



COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

2025

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CAPLP Community Assessment Executive Summary

CAPLP conducts a thorough assessment of our primary service area which includes Clay and Wilkin Counties every three years. To identify the causes and conditions of poverty in the communities we serve, we conduct an assessment of community strengths, resources and needs. This assessment was completed and approved by the CAPLP Board of Directors in June, 2025 and includes an analysis of the trending changes in demographics of the communities we serve as well as an in-depth review of the services, gaps, and needs. Methods used to collect the data for this assessment include a compilation of quantitative data as well as qualitative data collected through a survey of current customers and key stakeholders, as well as focus groups.

Through an analysis of the data collected, we have identified the highest needs in our community. The top needs in our community are:

- **High Quality, Affordable Child Care**
- **Living Wage Employment**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Transportation**

Within the CAPLP service area there are also several trends in data that are important to note for planning and designing services. Population continues to steadily increase in Clay County with over a 10% increase in population growth. Population is especially growing within the urban area of Moorhead, as the city of Moorhead has been identified as the fastest growing city outside of the metro area. While overall population is growing within the service area, population is declining in the rural areas of Clay County and all of Wilkin County. The region is also experiencing rapid growth in the population of black, bi-racial and multi-racial households. The median age in Wilkin County is significantly higher than Clay County, and the overall county population is aging. Within the city of Moorhead there is a high rate of families with children (over 35%).

Poverty rates are increasing as well as child poverty rates, while they have been decreasing statewide and nationally. Overall Poverty rate is 14.41%. This is a significant increase from the 2019 poverty estimates show a total of 7,834 persons or 11.97% of the total population living below the poverty level. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 0.57%, compared to a national change of -3.3% over the past 10 years. Poverty also disproportionately impacts single mothers and BIPOC populations within our communities.

Data collected supports the needs identified through this assessment. Over the past decade, the need for high-quality affordable child care has risen to the top of the needs in our community. Within the region, less than half of preschool-aged children are enrolled in school (41.64%), which is less than the statewide and national average. Child care remains a significant need in the service area. Overall capacity has grown over the past 3 years by 78 slots, however the population growth during that time frame has outpaced increase in child care, with an anticipated shortfall of over 1,200 child care slots in the region. While unemployment remains relatively low in the region at 3.2%, the median household income is only \$72,172 which is almost \$13,000 less than the statewide median income of \$85,070. Almost half (48.54%) of household that are renting their housing are cost burdened, compared to only 21.64% of those that own a home. The residential vacancy rate is only 1.3%. With the rapid growth of our community, there is not enough housing to support the needs of the residents, driving up the cost of housing and reducing availability. Transportation in the community is a significant barrier for low-income households, as public transportation options are severely limited and access to reliable vehicles is difficult. Almost 9% of those living in the region do not own a vehicle, which is essential for daily living in this community.

The data collected in this assessment of community needs will be utilized to guide the work of CAPLP over the next 3 years, including driving our planning when applying for funding, developing innovative solutions to address the unique needs of our community and supporting the development and implementation of our strategic planning.

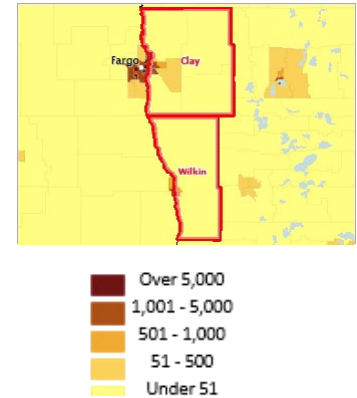
Population Profile

Total Population

CAPLP’s primary service area is Clay County and Wilkin County in West Central Minnesota. A total of 72,041 people live in the 1,796.21 square mile report area defined for this assessment according to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2019-23 5-year estimates. The population density for this area, estimated at 40 persons per square mile, is less than the national average population density of 94 persons per square mile. The city of Moorhead and the city of Breckenridge population density is higher, with 500-1,000 people per square mile.

Population, Density (Persons per Sq Mile) by Tract, ACS 2019-23

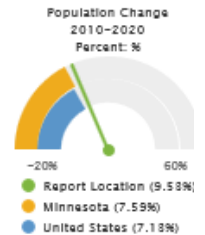
Report Area	Total Population	Total Land Area (Square Miles)	Population Density (Per Square Mile)
Report Location	72,041	1,796.21	40
Clay County, MN	65,628	1,045.18	63
Wilkin County, MN	6,413	751.04	9
Minnesota	5,713,716	79,631.47	72
United States	332,387,540	3,533,298.58	94



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Population Change

Population changes within the report area from 2010-2020 is shown below. During this ten-year period, total population estimates for the report area grew by 9.53 percent, increasing from 65,575 persons in 2010 to 71,824 persons in 2020. However please note that the population of Clay County is growing at a steady rate that is slightly higher than the statewide and national average, while Wilkin County population is aging and declining.



Report Area	Total Population, 2010 Census	Total Population, 2020 Census	Population Change, 2010-2020	Population Change, 2010-2020, Percent
Report Location	65,575	71,824	6,249	9.53%
Clay County, MN	58,999	65,318	6,319	10.71%
Wilkin County, MN	6,576	6,506	-70	-1.06%
Minnesota	5,303,907	5,706,494	402,587	7.59%
United States	312,471,161	334,735,155	22,263,994	7.13%



Population Change, Percent by Tract, US Census 2010 - 2020

- Over 10.0% Increase (++)
- 2.0 - 10.0% Increase (+)
- Less Than 2.0% Change (+/-)
- 2.0 - 10.0% Decrease (-)
- Over 10.0% Decrease (-)

Population Change (2010-2020) by Hispanic Origin

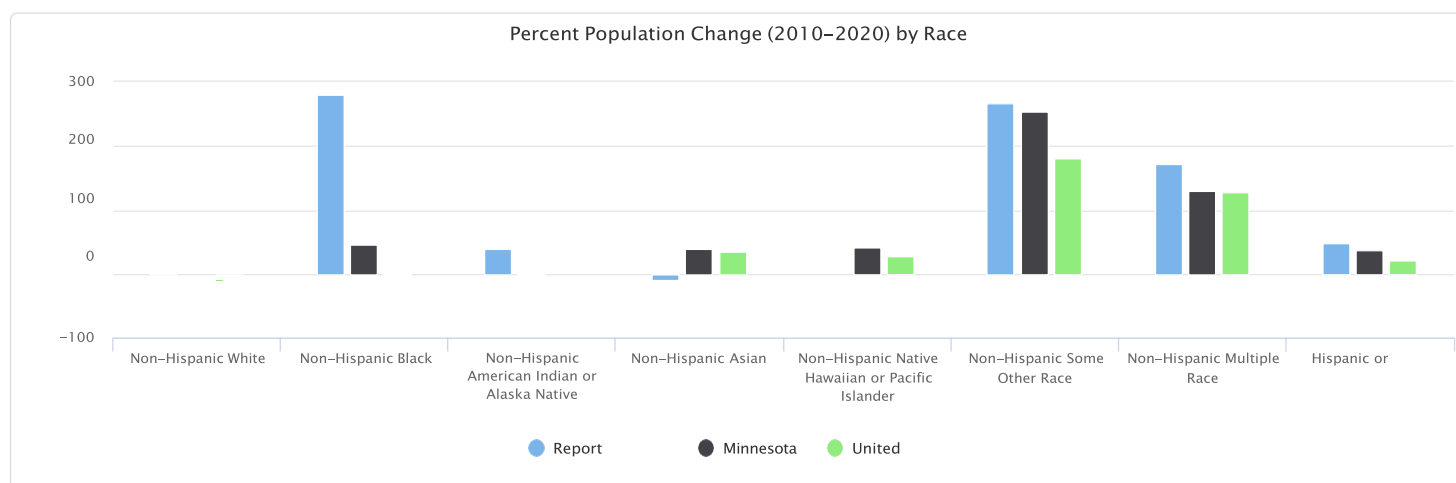
This indicator reports the Hispanic or Latino population change in the report area.

Report Area	Hispanic Population Change, Total	Hispanic Population Change, Percent	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Total	Non-Hispanic Population Change, Percent
Report Location	1,036	47.39%	5,213	8.22%
Clay County, MN	955	46.45%	5,364	9.42%
Wilkin County, MN	81	62.31%	-151	-2.34%
Minnesota	95,381	38.11%	307,207	6.08%
United States	11,163,011	20.61%	11,100,922	4.30%

Total Population Change (2010-2020) by Race

This indicator reports the total population change of the report area by combined race and ethnicity. As the table and chart below illustrate the community is experiencing rapid growth in population of black, bi-racial and those identifying as some other race.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Non-Hispanic Black	Non-Hispanic AIAN	Non-Hispanic Asian	Non-Hispanic NPI	Non-Hispanic Other	Non-Hispanic Multiple Race	Hispanic/Latino
Report Location	1.03%	279.71%	39.35%	-9.60%	0.00%	265.79%	172.82%	47.39%
Clay County, MN	1.85%	280.73%	38.71%	-8.61%	-5.88%	252.63%	166.54%	46.45%
Wilkin County, MN	-5.97%	215.38%	47.46%	-55.56%	No data	No data	279.03%	62.31%
Minnesota	-1.16%	45.97%	2.93%	39.65%	40.91%	252.50%	128.81%	38.11%
United States	-2.60%	5.98%	0.20%	35.62%	29.16%	179.59%	127.07%	20.61%



Age and Gender Demographics

Population by gender within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2019-2023 5-year population estimates for the report area, the female population comprised 50.87% of the report area, while the male population represented 49.13%. The median age in Wilkin County is 42, while in Clay County the median age is significantly lower at 33.5. The rural areas of Clay County have a median age between 35-45.

Report Area	Age 0-4	Age 5-17	Age 18-24	Age 25-34	Age 35-44	Age 45-54	Age 55-64	Age 65+
Report Location	4,702	13,024	9,649	9,357	9,658	7,578	7,750	10,323
Clay County, MN	4,297	11,986	9,162	8,670	8,876	6,829	6,713	9,095
Wilkin County, MN	405	1,038	487	687	782	749	1,037	1,228
Minnesota	339,105	978,154	498,867	749,876	765,143	669,885	750,543	962,143
United States	18,939,899	54,705,339	30,307,641	45,497,632	43,492,887	40,847,713	42,626,382	55,970,047



Median Age by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 45.0
- 40.1 - 45.0
- 35.1 - 40.0
- Under 35.1

Urban and Rural Population

This indicator reports the percentage of population living in urban and rural areas as of 2020. Urban areas are identified using population density, count, and size thresholds. Urban areas also include territory with a high degree of impervious surface (development). Rural areas are all areas that are not urban. Of the report areas 71,824 population, 51,857 or 72.20% of the population is classified urban while 19,967 or 27.80% is rural.

Report Area	Total Population	Urban Population	Rural Population	Urban Population, Percent	Rural Population, Percent
Report Location	71,824	51,857	19,967	72.20%	27.80%
Clay County, MN	65,318	48,471	16,847	74.21%	25.79%
Wilkin County, MN	6,506	3,386	3,120	52.04%	47.96%
Minnesota	5,706,494	4,101,754	1,604,740	71.88%	28.12%
United States	331,449,281	265,149,027	66,300,254	80.00%	20.00%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial Census, 2020.



Population Living in Rural Areas, Percent by Tract, US Census Bureau 2020

- Over 99.0%
- 17.0 - 99.0%
- Under 17.0%
- No Rural Population

Veterans Demographics

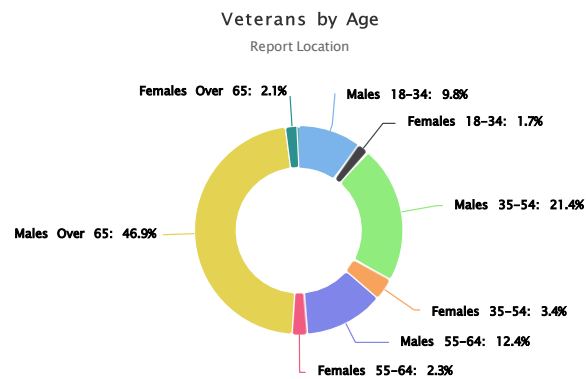
Veterans Demographics show the number of veterans living in the report area. According to the American Community Survey (ACS), 5.48% of the adult population in the report area are veterans, which is less than the national average of 6.44%.

Report Area	Veterans Total	Veterans Male	Veterans Female	% Pop over 18 Total	% Pop over 18 Males	% Pop over 18 Females
Report Location	3,564	3,327	237	6.76%	12.89%	0.88%
Clay County, MN	3,207	2,974	233	6.70%	12.74%	0.95%
Wilkin County, MN	357	353	4	7.34%	14.26%	0.17%
Minnesota	300,044	280,509	19,535	7.03%	13.32%	0.90%
United States	18,230,322	16,611,283	1,619,039	7.29%	13.68%	1.26%

Veterans by Age

Report Area	Veteran Age Males 18-34	Veteran Age Females 18-34	Veteran Age Males 35-54	Veteran Age Females 35-54	Veteran Age Males 55-64	Veteran Age Females 55-64	Veteran Age Males Over 65	Veteran Age Females Over 65
Report Location	290	51	637	102	370	67	1,395	61
Clay County, MN	277	51	605	99	320	66	1,211	27
Wilkin County, MN	13	0	32	3	50	1	184	34
Minnesota	16,483	2,952	44,376	7,056	38,287	4,925	148,044	5,010
United States	1,138,276	252,691	3,313,277	635,260	2,666,294	404,470	7,789,927	368,954

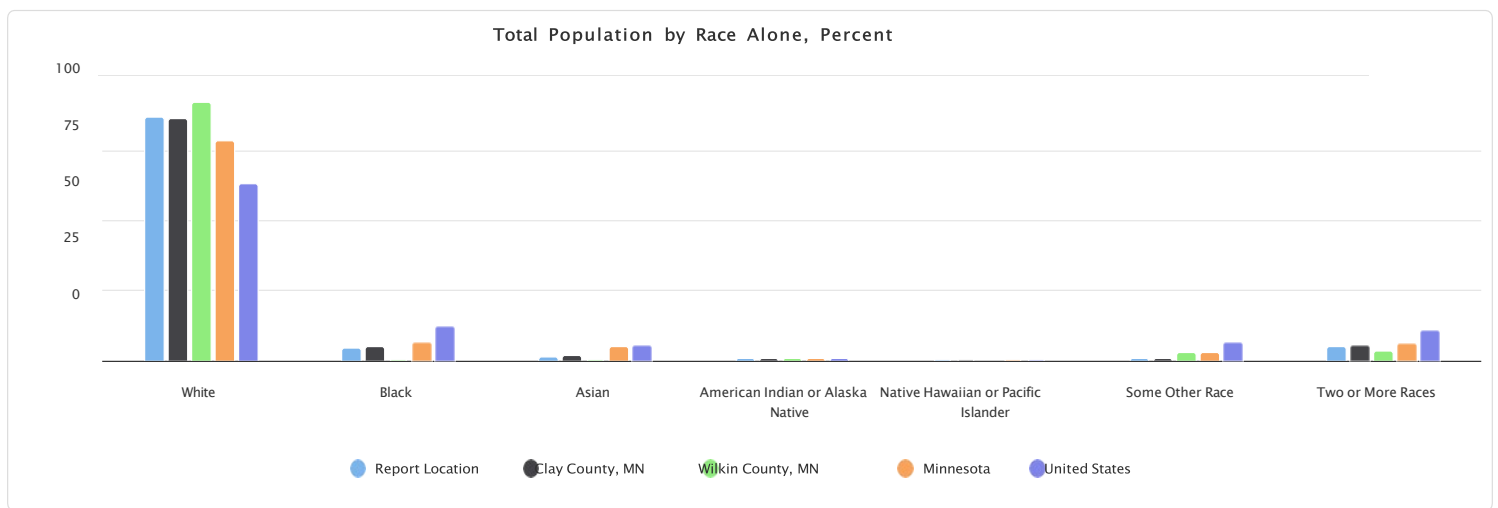
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.



Race Demographics

Population by race within the report area is shown below. According to ACS 2019-2023 5-year population estimates, the white population comprised 86% of the report area, black population represented 4.42%, and other races combined were 2.6%. Persons identifying themselves as some other race or two or more races made up 6.03% of the population.

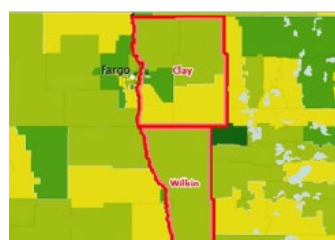
Report Area	White	Black	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Two or More Races
Report Location	62,588	3,188	1,129	614	176	598	3,748
Clay County, MN	56,650	3,174	1,125	566	176	419	3,518
Wilkin County, MN	5,938	14	4	48	0	179	230
Minnesota	4,476,710	388,789	289,148	50,833	2,376	151,560	354,300
United States	210,875,446	41,070,890	19,352,659	2,924,996	629,292	21,940,536	35,593,721



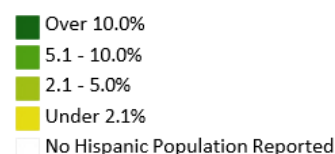
Hispanic Population

The estimated population that is of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin in the report area is 3,424. This represents 4.75% of the total report area population, which is less than the national rate of 18.99%. Origin can be viewed as the heritage, nationality group, lineage, or country of birth of the person or the person's parents or ancestors before their arrival in the United States. People who identify their origin as Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish may be of any race.

Report Area	Total Population	Non-Hispanic Population	Percent Population Non-Hispanic	Hispanic or Latino Population	Percent Population Hispanic or Latino
Report Location	72,041	68,617	95.25%	3,424	4.75%
Clay County, MN	65,628	62,442	95.15%	3,186	4.85%
Wilkin County, MN	6,413	6,175	96.29%	238	3.71%
Minnesota	5,713,716	5,360,108	93.81%	353,608	6.19%
United States	332,387,540	269,255,951	81.01%	63,131,589	18.99%



Population, Hispanic or Latino, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



Black or African American Population

The estimated population that is Black or African American alone in the report area is 3,188. This represents 4.43% of the total report area population, which is less than the national rate of 12.36%. By comparison, the estimated population that is Black or African American alone or in combination with one or more other races in the report area is 4,224. This represents 5.86% of the total report area population, which is less than the national rate of 14.41%.

Report Area	Total Population	Black or African American Population Alone	Percent Population Black or African American Alone	Black or African American Population Alone or in Combination	Percent Population Black or African American Alone or in Combination
Report Location	72,041	3,188	4.43%	4,224	5.86%
Clay County, MN	65,628	3,174	4.84%	4,182	6.37%
Wilkin County, MN	6,413	14	0.22%	42	0.65%
Minnesota	5,713,716	388,789	6.8%	495,799	8.68%
United States	332,387,540	41,070,890	12.36%	47,893,286	14.41%



Population, Black or African American, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



Foreign-Born Population

This indicator reports the percentage of the population that is foreign-born. The foreign-born population includes anyone who was not a U.S. citizen or a U.S. national at birth. This includes any non-citizens, as well as persons born outside of the U.S. who have become naturalized citizens. The native U.S. population includes any person born in the United States, Puerto Rico, a U.S. Island Area (such as Guam), or abroad of American (U.S. citizen) parent or parents. The latest figures from the U.S. Census Bureau show that 2,928 persons in the report area are of foreign birth, which represents 4.06% of the report area population. This percentage is less than the national average of 13.87%.

Report Area	Total Population	Naturalized U.S. Citizens	Population w/o U.S. Citizenship	Total Foreign-Birth Population	Foreign-Birth Population, Percent of Total Population
Report Location	72,041	1,667	1,261	2,928	4.06%
Clay County, MN	65,628	1,635	1,177	2,812	4.28%
Wilkin County, MN	6,413	32	84	116	1.81%
Minnesota	28,859,543	1,431,868	1,034,324	2,466,192	8.55%
United States	332,387,540	24,133,728	21,975,173	46,108,901	13.87%

Households

This indicator reports the total number and percentage of households by composition (married couple family, nonfamily, etc.). According to the American Community Survey subject definitions, a family household is any housing unit in which the householder is living with one or more individuals related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption*. A non-family household is any household occupied by the householder alone, or by the householder and one or more unrelated individuals.

