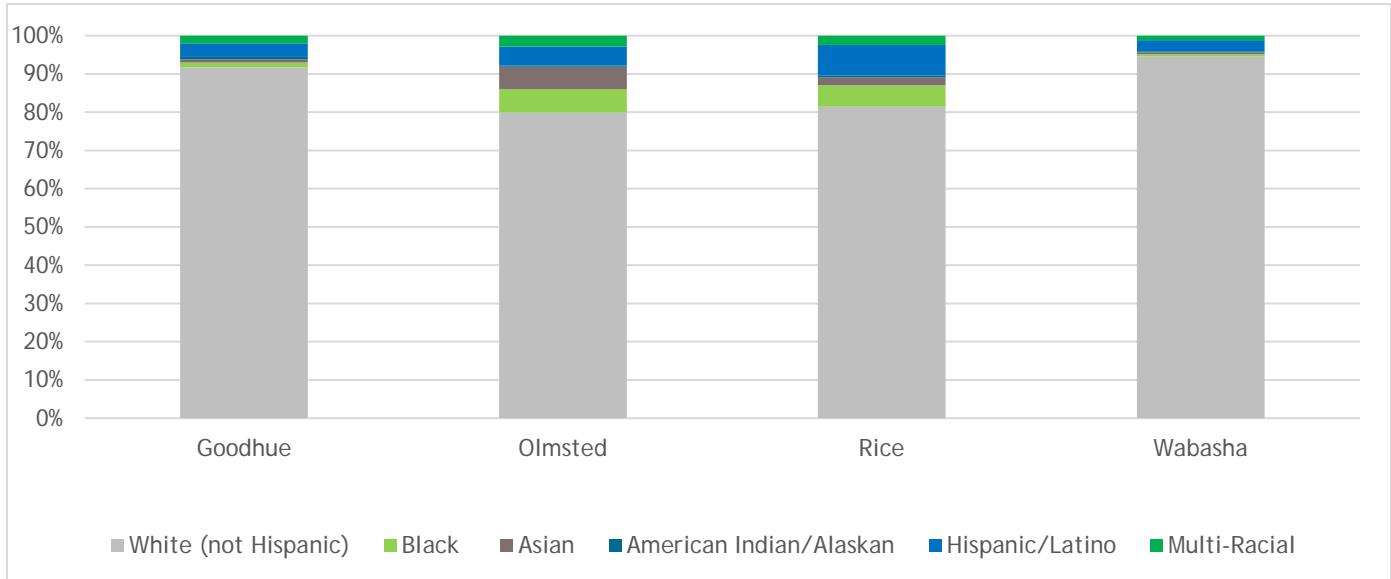
## KEY POPULATION FACTS BY COUNTY



<sup>1</sup> All data utilizes American Community Survey Data Sets, 2015-2019 unless otherwise noted.

## POPULATION BY RACE & ETHNICITY

The service area is predominantly White, with a range of 80% (Olmsted) to 95% (Wabasha). In Goodhue, Rice and Wabasha, the second highest population are those identifying as Hispanic/Latinx, while Olmsted has a higher percentage identifying as Black. While the counties are less diverse than the Minnesota averages, the community is becoming more diverse over time.



## POPULATION BY PRIMARY HOME LANGUAGE

The community largely speaks English as the home language, with variances by county levels. Goodhue and Wabasha are similar by populations and languages, whereas Olmsted and Rice are slightly more diverse in languages.

- Goodhue County has 4% of population over five years old speaking another language; of these, Spanish is most prevalent.
- Olmsted County has 14% of population over five years old speaking another language. Of these, "Other (4%) languages were most prevalent, followed by Asian/Pacific Islander (4%), Spanish (3%) and "Other Indo-European" at nearly 3%.
- Rice County has 13% of population over five years old speaking another language. Of these, Spanish (7%), followed by Other Languages (3%), Asian Pacific Languages (2%) and Other Indo-European languages at 1%.
- Wabasha County has 3% of population over five years old speaking another language. Of these, 2% speak Spanish, and all other languages are less than 1%.

## POPULATION BY HOUSEHOLD TYPES

Within the community, there are approximately 113,585 households within the four counties. In each of the counties, the average household size is about 2.5 persons, with just under a third of households with children under 18, and over a quarter of households having one or more persons over 65 years old. This varies by county, as shown below.

County	Households	Household size	With children	With Seniors	Living Alone
Goodhue	19,452	2.3	30%	31%	28%
Olmsted	62,108	2.5	32%	26%	28%
Rice	23,005	2.5	31%	30%	27%
Wabasha	9,020	2.4	28%	34%	26%

**Family type.** Within the community the primary household is either married or cohabitating, with Wabasha county having a slightly higher proportion (64%) than the other counties, single parents in each county are between 5-6%, with more females as single parents than male, and just over a quarter of the households live alone.

**Grandparents supporting families.** A small percentage of grandparents not only live with their grandchildren (with or without the parent present), with varying rates of responsibilities towards their basic needs. Wabasha county has the smallest percentage of grandparents, as well as those responsible for basic needs care.

- Goodhue County: 671 grandparents lived with their grandchildren, with 47% responsible for the basic needs of their grandchildren.
- Olmsted County, 1,582 grandparents lived with their grandchildren, with 36% responsible for the basic needs of their grandchildren.
- Rice County, 711 grandparents lived with their grandchildren, with 44% responsible for the basic needs of their grandchildren
- Wabasha County, 209 grandparents lived with their grandchildren, with 28% percent responsible for the basic needs of their grandchildren.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

Many factors influence the difference between surviving and thriving, with key factors weaving together to influence the well-being of a community. These are categorized below by Physical Attributes, Social & Economic Attributes and Health Attributes.



# PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

## HOUSING OVERVIEW

The four counties have a total of 121,251 housing units, with nearly all occupied. Housing stability in all counties is above the national average of 10%. Housing Stability about 86% for community wide, with those reporting themselves as a new resident around 14%, with 1% moving from outside the US. Of the houses in the community, between just under 70% have three or more bedrooms. Within the community less than 2% of the housing stock is considered sub-standard without either kitchens or bathrooms.

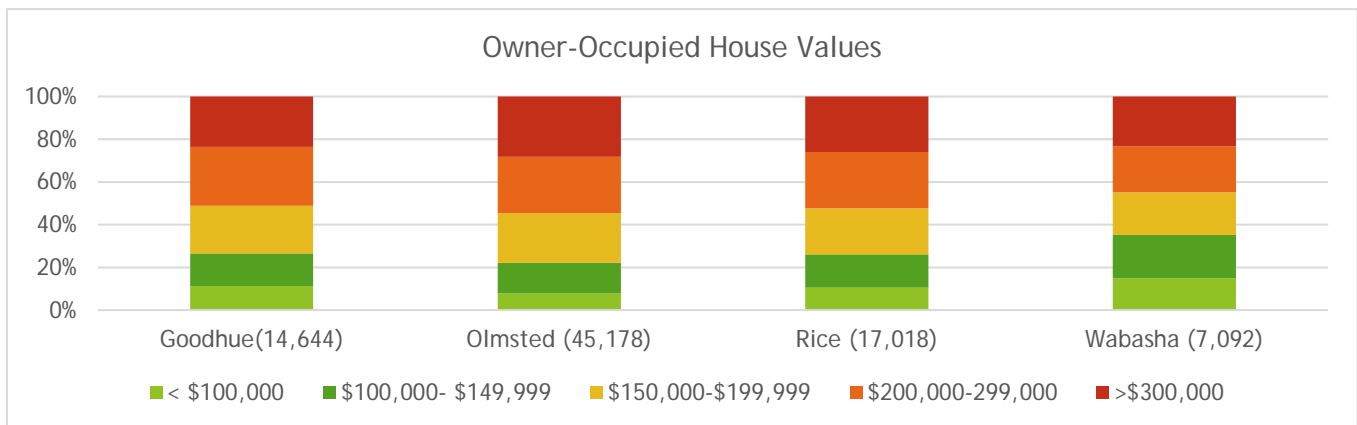
- Goodhue County has 20,616 Housing Units with 94% occupied; 26% were built prior to 1939.
- Olmsted County has 65,380 Housing Units with 95% occupied; 9% were built prior to 1939.
- Rice County has 25,014 Housing Units with 92% occupied; 19% of were built prior to 1939.
- Wabasha County has 10,241 Housing Units with 88% Occupied; 25% were built prior to 1939.