Report Area	Total Households	Family Households	Family Households, Percent	Non-Family Households	Non-Family Households, Percent
Report Location	28,630	17,205	60.09%	11,425	39.91%
Clay County, MN	25,939	15,579	60.06%	10,360	39.94%
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	1,626	60.42%	1,065	39.58%
Minnesota	2,282,967	1,431,527	62.70%	851,440	37.30%
United States	127,482,865	82,220,165	64.50%	45,262,700	35.50%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Households by Composition and Relationship to Head of Household

This indicator reports households by composition and relationship to householder.

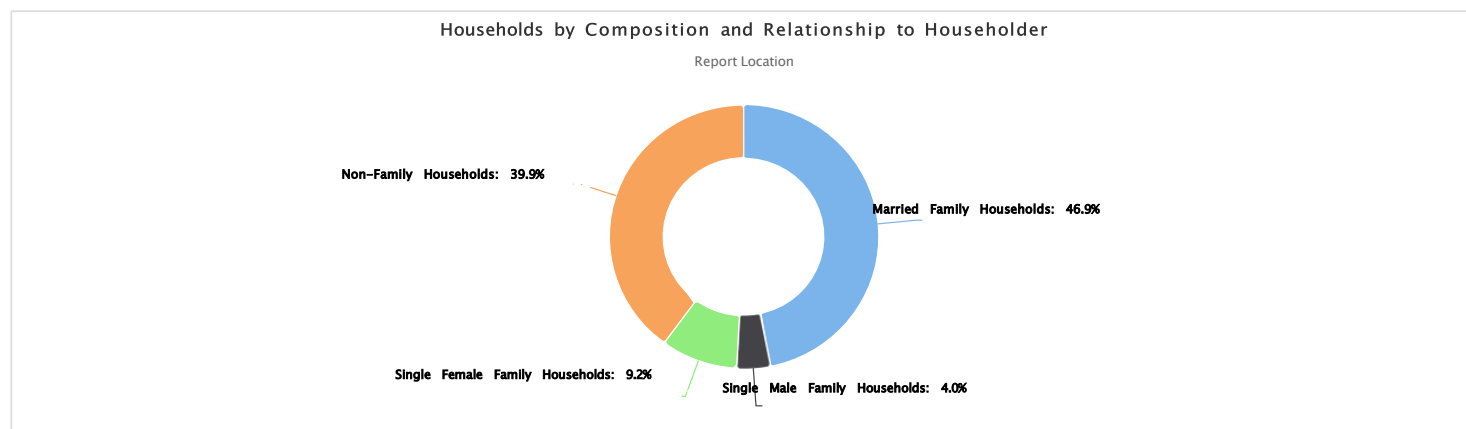
Report Area	Total Households	Married Family Households	Single Male Family Households	Single Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
Report Location	28,630	13,425	1,137	2,643	11,425
Clay County, MN	25,939	12,111	1,062	2,406	10,360
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	1,314	75	237	1,065
Minnesota	2,282,967	1,125,488	102,780	203,259	851,440
United States	127,482,865	60,193,570	6,433,814	15,592,781	45,262,700

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Households with Children by Composition & Relationship to Head of Household.

This indicator reports households with children by composition and relationship to householder by percentage of total households.

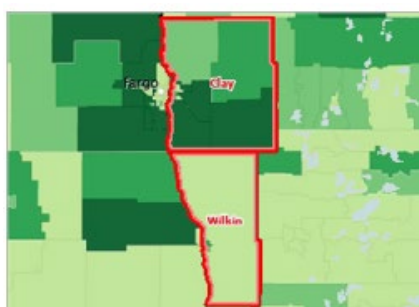
Report Area	All Household Types	Married Family Households	Single-Male Family Households	Single-Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
Report Location	31.07%	22.21%	2.17%	6.54%	0.14%
Clay County, MN	31.17%	22.33%	2.16%	6.53%	0.15%
Wilkin County, MN	30.14%	21.11%	2.34%	6.69%	0.00%
Minnesota	29.13%	20.23%	2.70%	5.92%	0.27%
United States	29.89%	19.49%	2.72%	7.42%	0.26%



Families with Children

According to the most recent American Community Survey estimates, 30.93% of all occupied households in the report area are family households with one or more child(ren) under the age of 18. As defined by the US Census Bureau, a family household is any housing unit in which the householder is living with one or more individuals related to him or her by birth, marriage, or adoption. A non-family household is any household occupied by the householder alone, or by the householder and one or more unrelated individuals.

Report Area	Total Households	Total Family Households	Families with Children (Age 0-17)	Families with Children (Age 0-17), Percent of Total Households
Report Location	28,630	17,205	8,855	30.93%
Clay County, MN	25,939	15,579	8,044	31.01%
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	1,626	811	30.14%
Minnesota	2,282,967	1,431,527	658,763	28.86%
United States	127,482,865	82,220,165	37,772,217	29.63%



Households with Children (Age 0-17), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

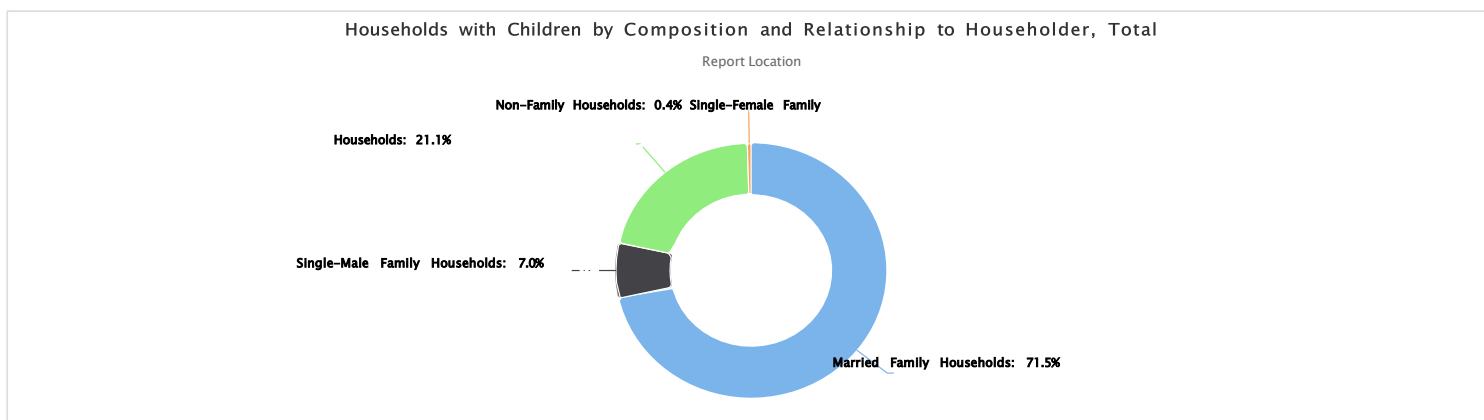
- Over 35.0%
- 31.6 - 35.0%
- 28.1 - 31.5%
- Under 28.1%

Households with Children by Composition

This indicator reports the total number of households with children by composition and relationship to householder.

Report Area	All Household Types	Married Family Households	Single-Male Family Households	Single-Female Family Households	Non-Family Households
Report Location	8,895	6,360	622	1,873	40
Clay County, MN	8,084	5,792	559	1,693	40
Wilkin County, MN	811	568	63	180	0
Minnesota	664,943	461,878	61,715	135,170	6,180
United States	38,105,106	24,847,302	3,465,872	9,459,043	332,889

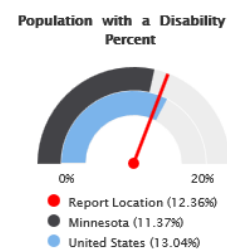
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.



Disability Status

This indicator reports the percentage of the total civilian non-institutionalized population with a disability. The report area has a total population of 71,383 for whom disability status has been determined, of which 8,825 or 12.36% have any disability. This indicator is relevant because disabled individuals may require targeted services and outreach by providers.

Report Area	Total Population (For Whom Disability Status Is Determined)	Population with a Disability	Population with a Disability, Percent
Report Location	71,383	8,825	12.36%
Clay County, MN	65,088	7,955	12.22%
Wilkin County, MN	6,295	870	13.82%
Minnesota	5,652,888	642,876	11.37%
United States	327,425,278	42,703,063	13.04%

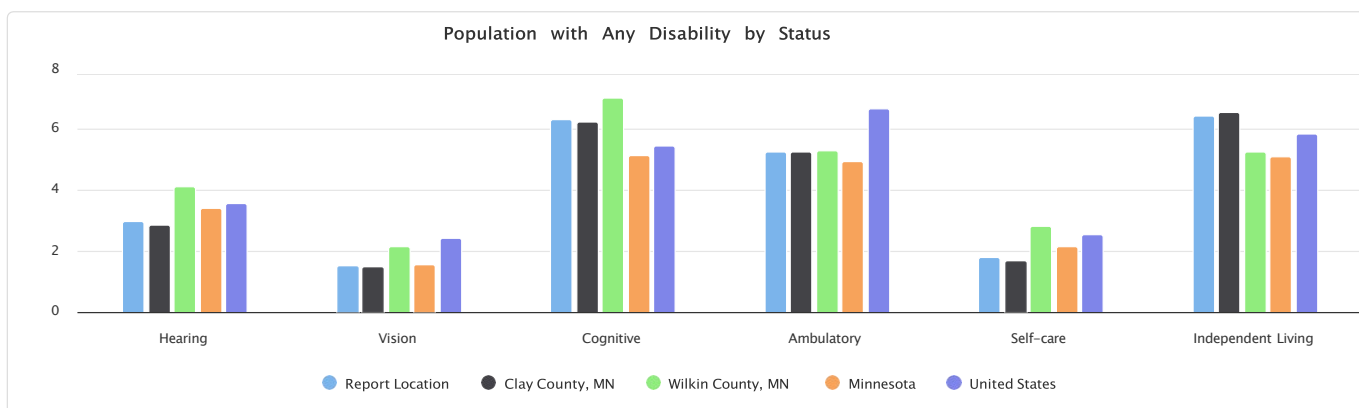


Population with Any Disability by Status

This indicator reports the percentage of the total civilian non-institutionalized population with a disability by disability status. Note that ACS measures disability status within different age groups: hearing and vision difficulty for all the people; cognitive, ambulatory, and self-care for people 5 years and older; and independent living for people 15 years and older (reported for people 18 years and older in ACS2019-23 data).

Percentage values can be interpreted as follows: Within the report area, individuals with hearing difficulty are 2.99% of the total population; individuals with vision difficulty are 1.52% of the total population; individuals with cognitive difficulty are 6.33% of the total population age 5+; individuals with ambulatory difficulty are 5.28% of the total population age 5+; individuals with self-care difficulty are 1.79% of the total population age 5+; and individuals with independent living difficulty are 6.43% of the total population age 18+.

Report Area	Hearing	Vision	Cognitive	Ambulatory	Self-care	Independent Living
Report Location	2.99%	1.52%	6.33%	5.28%	1.79%	6.43%
Clay County, MN	2.87%	1.46%	6.26%	5.28%	1.69%	6.55%
Wilkin County, MN	4.13%	2.13%	7.03%	5.31%	2.80%	5.26%
Minnesota	3.40%	1.56%	5.13%	4.96%	2.13%	5.11%
United States	3.57%	2.42%	5.44%	6.67%	2.56%	5.86%

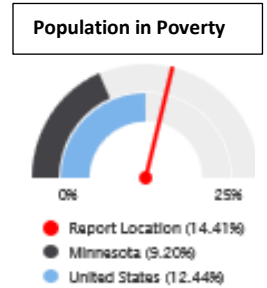


Poverty

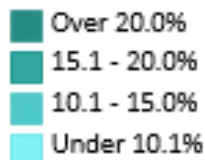
Poverty is a key driver of health status and is continuing to rise within the report area. 2023 poverty estimates indicate a total of 9,924 individuals living under 100% of the Federal Poverty Guideline, of **14.41%** of the total population. This is a significant increase from the 2019 poverty estimates show a total of 7,834 persons or 11.97% of the total population living below the poverty level in the report area. In addition, poverty rates within the report area are also significantly higher than the State of Minnesota at 9.20% as well as the national average at 12.44%. 100% of the Federal Poverty Guideline at the time of printing of this report was \$32,150 for a family of four. The illustration below indicates the percentage of poverty by tract within the report area, which is higher in the urban areas.

Report Area	Total Population	Population in Poverty	Population in Poverty, Percent
Report Location	68,884	9,924	14.41%
Clay County, MN	62,608	9,003	14.38%
Wilkin County, MN	6,276	921	14.67%
Minnesota	5,591,806	514,300	9.20%
United States	324,567,147	40,390,045	12.44%

*This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.*



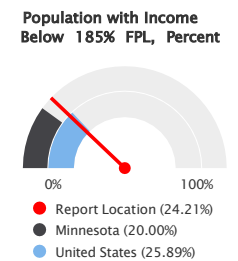
Population Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



In the report area 24.21% or 16,676 individuals for whom poverty status is determined are living in households with income below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This indicator is relevant because poverty creates barriers to access including health services, healthy food, and other necessities that contribute to poor health status.

Report Area	Total Population	Population with Income Below 185% FPL	Population with Income Below 185% FPL, Percent
Report Location	68,884	16,676	24.21%
Clay County, MN	62,608	14,926	23.84%
Wilkin County, MN	6,276	1,750	27.88%
Minnesota	5,591,806	1,118,563	20.00%
United States	324,567,147	84,044,244	25.89%

*Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.*

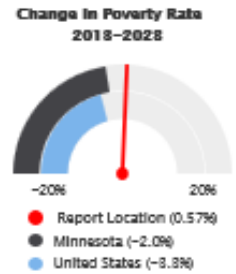


Poverty Rate Change

Poverty rate change in the report area from 2013 to 2023 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, the poverty rate for the area increased by 0.57%, compared to a national change of -3.3%.

Report Area	Persons in Poverty 2013	Poverty Rate 2013	Persons in Poverty 2023	Poverty Rate 2023	Change in Poverty Rate 2013-2023
Report Location	7,766	12.26%	8,871	12.83%	0.57%
Clay County, MN	7,063	12.4%	8,247	13.1%	0.7%
Wilkin County, MN	703	11.0%	624	10.1%	-0.9%
Minnesota	592,526	11.2%	519,464	9.2%	-2.0%
United States	48,810,868	15.8%	40,763,043	12.5%	-3.3%

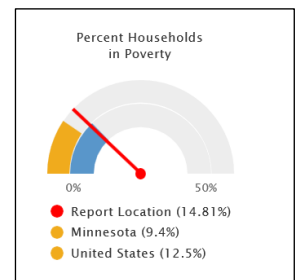
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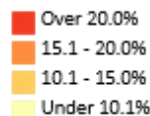
Households in Poverty

The number and percentage of households in poverty are shown in the report area. In 2019, there were an estimated 3,326 households, or 12.2%, living in poverty within the report area and as of 2023 that number has increased to 4,240 or 14.81% of the population. The households living in poverty in the service area is much higher than the statewide average of 9.4%.

Report Area	Total Households	Households in Poverty	Percent Households in Poverty
Report Location	28,630	4,240	14.81%
Clay County, MN	25,939	3,847	14.8%
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	393	14.6%
Minnesota	2,282,967	215,597	9.4%
United States	127,482,865	15,880,048	12.5%

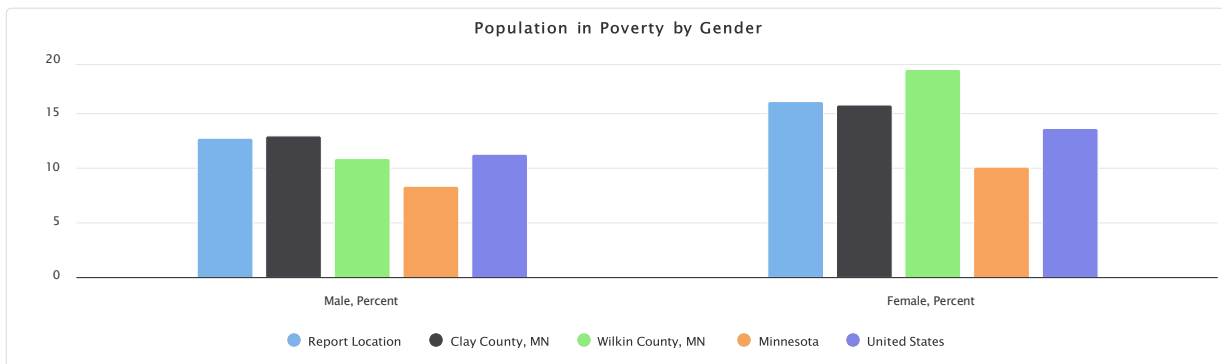


Households Living Below the Poverty Level, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



Population in Poverty by Gender

This indicator reports the population in poverty in the report area by gender. Poverty across both genders increased since the last report with the male poverty rate moving from 10.84% to 12.75% and female poverty rate moving from 13.11% to 16.12%. There is a higher incidence of poverty within the female population, especially in Wilkin County.



Population in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone

This indicator reports the population in poverty in the report area by ethnicity alone. Poverty within those identifying as Hispanic or Latino has risen significantly over the last reporting period, with 21.8% living in poverty by 2023 estimates and only 14.49% living in poverty according to 2019 estimates. In addition the poverty rate among the Hispanic or Latino population is almost 8% higher than the non-Hispanic or Latino population.

Report Area	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino	Hispanic or Latino, Percent	Not Hispanic or Latino, Percent
Report Location	722	9,202	21.80%	14.03%
Clay County, MN	656	8,347	21.31%	14.02%
Wilkin County, MN	66	855	28.33%	14.15%
Minnesota	51,232	463,068	14.78%	8.83%
United States	10,467,411	29,922,634	16.89%	11.39%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Population in Poverty by Race Alone

This indicator reports the percentage of population in poverty in the report area by race alone. Overall poverty levels are much higher in BIPOC populations, however poverty rates have decreased slightly since 2019 for people since the last poverty estimates .

Report Area	White	Black or African American	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	11.60%	48.54%	43.15%	9.46%	86.18%	33.05%	23.78%
Clay County, MN	11.41%	48.64%	42.77%	9.49%	86.18%	29.63%	23.84%
Wilkin County, MN	13.34%	0.00%	47.62%	0.00%	No data	40.78%	22.91%
Minnesota	7.19%	23.37%	28.83%	10.76%	21.49%	15.60%	12.46%
United States	9.85%	21.28%	21.81%	9.93%	17.18%	18.24%	14.70%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Poverty Rate Trends by Race and Hispanic Ethnicity

This table and chart below display trends in poverty rates by race and Hispanic origin for the report area. Data are 5-year period estimates from the American Community Survey.

Population Group	2012-16	2013-17	2014-18	2015-19	2016-20	2017-21	2018-22	2019-23
American Indian and Alaska Native	32.0%	27.0%	34.4%	32.7%	32.1%	49.6%	59.4%	43.2%
Asian	38.4%	45.7%	39.1%	33.2%	45.7%	21.5%	19.1%	9.5%
Black or African American	39.2%	44.7%	45.1%	50.2%	54.2%	56.0%	46.9%	48.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	87.8%	89.9%	90.7%	92.2%	86.2%
Some Other Race	17.8%	12.2%	11.6%	10.3%	17.6%	33.8%	41.4%	33.0%
Two or More Races	17.8%	19.0%	18.1%	16.2%	16.3%	21.1%	23.2%	23.8%
White	10.4%	10.7%	9.5%	9.9%	10.2%	10.8%	11.8%	11.6%
Total	11.6%	12.2%	11.4%	12.0%	12.7%	14.0%	14.6%	14.4%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Families in Poverty by Family Type

The number of families in poverty by type are shown in the report area. According to ACS 2019-2023 5 year estimates for the report area, there were 1,207 families living in poverty. This is an increase of 12.8% since the previous 5-year estimates.

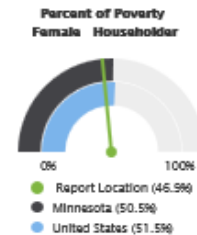
Report Area	Total Families	Families in Poverty Total	Families in Poverty Married Couples	Families in Poverty Male Householder	Families in Poverty Female Householder
Report Location	17,205	1,207	519	122	566
Clay County, MN	15,579	1,085	466	111	508
Wilkin County, MN	1,626	122	53	11	58
Minnesota	1,431,527	78,258	29,098	9,621	39,539
United States	82,220,165	7,176,933	2,690,196	793,587	3,693,150

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

The percentage of households in poverty by household type are shown for the report area. It is estimated that 7.0% of all households were living in poverty within the report area, compared to the national average of 8.7%. Of the households in poverty, female headed households represented 46.9% of all households in poverty, compared to 43.0% and 10.1% of households headed by males and married couples, respectively. Since the last 5-year estimates, the percentage of female headed households living in poverty has declined by almost 4%, while the percent of married couples living in poverty has increased.

Report Area	Poverty Rate All Types	Percent of Poverty Married Couples	Percent of Poverty Male Householder	Percent of Poverty Female Householder
Report Location	7.0%	43.0%	10.1%	46.9%
Clay County, MN	7.0%	42.9%	10.2%	46.8%
Wilkin County, MN	7.5%	43.4%	9.0%	47.5%
Minnesota	5.5%	37.2%	12.3%	50.5%
United States	8.7%	37.5%	11.1%	51.5%

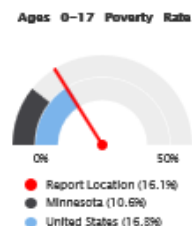
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Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-17

Population and poverty estimates for children aged 0-17 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5- year data, an average of 16.1% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is less than the national average of 16.3%, but significantly greater than the Minnesota average of 10.6%. Child poverty has increased 2.2% over the last 5-year estimates within the report area, while statewide and national averages have declined proportionally.

Report Area	Ages 0-17 Total Population	Ages 0-17 In Poverty	Ages 0-17 Poverty Rate
Report Location	17,515	2,821	16.1%
Clay County, MN	16,111	2,601	16.1%
Wilkin County, MN	1,404	220	15.7%
Minnesota	1,295,781	137,223	10.6%
United States	72,472,636	11,829,878	16.3%

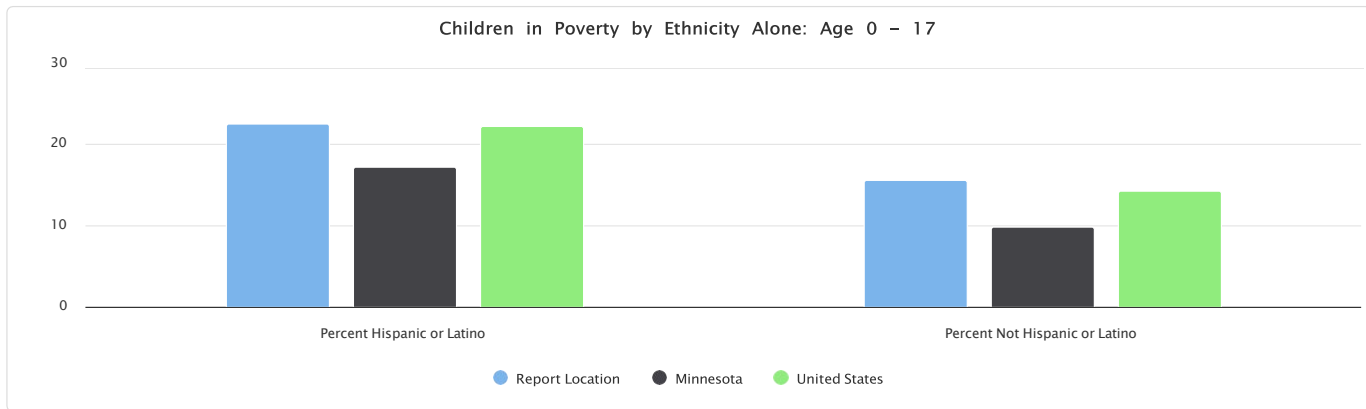


Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 - 17

Population and poverty estimates for children aged 0-17 by ethnicity are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5- year data, an average of 22.55 percent of Hispanic/Latino children lived in a state of poverty. The poverty rate for Hispanic/Latino children (22.55%) living in the report area is significantly greater than the Minnesota average of 17.27% and this percentage has increased over the past 5 year estimates by over 5%.

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Report Location	309	2,512	22.55%	15.56%
Clay County, MN	309	2,292	24.18%	15.45%
Wilkin County, MN	0	220	0.00%	16.77%
Minnesota	21,926	115,297	17.27%	9.86%
United States	4,180,720	7,649,158	22.26%	14.25%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

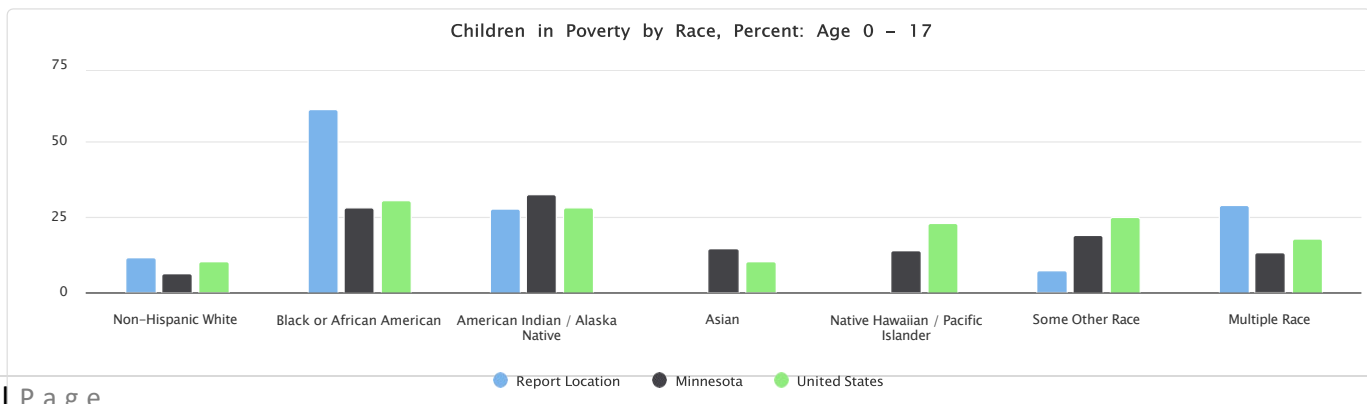


Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 0 - 17

Population and poverty estimates for children aged 0-17 by race are shown for the report area. Overall poverty rates have increased during this time frame, along with a general population increase. The poverty rate for Black or African American Children is over double the statewide and national average, and the poverty rate in American Indian children has increased from 15.27% to 27.72% over the last 5 year estimate.

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	11.37%	60.54%	27.72%	0.00%	0.00%	6.94%	28.63%
Clay County, MN	10.96%	60.54%	31.46%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	28.14%
Wilkin County, MN	15.53%	No data	0.00%	0.00%	No data	13.95%	44.00%
Minnesota	6.13%	27.98%	32.22%	14.58%	13.80%	18.69%	12.83%
United States	10.03%	30.17%	27.96%	10.09%	23.01%	24.72%	17.65%

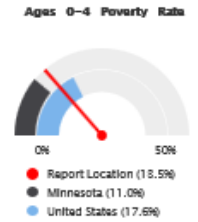
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.



Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 0-4

Population and poverty estimates for children age 0-4 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5 year data, 628 children or an average of 13.5% percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is greater than the statewide average of 11.0 % and has increased 2% since the last estimates. The child poverty rate in Clay County is also significantly higher than Wilkin County.

Report Area	Ages 0-4 Total Population	Ages 0-4 In Poverty	Ages 0-4 Poverty Rate
Report Location	4,655	628	13.5%
Clay County, MN	4,250	589	13.9%
Wilkin County, MN	405	39	9.6%
Minnesota	333,521	36,762	11.0%
United States	18,590,246	3,268,155	17.6%



Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 0 - 4

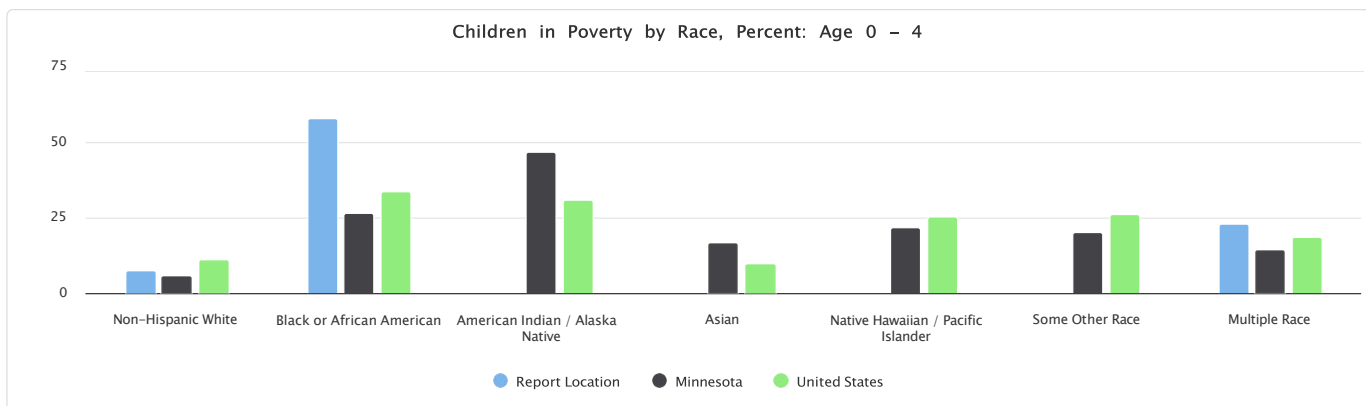
Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Report Location	128	500	28.89%	11.87%
Clay County, MN	128	461	32.74%	11.95%
Wilkin County, MN	0	39	0.00%	11.05%
Minnesota	6,539	30,223	19.75%	10.06%
United States	1,144,919	2,123,236	23.35%	15.51%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 0 - 4

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	7.23%	57.93%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	0.00%	22.83%
Clay County, MN	6.65%	57.93%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	0.00%	23.29%
Wilkin County, MN	13.40%	No data	No data	No data	No data	0.00%	0.00%
Minnesota	5.89%	26.49%	46.75%	16.58%	21.67%	19.94%	14.19%
United States	10.82%	33.54%	30.74%	9.89%	25.02%	25.83%	18.39%

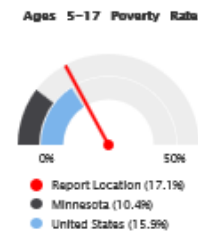
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Child Poverty Rate (ACS) Ages 5-17

Population and poverty estimates for children aged 5-17 are shown for the report area. According to the American Community Survey 5-year data, an average of 17.1 percent of children lived in a state of poverty during the survey calendar year. The poverty rate for children living in the report area is has increased by over 2% since the last estimates and has risen above both the statewide and national average.

Report Area	Ages 5-17 Total Population	Ages 5-17 In Poverty	Ages 5-17 Poverty Rate
Report Location	12,860	2,193	17.1%
Clay County, MN	11,861	2,012	17.0%
Wilkin County, MN	999	181	18.1%
Minnesota	962,260	100,461	10.4%
United States	53,882,390	8,561,723	15.9%



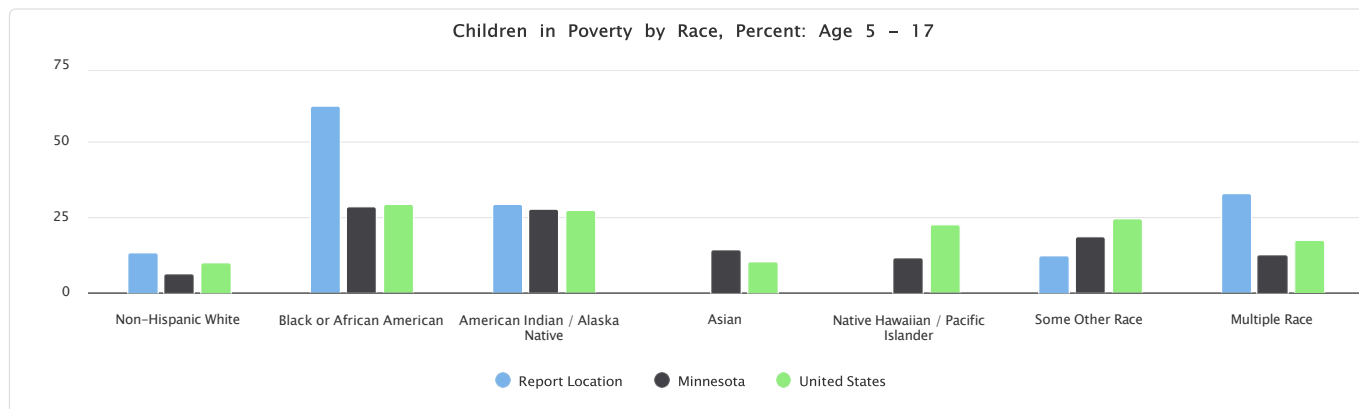
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Children in Poverty by Ethnicity Alone: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Report Location	181	2,012	19.53%	16.86%
Clay County, MN	181	1,831	20.41%	16.68%
Wilkin County, MN	0	181	0.00%	18.87%
Minnesota	15,387	85,074	16.40%	9.80%
United States	3,035,801	5,525,922	21.87%	13.81%

Children in Poverty by Race, Percent: Age 5 - 17

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	12.78%	61.69%	29.17%	0.00%	0.00%	12.24%	32.60%
Clay County, MN	12.44%	61.69%	33.33%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	31.53%
Wilkin County, MN	16.21%	No data	0.00%	0.00%	No data	41.38%	59.46%
Minnesota	6.21%	28.52%	27.62%	13.89%	11.49%	18.31%	12.32%
United States	9.76%	29.02%	27.13%	10.16%	22.31%	24.36%	17.37%

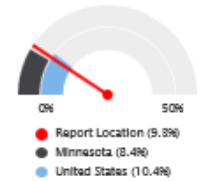


Population Age 65+

Of the estimated 72,041 total population in the report area, an estimated 9,862 persons are adults aged 65 and older, representing 13.68% of the population. These data are based on the latest U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-year estimates. The number of older adults in the report area is relevant because this population has unique needs which should be considered separately from other age groups. Overall poverty rates have increased for the senior population from 6.2% to 9.3% over the last 5 years, with a drastic increase in the poverty rate for seniors in Wilkin County from 5.9% to 14.0%.

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Report Location	428	494	9.07%	9.61%
Clay County, MN	351	410	8.52%	8.92%
Wilkin County, MN	77	84	12.83%	15.38%
Minnesota	29,854	48,008	6.91%	9.68%
United States	2,147,500	3,507,031	8.70%	11.73%

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Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23

Population Age 65+ by Gender

The table below reports the percentage of the population that is age 65 or older by gender.

Report Area	Total Male	Total Female	Percent Male	Percent Female
Report Location	428	494	9.07%	9.61%
Clay County, MN	351	410	8.52%	8.92%
Wilkin County, MN	77	84	12.83%	15.38%
Minnesota	29,854	48,008	6.91%	9.68%
United States	2,147,500	3,507,031	8.70%	11.73%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23

Poverty by Ethnicity & Race: Age 65 and Up

Report Area	Total Hispanic or Latino	Total Not Hispanic or Latino	Percent Hispanic or Latino	Percent Not Hispanic or Latino
Report Location	83	839	52.87%	8.65%
Clay County, MN	83	678	56.46%	7.91%
Wilkin County, MN	0	161	0.00%	14.17%
Minnesota	2,536	75,326	17.24%	8.25%
United States	887,797	4,766,734	17.91%	9.61%

Report Area	Non-Hispanic White	Black or African American	American Indian / Alaska Native	Asian	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Race
Report Location	8.64%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	75.86%	40.28%
Clay County, MN	7.90%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	No data	95.65%	39.71%
Wilkin County, MN	14.05%	0.00%	No data	No data	No data	0.00%	100.00%
Minnesota	7.54%	28.97%	21.34%	10.69%	21.43%	16.61%	13.83%
United States	8.20%	18.31%	18.82%	13.09%	14.54%	18.82%	15.31%

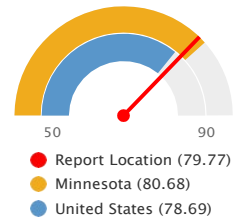
Life Expectancy by Census Tract

This indicator reports the average life expectancy at birth. Life expectancy measures the average number of years from birth a person can expect to live, according to the current mortality experience (age-specific death rates) of the population. Life expectancy takes into account the number of deaths in a given time period and the average number of people at risk of dying during that period, allowing us to compare data across census tracts with different population sizes.

Within the report area, the average life expectancy at birth is 79.77 of the total population.

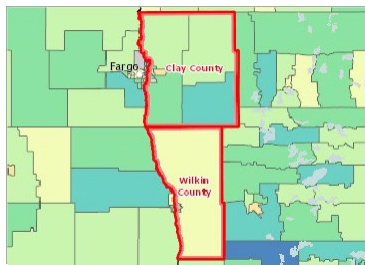
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Life Expectancy at Birth, 2010-2015



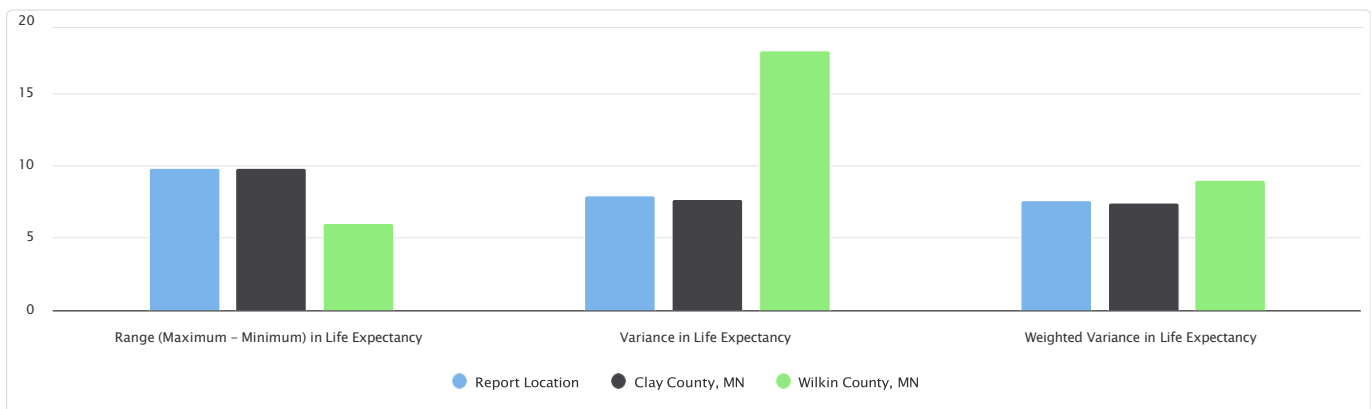
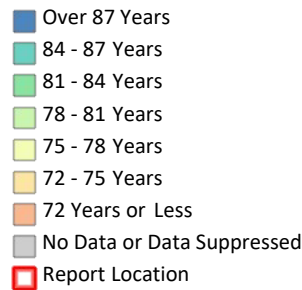
Report Area	Total Population (2010-2015)	Life Expectancy at Birth (2010-15)
Report Location	67,405	79.77
Clay County, MN	60,879	79.70
Wilkin County, MN	6,526	80.41
Minnesota	5,419,171	80.68
United States	320,098,094	78.69

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the National Center for Health Statistics, [U.S. Small-Area Life Expectancy Estimates Project](#), 2010-15. Source geography: Tract



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Life Expectancy At Birth, Years by Tract, CDC and NCHS 2010-15

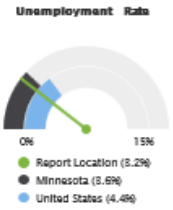


Employment

Current Unemployment

Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for each county in the report area is provided in the table below. Overall, the report area experienced an average 3.2% unemployment rate in January 2025. Overall unemployment in the area continue to remain lower than both the statewide and national average.

Report Area	Labor Force	Number Employed	Number Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
Report Location	39,377	38,125	1,252	3.2%
Clay County, MN	35,902	34,777	1,125	3.1%
Wilkin County, MN	3,475	3,348	127	3.7%
Minnesota	3,142,594	3,028,469	114,125	3.6%
United States	171,054,063	163,520,864	7,533,199	4.4%



Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2025 - January.