## HOME CHARACTERISTICS BY TENURE

Within the community, the majority of homes are owner occupied, with just over a quarter of the community renting their homes. Average household sizes in owner-occupied housing are about .5 person more than renter household sizes in each county. The cost per person is more advantaged towards home owners, especially those without a mortgage. <sup>2</sup>

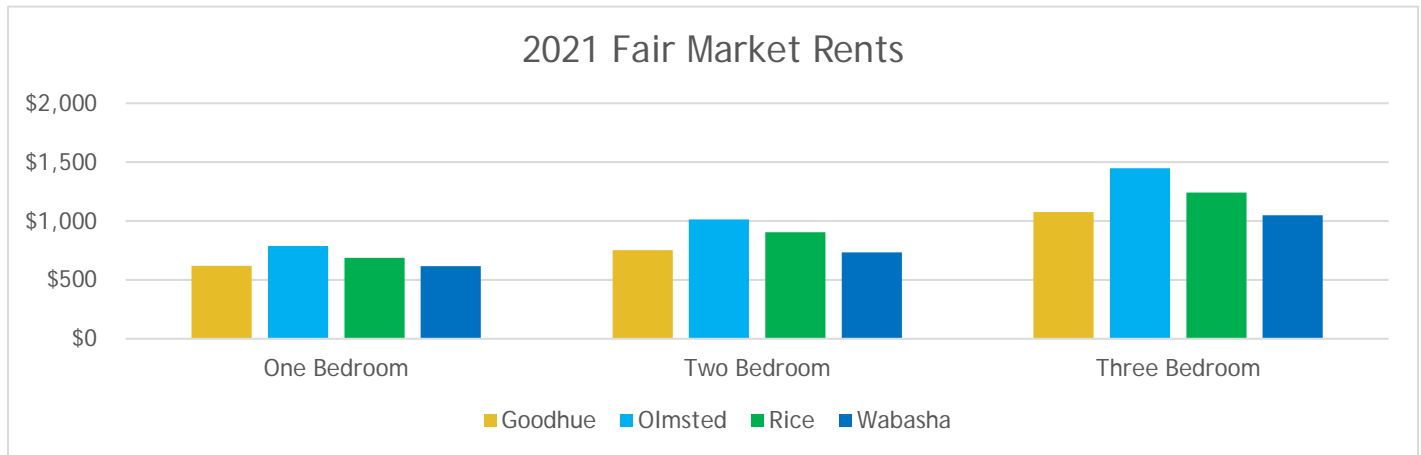
	Goodhue		Olmsted		Rice		Wabasha	
<b>Owners</b>	75%		73%		74%		79%	
<b>Mortgage</b>	64%	\$1,483	66%	\$1,525	65%	\$1,568	60%	\$1,459
<b>No Mortgage</b>	36%	\$532	34%	\$544	35%	\$527	40%	\$488
<b>Renters</b>	25%	\$862	27%	\$968	26%	\$843	21%	\$690

For owner-occupied homes, the median property values vary amongst the counties, with the median home values in Olmsted the largest, and Wabasha the lowest. Wabasha County has nearly 15% of homes valued at



or below \$100,000. In all counties, with exception to Wabasha, over 50% of the homes are valued over \$200,000. (Goodhue \$204,100, Olmsted \$214,600, Rice \$208,600, Wabasha \$183,900)

## FAIR MARKET RENT



HUD establishes a Fair Market Rent each year for each Metropolitan Statistical Area and counties nationally. Fair Market rent prices are the estimates of the 40 percentile gross rents for standard quality units within the designated community.<sup>3</sup> Within the community, one-bedroom units are the most similar in costs, with Olmsted and Rice having higher rents than the neighboring counties in all rental markets.

**Homelessness.** The 2020 National Homeless count was completed just before the start of the 2020 COVID-19 Global Pandemic. Between 2007 and 2020, Minnesota has seen an:

- 8% increase of the homeless population
- 6% increase of chronic homeless populations
- 21% decrease of family homeless populations
- 45% increase of individuals

Within the Continuum of Care (COC), Rochester SouthEast Minnesota, with 459 persons counted (6.2% per 10,000 persons) has seen an:

- 3% increase of the homeless population
- 88% increase of chronic homeless population
- 21% decrease of family homeless populations
- 53% increase of individual homeless population<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> [https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html#2021\\_data](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/datasets/fmr.html#2021_data)

<sup>4</sup> <https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/homelessness-statistics/state-of-homelessness-dashboards/?State=Minnesota>



## TRANSPORTATION

Within the community, majority of the community tends to drive by alone with a small percentage carpool, and the smallest population using public transportation. It is more common in Olmsted (the most populous) to both car-pool or use public transportation, and in Olmsted County, wages or poverty are not as associated with the mode of transportation, which is also associated with the industries within the communities. A small percentage of the workforce worked from home, with Rice County reporting a higher percentage of those working from home. (Goodhue 6%, Olmsted 5%, Rice 15%, Wabasha 6%). Data below shows the percentage of persons by driving category, the average wages of that population, and the percentage of persons by the

	Goodhue	Olmsted	Rice	Wabasha
<b>Drives Alone</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>77%</b>
<i>Average wages</i>	\$42,706	\$47,618	\$42,369	\$39,619
<i>Percentage over 150% of Poverty</i>	93%	92%	93%	91%
<b>Carpools</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>10%</b>
<i>Average wages</i>	\$35,275	\$41,850	\$32,315	\$43,979
<i>Percentage over 150% of Poverty</i>	86%	88%	83%	95%
<b>Public Transportation</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>2%</b>
<i>Average Wages</i>	\$13,295	\$44,594	**Suppressed	\$40,147
<i>Percentage over 150% of Poverty</i>	52%	86%	71%	76%

## COMMUTE TIME

In all counties, but Goodhue, the percentage of workforce members with a 30 minute or longer drive time is a larger population than those with a quick commute of 10 minutes or less.

County	10 minutes or less drive time	30 minutes or longer drive time
Goodhue	24%	35%
Olmsted	17%	14%
Rice	24%	33%
Wabasha	27%	40%

## MILES AND COSTS

Households in Olmsted drive the least annual miles, while households in Wabasha County drive the most, and report the highest transportation costs.<sup>5</sup>

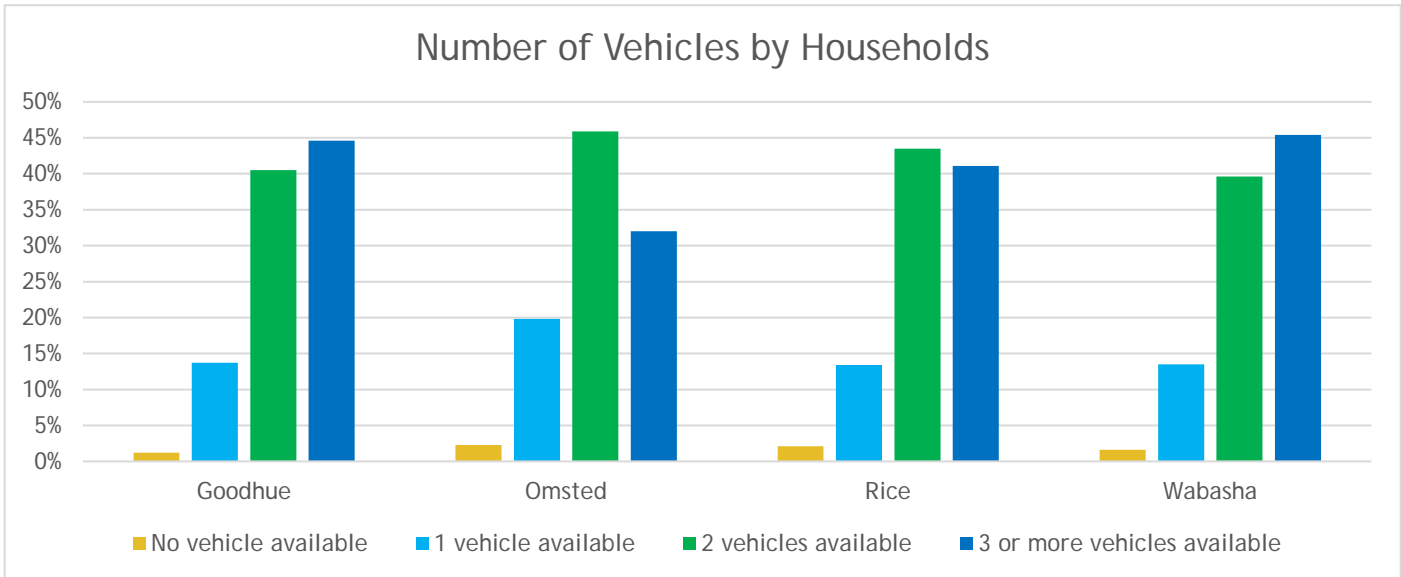
County	Household Annual Miles	Annual Auto Costs	Annual Transport Costs
Goodhue	23,972	\$11,564	\$14,338
Olmsted	22,529	\$11,480	\$14,087
Rice	23,641	\$11,442	\$14,179

<sup>5</sup> The Housing & Transportation Affordability Index <http://htaindex.cnt.org/map/>

Wabasha	24,840	\$12,860	\$15,735
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## NUMBER OF VEHICLES

By household, most report having 2 or more vehicles, with a higher percentage of households in both Goodhue and Wabasha reporting 3 or more vehicles. Less than 2% of households in the community report not having a car available.



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

### LEAD

Lead is a highly toxic exposure, especially to children and pregnant women. Any lead levels cause health issues, however, no known lead exposure is considered safe. Elevated blood lead levels (EBLL) (above 5 mg/dL) may result in delays for a child's learning and growth. But even lower lead levels have adverse health impacts in children. Lead can be found in many places, but in Minnesota, lead is most often found paint in older homes, with 84% of children with elevated lead levels living in a home where lead paint was present. Comparing housing stock data of homes built before 1950 can highlight areas at most risk.

- Goodhue county with 83% of children tested; 3% with EBLL (Significantly higher statistically than the state average)
- Olmsted county with 34.5% of children tested; .4% with EBLL
- Rice County with 87% of children tested; 1.4% with EBLL
- Wabasha county with 63% of children tested; 2% of children had EBLL

### RADON

Radon is a serious public health issue in Minnesota, where 2 in 5 homes tested have radon levels that are a major health risk. Minnesota has high radon levels due to its unique geology and cold climate. During the winter, home heating systems tend to draw in radon gas from the soil, increasing radon levels inside the

home. Many Minnesotans also use basements as living spaces, which can increase radon exposure. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) recommends mitigations if a home tests greater than 2 pCi/L, and highly encourages mitigations if a home tests greater than 4 pCi/L.

Testing levels in Minnesota (annually about 20,000 homes tested) have shown that about 73% of all properties tested are at the recommend mitigation range and 43% of all properties tested were at the highly encourages mitigation levels, with a median Radon Value of 3.3.<sup>6</sup>

	Annual Homes Tested	Recommends Mitigation Levels	Highly Encourages Mitigation Levels
Goodhue	202	81%	56%
Olmsted	828	79%	54%
Rice	319	83%	60%
Wabasha	88	87%	67%

## SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS

### EDUCATION LEVELS

#### KEY FACTS

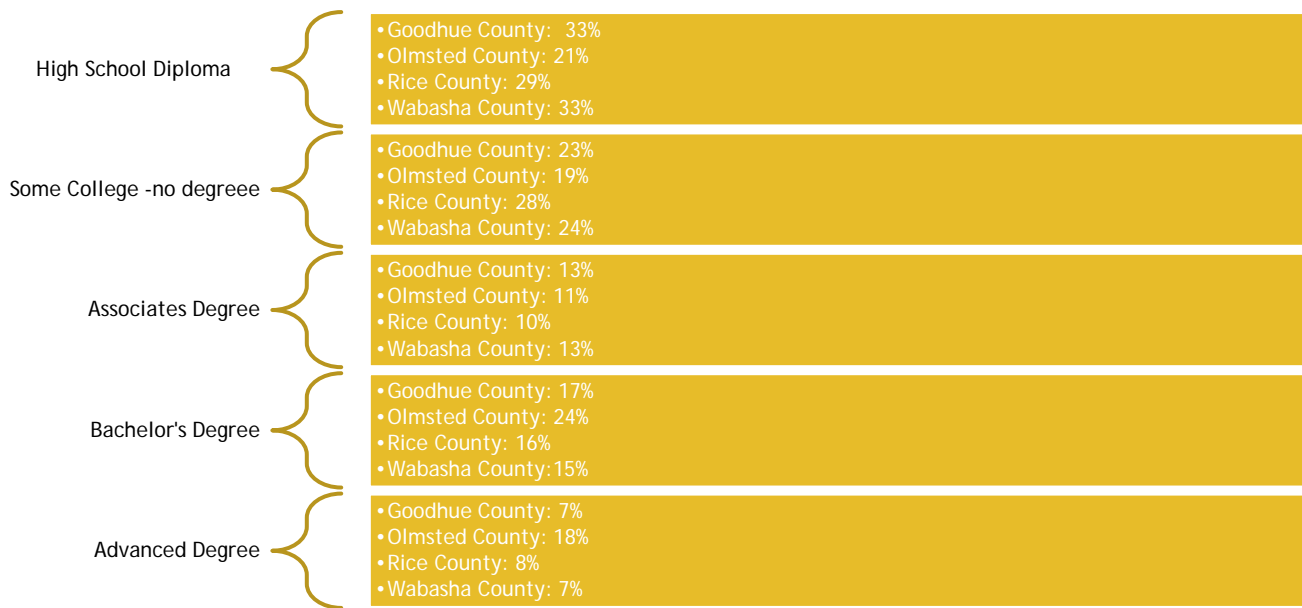
- A small percentage of persons (over 25 years old) have less than a high school diploma/equivalent.<sup>7</sup>
- The majority over 18 years old have a high school diploma or equivalent.<sup>8</sup>
- College educated (at some level) is higher than the state average (67.1%) in Goodhue (73%), Olmsted (73%), and lower in Rice (63%) and Wabasha (60%).

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<sup>6</sup> Minnesota Department of Health 2021 <https://data.web.health.state.mn.us>

<sup>7</sup> Less than High School Diploma: Goodhue County, 6% Olmsted County, 6% Rice County, 9% Wabasha 7%

<sup>8</sup> High School Diploma or higher: Goodhue and Olmsted County: 94%, Rice 92%, Wabasha 93%



## EMPLOYMENT

### REGION 10 OVERVIEW

At \$21.13 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 10 than the state. Overall, Region 10 had the 3rd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$44.47) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.72)

There were 9623 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2020 in Region 10, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries. However, wages offered are lower than \$21.13, the average hourly wage.<sup>9</sup>

Occupational Group	Median hourly wage	Share of Jobs (231,950)	Number of Vacancies (SFY21Q2)	Wage Offer (hourly wages)
Management	\$44.47	4%	226	\$29.16
Business & Financial	\$31.11	4%	45	\$24.93
Computer & Mechanical	\$42.07	2%	54	\$25.44
Architecture & Engineering	\$35.77	1%	47	\$29.69
Life, Physical & Social Services	\$32.57	<1%	91	\$18.76
Community & Social Service	\$25.05	2%	105	\$15.97
Education, Training & Library	\$24.41	6%	461	\$17.93

<sup>9</sup> MN DEED Regional Data and County Level 9/25/2021

Healthcare Practitioners & Tech.	\$36.88	14%	815	\$19.87
Healthcare Support	\$16.22	7%	998	\$12.50
Protective Services	\$23.99	1%	115	\$14.95
Food Preparation & Serving	\$12.72	8%	915	\$12.18
Building, Grounds Cleaning	\$15.11	3%	435	\$14.77
Personal Care	\$14.39	2%	928	\$17.79
Sales & Related	\$15.31	9%	1,119	\$12.57
Office & Admin Support	\$19.02	11%	647	\$14.78
Construction & Extraction	\$27.22	4%	861	\$15.84
Installation, Mtce. & Repair	\$23.34	4%	448	\$17.09
Production	\$19.15	10%	203	\$16.27
Transportation	18.44	7%	586	\$17.72

## EMPLOYED POPULATION

Of the population over 16 years old, between 60-70% of persons in each community are employed, with the majority of workers working in private industries, around 10% working in local, state or federal government jobs, with varying rates by county of those being self-employed. Aligning with traffic time, Goodhue County has the least amount of workforce members working within the county.