Unemployment Change

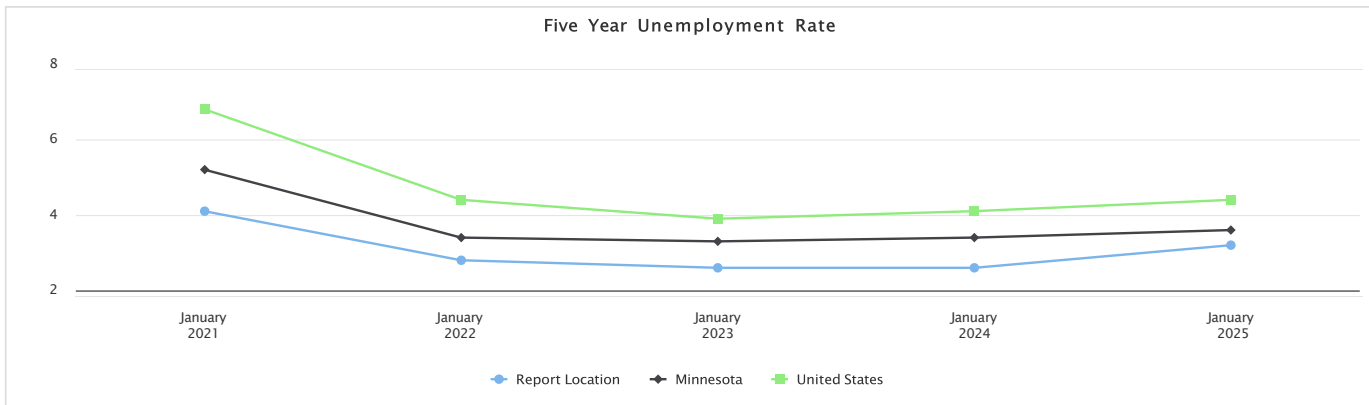
Unemployment change within the report area from January 2024 to January 2025 is shown in the chart below. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, unemployment for this one-year period grew from 2.6% to 3.2%.

Report Area	Unemployment January 2024	Unemployment January 2025	Unemployment Rate January 2024	Unemployment Rate January 2025	Rate Change
Report Location	1,099	1,252	2.6%	3.2%	0.5%
Clay County, MN	1,006	1,125	2.6%	3.1%	0.5%
Wilkin County, MN	93	127	2.8%	3.7%	0.9%
Minnesota	104,400	114,125	3.4%	3.6%	0.3%
United States	6,904,736	7,533,199	4.1%	4.4%	0.3%

Unemployment Change

Report Area	January 2021	January 2022	January 2023	January 2024	January 2025
Report Location	4.1%	2.8%	2.6%	2.6%	3.2%
Clay County, MN	4.1%	2.8%	2.6%	2.6%	3.1%
Wilkin County, MN	4.4%	2.9%	3.0%	2.8%	3.7%
Minnesota	5.2%	3.4%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%
United States	6.8%	4.4%	3.9%	4.1%	4.4%

Data Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. 2025 - January.



Household Income

Median annual household incomes in the report area for 2023 are shown in the table below. Since this reports a median amount, a "Report Area" value is not able to be calculated. Median Household income has increased 11.25% Clay and 7.41% in Wilkin County since the last 5-year estimates were published.

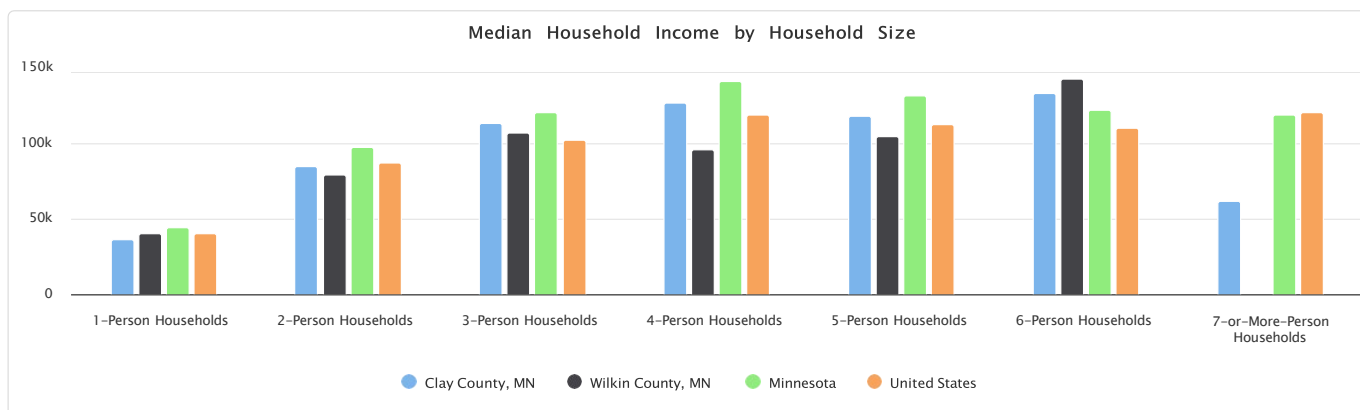
Report Area	Estimated Population	Median Household Income
Clay County, MN	62,954	\$72,172
Wilkin County, MN	6,178	\$75,073
Minnesota	5,646,348	\$85,070
United States	326,104,344	\$77,719

Median Household Income by Household Size

This indicator reports the median household income of the report area by household size.

Report Area	1-Person Households	2-Person Households	3-Person Households	4-Person Households	5-Person Households	6-Person Households	7-or-More-Person Households
Clay County, MN	\$36,115	\$84,199	\$113,208	\$126,430	\$118,125	\$133,152	\$61,731
Wilkin County, MN	\$40,305	\$79,250	\$106,538	\$95,313	\$104,375	\$142,841	No data
Minnesota	\$44,258	\$97,106	\$120,164	\$140,958	\$131,251	\$122,081	\$118,426
United States	\$40,456	\$86,971	\$102,372	\$118,913	\$111,952	\$109,893	\$120,082

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.



Households by Household Income Levels, Percent

Report Area	Under \$25,000	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$199,999	\$200,000+
Report Location	15.98%	17.67%	29.58%	29.47%	7.30%
Clay County, MN	15.72%	17.92%	29.09%	29.51%	7.76%
Wilkin County, MN	18.43%	15.27%	34.37%	29.10%	2.82%
Minnesota	11.76%	15.37%	29.20%	30.59%	13.07%
United States	15.00%	17.28%	28.46%	26.70%	12.56%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Commuter Travel Patterns

This indicator shows the method of transportation workers used to travel to work for the report area. Of the 36,470 workers in the report area, 75.4% drove to work alone while 7.6% carpooled. 1.1% of all workers reported that they used some form of public transportation, while others used some optional means including 4.0% walking or riding bicycles, and 1.1% used taxicabs to travel to work. 10.8% of workers work from home, which is an increase from 2019 of 3.8%.

Report Area	Workers 16 and Up	Percent Drive Alone	Percent Carpool	Percent Public Transportation	Percent Bicycle or Walk	Percent Taxi or Other	Percent Work at Home
Report Location	36,470	75.4%	7.6%	1.1%	4.0%	1.1%	10.8%
Clay County, MN	33,427	75.2%	7.8%	1.2%	3.9%	1.0%	11.0%
Wilkin County, MN	3,043	77.7%	6.4%	0.3%	4.6%	2.8%	8.2%
Minnesota	2,935,254	70.3%	7.6%	2.1%	3.0%	1.1%	15.9%
United States	157,645,183	70.2%	8.5%	3.5%	2.9%	1.5%	13.5%

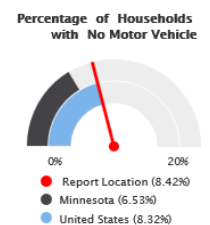
Travel Time to Work

Report Area	Workers that Commute Age 16 +	% Workers < 10 mins	% Workers between 10 and 30 mins	% Workers between 30 and 60 mins	% Workers > 60 mins	Average Commute Time (mins)
Report Location	32,532	17.36%	64.01%	14.71%	3.91%	17.85
Clay County, MN	29,739	16.47%	65.53%	14.22%	3.79%	19.52
Wilkin County, MN	2,793	26.92%	47.87%	19.98%	5.23%	No data
Minnesota	2,470,078	16.30%	53.76%	24.79%	5.14%	23.09
United States	136,377,810	12.62%	49.76%	28.89%	8.74%	26.57

Households with No Motor Vehicle

This indicator reports the number and percentage of households with no motor vehicle based on the latest 5-year American Community Survey estimates. Of the 28,630 total households in the report area, 2,410 or 8.42% are without a motor vehicle.

Report Area	Total Occupied Households	Households with No Motor Vehicle	Households with No Motor Vehicle, Percent
Report Location	28,630	2,410	8.42%
Clay County, MN	25,939	2,236	8.62%
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	174	6.47%
Minnesota	2,282,967	149,094	6.53%
United States	127,482,865	10,602,826	8.32%



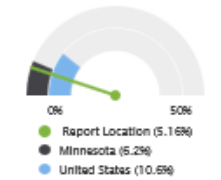
Education

Educational Attainment

Educational Attainment shows the distribution of the highest level of education achieved in the report area and helps schools and businesses to understand the needs of adults, whether it be workforce training or the ability to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25 years old, and is an estimated average for the period from 2019 to 2023. For the selected area, 25.11% have at least a college bachelor's degree, while 23.09% stopped their formal educational attainment after high school.

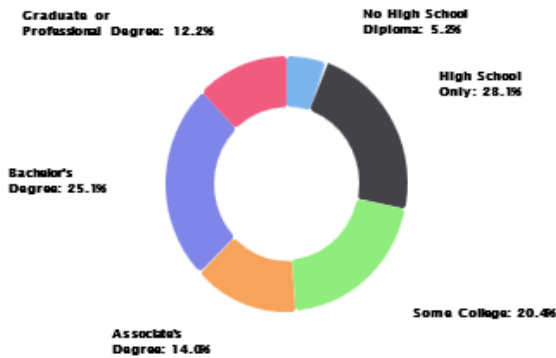
Report Area	No High School Diploma	High School Only	Some College	Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree
Report Location	5.16%	23.09%	20.45%	14.02%	25.11%	12.18%
Clay County, MN	5.0%	22.2%	20.2%	13.6%	26.0%	13.0%
Wilkin County, MN	6.6%	31.4%	23.1%	17.4%	17.0%	4.5%
Minnesota	6.2%	23.5%	19.8%	11.7%	25.3%	13.6%
United States	10.6%	26.2%	19.4%	8.8%	21.3%	13.7%

Percent Population with No High School Diploma



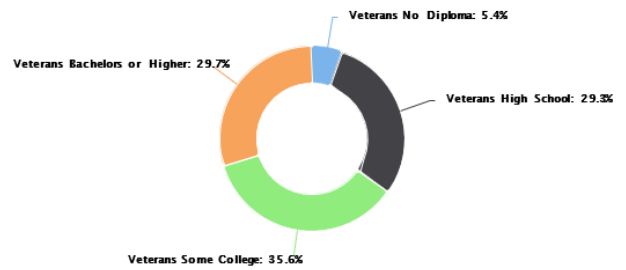
Attainment - Overview

Report Location



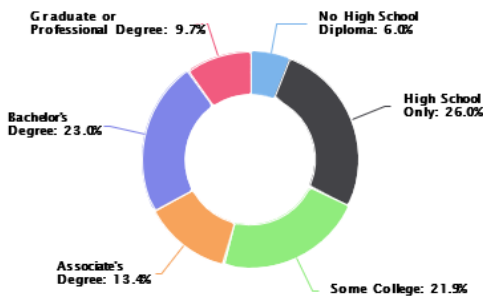
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Report Location



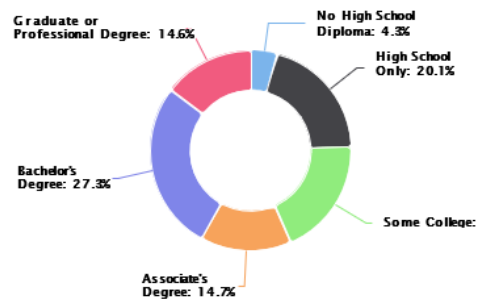
Educational Attainment by Gender - Male

Report Location



Educational Attainment by Gender - Female

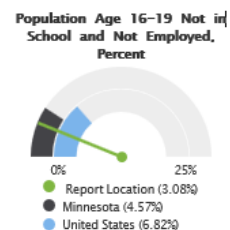
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Youth Not Working and Not in School

This indicator reports the percentage of youth age 16-19 who are not currently enrolled in school and who are not employed. The report area has a total population of 4,681 between the ages, of which 144 are not in school and not employed. This is an increase of 1.27% over the previous reporting period, however the percentage remains significantly lower than the state of Minnesota and the National Average.

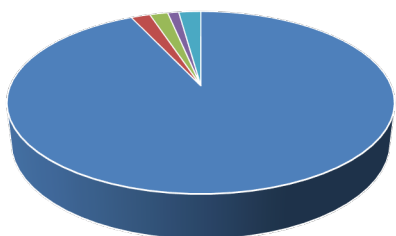
Report Area	Population Age 16-19	Population Age 16-19 Not in School and Not Employed	Population Age 16-19 Not in School and Not Employed, Percent
Report Location	4,681	144	3.08%
Clay County, MN	4,412	129	2.92%
Wilkin County, MN	269	15	5.58%
Minnesota	298,654	13,658	4.57%
United States	17,415,920	1,187,439	6.82%



Languages Spoken at Home

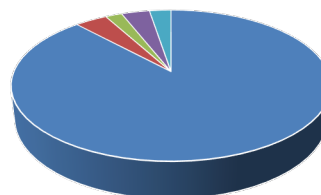
The vast majority of households in both Clay and Wilkin Counties speak English only at home (93% in Clay County and 88% in Wilkin County). Spanish is the most common language spoken other than English in both counties.

Languages Spoken at Home Clay



- English Only
- Spanish
- Indo-European Languages
- Asian & Pacific and Languages
- Other

Languages Spoken at Home Wilkin

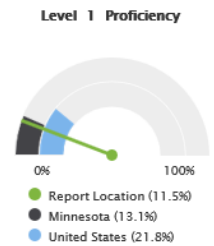


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Adult Literacy

Literacy data published by the Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIACC) breaks adult literacy into three different "Levels". Those reported as Level 1 are at risk for being able to understand printed material. Those at the upper end of Level 1 can read and understand the text well enough to be able to perform small task, but might have difficulty understanding or drawing inferences from multiple forms of text. Those at the lower end may struggle with basic vocabulary or even be functionally illiterate. The percentage at or below Level 1 for literacy in the report area is estimated at 11.5%.

Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 1	At or Below Level 1	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
Report Location	49,515	5,699	11.5%	4,074	8.2%	7,373	14.9%
Clay County, MN	44,981	5,173	11.5%	3,688	8.2%	6,702	14.9%
Wilkin County, MN	4,534	526	11.6%	385	8.5%	671	14.8%
Minnesota	3,994,564	522,941	13.1%	388,816	9.7%	656,094	16.4%
United States	235,567,157	51,401,095	21.8%	42,569,858	18.1%	60,378,678	25.6%



Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, *NCES - Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, 2017.*

Those reported at Level 2 still struggle to perform text based informational tasks but are considered to be nearing reading proficiency. The percentage at or below Level 2 for literacy in the report area is estimated at 30.3%. Those reported at Level 3 are proficient in reading and is estimated at 58.2% for the report area.

Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 2	At or Below Level 2	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
Report Location	49,515	15,017	30.3%	12,659	25.6%	17,241	34.8%
Clay County, MN	44,981	13,539	30.1%	11,380	25.3%	15,563	34.6%
Wilkin County, MN	4,534	1,478	32.6%	1,279	28.2%	1,678	37%
Minnesota	3,994,564	1,187,040	29.7%	997,712	25%	1,369,259	34.3%
United States	235,567,157	76,178,529	32.3%	64,300,451	27.3%	88,084,541	37.4%

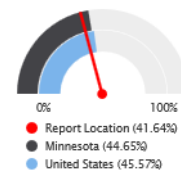
Report Area	Population Ages 16-74	Total At or Below Level 3	At or Below Level 3	Total Lower Credible Interval	Lower Credible Interval	Total Upper Credible Interval	Upper Credible Interval
Report Location	49,515	28,799	58.2%	26,490	53.5%	31,122	62.9
Clay County, MN	44,981	26,269	58.4%	24,155	53.7%	28,383	63.1
Wilkin County, MN	4,534	2,530	55.8%	2,335	51.5%	2,739	60.4
Minnesota	3,994,564	2,283,541	57.2%	2,105,583	52.7%	2,474,430	61.9
United States	235,567,157	107,981,194	45.8%	96,513,724	41%	119,346,496	50.7

Pre-school & Child Care

This indicator reports the percentage of the population age 3-4 that is enrolled in school. This indicator helps identify places where pre-school opportunities are either abundant or lacking in the educational system. Within the region, less than half of preschool-aged children are enrolled in school (41.64%), which is less than the statewide and national average.

Report Area	Population Age 3-4	Population Age 3-4 Enrolled in School	Population Age 3-4 Enrolled in School, Percent
Report Location	1,633	680	41.64%
Clay County, MN	1,502	636	42.34%
Wilkin County, MN	131	44	33.59%
Minnesota	139,150	62,136	44.65%
United States	7,932,435	3,615,142	45.57%

Percentage of Population Age 3-4 Enrolled in School



Preschool Enrollment by Race Alone

This indicator reports the population age 3-4 enrolled in preschool of the report area by race alone.

Report Area	White	Black	Asian	American Indian / Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander	Some Other Race	Multiple Races
Report Location	987	44	33	14	2	9	74
Clay County, MN	895	44	33	14	2	0	69
Wilkin County, MN	92	0	0	0	0	9	5
Minnesota	63,072	7,036	4,219	902	33	2,615	10,460
United States	2,682,935	612,967	239,797	39,325	6,217	274,724	760,724

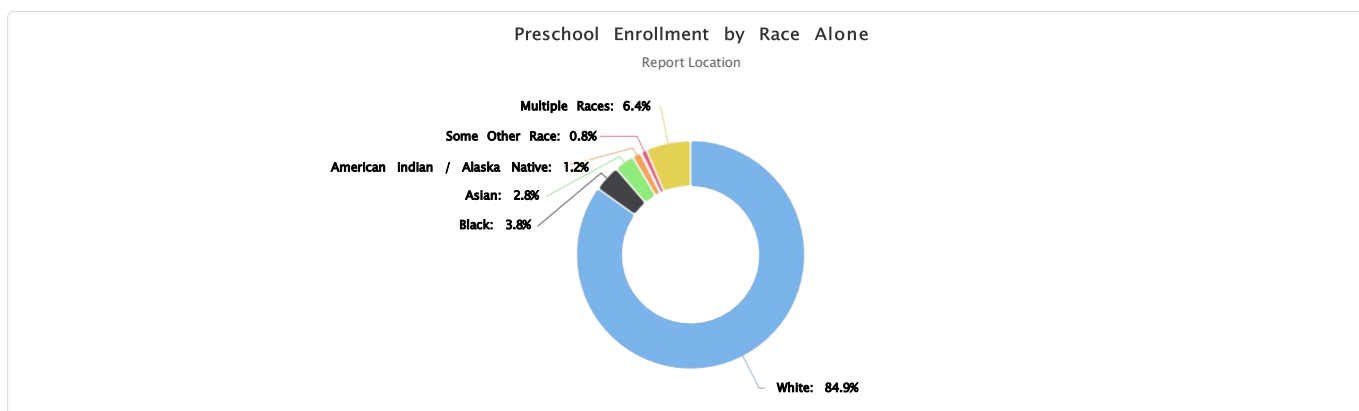
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Preschool Enrollment by Ethnicity Alone

This indicator reports the population age 3-4 enrolled in preschool of the report area by ethnicity alone.

Of all age 3-4 enrolled in preschool in the report area, 68 or 10.00% are Hispanic or Latino while 612 or 90.00% are non-Hispanic.