- Goodhue County has 65% of the population employed, with 82% working in private industries, 11% working in government and 7% being self-employed. 62% of the workforce works within the county.
- Olmsted County has 69% of the population employed, with 86% working in private industries, 10% working in government, and 4% being self-employed. 93% of the workforce works within the county.
- Rice County has 64% of the population employed, with 84% working in private industries, 10% working in government, and 5% being self-employed. 66% of the community works within the county.
- Wabasha County has 65% of the population employed, 81% working in private industries, 10% working in government, and 9% being self-employed. 51% of the community works within the county.

**Primary industries by county.** The primary industries in Goodhue, Rice and Wabasha counties are educational services, health care and social assistance and Manufacturing. Olmsted County, with the Mayo Clinic and a more urban environment, has nearly half of the industry as Educational service, health care and social assistance.

- Goodhue County: 24% Educational services, health care and social assistance; 17% Manufacturing
- Olmsted County: 46% Educational services, health care and social assistance; 10% Retail trade
- Rice County: 34% Educational services, health care and social assistance; 15% Manufacturing
- Wabasha County: 30% Educational services, health care and social assistance; 16% Manufacturing

## EMPLOYMENT CHARACTERISTICS BY KEY DEMOGRAPHICS

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

In 2020, Minnesota had a state average of 6.2% unemployed, impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic. To show this impact, employment rates for 2019 and 2020 are listed below.

- Goodhue County, with a 3.1% unemployment rate in 2019, increased to 5.4% in 2020.
- Olmsted County, with a 2.6% unemployment rate in 2019, increased to 5.2% in 2020
- Rice County, with a 3.2% unemployment rate in 2019, increased to 4.9% in 2020.
- Wabasha County, with a 3.3% unemployment rate in 2019, increased to 5% in 2020,

### CHARACTERISTICS BY RACE AND ETHNICITY

Data below shows the labor force participation rate by Race and Ethnicity, as well as the unemployment rate for each demographic by county.

County	White		Black		American Indian		Asian		Some Other Race		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Goodhue	68%	3%	61%	23%	57%	6%	75%	0%	77%	0%	57%	17%	70%	7%
Olmsted	71%	2%	72%	13%	61%	5%	74%	3%	81%	6%	79%	2%	82%	6%
Rice	68%	3%	51%	9%	25%	9%	72%	9%	67%	5%	66%	2%	65%	5%
Wabasha	67%	3%	91%	87%	79%	63%	67%	0%	69%	0%	61%	28%	74%	0%

### CHARACTERISTICS BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Data below shows the labor force participation rate by Educational Attainment, as well as the unemployment rate for each demographic by county. Unemployment rates are lower as educational attainment increases.

County	< High School		HS Diploma		Some College-Associates		Bachelors or higher	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
Goodhue	67%	5%	82%	3%	85%	3%	89%	1%
Olmsted	70%	2%	80%	4%	87%	3%	89%	1%
Rice	60%	5%	71%	2%	85%	2%	90%	2%
Wabasha	68%	5%	83%	1%	88%	4%	90%	1%

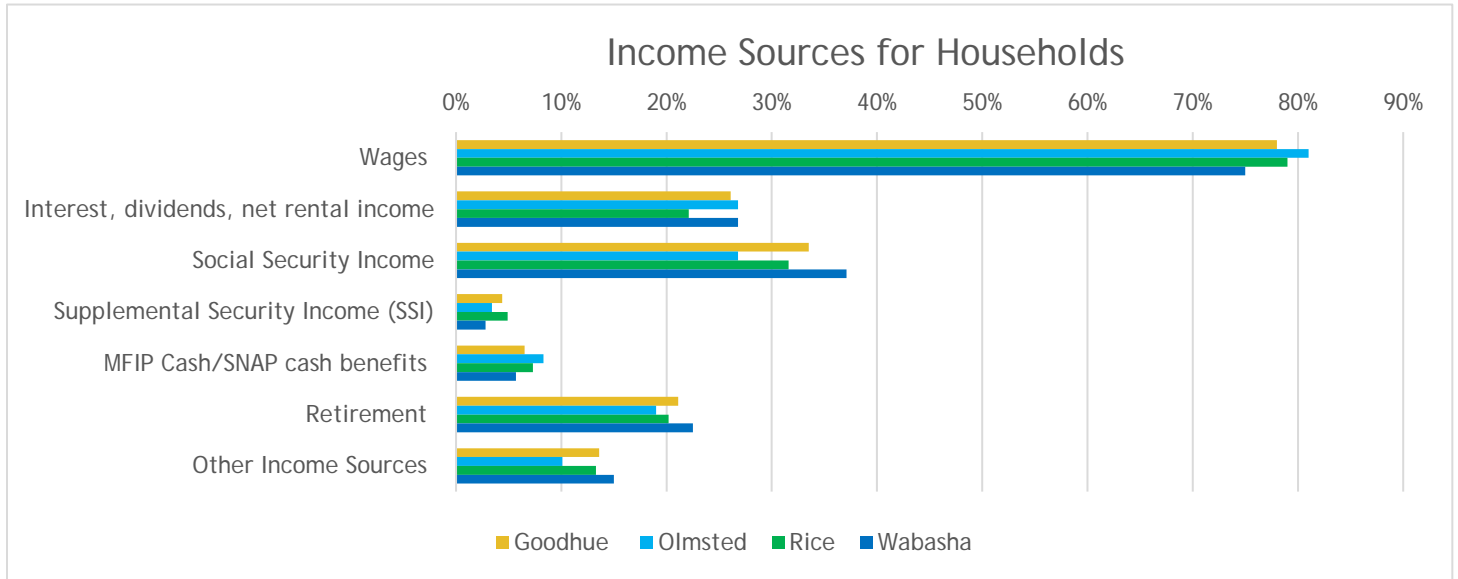
## INCOME

### KEY FACTS

- Goodhue County, Rice County and Wabasha County all have a lower median income than Minnesota's Average (of \$71,306). In comparison to other Minnesota counties, Goodhue ranks 18<sup>th</sup>, Rice ranks 14<sup>th</sup> and Wabasha has the 15<sup>th</sup> highest median income.
- Olmsted County has a higher median household income than the state, with a lower percentage of incomes below \$50,000. Olmsted County is ranked 9<sup>th</sup> highest median income in Minnesota.

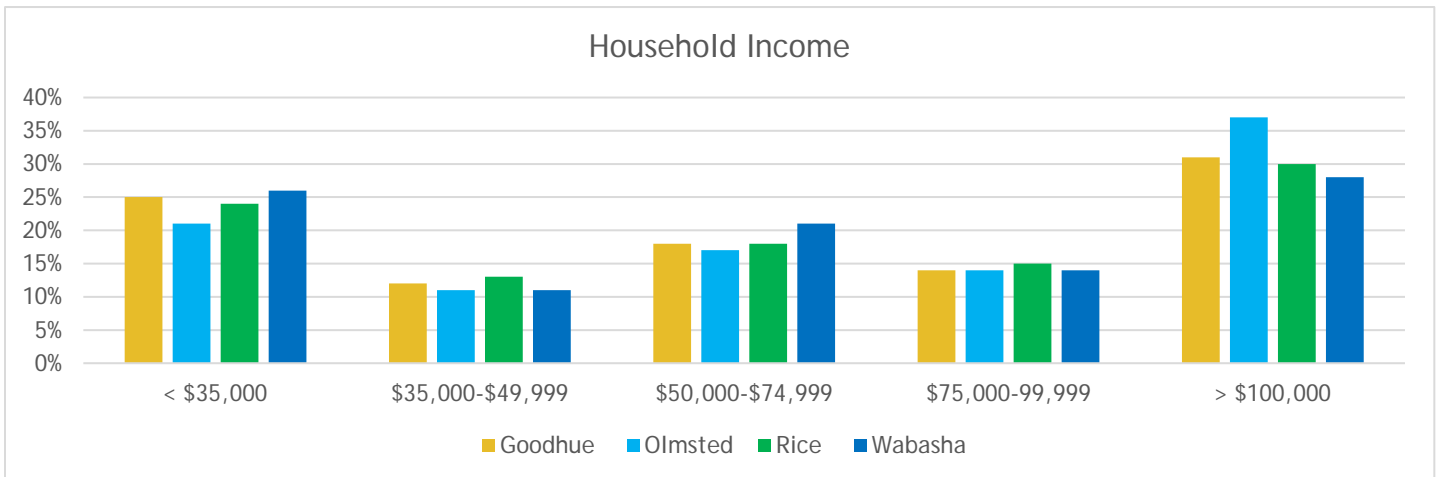
## INCOME SOURCES

Households have various sources of income including Wages, Interest, dividends or net rental income, Social Security income, Supplemental Security Income, Cash public assistance or SNAP benefits with cash assistance, retirement or other types of income. Households can earn multiple types of these income sources.