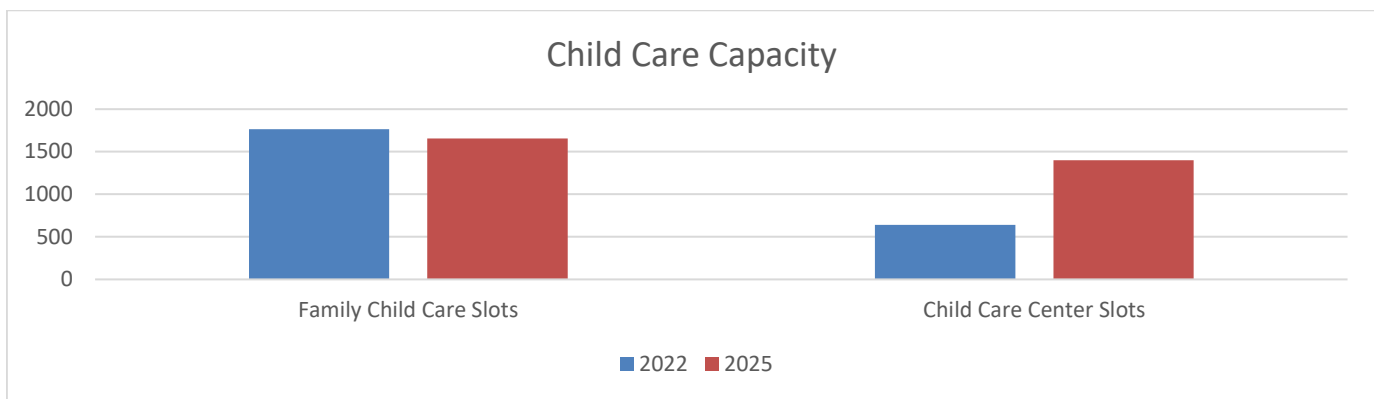
Report Area	Total Enrolled in Preschool	Hispanic Enrolled	Hispanic Enrolled, Percent	Non-Hispanic Enrolled	Non-Hispanic Enrolled, Percent
Report Location	680	68	10.00%	612	90.00%
Clay County, MN	636	48	7.55%	588	92.45%
Wilkin County, MN	44	20	45.45%	24	54.55%
Minnesota	62,136	7,658	12.32%	54,478	87.68%
United States	3,615,142	1,012,510	28.01%	2,602,632	71.99%



Child Care Capacity

Child care remains a significant need in the service area. Overall capacity has grown over the past 3 years by 78 slots, however the population growth during that time frame has outpaced increase in child care. This equates to a shortfall of over 1,200 child care slots not including school-aged children in the region.

Child Care Location	Family Child Care	Slots	Child Care Centers	Slots	Public Pre-K	Slots	Home Visiting	Slots
Wilkin County	16	188	2	56	3	105	3	12
Clay County	125	1,468	18	1,343	6	620	6	74
Total Service Area	141	1,656	20	1,399	9	725	9	86



Early Childhood Disability Data

Type of impairment	Moorhead Part C: 0-3	Moorhead Part B: 3-5	DGF Part C: 0-3	DGF Part B: 3-5	Lake Agassiz Part C: 0-3	Lake Agassiz Part B: 3-5	Wilkin Part C: 0-3	Wilkin Part B: 3-5
Speech Language	1	114	0	11	0	45	0	10
Physical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hearing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emotional/Behavior	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Autism spectrum	2	21	0	1	0	5	0	1
Developmental	88	134	6	20	15	29	2	3
Other disabilities	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0

Public Schools

Public Schools - Elementary

This indicator reports the top 10 largest public elementary schools by student enrollment in the report area.

County	School Name	School District	Total Students	Lowest Grade Level	Highest Grade Level
Clay County	S.G. Reinertsen Elementary	Moorhead Area Public Schools	692	KG	4
Clay County	Dorothy Dodds Elementary School	Moorhead Area Public Schools	658	KG	4
Clay County	ELLEN HOPKINS ELEMENTARY	Moorhead Area Public Schools	643	KG	4
Clay County	HAWLEY ELEMENTARY	HAWLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	614	PK	6
Clay County	Robert Asp Elementary	Moorhead Area Public Schools	611	KG	4
Clay County	Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Elementary	DILWORTH-GLYNDON-FELTON	606	PK	4
Clay County	BARNESVILLE ELEMENTARY	BARNESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST.	504	KG	6
Wilkin County	BRECKENRIDGE ELEMENTARY	BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	279	PK	6
Clay County	Probstfield Elementary	Moorhead Area Public Schools	262	KG	4
Wilkin County	ROTHSAY ELEMENTARY	ROTHSAY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	169	PK	6

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, [NCES - Common Core of Data](#), 2022-2023.

Public Schools - Middle

The indicator table below lists the top 10 largest public middle schools by student enrollment in the report area.

County	School Name	School District	Total Students	Lowest Grade Level	Highest Grade Level
Clay County	HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL	MOORHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	2,189	5	8
Clay County	DILWORTH-GLYNDON-FELTON MIDDLE SCH	DILWORTH-GLYNDON-FELTON	391	6	8
Wilkin County	BRECKENRIDGE MIDDLE	BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	91	7	8

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, [NCES - Common Core of Data](#), 2022-2023.

Public Schools - High

The indicator table below lists the top 10 largest public high schools by student enrollment in the report area.

County	School Name	School District	Total Students	Lowest Grade Level	Highest Grade Level
Clay County	MOORHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	MOORHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	1,890	9	12
Clay County	HAWLEY SECONDARY	HAWLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	431	7	12
Clay County	DILWORTH-GLYNDON-FELTON SENIOR HIGH	DILWORTH-GLYNDON-FELTON	427	9	12
Clay County	BARNESVILLE SECONDARY	BARNESVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST.	405	6	12
Wilkin County	BRECKENRIDGE SENIOR HIGH	BRECKENRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	219	9	12
Clay County	ULEN-HITTERDAL SECONDARY	ULEN-HITTERDAL PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST	143	7	12
Wilkin County	ROTHSAY SECONDARY	ROTHSAY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	128	7	12
Clay County	Red River Area Learning Center	MOORHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT	99	5	12
Wilkin County	CAMPBELL-TINTAH SECONDARY	CAMPBELL-TINTAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DIST.	64	7	12
Clay County	LAKES COUNTRY YOUTH EDUC SVCS	REGION 4-LAKES COUNTRY SERVICE COOP	48	9	12

Data Source: National Center for Education Statistics, [NCES - Common Core of Data](#), 2022-2023.

Housing

Housing Units - Overview

The number of housing units within the report area in July of each year from 2014-2023 is shown below. According to the U.S. Census, there were a total of 30,842 housing units in the report area in 2023, an increase of 2,713 (or 9.64%) since 2014 compared to a 7.77% increase statewide.

Report Area	July 2014	July 2015	July 2016	July 2017	July 2018	July 2019	July 2020	July 2021	July 2022	July 2023
Report Location	28,129	28,652	29,194	29,734	29,939	30,307	29,876	30,157	30,618	30,842
Clay County, MN	25,038	25,553	26,087	26,620	26,795	27,150	26,901	27,179	27,627	27,851
Wilkin County, MN	3,091	3,099	3,107	3,114	3,144	3,157	2,975	2,978	2,991	2,991
Minnesota	2,389,731	2,403,402	2,419,289	2,437,254	2,455,773	2,477,753	2,491,765	2,516,887	2,547,496	2,575,411
United States	134,388,318	135,285,123	136,286,436	137,366,902	138,516,439	139,684,244	140,808,401	142,163,952	143,789,637	145,344,636

Data Source: US Census Bureau, US Census Population Estimates.

Housing Age

Total housing units, median year built and median age in 2019 for the report area are shown below. Housing units used in housing age include only those where the year built is known.

Report Area	Total Housing Units	Median Year Built	Median Age (from 2019)
Clay County, MN	26,456	1978	41
Wilkin County, MN	3,117	1967	52
Minnesota	2,438,203	1977	42
United States	137,428,986	1978	41

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2015-19. Source geography: County

Vacancy Rates

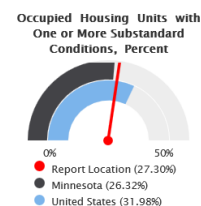
The U.S. Postal Service provided information quarterly to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on addresses identified as vacant in the previous quarter. Residential and business vacancy rates for the report area in the fourth quarter of 2020 are reported. For this reporting period, a total of 423 residential addresses were identified as vacant in the report area, a vacancy rate of 1.3%, and 161 business addresses were also reported as vacant, a rate of 5.5%.

Report Area	Residential Addresses	Vacant Residential Addresses	Residential Vacancy Rate	Business Addresses	Vacant Business Addresses	Business Vacancy Rate
Report Location	31,580	423	1.3%	2,954	161	5.5%
Clay County, MN	28,500	346	1.2%	2,743	149	5.4%
Wilkin County, MN	3,080	77	2.5%	211	12	5.7%
Minnesota	2,571,911	94,719	3.7%	199,227	27,452	13.8%
United States	152,217,762	3,617,537	2.4%	13,968,713	1,246,050	8.9%

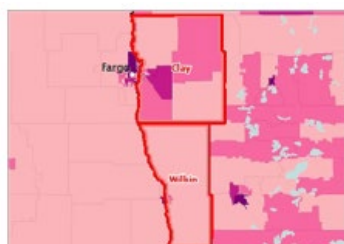
Housing Quality - Substandard Housing

This indicator reports the number and percentage of owner- and renter-occupied housing units having at least one of the following conditions: 1) lacking complete plumbing facilities, 2) lacking complete kitchen facilities, 3) with 1 or more occupants per room, 4) selected monthly owner costs as a percentage of household income greater than 30%, and 5) gross rent as a percentage of household income greater than 30%. Selected conditions provide information in assessing the quality of the housing inventory and its occupants. This data is used to easily identify homes where the quality of living and housing can be considered substandard. Of the 28,630 total occupied housing units in the report area, 7,817 or 27.30% have one or more substandard conditions.

Report Area	Total Occupied Housing Units	Occupied Housing Units with One or More Substandard Conditions	Occupied Housing Units with One or More Substandard Conditions, Percent
Report Location	28,630	7,817	27.30%
Clay County, MN	25,939	7,316	28.20%
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	501	18.62%
Minnesota	2,282,967	600,767	26.32%
United States	127,482,865	40,765,129	31.98%



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.



Substandard Housing Units, Percent of Total by Tract, ACS 2019-23

- Over 34.0%
- 28.1 - 34.0%
- 22.1 - 28.0%
- Under 22.1%

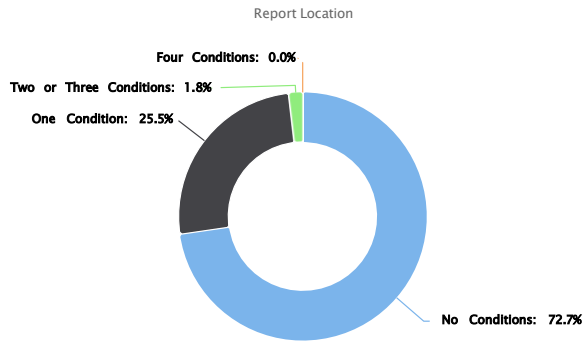
Substandard Housing: Number of Substandard Conditions Present, Percentage of Total Occupied Housing Units

This indicator reports the percentage of total occupied housing units by number of substandard conditions.

Report Area	No Conditions	One Condition	Two or Three Conditions	Four Conditions
Report Location	72.70%	25.51%	1.79%	0.00%
Clay County, MN	71.80%	26.31%	1.89%	0.00%
Wilkin County, MN	81.38%	17.80%	0.82%	0.00%
Minnesota	73.68%	25.06%	1.26%	0.00%
United States	68.02%	30.18%	1.79%	0.01%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Substandard Housing: Number of Substandard Conditions Present, Percentage of Total Occupied Housing Units



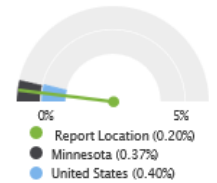
Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

The number and percentage of occupied housing units without plumbing are shown for the report area. U.S. Census data shows 53 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2000 and ACS 5-year estimates show 56 housing units in the report area were without plumbing in 2023.

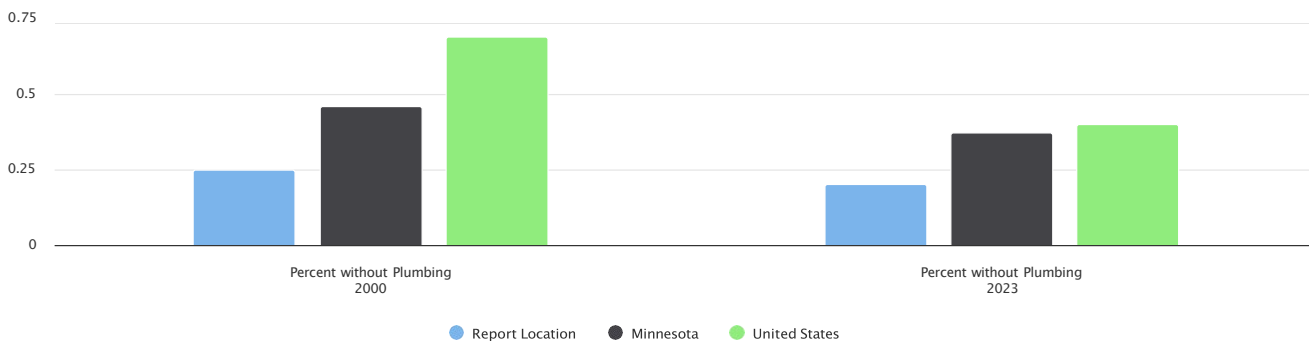
Report Area	Occupied Housing Units 2000	Housing Units without Plumbing 2000	Percent without Plumbing 2000	Occupied Housing Units 2023	Housing Units without Plumbing 2023	Percent without Plumbing 2023
Report Location	21,422	53	0.25%	28,630	56	0.20%
Clay County, MN	18,670	31	0.16%	25,939	38	0.15%
Wilkin County, MN	2,752	22	0.71%	2,691	18	0.67%
Minnesota	1,895,127	9,581	0.46%	2,282,967	8,496	0.37%
United States	106,741,426	736,626	0.69%	128,722,108	519,469	0.40%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019-23.

Percentage of Housing Units Without Complete Plumbing Facilities



Number of Unsafe, Unsanitary Homes

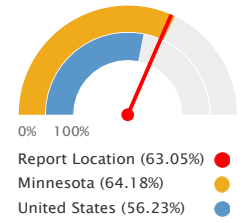


Homeowners

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated there were 18,645 owner occupied homeowners of the estimated 29,573 housing units in the report area in 2019. This 63.05% is a decrease over the 72.79% owner occupied homes in 2000.

Report Area	Total Housing Units 2000	Owner Occupied Homes 2000	Owner Occupied Homes 2000	Total Housing Units 2019	Owner Occupied Homes 2019	Owner Occupied Homes 2019
Report Location	21,422	15,594	72.79%	29,573	18,645	63.05%
Wilkin County, MN	2,752	2,223	80.78%	3,117	2,201	70.61%
Clay County, MN	18,670	13,371	71.62%	26,456	16,444	62.16%
Minnesota	1,895,127	1,412,865	74.55%	2,438,203	1,564,870	64.18%
United States	105,480,101	69,815,753	66.19%	137,428,986	77,274,381	56.23%

Owner Occupied Homes 2019

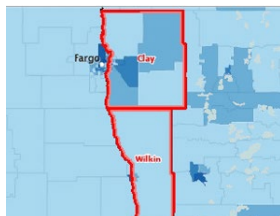
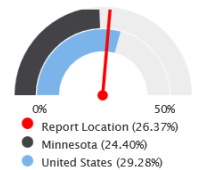


Housing Costs - Cost Burden (30%)

This indicator reports the percentage of the households where housing costs are 30% or more of total household income. This indicator provides information on the cost of monthly housing expenses for owners and renters. The information offers a measure of housing affordability and excessive shelter costs. The data also serve to aid in the development of housing programs to meet the needs of people at different economic levels. Of the 28,630 total households in the report area, 7,549 or 26.37% of the population live in cost burdened households. Within the rental market, the rate increases to 48.54% of households that are renting are cost-burdened.

Report Area	Total Households	Cost-Burdened Households	Cost-Burdened Households, Percent
Report Location	28,630	7,549	26.37%
Clay County, MN	25,939	7,098	27.36%
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	451	16.76%
Minnesota	2,282,967	556,986	24.40%
United States	127,482,865	37,330,839	29.28%

Percentage of Households where Housing Costs Exceed 30% of Income



Cost Burdened Households (Housing Costs Exceed 30% of Household Income), Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23

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- 21.1 - 28.0%
- Under 21.1%

Cost-Burdened Households by Tenure, Percent

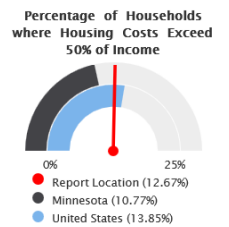
These data show the percentage of households by tenure that are cost burdened. Cost burdened rental households (those that spent more than 30% of the household income on rental costs) represented 48.54% of all of the rental households in the report area, according to the U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 2019-2023 5-year estimates. The data for this indicator is only reported for households where tenure, household housing costs, and income earned was identified in the American Community Survey.

Report Area	Rental Households	Rental Households Cost-Burdened, Percent	Owner-Occupied Households w/ Mortgage	Owner-Occupied Households w/ Mortgage Cost-Burdened, Percent	Owner-Occupied Households w/o Mortgage	Owner-Occupied Households w/o Mortgage Cost-Burdened, Percent
Report Location	9,201	48.54%	12,553	21.64%	6,876	10.35%
Clay County, MN	8,654	49.35%	11,323	22.03%	5,962	10.72%
Wilkin County, MN	547	35.65%	1,230	17.97%	914	7.99%
Minnesota	630,433	44.59%	1,069,993	22.43%	582,541	11.94%
United States	44,590,828	46.89%	50,718,449	27.38%	32,173,588	13.65%

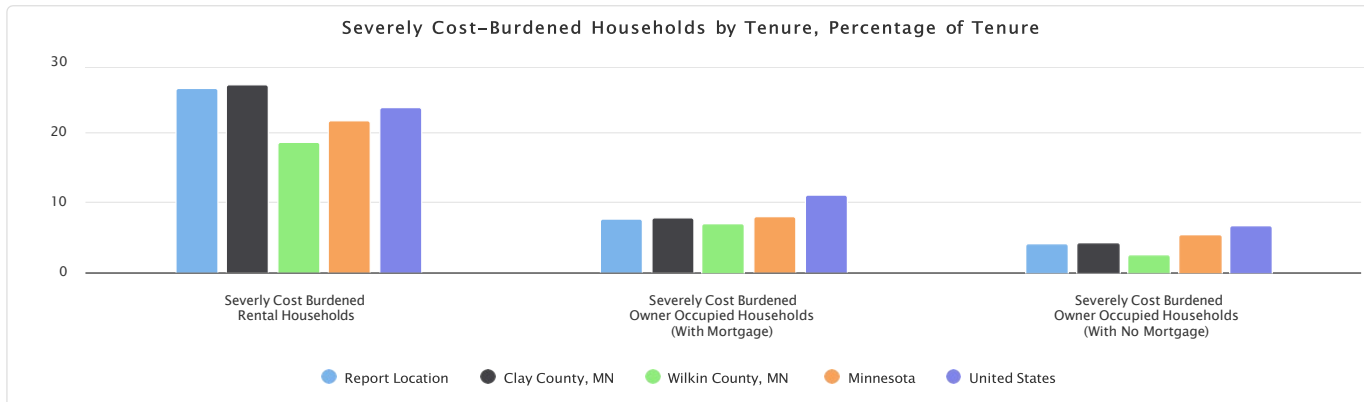
Housing Costs - Cost Burden, Severe (50%)

This indicator reports the percentage of the households where housing costs are 50% or more total household income. This indicator provides information on the cost of monthly housing expenses for owners and renters. The information offers a measure of housing affordability and excessive shelter costs. The data also serve to aid in the development of housing programs to meet the needs of people at different economic levels.

Report Area	Total Households	Severely Burdened Households	Severely Burdened Households, Percent
Report Location	28,630	3,628	12.67%
Clay County, MN	25,939	3,420	13.18%
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	208	7.73%
Minnesota	2,282,967	245,816	10.77%
United States	127,482,865	17,661,218	13.85%



Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2019



Evictions

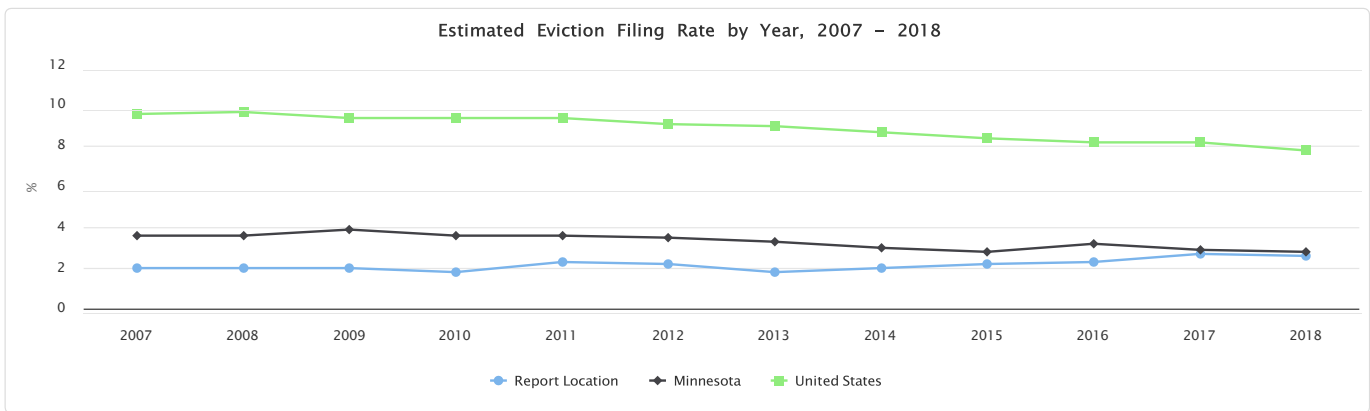
This indicator reports information about formal evictions based on court records from 48 states and the District of Columbia, compiled by the Eviction Lab. The number of eviction filings within the report area is shown in below. The “filing rate” is the ratio of the number of evictions filed in an area over the number of renter-occupied homes in that area. For the year 2018, the Eviction Lab reports that, of 8,567 rental homes in the report area, there were 221 eviction filings, for an eviction filing rate of 2.6%. This is over double the eviction rate measured in 2016 for the reporting area, however the rate is less than the statewide and national averages. Note: Not all counties have data that has been provided. Indicator data do not include information about "informal evictions" or those that happen outside of the courtroom.