## HOUSEHOLD INCOME

County	Goodhue	Olmsted	Rice	Wabasha
Median Income	\$66,800	\$76,951	\$68,584	\$65,226
Median Family Income	\$87,116	\$97,171	\$84,211	\$80,461
Per Capita income	\$34,803	\$41,066	\$31,221	\$34,442



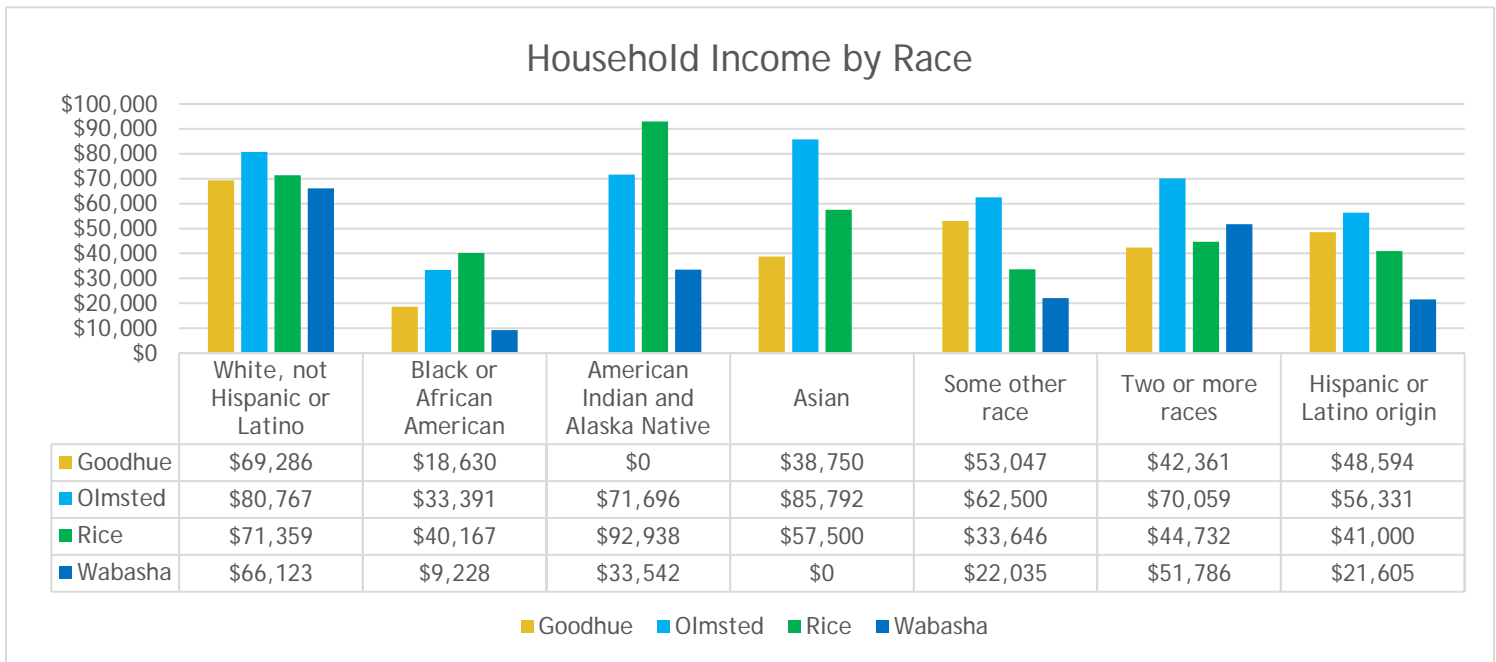
*HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY GENDER.*

Incomes continue to vary significantly by gender and race, following state and national trends.

County	Goodhue	Olmsted	Rice	Wabasha
Median Income Males	\$54,314	\$61,944	\$52,747	\$52,301
Median Income Females	\$43,629	\$52,492	\$44,506	\$41,564

*HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY RACE*

Income variations by race continue, following state and national trends.



**COST OF LIVING**

Understanding how costs compare across areas can help identify one or more areas that could be addressed, including ensuring the wages in the community can adequately support living costs. Costs are higher for single parents with one or more children, in comparison to those partnered with children, as either child care costs are lower, or more workers are supporting the family. Three case studies for the communities below are reviewed: Single Person, Single Parent with One Child, and Two Parents with a child, as estimated by MN DEED.<sup>10</sup>

<sup>10</sup> 2021 MN DEED <https://mn.gov/deed/data/data-tools/col/>



**SINGLE PERSON:**

- Goodhue County: Yearly costs of \$30,784 needing a job earning \$14.80 hourly
- Olmsted County: Yearly costs of \$30,862 needing a job earning \$14.84 hourly
- Rice County: Yearly costs of \$32,120 needing a job earning \$15.44 hourly
- Wabasha County: Yearly costs of \$30,427 needing a job earning \$14.63 hourly

County	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transport	Other	Taxes
Goodhue	\$0	\$349	\$163	\$603	\$829	\$260	\$361
Olmsted	\$0	\$351	\$163	\$773	\$631	\$308	\$346
Rice	\$0	\$347	\$163	\$697	\$807	\$286	\$377
Wabasha	\$0	\$348	\$163	\$639	\$768	\$270	\$348

**SINGLE PARENT WITH ONE CHILD COSTS OF LIVING**

- Goodhue: Yearly costs \$49,475 needing a job earning \$23.79 hourly
- Olmsted: Yearly costs \$53,379 needing a job earning \$25.66 hourly wage
- Rice: Yearly costs \$48,559 needing a job earning \$23.35 hourly wage
- Wabasha: Yearly costs \$44,354 needing a job earning \$21.32 hourly wage

County	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transport	Other	Taxes
Goodhue	\$834	\$514	\$385	\$793	\$835	\$358	\$404
Olmsted	\$997	\$518	\$385	\$1,029	\$635	\$424	\$460
Rice	\$631	\$512	\$385	\$935	\$813	\$396	\$375
Wabasha	\$588	\$513	\$385	\$782	\$774	\$354	\$300

**TWO PARENTS WITH ONE CHILD**

One parent is a full-time worker, one is a part-time worker, child care is needed only sometimes.

- Goodhue County: \$53,080 needing a job earning \$17.01 hourly
- Olmsted County: \$55,100 needing a job earning \$17.66 hourly
- Rice County: \$53,671 needing a job earning \$17.20 hourly
- Wabasha County: \$49,321 with \$15.81 hourly wage

County	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transport	Other	Taxes
Goodhue	\$417	\$796	\$519	\$793	\$974	\$435	\$489
Olmsted	\$498	\$802	\$519	\$1,029	\$727	\$501	\$516
Rice	\$316	\$793	\$519	\$935	\$946	\$473	\$491
Wabasha	\$294	\$793	\$519	\$782	\$898	\$431	\$393

**POVERTY DETAILS**

The chart below details information about who is living at or below 100% of poverty.

Number of persons in each county	Percent of Persons in each county
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodhue County: 4,230</li> <li>• Olmsted County: 12,864</li> <li>• Rice County: 5,301</li> <li>• Wabasha County: 1,651</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodhue County: 9.3%</li> <li>• Olmsted County: 8.4%</li> <li>• Rice County: 9.2%</li> <li>• Wabasha County: 7.7%</li> </ul>

Number of Persons by Specific Age Groups	Percent of Persons by Specific Age Groups
<p>Under 18 years old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodhue County: 1,353</li> <li>• Olmsted County: 3,921</li> <li>• Rice County: 1,887</li> <li>• Wabasha County: 391</li> </ul> <p>Under 5 years old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodhue County: 346</li> <li>• Olmsted County: 1,090</li> <li>• Rice County: 1,887</li> <li>• Wabasha County: 391</li> </ul> <p>Over 65 years old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodhue County: 583</li> <li>• Olmsted County: 1,238</li> <li>• Rice County: 749</li> <li>• Wabasha County: 252</li> </ul>	<p>Under 18 years old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodhue County: 13.3%</li> <li>• Olmsted County: 10.4%</li> <li>• Rice County: 13.3%</li> <li>• Wabasha County: 8.5%</li> </ul> <p>Under 5 years old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodhue County: 13.2%</li> <li>• Olmsted County: 10.1%</li> <li>• Rice County: 13.4%</li> <li>• Wabasha County: 7.5%</li> </ul> <p>Over 65 years old</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goodhue County: 7%</li> <li>• Olmsted County: 5.5%</li> <li>• Rice County: 7.8%</li> <li>• Wabasha County: 5.7%</li> </ul>

**Percentage of persons by Race-Ethnicity**

	Goodhue	Olmsted	Rice	Wabasha
White Alone	8%	5.5%	6.2%	6.3%
Black/African American	49%	40%	36%	37%
American Indian	25%	8%	32%	28%
Asian Native	9%	7%	13%	21%
Two or more Races	42%	8%	17%	8%
Hispanic/Latino	7%	19%	21%	49%

**Percentage of persons by Educational Attainment**

	Goodhue	Olmsted	Rice	Wabasha

Less than High School	13%	24%	19%	18%
High School	12%	10%	10%	9%
Some College-Associates Degree	7%	6%	6%	5%
Bachelor's degree or higher	3%	3%	2%	3%

## COMMUNITY SUPPORTS

### CHILD CARE

The Department of Human Services licenses regulated care in Minnesota. The oversight includes licensed child care centers, licensed family child care programs as well as certified child care centers, which is a requirement of any license-exempt programs registered to accept child care assistance program funds for payments. The majority of Head Start programs in Minnesota are licensed as child care programs. The majority of Public School Prekindergarten programs operate with a license exempt status.

Parent Aware is Minnesota's guide for parents to select a high quality child care program to best prepare their child for Kindergarten. Parent Aware rates eligible programs using Indicators related to best practices of quality care. The rating ranges from One-Star to a Four-Star Rated program, with Four-Star Rated programs using more of the Indicators related to best practices in child care programs.

Programs eligible to be Parent Aware Rated include all licensed child care programs (center/family), those operating as a Head Start program, and those meeting either school readiness standards or Voluntary Preschool requirements. The Department of Human Services, Child Development Services, partners with Minnesota Department of Education, Early Learning Services to implement Parent Aware.

Parents can access the Parent Aware ratings at [www.parentawareratings.org](http://www.parentawareratings.org). Minnesota has aligned funding streams to encourage programs to earn a Parent Aware Rating. Programs who hold a Three-Star Rating or Four-Star Rating earn an additional 15 - 20% reimbursement rate from the Child Care Assistance program and is also eligible to enroll a child receiving an Early Learning Scholarship.

The Early Learning Scholarships increase access to high-quality early childhood programs for 3- and 4-year-old children with the highest needs to improve school readiness for all young children. Children birth to 2 years old are eligible if they meet one or more of the following criteria: child of a teen parent, currently in foster care, in need of child protective services or experienced homelessness in the last 24 months.<sup>11</sup>

Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) is available to pay for child care, which is described below in more details.

Data below shows the type of programs by type, capacity if available, noting the number who serve infants and toddlers, Parent Aware Ratings, use of Early Learning Scholarships and Child Care Assistance.

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<sup>11</sup> Minnesota Department of Education

*GOODHUE COUNTY CHILD CARE PROFILE*

Program Type	Number	Licensed Capacity	Serves Infant/Toddlers or other notes	Parent Aware Star Ratings				Early Learning Scholarships <sup>12</sup>	CCAP Participants
				Four	Three	Two	One		
Child care centers	11	731	7	3	0	0	0	3	651
Family child care	75	866	75	1	1	6	1	16	534
Head Start & Early Head Start	2 CCC	40	0	2				11	0
Public School Prekindergarten	6 LE			6				44	0
Certified centers	7		2 SA only 1 PS only					0	0

*OLMSTED COUNTY CHILD CARE PROFILE*

Program Type	Number	Capacity	Serves Infant/Toddlers	Parent Aware Star Ratings				Early Learning Scholarships	CCAP Participants
				Four	Three	Two	One		
Child care centers	48	4,839	47	26	1	3	1	232	977
Family child care	283	3,290	283	16	10	6	7	7	539
Head Start & Early Head Start	1 CPKHS 2-CHS 4 CCC	102 150 355	1 2 4					26	
Public School Prekindergarten	1-CCC 6 LE	84	1	7				59	
Certified centers	24								

*RICE COUNTY CHILD CARE PROFILE*

Program Type	Number	Capacity	Serves Infant/Toddlers	Parent Aware Star Ratings				Early Learning Scholarships	CCAP Participants
				Four	Three	Two	One		
Child care centers	14	891	1	4	0	0	0	36	651
Family child care	90	1008	90	2	4	0	0	11	516
Head Start & Early Head Start	1 CCC EHS 1 CCC HS	62 80	1	2				33	0
Public School Prekindergarten	1 CCC PK 6 LE	88	1	7				93	0
Certified centers	6		All PS-SA						0

*WABASHA COUNTY CHILD CARE PROFILE*

Program Type	Number	Capacity	Serves Infant/Toddlers	Parent Aware Star Ratings				Early Learning Scholarships	CCAP Participants
				Four	Three	Two	One		
Child care centers	4	156	1	0	0	0	0	3	651
Family child care	63	723	63	3	4	2	2	0	516
Head Start & Early Head Start	2 CCC	72	1	2				18	0

<sup>12</sup> Includes both Pathway I and Pathway II

Public School Prekindergarten	4 LE		0	4				24		0
Certified centers	3		1 SA only							0

Notes: CCC= Child Care Center, LE = License Exempt; CHS =Head Start Partner with Child Care; CPK = Prekindergarten partners with a Prekindergarten, CCC = either a Head Start or Public School Prekindergarten licensed as a child care center, Cert = Certified site operating as a Public School Prekindergarten. To avoid duplication, programs were only counted in one category.

### CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CCAP)

CCAP provides financial support to help families with low incomes pay for child care so parents can either go to work or school, knowing children are well cared for and prepared to enter school. Each month in Minnesota early care and education programs registered in Minnesota provide care for more than 30,000 children monthly. Programs register to serve children receiving CCAP, reauthorizing every two years. For programs with a Three-Star or Four-Star Parent Aware Rating, programs are paid an increased reimbursement fee (15%/20%).

Child care assistance reimbursement rates are set by Minnesota State Legislative members. Data is collected by the Department of Human Services every three years from the early care and education programs, as well as a cost of care study.<sup>13</sup> Maximum rates are set for the following types of rates: Weekly, Hourly, Full Day. Programs eligible for reimbursement include any registered with the CCAP program that are a family child care (FCC) provider, or a child care center (CCC). Licensed non-legal (LNL) (also known as Family, Friend and Neighbor Care) is reimbursed at an hourly rate, converted to 50 hours a week for a weekly rate. Weekly Rates for each type of program by age groups is shown below in dollars, rounded to the nearest full dollar amount.<sup>14</sup>

In 2018, the average child counts for each month using child care assistance were:

- Goodhue County: 166 children
- Olmsted County: 1,182 children
- Rice County: 196 children
- Wabasha County: 52 children<sup>15</sup>

County of care	Goodhue			Olmsted			Rice			Wabasha		
Type of program	FCC	CCC	LNL	FCC	CCC	LNL	FCC	CCC	LNL	FCC	CCC	LNL
Infant	140	184	95	147	305	100	140	184	95	132	185	89
Toddler	135	168	92	135	260	92	135	168	92	129	168	88
Preschool	130	160	89	131	235	90	130	160	88	126	160	86
School Age	129	139	88	126	177	86	120	138	82	129	138	88

<sup>13</sup> Minnesota Department of Human Services 2021 \*rates last set in September 2020.