Report Area	Renter Occupied Households	Estimated Eviction Filings	Estimated Eviction Filing Rate
Report Location	8,567	221	2.6
Clay County, MN	7,965	215	2.7
Wilkin County, MN	602	6	1.0
Minnesota	1,246,558	34,642	2.8
United States	140,706,143	10,969,285	7.8

Estimated Eviction Filing Rate by Year, 2007 - 2018

Report Area	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Report Location	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	1.8%	2.3%	2.2%	1.8%	2.0%	2.2%	2.3%	2.7%	2.6%
Clay County, MN	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%	1.9%	2.4%	2.4%	1.9%	2.1%	2.3%	2.4%	2.9%	2.7%
Wilkin County, MN	0.9%	0.9%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%	0.5%	0.2%	0.5%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%	1.0%
Minnesota	3.6%	3.6%	3.9%	3.6%	3.6%	3.5%	3.3%	3.0%	2.8%	3.2%	2.9%	2.8%
United States	9.6%	9.7%	9.4%	9.4%	9.4%	9.1%	9.0%	8.7%	8.4%	8.2%	8.2%	7.8%

Data Source: Eviction Lab, 2018.



Current clients receiving housing services were recently surveyed regarding their housing crisis. When asked what created or contributed to the current housing crisis, the top response was that the household couldn't afford the rent. Other top contributors were physical health issues, mental health issues, and loss of a job/income. When asked “What would help you find or keep stable housing?,” the top response was resources for past due rent (55%), followed by help getting/keeping a job (32%), budgeting (29%), and ongoing case management/supportive services (21%).

Homelessness

According to the FM Coalition for the Homeless State of Homelessness Report 2023 on any given night, there are 1,052 individuals estimated to be experiencing homelessness in the FM Metro. A majority of individuals experiencing homelessness are working-age adults, with 68% of those who received services being between the ages of 18 and 54. Additionally, of those served, roughly 18% were children under the age of 18 and 14% were older adults ages 55 and above.

Gender by Age	Male	Female	Transgender	No Single Gender	Questioning	Client Doesn't Know/Client Refused	Data Not Collected
Adults	1,796	931	21	7	1	1	5
Percent of Total	53%	28%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Children	291	330	0	1	0	0	0
Percent of Total	9%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Unknown Age	2,087	1,261	21	8	1	1	5
Total	61.70%	37.30%	0.60%	0.20%	0.00%	0.00%	0.10%
Percent	64.5%	34.7%	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%

Prevention & Diversion

According to the FM Coalition to End Homelessness, in 2022, 3,206 households in crisis contacted the housing crisis line coordinated by FirstLink. The purpose of the screening is to gather details about the housing crisis, assess and mitigate the risk of homelessness, and triage households for connection to the most appropriate and rapid resolution response possible. These rapid resolution responses include progressive engagement activities ranging from very light touch guidance/resources to temporary financial assistance and housing stabilization services, to assistance finding new housing to avoid homelessness and emergency shelter entry.

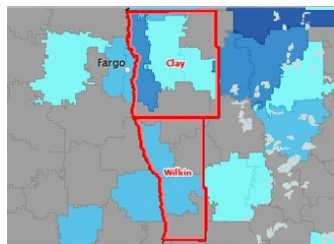
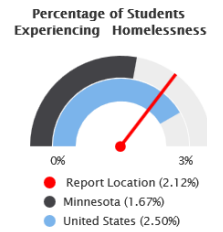
In 2022, 2,948 unique households (including approximately 7,664 individuals) were screened, triaged, and connected to appropriate homeless prevention services. The over 24% increase in calls in 2022 indicates a multitude of challenges low income and vulnerable households face in attaining and maintaining housing. Low vacancy rates, increased rent costs, inflation of costs for basic goods and services, maxing out or phasing out of temporary COVID-19 relief funds, lack of affordable housing units, lack of childcare and other services needed to maintain employment, and more have made it very difficult for vulnerable households to get and keep housing. These challenges and their impacts continue to be monitored so that the system can expand and adjust appropriately to meet the needs by ramping up prevention services and resources. This trend is on par with other communities across the nation and is being addressed at the Federal, State, and local levels. Without an upstream response system like the CARES Homeless Prevention Project to provide critical time interventions to avoid homelessness, even greater pressure, and demand on an already overburdened homeless response system would occur.

	Cass County, ND	Clay County, MN	Total Households
Households Screened	2,084	864	2,948
Households on verge of homelessness	1,417	587	2,004
Households experiencing homelessness	667	277	944

Homeless Children & Youth

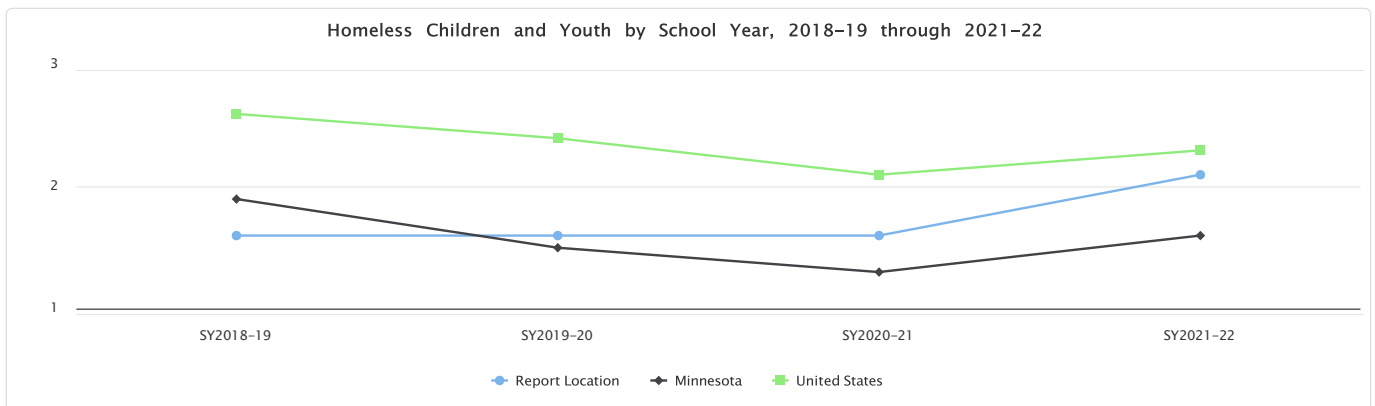
This indicator reports the number of children and youth experiencing homelessness enrolled in the public school system during the 2021-2022 school year. This data source reports the number of students experiencing homelessness, defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes those who are sharing the housing of others, living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds, staying in emergency transitional shelters, or are unsheltered. In the report area, of the 11,966 students enrolled in reported districts during the 2021-22 school year, there were 254 or 2.12% students experiencing homelessness, which is higher than the statewide rate of 1.67%. This year, the largest school in the region has reported a drastic increase in students experiencing homelessness and this issue is continuing to grow.

Report Area	Students in All Districts	Students Reporting Experiencing Homelessness	Students Reporting Experiencing Homelessness, Percent	Districts Reporting	Students in Reported Districts
Report Location	11,966	254	2.12%	100.00%	100.00%
Clay County, MN	10,970	247	2.25%	57.10%	83.80%
Wilkin County, MN	996	7	0.70%	40.00%	72.90%
Minnesota	870,506	14,505	1.67%	42.18%	83.44%
United States	49,654,028	1,240,135	2.50%	60.63%	93.14%



Students Experiencing Homelessness, Percent by School District (Elementary), Ed Data Express 2021-22

- Over 6.0%
- 3.1 - 6.0%
- 1.1 - 3.0%
- 0.1 - 1.0%

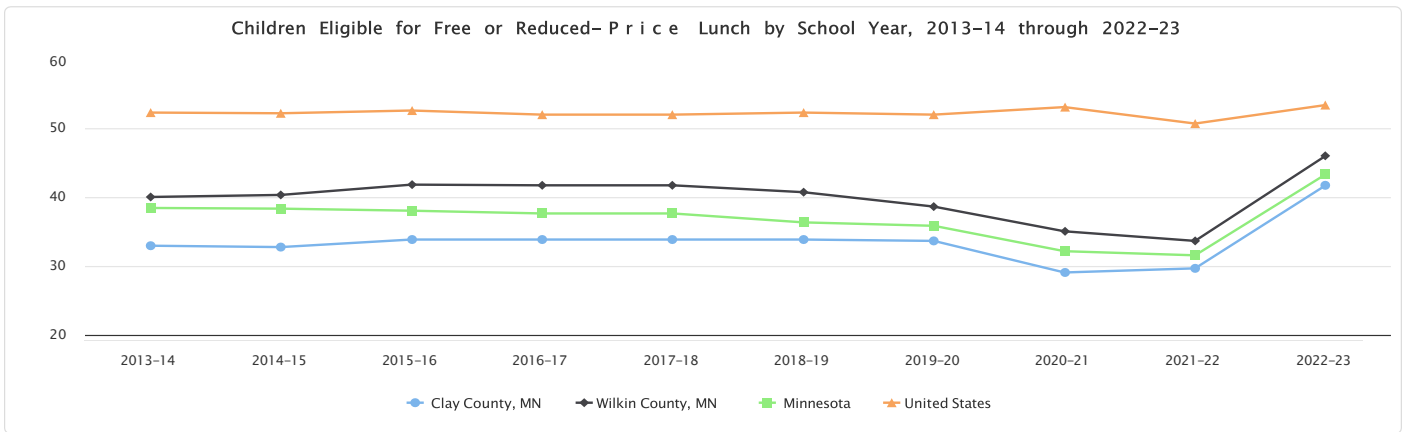


Nutrition

Free and Reduced Lunch Program

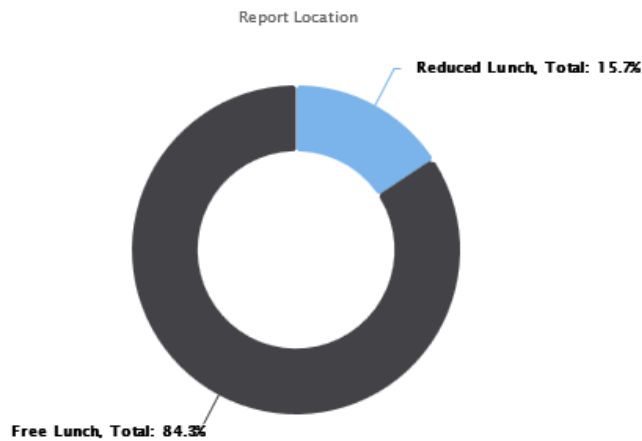
Free or reduced-price lunches are served to qualifying students in families with income between under 185 percent (reduced price) or under 130% (free lunch) of the US federal poverty threshold as part of the federal National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Out of 12,370 total public-school students in the report area, 5,212 were eligible for the free or reduced-price lunch program in the latest report year. This represents 42.1% of public-school students, which is lower than the state average of 43.4%.

Report Area	Total Students	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch	Students Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch, Percent
Report Location	12,370	5,212	42.1%
Clay County, MN	11,326	4,732	41.8%
Wilkin County, MN	1,044	480	46.1%
Minnesota	870,569	377,916	43.4%
United States	46,791,755	24,677,523	53.5%



Children Eligible for Free or Reduced-Price Lunch by Eligibility

The chart below displays the percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price lunch by income eligibility category. Of all the 5,212 students eligible for free or reduced price lunch, 84.3% are eligible for free lunch



Food Insecurity

This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the population that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

Report Area	Total Population	Food Insecure Population, Total	Food Insecurity Rate
Report Location	68,601	6,610	9.64%
Clay County, MN	62,268	6,040	9.70%
Wilkin County, MN	6,333	570	9.00%
Minnesota	5,546,813	504,760	9.10%
United States	325,717,422	41,133,950	12.63%

Food Insecurity - Food Insecure Children

This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the population under age 18 that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food.

Report Area	Population Under Age 18	Food Insecure Children, Total	Child Food Insecurity Rate
Report Location	16,188	2,100	12.97%
Clay County, MN	14,692	1,910	13.00%
Wilkin County, MN	1,496	190	12.70%
Minnesota	376,744	70,211	18.60%
United States	73,641,039	13,411,620	18.21%

Food Insecurity - Food Insecure Population Ineligible for Assistance

This indicator reports the estimated percentage of the total population and the population under age 18 that experienced food insecurity at some point during the report year, but are ineligible for State or Federal nutrition assistance. Food insecurity is the household-level economic and social condition of limited or uncertain access to adequate food. Assistance eligibility is determined based on household income of the food insecure households relative to the maximum income-to-poverty ratio for assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, school meals, CSFP and TEFAP).

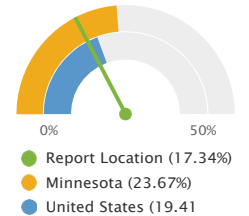
Report Area	Food Insecure Population	Food Insecure Population Ineligible for Assistance, Percent	Food Insecure Children	Food Insecure Children Ineligible for Assistance, Percent
Report Location	6,610	38.00%	2,100	28.00%
Clay County, MN	6,040	38.00%	1,910	29.00%
Wilkin County, MN	570	31.00%	190	19.00%
Minnesota	504,760	40.00%	163,310	33.00%
United States	41,133,950	33.00%	13,411,620	35.00%

Low Income and Low Food Access

This indicator reports the percentage of the low-income population with low food access. Low food access is defined as living more than ½ mile from the nearest supermarket, supercenter, or large grocery store. Data are from the April 2021 [Food Access Research Atlas](#) dataset. This indicator is relevant because it highlights populations and geographies facing food insecurity. 17.34% of the low-income population in the report area have low food access. The total low-income population in the report area with low food access is 3,064.

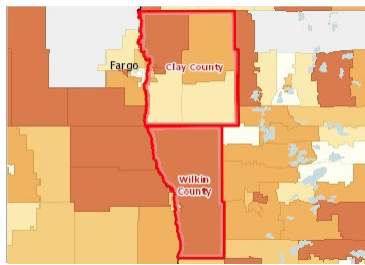
Report Area	Total Population	Low Income Population	Low Income Population with Low Food Access	Percent Low Income Population with Low Food Access
Report Location	65,575	17,668	3,064	17.34%
Clay County, MN	58,999	16,074	2,690	16.74%
Wilkin County, MN	6,576	1,594	374	23.46%
Minnesota	5,303,925	1,275,978	302,019	23.67%
United States	308,745,538	97,055,825	18,834,033	19.41%

Percent Low Income Population with Low Food Access



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

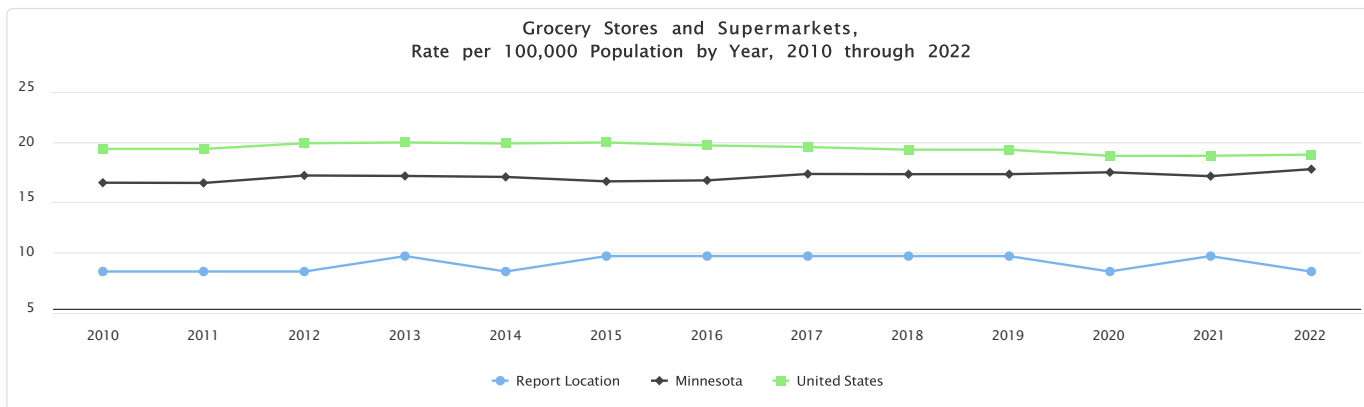
Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, [USDA - Food Access Research Atlas](#). 2019. Source geography: Tract



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Population with Limited Food Access, Low Income, Percent by Tract, USDA - FARA 2019

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- 20.1 - 50.0%
- 5.1 - 20.0%
- Under 5.1%
- No Low Food Access
- Report Location

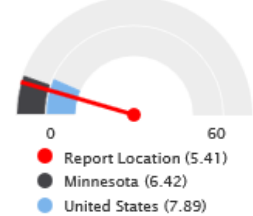


SNAP Authorized Food Stores

This indicator reports the number of SNAP-authorized food stores as a rate per 10,000 population. SNAP-authorized stores include grocery stores as well as supercenters, specialty food stores, and convenience stores that are authorized to accept SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits. The report area contains a total of 39 SNAP-authorized retailers with a rate of 5.41, which is a reduction of 3 retailers since the last report. Access to SNAP-authorized food stores is a greater need in Wilkin County, with only 2 SNAP-authorized retailers in the county.

Report Area	Total Population (2023)	Total SNAP-Authorized Retailers	SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate per 10,000 Population
Report Location	72,041	39	5.41
Clay County, MN	65,628	37	5.64
Wilkin County, MN	6,413	2	3.12
Minnesota	5,713,716	3,667	6.42
United States	335,409,240	264,826	7.89

SNAP-Authorized Retailers, Rate (Per 10,000 Population)



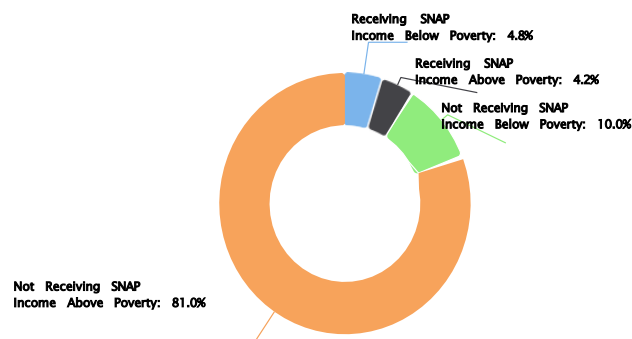
Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

The below table shows that according to the American Community Survey (ACS), 2,563 households (or 9.0%) received SNAP payments during 2019-2023. During this same period there were 2,866 households with income levels below the poverty level that were not receiving SNAP payments.

Report Area	Households Receiving SNAP Total	Households Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Total	Households Not Receiving SNAP Percent	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Below Poverty	Households Not Receiving SNAP Income Above Poverty
Report Location	2,563	9.0%	1,374	1,189	26,067	91.0%	2,866	23,201
Clay County, MN	2,274	8.77%	1,213	1,061	23,665	91.23%	2,634	21,031
Wilkin County, MN	289	10.74%	161	128	2,402	89.26%	232	2,170
Minnesota	173,507	7.60%	77,411	96,096	2,109,460	92.40%	138,186	1,971,274
United States	15,004,950	11.77%	6,447,353	8,557,597	112,477,915	88.23%	9,432,695	103,045,220

Households Receiving SNAP by Poverty Status (ACS)

Report Location



Health & Access

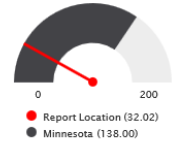
Access to Care - Primary Care Providers

This indicator reports the number of providers with a CMS National Provider Identifier (NPI) that specialize in primary care. Primary health providers include practicing physicians specializing in general practice medicine, family medicine, internal medicine, and pediatrics. The number of facilities that specialize in primary health care are also listed (but are not included in the calculated rate).

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	Number of Facilities	Number of Providers	Providers, Rate per 100,000 Population
Report Location	71,824	11	23	32.02
Clay County, MN	65,318	11	21	32.15
Wilkin County, MN	6,506	0	2	30.74
Minnesota	5,706,494	708	7,875	138.00

Data Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS - National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), April 2025.

Primary Care Providers, Rate per 100,000 Population



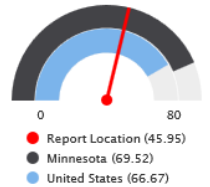
Access to Care - Dental Health Providers

This indicator reports the number of oral health care providers with a CMS National Provider Identifier (NPI). Providers included in this summary are those who list "dentist", "general practice dentist", or "pediatric dentistry" as their primary practice classification, regardless of sub-specialty. The number of facilities that specialize in oral health care are also listed (but are not included in the calculated rate).

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	Number of Facilities	Number of Providers	Providers, Rate per 100,000 Population
Report Location	71,824	10	33	45.95
Clay County, MN	65,318	10	31	47.46
Wilkin County, MN	6,506	0	2	30.74
Minnesota	5,706,494	1,440	3,967	69.52
United States	334,735,155	85,644	223,163	66.67

Data Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS - National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES), 2024.

Dental Health Care Providers Rate per 100,000 Population

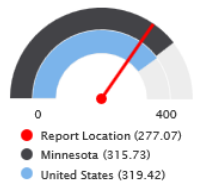


Access to Care - Mental Health Providers

This indicator reports the number of providers with a CMS National Provider Identifier (NPI) that specialize in mental health. Mental health providers include licensed clinical social workers and other credentialed professionals specializing in psychiatry, psychology, counseling, or child, adolescent, or adult mental health. The number of facilities that specialize in mental health are also listed (but are not included in the calculated rate). Within the report area there are 199 mental health providers with a CMS National Provider Identifier (NPI). This represents 277.07 providers per 100,000 total population.

Report Area	Total Population (2020)	Number of Facilities	Number of Providers	Providers, Rate per 100,000 Population
Report Location	71,824	35	199	277.07
Clay County, MN	65,318	29	182	278.64
Wilkin County, MN	6,506	6	17	261.30
Minnesota	5,706,494	2,794	18,017	315.73
United States	334,735,155	146,435	1,069,199	319.42

Mental Health Care Providers Rate per 100,000 Population



Health Insurance

Persons Receiving Medicare

The total number of persons receiving Medicare is shown, broken down by number over 65 and number of disabled persons receiving Medicare for the report area. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reported that a total of 12,432 persons were receiving Medicare benefits in the report area in 2023. A large number of individuals in our society are aware that persons over 65 years of age receive Medicare; however, many of them are unaware that disabled persons also receive Medicare benefits. A total of 1,525 disabled persons in the report area received Medicare benefits in 2023.

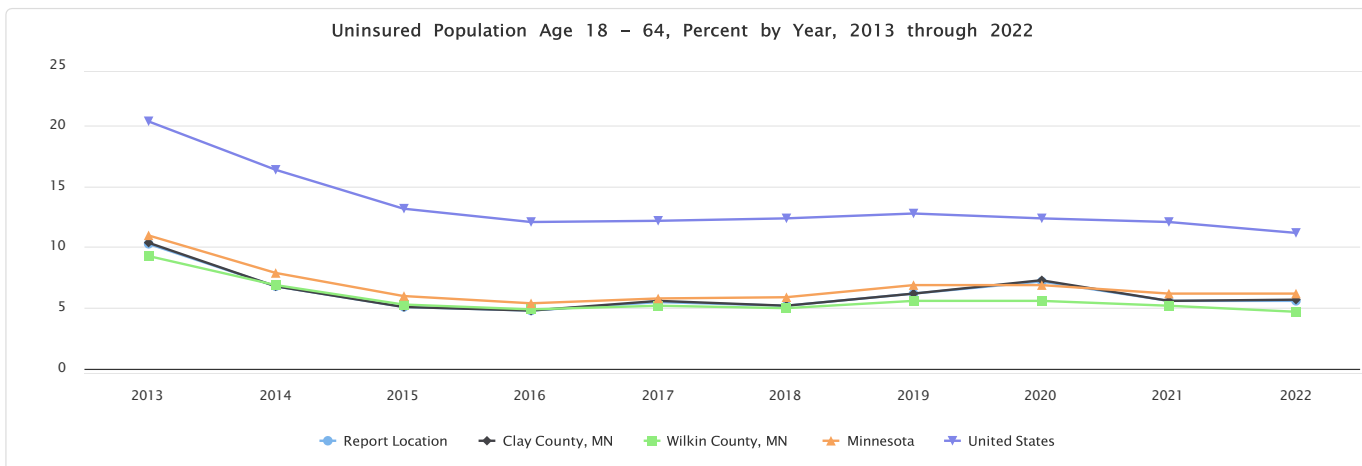
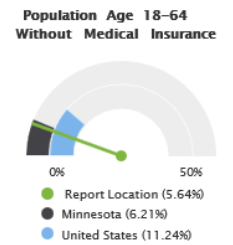
Report Area	Persons Over 65 Receiving Medicare	Disabled Persons Receiving Medicare	Total Persons Receiving Medicare
Report Location	10,908	1,525	12,432
Clay County, MN	9,582	1,351	10,933
Wilkin County, MN	1,326	174	1,499
Minnesota	1,009,807	109,037	1,118,844
United States	58,950,322	7,442,138	66,392,459

Data Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, CMS - Geographic Variation Public Use File . 2023.

Insurance - Uninsured Adults

The lack of health insurance is considered a *key driver* of health status. This indicator reports the percentage of adults age 18 to 64 without health insurance coverage. This indicator is relevant because lack of insurance is a primary barrier to healthcare access including regular primary care, specialty care, and other health services that contributes to poor health status.

Report Area	Total Population Age 18-64	Pop. Age 18-64 w/ Insurance	Pop. Age 18-64 w/ Insurance, Percent	Pop. Age 18-64 w/o Insurance	Pop. Age 18-64 w/o Insurance, Percent
Report Location	41,998	39,628	94.36%	2,370	5.64%
Clay County, MN	38,345	36,145	94.26%	2,200	5.74%
Wilkin County, MN	3,653	3,483	95.35%	170	4.65%
Minnesota	3,371,344	3,161,935	93.79%	209,409	6.21%
United States	197,858,423	175,621,269	88.76%	22,237,154	11.24%



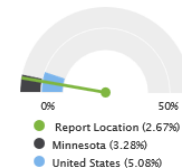
Insurance - Uninsured Children

The lack of health insurance is considered a *key driver* of health status. This indicator reports the percentage of children under age 19 without health insurance coverage. This indicator is relevant because lack of insurance is a primary barrier to healthcare access including regular primary care, specialty care, and other health services that contributes to poor health status.

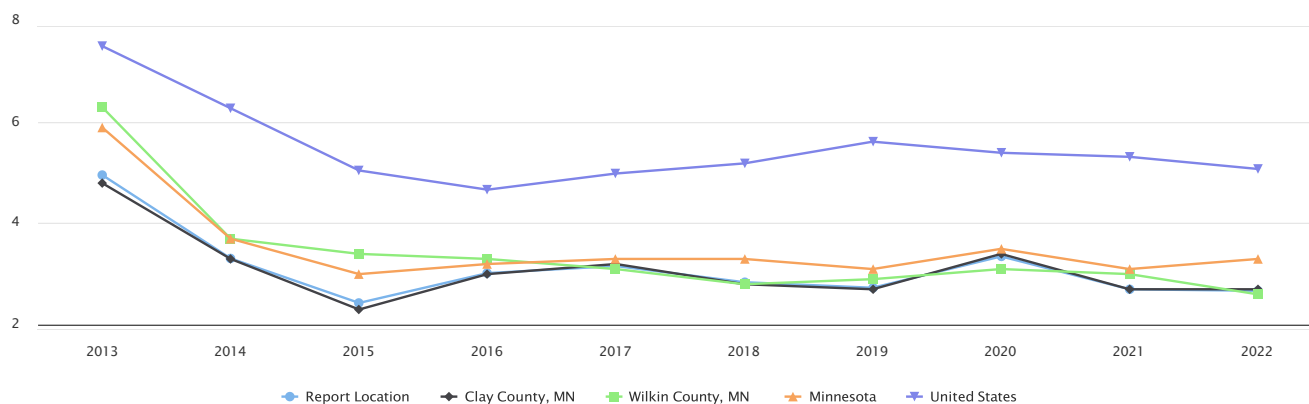
Report Area	Total Population Age 0-18	Pop. Age 0-18 w/ Insurance	Pop. Age 0-18 w/ Insurance, Percent	Pop. Age 0-18 w/o Insurance	Pop. Age 0-18 w/o Insurance, Percent
Report Location	18,161	17,676	97.33%	485	2.67%
Clay County, MN	16,687	16,241	97.33%	446	2.67%
Wilkin County, MN	1,474	1,435	97.35%	39	2.65%
Minnesota	1,339,588	1,295,609	96.72%	43,979	3.28%
United States	74,950,230	71,144,104	94.92%	3,806,126	5.08%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, *Small Area Health Insurance Estimates*. 2022.

Population Under Age 0-18 Without Medical Insurance



Uninsured Population Under Age 19, Percent by Year, 2013 through 2022

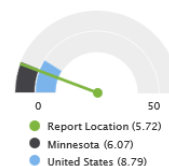


Teen Births (ACS)

Based on American Community Survey 2019-2023 5-year estimates, there was an average of 5.72 births for every 1,000 teens (age 15 - 19) in the report area.

Report Area	Females Age 15 to 19	Births to Teens	Births per 1,000 Teens
Report Location	3,146	18	5.72
Clay County, MN	2,999	18	6.00
Wilkin County, MN	147	0	0.00
Minnesota	184,371	1,120	6.07
United States	10,657,019	93,715	8.79

Birth Rate



Low Birth Weight (CDC)

This indicator reports the percentage of live births where the infant weighed less than 2,500 grams (approximately 5 lbs., 8 oz.).

Report Area	Total Live Births	Low Birthweight Births	Low Birthweight Births, Percentage
Clay County, MN	5,839	410	7.0%
Wilkin County, MN	479	24	5.0%
Minnesota	454,974	31,731	7.0%
United States	25,914,651	2,176,957	8.4%

Child Maltreatment Reports

According to the Minnesota Department of Human Services report on Minnesota’s Child Maltreatment published on 8/1/2024, the rate of child maltreatment is lower in Clay County than the statewide average and higher in Wilkin County.

	Threatened Injury	Neglect	Sexual Abuse	Mental Injury	Physical Abuse	Total Alleged Victims	Rate per 1,000
Clay	47	250	67	9	57	380	23.4%
Wilkin	8	29	5	1	21	55	38.2%
Minnesota	4,969	19,384	5,025	1,512	7,885	32,047	24.6%

The Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, December 2022 report indicates a decline in out of home placements and family assessments over this time period.

Children abused or neglected (Number & Rate)

Location	Data Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Minnesota	Rate	6.6	5.8	5.3	4.8	N.A.
	Number	8,447	7,588	6,953	6,250	6,228
Clay	Rate	2.0	2.9	3.2	4.1	N.A.
	Number	30	45	51	66	66
Wilkin	Rate	0.7	2.8	11.4	3.6	N.A.
	Number	1	4	16	5	5

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Children in the Family Assessment Response Program (Number)

Location	Data Type	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Minnesota	Number	18,334	18,212	18,487	18,686	16,109
Clay	Number	325	264	189	211	199
Wilkin	Number	43	43	49	47	34

Children in out-of-home placements (Number)

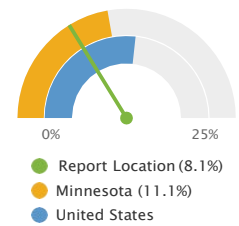
Location	Data Type	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Minnesota	Number	16,593	16,488	15,297	13,442	12,312
Clay	Number	231	243	259	228	215
Wilkin	Number	14	21	30	38	29

Asthma Prevalence

Within the report area, there were 2,215 adults age 18 and older who self-report that they have ever been told by a doctor, nurse, or other health professional that they had asthma. This represents 8.1% of the total survey population age 18 and older.

Report Area	Survey Population (Adults Age 18+)	Total Adults with Asthma	Percent Adults with Asthma
Report Location	27,347	2,215	8.1%
Clay County, MN	27,347	2,215	8.1%
Wilkin County, MN	No data	No data	No data
Minnesota	4,024,681	446,402	11.1%
United States	237,197,465	31,697,608	13.4%

Percent Adults with Asthma



Note: This indicator is compared to the state average.

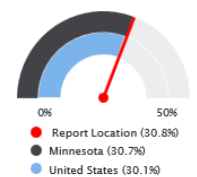
Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Additional data analysis by CARES. 2011-12. Source geography: County

Obesity

This indicator reports the number and percentage of adults aged 20 and older self-report having a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 30.0 (obese). Respondents were considered obese if their Body Mass Index (BMI) was 30 or greater. Body mass index (weight [kg]/height [m]²) was derived from self-report of height and weight. Excess weight may indicate an unhealthy lifestyle and puts individuals at risk for further health issues. Within the report area, there are a total of 15,658 adults age 20 and older who self-reported having a BMI greater than 30.0. This represents a 30.8% of the survey population.

Report Area	Population Age 20+	Adults with BMI > 30.0 (Obese)	Adults with BMI > 30.0 (Obese), Percent
Report Location	51,116	15,658	30.8%
Clay County, MN	46,279	14,439	31.4%
Wilkin County, MN	4,837	1,219	25.1%
Minnesota	4,245,387	1,304,165	30.7%
United States	232,757,930	70,168,831	30.1%

Percentage of Adults Obese (BMI > 30.0), 2021

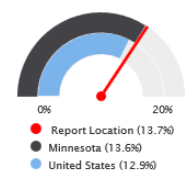


Tobacco Usage - Current Smokers

This indicator reports the percentage of adults age 18 and older who report having smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and currently smoke every day or some days. Within the report area there are 13.7% adults age 18+ who have smoked and currently smoke of the total population age 18+.

Report Area	Total Population	Adults Age 18+ as Current Smokers (Crude)	Adults Age 18+ as Current Smokers (Age-Adjusted)
Report Location	72,279	13.7%	14.5%
Clay County, MN	65,929	13.4%	14.2%
Wilkin County, MN	6,350	17.3%	17.7%
Minnesota	5,717,184	13.6%	13.9%
United States	333,287,557	12.9%	13.2%

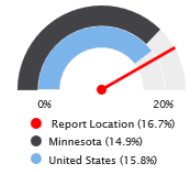
Percentage of Adults Age 18 who are Current Smokers



Mental Health

This indicator reports the percentage of adults age 18 and older who report 14 or more days during the past 30 days during which their mental health was not good. Within the report area, there were 16.7% of adults 18 and older with health in the past month of the total population age 18 and older.

Percentage of Adults Age 18 with Poor Mental Health



Report Area	Total Population	Adults Age 18+ with Poor Mental Health (Crude)	Adults Age 18+ with Poor Mental Health (Age-Adjusted)
Report Location	72,279	16.7%	16.5%
Clay County, MN	65,929	16.8%	16.4%
Wilkin County, MN	6,350	15.6%	17.0%
Minnesota	5,717,184	14.9%	15.7%
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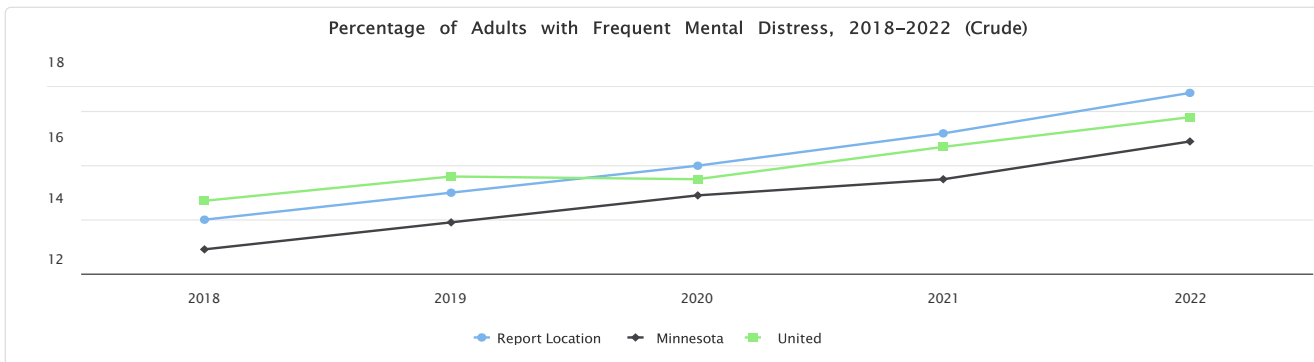
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Percentage of Adults with Frequent Mental Distress, 2018-2022

The table and chart below display annual trends in the percentage of adults age 18+ whose report frequent mental distress.

Report Area	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Report Location	12.0%	13.0%	14.0%	15.2%	16.7%
Clay County, MN	12.1%	13.1%	14.1%	15.4%	16.8%
Wilkin County, MN	11.3%	11.9%	12.8%	13.6%	15.6%
Minnesota	10.9%	11.9%	12.9%	13.5%	14.9%
United States	12.7%	13.6%	13.5%	14.7%	15.8%

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Accessed via the PLACES Data Portal. 2022

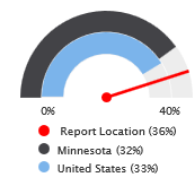


Poor Mental Health - Mental Health and Substance Use Conditions

This indicator reports the unsmoothed age-adjusted rate of mental health & substance use prevalence for Medicare FFS population in 2022. Data were obtained from the CMS Mapping Medicare Disparities tool.

Report Area	FFS Beneficiaries	Mental Health & Substance Use Prevalence, Total	Mental Health & Substance Use Prevalence, Percent
Report Location	6,520	2,339	36%
Clay County, MN	5,731	2,063	36%
Wilkin County, MN	789	276	35%
Minnesota	436,753	139,761	32%
United States	30,900,366	10,197,121	33%

Mental Health & Substance Use Prevalence, Percent



Deaths of Despair

This indicator reports average rate of death due to intentional self-harm (suicide), alcohol-related disease, and drug overdose, also known as "deaths of despair", per 100,000 population. Figures are reported as crude rates. Rates are summarized for report areas from county level data, only where data is available. This indicator is relevant because death of despair is an indicator of poor mental health. Within the report area, there were 172 deaths of despair. This represents a crude death rate of 48.0 per every 100,000 total population.

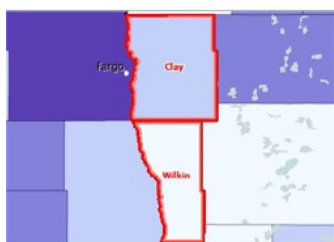
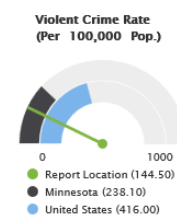
Report Area	Total Population	Avg. Annual Deaths, 2011-2017	Mortality Rate, 2001-2007	Mortality Rate, 2011-2017
Report Location	67,997	22	24.19	35.06
Clay County, MN	61,525	22	24.4	35.06
Wilkin County, MN	6,472	Suppressed	22.9	Suppressed
Minnesota	5,455,386	1,787	21.1	32.8
United States	318,679,623	129,605	28.9	40.67

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC - National Vital Statistics System. Accessed via CDC WONDER. 2019-2023.

Violent Crime - Total

Violent crime includes homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Within the report area, the 2015-2017 three-year total of reported violent crimes was 300, which equates to an annual rate of 144.50 crimes per 100,000 people, lower than the statewide rate of 238.10.