<sup>14</sup> <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/lfserver/Public/DHS-6441C-ENG>

<sup>15</sup> <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/news-initiatives-reports-workgroups/child-care-and-early-education/ccap-dashboard/>

## YOUNG CHILDREN: SCREENING AND DISABILITIES

**Early Childhood Screening (ECS):** ECS is a required program that leads to earlier health and education interventions, if identified. The free screening is required for children attending public school kindergarten or first grade in Minnesota. [The Early Childhood Screening Program](#) includes children screened by districts, some charter schools, as well as copies of comparable screenings submitted by parents from Head Start, Child and Teen Checkups, or public health and clinics. The included factors do not contain all known factors which may impact a child receiving screening such as lack of affordable transportation, homelessness/high mobility, or child/family health concerns.

In the 19-20 School Year time frame, 2,433 children were screened.

- Goodhue County: 366 children screened; 8% after five years old
- Olmsted County: 1,472 children screened, 15% after five years old
- Rice County: 334 children screened, 12% after five years old
- Wabasha County: 261 children screened, 7% after five years old

**Referrals** for developmental concerns are accepted online, by phone or at local school districts. Once a referral has been made, the local Infant and Toddler Intervention or Preschool Special Education program will contact the family for permission to proceed with the referral. Parents may accept or decline the referral. Services are available to all families regardless of income levels or immigration status.

Part For infants and toddlers diagnosed, an IFSP (Individual Family Service Plan) is developed, with input from the family for planning and service delivery. Goals are developed based on the needs, wishes and priorities of the family.

For preschool children diagnosed, an IEP (Individual Education Plan) is developed with the family and local school district staff. To support parents looking for other community supports, with funds from the Preschool Development Grant, [Help Me Connect](#), was created to help either the families or others supporting families find needed services.

A summary table of identified disabilities is below from the 2019-2020 school year, with cognitive delays and speech being the primary diagnosis across the community. <sup>16</sup>

County	Children B-2	Children 3-5
Goodhue	79	225
Olmsted	493	914
Rice	104	287
Wabasha	18	123

## PUBLIC SCHOOL OPTIONS

Within the service area, there are 17 independent school districts, serving just over 44,000 children. By county,

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<sup>16</sup> Detailed tables are in the Three Rivers Early Childhood Programs workbook.

- Goodhue has five school districts, with a combined enrollment of 7,561 students.
- Olmsted has six school districts with a combined enrollment of 24,341 students.
- Rice has two school districts with a combined enrollment of 8,849 students.
- Wabasha has four school districts with a combined enrollment of 3,254 students.

Prekindergarten-12<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment by Race 2019<sup>17</sup>

County	White only	Black only	American Indian Only	Asian Pacific Islander only	Hispanic Only	Multiple Races
Goodhue N = 7,561	6,465	177	126	78	408	307
Olmsted N= 24,341	15,777	3,132	80	1,795	2,152	1,405
Rice N=8,849	5,801	993	13	135	1,618	289
Wabasha N = 3,642	3,254	39	4	19	255	71

Goodhue County

- Cannon Falls Public Schools has 1,129 students, with 91% White Students, 15% free or reduced lunch
- Goodhue Public Schools has 723 students, 88% White Students, 12% free or reduced lunch
- Kenyon-Wannamingo Public Schools has 726 students, with 88% white, 23% free or reduced lunch
- Pine Island Public Schools has 1,439 students, with 91% White, 13% free or reduced lunch
- Red Wing Public Schools has 2,527 students, with 75% White, 27% free or reduced lunch

Olmsted County

- Chatfield public Schools serves 872 students, 95% white, 14% eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch
- Byron Public schools serves 2,264 students, 90% white, 10% eligible for Free/Reduced lunch
- Dover-Eyota Public Schools serves 1,085 students, 93% white, 18% eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch
- Stewartville Public Schools serves 2,116 students, 91% White, 15% eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch
- Rochester Public Schools serves 17,474 students, 56% White, 31% eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch
- Zumbro Education District serves 173 children, 84% white, 52% eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch

Rice County

- Faribault Public School has 3,358 students, 41% white, 59% eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch
- Northfield Public School has 3,988 students, 77% white, 20% eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch

Wabasha County

- Lake City Public School has 1,166 students, 89% white, 22% eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch
- Plainview-Elgin-Millville Public School has 1,506 students, 88% White, 23% Free/Reduced Lunch

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<sup>17</sup> Minnesota Dept. of Health Report 2019 data source for education tables.

- Wabasha-Kellog Public School has 921 Students, 83% white, 31% Free/Reduced Lunch
- Zumbrota-Mazeppa Public School has 1,228 students, 92% White students, 15% Free or reduced lunch

Data below shows the percentage of students meeting the Math and Reading proficiency levels for all levels by “All students”, Students who qualify for either Free or Reduced Lunch prices, or are Students of Color.<sup>18</sup>

District	Math Proficiency (MP) All	MP: F/R Lunch	MP: Students of Color	Reading Proficiency (RP) All	RP F/R Lunch	RP Students of Color
Cannon Falls	45%	29%	29%	58%	44%	41%
Goodhue	44%	15%	19%	51%	23%	15%
Kenyon-Wannamingo	34%	20%	23%	41%	28%	25%
Pine Island	58%	37%	36%	63%	44%	41%
Red Wing	36%	18%	17%	44%	22%	28%
Chatfield	54%	31%	NA	39%	58%	NA
Byron	60%	34%	58%	63%	39%	58%
Dover-Eyota	51%	42%	54%	53%	34%	45%
Stewartville	46%	25%	22%	52%	31%	33%
Rochester	40%	15%	28%	51%	26%	39%
Zumbro	14%	20%	NA	19%	21%	NA
Faribault	17%	11%	9%	34%	27%	26%
Northfield	57%	27%	31%	63%	35%	37%
Lake City	50%	30%	24%	50%	36%	33%
Plainview-Elgin	59%	40%	33%	58%	39%	38%
Wabasha-Kellogg	34%	23%	26%	51%	46%	45%
Zumbrota-Mazeppa	60%	34%	34%	58%	36%	41%

#### MINNESOTA FAMILY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MFIP)

The MFIP program offers cash supplements to low-income families for a life-time limit of sixty months. Some families may be eligible for Child Only, Relative or Care payments, SSI recipient supplement and Food Only Payments. As part of the MFIP program, participants are to be supported in finding employment within the maximum time limits of the program.<sup>19</sup>

County	Number of Cases with an MFIP Grant	Number of eligible adults with an MFIP Grant	Number of eligible children with an MFIP Grant	Average Cash portion	Average Food Portion
Goodhue	150	169	282	\$403	\$584
Olmsted	687	749	1,339	\$409	\$582
Rice	158	180	347	\$452	\$645
Wabasha	41	45	78	\$390	\$600

<sup>18</sup> <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/policy/public-education-profiles>

<sup>19</sup> June 2021 Data source: <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/Ifserver/Public/DHS-4030F-ENG>



## SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP)

With proper nutrition, children learn more easily, adults work more productively, and seniors are healthier and more apt to maintain their independence. Federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program helps people with low incomes buy food, and buy plants and seeds to grow food to eat. The program was formerly called food stamps by the federal government; in Minnesota it was once called food support. Data from 2019 cases are shown below.<sup>20</sup>

County	Number of Monthly Cases	Number of Persons Impacted	Benefit Amount	Average benefit per person
Goodhue	1,073	1,925	\$125	\$70
Olmsted	4,747	9,793	\$147	\$71
Rice	1,480	3,460	\$162	\$69
Wabasha	472	874	\$119	\$64

## CHILD PROTECTION

In Minnesota, there are various programs to help children who may not be in a safe environment. These include: County and tribal protection workers to investigate and determine next steps to keep the child/ren safe, including if necessary out of home placements if warranted. In Minnesota, the primary reason for new cases tends to be parental drug use, accounting for about 30% of cases.

- Goodhue: 235 unique child cases, with a rate of 22.8 per 1000 children,
- Olmsted: 876 unique child cases, for a rate of 22.9 per 1000 children.
- Rice: 490 unique child cases, for a rate of 33.7 per 1000 children.
- Wabasha 122 unique child cases, for a rate of 25.9 per 1000 children.<sup>21</sup>

## Out of Home placements

Children = 0-17 year olds	Children < 5	Children > 6	Drug Use Case Percentage	Number of Licensed Child Foster Homes
Goodhue (99)	37%	63%	31%	34
Olmsted (192)	42%	58%	51%	112
Rice (235)	40%	60%	32%	57
Wabasha (30)	27%	73%	29%	20

<sup>20</sup> 2019 SNAP report [https://mn.gov/dhs/assets/snap-cy2019-0919\\_tcm1053-401963.pdf](https://mn.gov/dhs/assets/snap-cy2019-0919_tcm1053-401963.pdf)

<sup>21</sup> Minnesota Department of Human Services 2019 data, released July 2020. Foster care licenses are from Minnesota Department of Human Services, Licensing information lookup, 9/19/21

# HEALTH

## ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

### UNINSURED

Access to health insurance has decreased since 2008, but still remains about 5-7% across the communities. Of those insured, over 75% are privately insured, with the remainder accessing public health insurance options.

County	Uninsured 2008	Uninsured 2013	Uninsured 2019
Goodhue	13%	10%	6%
Olmsted	7%	8%	5%
Rice	11%	10%	7%
Wabasha	10%	9%	6%

### PUBLIC HEALTH SUPPORTS

Currently the state of Minnesota offers the following health programs which are state or federally subsidized:

**Medical Assistance** pays for medical care for very low-income Minnesotans; it is the largest health care program serving children and families, pregnant women, adults without children, seniors and people who are blind or have a disability. There are both income and asset limits, and based on the qualifying conditions, a small copayment or monthly deductible exists.

In 2021, 48,271 persons in the service area were enrolled in a Medical Assistance program.

County	Families and Children	Disabled	Elderly Persons	MA Adults no Children	Total Persons
Goodhue	4,275	1,105	499	773	7,114
Olmsted	16,936	4,688	1,614	2,636	25,874
Rice	8,391	1,816	629	982	11,818
Wabasha	2,250	617	269	329	3,465

**Minnesota Care** is available for low-income Minnesotans, funded by a state tax on Minnesota hospitals and health care providers, Basic Health Program Funding, enrollee premiums and cost sharing. While there is no asset limit, income limits exist by applicant type. Monthly premiums are based on income, ranging from \$0 (up to 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)). At the 160% PDG, premiums start at \$4.00 a person; at 200%, premiums are at \$28 per person covered.<sup>22</sup>

In 2021, MinnesotaCare's average monthly enrollment totals included 2,822 cases for the community, with 55% for Adult only cases.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>22</sup> Minnesota Department of Health: <https://edocs.dhs.state.mn.us/Ifserver/Public/DHS-4139A-ENG>

<sup>23</sup> 2019 Minnesota County Health Tables, 2019 Data by State, County and Community Health Board 7/15/2021

County	Families with children	Adult Only	Total Cases
Goodhue	200	248	438
Olmsted	720	839	1,559
Rice	283	329	612
Wabasha	91	122	213

Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MNVFC) program offers free or low-cost vaccines for eligible children less than 18 years old. Each community is able to offer the services in the way that best meets the community needs.

- Goodhue and Wabasha County combined services with a cost of either \$15.00 per dose or \$55.00 per family out of pocket, with fees waived if needed. Appointments are currently required for visits.
- Olmsted County is offering appointment only services, with a \$21.00 charge per dose, with a sliding fee if needed.
- Rice County is offering services every Tuesday (1-4pm) in a walk-in clinic, but encourages appointments. Requested costs are \$21.00 per dose, but also waived if needed.

WIC is a publicly funded program that serves children up to 185% percent of poverty. Nearly 8,000 women, infant and children benefit from this program annually.<sup>24</sup>

County	Women	Infants	Children	Total
Goodhue	260	280	534	954
Olmsted	1553	1551	2439	5543
Rice	709	743	1190	2642
Wabasha	201	201	246	648

## HEALTH FACTORS

Health Factors average health behaviors such as smoking, the availability of clinical care, social and economic factors such as unemployment, single parent families, and violent crime.

Goodhue County ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in Health Factors. Noted areas of concern in Health Behaviors were Adult Smoking rate (18%), Adult Obesity rate (34%) and excessive drinking (22%). In Clinical Care, the number of doctors and dentists available per person is at a higher rate, indicating a harder time to connect to care. In Social & Economic factors, 9% of children in poverty, violent crime rates, and deaths due to injuries are higher than norms. Within the Physical environment, air pollution is higher than norms, and the percentage of long commute times.

Olmsted County ranked the healthiest county in Minnesota in Health Factors. However, concerns were with Adult Smoking rate (15%), Adult Obesity rate (27%), and Excessive Drinking (20%) and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. In Clinical Care, the county has great access to both Primary and Dental care. Within Social and Economic Factors, Children

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<sup>24</sup> 2020 Minnesota Dept. of Health.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/docs/people/wic/localagency/reports/pptndemo/undup/2020county.pdf>

in Poverty (8%) and Violent Crime are both noted as concerns. In Physical Environment, the percentage of those driving alone was noted.

Rice County ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> healthiest county in Health Factors. Noted areas of concern in Health Behaviors were Adult Smoking (18%), Adult Obesity (28%), and Excessive Drinking (24%), Alcohol Impaired driving deaths, and Sexually Transmitted Disease. In Clinical Care, access to Primary Care as well as Dentists availability is noted as being more difficult. Within Social & Economic Factors, High School Completion (91%), Children in Poverty (9%), Violent Crime were noted as concerns. Physical Environment, the percentage of those driving alone was noted.

Wabasha County ranked 28<sup>th</sup> healthiest county in Health Factors. Noted areas of concern in Health Behaviors were Adult Smoking (18%), Adult Obesity (40%), Excessive Drinking (25%), Alcohol-Impaired driving deaths, Sexually transmitted infections, and Teen Births. Clinical Care shows a slight need for more access to Primary Care and Dental Providers. Within Social & Emotional Factors, Children in Poverty (10%), and Injury Deaths was slightly higher. In Physical Environment, Housing problems and Long Commutes were noted.

County	Health Factors Rank	Health Behaviors Rank	Clinical Care Rank	Social & Economic Factors Rank	Physical Environment Rank
Goodhue	23	19	26	21	86
Olmsted	1	4	1	6	10
Rice	22	12	15	40	77
Wabasha	28	38	19	29	36

## HEALTH OUTCOMES

Minnesota ranked as the fifth healthiest state<sup>25</sup>, each county is also ranked from 1 (the healthiest) to 87 (the least healthy) in two categories. Health Outcomes measures length of life and quality of life based on pre-mature death statistics, self-report of poor health, number of sick and number of mental health days taken, and percentage of low birth rates.

- Goodhue County ranking 35<sup>th</sup>, with a higher than desired outcome in Premature Death, and slightly more physical and mental health days needed.
- Olmsted County ranking 3<sup>rd</sup>, with all data falling in norms.
- Rice County ranking 15<sup>th</sup>, with data falling just above the norms in poor physical and mental health days.
- Wabasha ranked 7<sup>th</sup>, with data falling slightly above the norms in numbers of poor physical and mental health days.

County	Health Outcomes Rank	Length of Life Rank	Quality of Life Rank
Goodhue	35	41	31
Olmsted	3	9	2
Rice	15	15	23
Wabasha	7	8	8

<sup>25</sup> America's Health Ranking 2020:

[https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/annual/measure/Overall\\_a/state/MN](https://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/annual/measure/Overall_a/state/MN)

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