Report Area	Total Population	Violent Crimes, 3-year Total	Violent Crimes, Annual Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.)
Report Location	69,199	300	144.50
Clay County, MN	62,810	284	150.70
Wilkin County, MN	6,389	16	83.40
Minnesota	5,801,226	41,453	238.10
United States	366,886,849	4,579,031	416.00



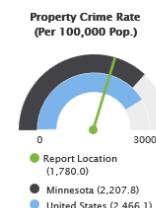
Violent Crimes, All, Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.) by County, FBI UCR 2015-2017

- Over 380.0
- 260.1 - 380.0
- 180.1 - 260.0
- 100.1 - 180.0
- Under 100.1

Property Crime - Total

This indicator reports the rate of property crime offenses reported by law enforcement per 100,000 residents. Property crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, and arson. This indicator is relevant because it assesses community safety. In the report area, 1,218 property crimes occurred in 2014 and 2016 (two years). The property crime rate of 1,780.0 per 100,000 residents is lower than the statewide rate of 2,207.8 per 100,000.

Report Area	Total Population	Property Crimes, Annual Average	Property Crimes, Annual Rate (Per 100,000 Pop.)
Report Location	68,482	1,218	1,780.0
Clay County, MN	62,025	1,130	1,822.7
Wilkin County, MN	6,457	88	1,370.5
Minnesota	5,488,544	121,160	2,207.8
United States	321,015,117	7,915,583	2,466.1

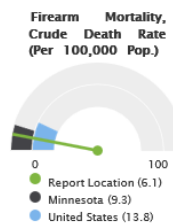


Data Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI Uniform Crime Reports. Additional analysis by the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. Accessed via the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research. 2014&2016.

Mortality - Firearm

This indicator reports the 2019-2023 five-year average rate of death due to firearm wounds per 100,000 population, which includes gunshot wounds from powder-charged handguns, shotguns, and rifles. Figures are reported as crude rates. This indicator is relevant because firearm deaths are preventable, and they are a cause of premature death. Within the report area, there are a total of 20 deaths due to firearm wounds. This represents a crude death rate of 6.1 per every 100,000 total population.

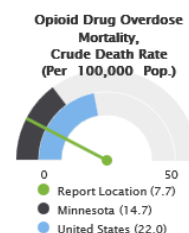
Report Area	Total Population, 2019-2023 Average	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)
Report Location	71,618	20	6.1
Clay County, MN	65,335	20	6.1
Wilkin County, MN	6,284	No data	No data
Minnesota	5,691,893	2,637	9.3
United States	331,563,969	228,691	13.8



Mortality - Opioid Overdose

This indicator reports the 2019-2023 five-year average rate of death due to opioid drug overdose per 100,000 population. Figures are reported as crude rates. Rates are summarized for report areas from county level data, only where data is available. This indicator is relevant because opioid drug overdose is the leading cause of injury deaths in the United States, and they have increased dramatically in recent years. Within the report area, there are a total of 25 deaths due to opioid overdose. This represents a crude death rate of 7.7 per every 100,000 total population.

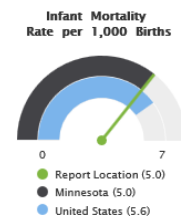
Report Area	Total Population, 2019-2023 Average	Five Year Total Deaths, 2019-2023 Total	Crude Death Rate (Per 100,000 Population)
Report Location	71,618	25	7.7
Clay County, MN	65,335	25	7.7
Wilkin County, MN	6,284	No data	No data
Minnesota	5,691,893	4,193	14.7
United States	331,563,969	364,717	22.0



Mortality - Infant Mortality (CDC)

This indicator reports information about infant mortality, which is defined as the number of all infant deaths (within 1 year) per 1,000 live births. Data were from the National Center for Health Statistics - Mortality Files (2016-2022) and are used for the 2025 County Health Rankings. Within the report area, 28 infants died during the 2016-22 seven-year period. This represents 5.0 deaths per 1,000 live births.

Report Area	Number of Infant Deaths	Deaths per 1,000 Live Births
Report Location	28	5.0
Clay County, MN	28	5.0
Wilkin County, MN	No data	No data
Minnesota	2,190	5.0
United States	147,939	5.6



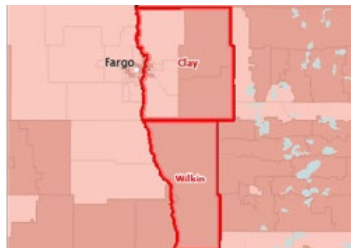
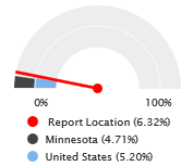
Technology Access

Households with No Computer

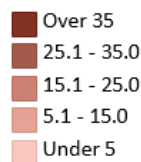
This indicator reports the percentage of households who don't own or use any types of computers, including desktop or laptop, smartphone, tablet or other portable wireless computer, and some other type of computer, based on the 2019-2023 American Community Survey estimates. Of the 28,630 total households in the report area, 1,808 or 6.32% are without a computer.

Report Area	Total Households	Households with No Computer	Households with No Computer, Percent
Report Location	28,630	1,808	6.32%
Clay County, MN	25,939	1,538	5.93%
Wilkin County, MN	2,691	270	10.03%
Minnesota	2,282,967	107,593	4.71%
United States	127,482,865	6,624,173	5.20%

Percentage of Households with No Computer



Households with No Computer, Percent by Tract, ACS 2019-23



Computer and Internet Usage of Population, Percent

This indicator reports the computer and Internet usage of household population, including not using or owning a computer, with a computer and using dial-up alone for Internet access, with a computer and with a broadband subscription, and with a computer but without an Internet subscription, based on the 2019-2023 American Community Survey estimates.

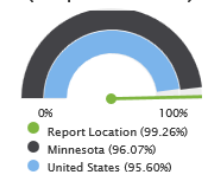
Report Area	Population with No Computer	Population with Any Computer	Population with Any Computer with Dial-up Alone	Population with Any Computer with A Broadband Subscription	Population with Any Computer without An Internet Subscription
Report Location	3.15%	96.85%	0.13%	91.61%	5.10%
Clay County, MN	2.84%	97.16%	0.13%	92.04%	4.99%
Wilkin County, MN	6.25%	93.75%	0.14%	87.38%	6.23%
Minnesota	2.66%	97.34%	0.15%	93.46%	3.73%
United States	3.19%	96.81%	0.11%	92.05%	4.64%

Broadband Access

This indicator reports the percentage of population with access to high-speed internet. Data are based on the reported service area of providers offering download speeds of 25 MBPS or more and upload speeds of 3 MBPS or more.

Report Area	Total Number of Broadband Serviceable Locations	Access to DL Speeds >= 25MBPS and UL Speeds >= 3 MBPS	Access to DL Speeds >= 100MBPS and UL Speeds >= 20 MBPS
Report Location	25,432	99.26%	97.04%
Clay County, MN	22,153	99.15%	97.24%
Wilkin County, MN	3,279	99.97%	95.73%
Minnesota	2,097,837	96.07%	93.06%
United States	115,631,317	95.60%	93.47%

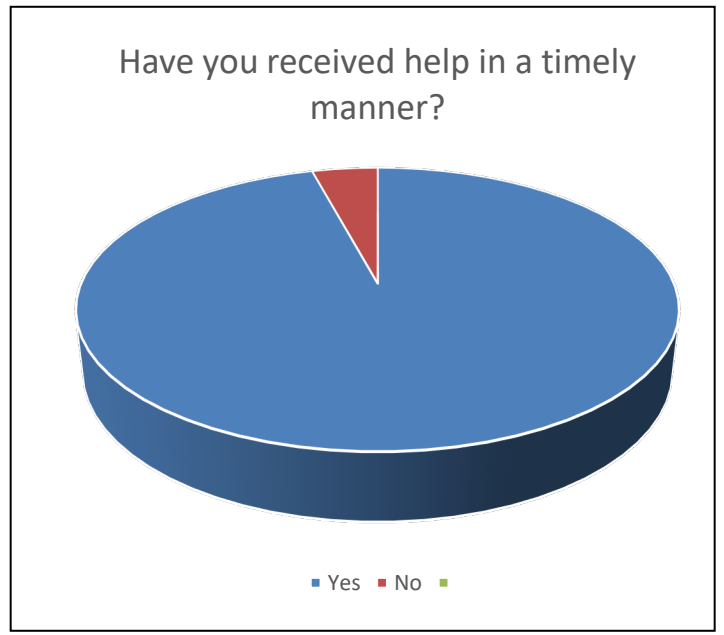
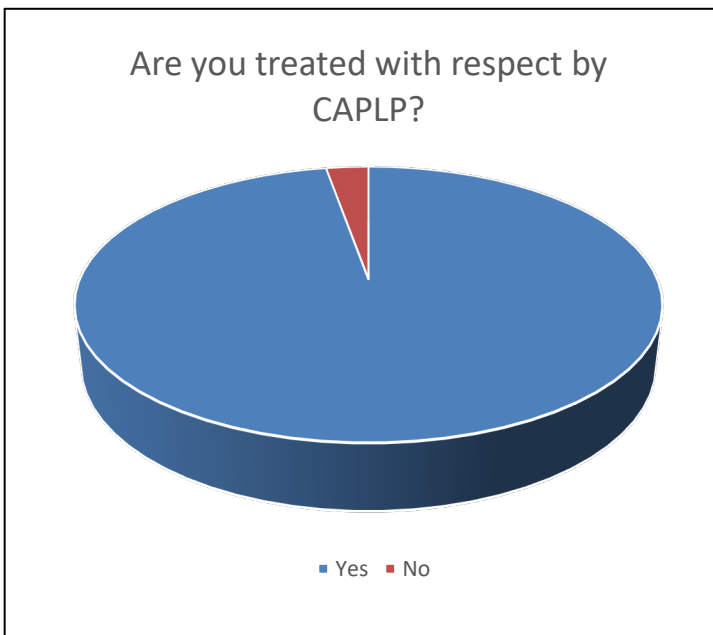
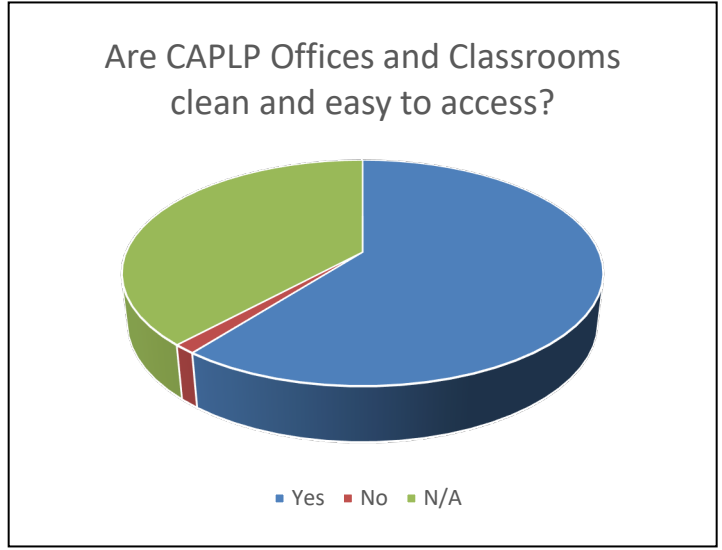
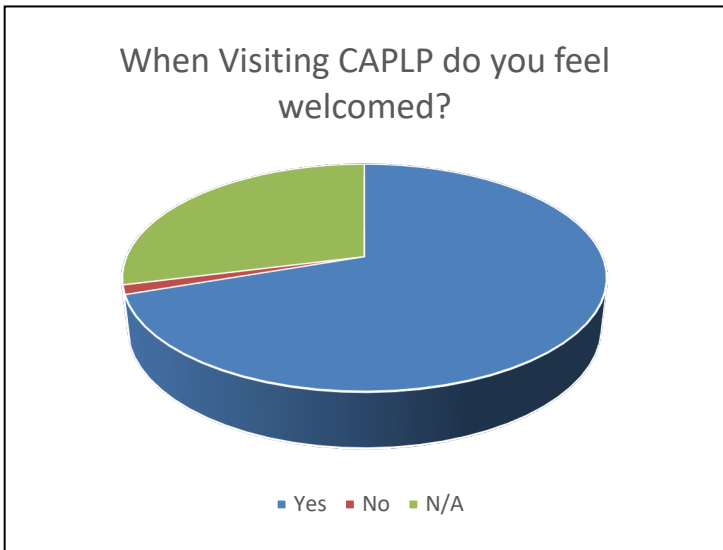
Percentage of Population with access to Broadband Internet (DL Speeds > 25MBPS)



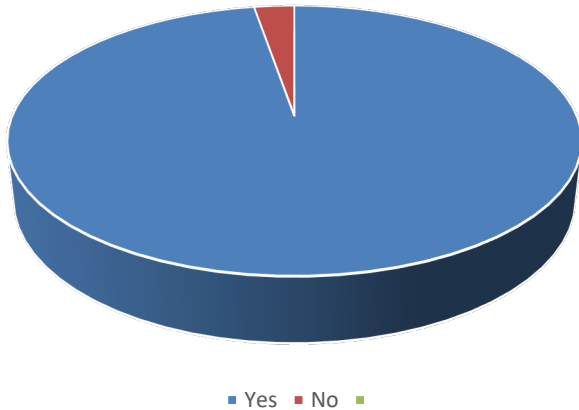
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Customer Feedback

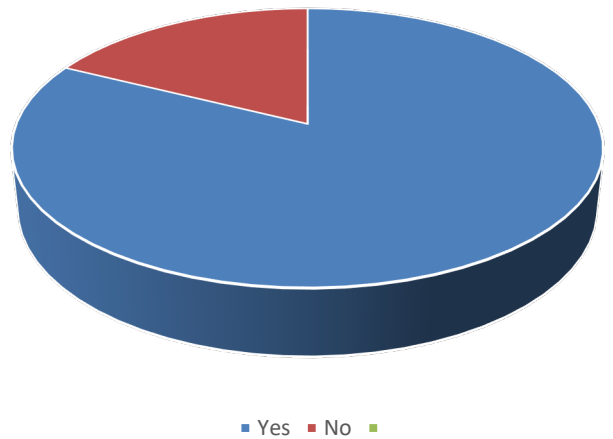
As part of the Community Assessment process, CAPLP conducted a survey of current CAPLP customers. 98% of customers that had visited CAPLP in person reported that they felt welcomed when visiting CAPLP and that our offices and classrooms are clean and easy to access. 29% of those surveyed had never visited our facilities due to the availability of remote services. The one individual that indicated that they did not feel welcomed mentioned that they do not like that the doors outside of the main entrance to the building are locked, which is necessary for building security. A very high percentage (over 95%) of customers rated CAPLP favorably in the areas of being treated with respect, receiving help in a timely manner and receiving the information and services they need. 97% of those survey would recommend CAPLP to a family member or friend. One area for growth is in ensuring that customers receive information about other services or programs they may benefit from.



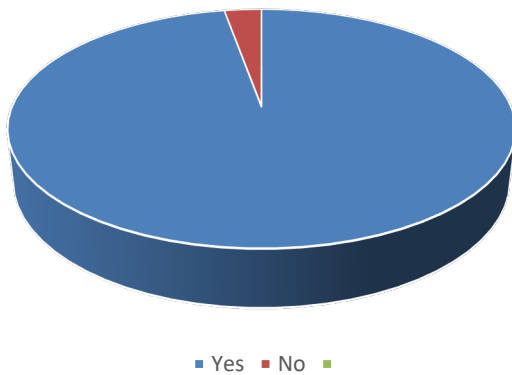
Did you receive the information/services you needed?



Are you provided with info about other services available at CAPLP?



Would you recommend CAPLP to a friend or family member?



Comments from the Customer Satisfaction Survey:

"Very surprised by how quickly we get a response back to emails!"

*"They are always so **welcoming**, and everyone is so diverse it's so comforting"*

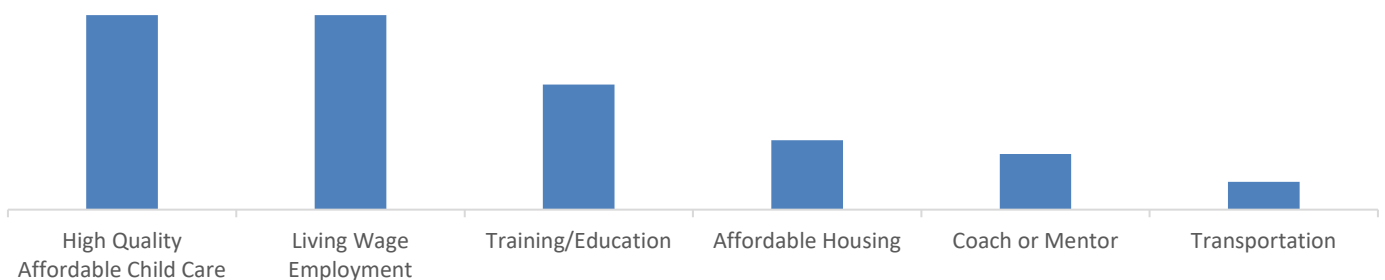
*"A big **thank you**. You are doing a very good job!"*

*"I **love** what CAPLP does, and they have always been great towards work with!"*

"My coach is the best thing about CAPLP!"

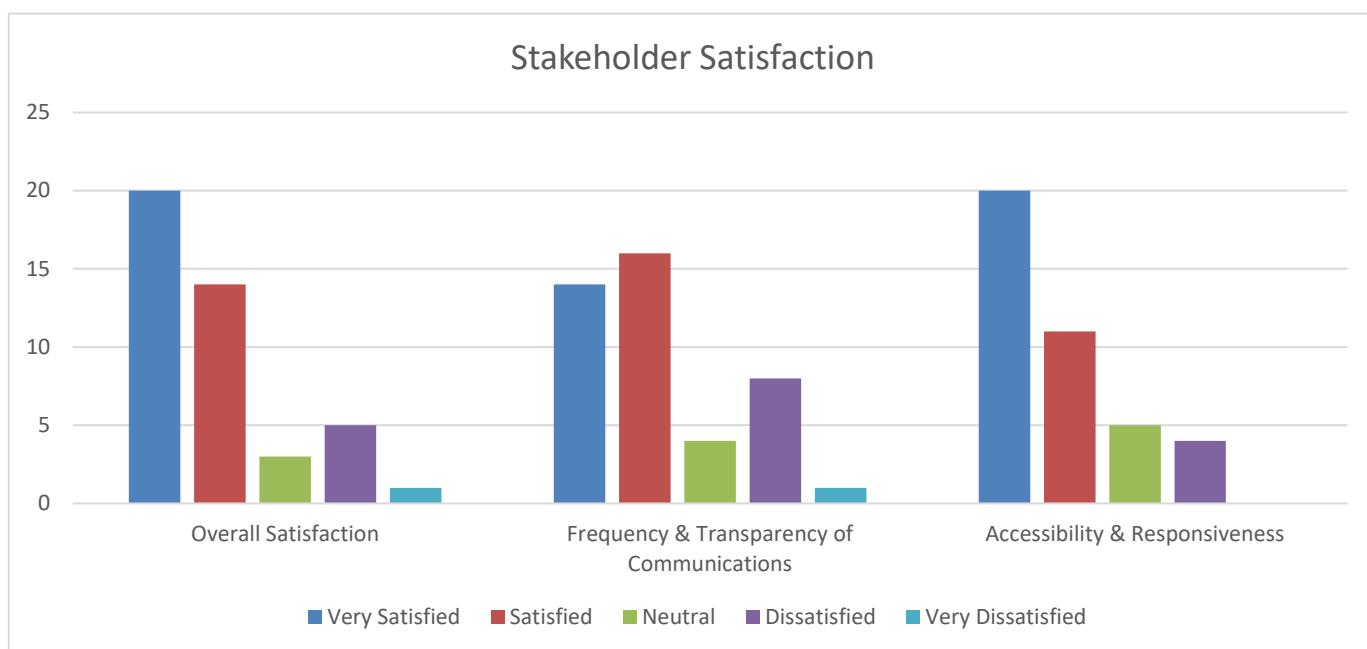
According to the same customer survey, the top 3 needs identified by low-income residents in our community are High Quality, Affordable Child Care, Living Wage Employment and Training and Education.

What is the one item that you feel would help you the most on your journey to become financially stable?



Stakeholder Feedback

As part of the community assessment process, we also gathered data from Community Partners and Key Stakeholders. We had 43 respondents on this survey. CAPLP surveyed partners on their satisfaction with our services and suggestions for improvement. Over 75% of Stakeholders surveyed indicated they were satisfied with our partnership and our accessibility and responsiveness of our team. Overall satisfaction with the frequency and transparency of our communications was lower. When asked about challenges or obstacles in our partnership, the following issues were identified: Lack of communication or slow response time returning phone calls & setting up initial appointments; limitations on services or ability to assist – long waiting lists and lack of resources; staff are very busy – difficult to schedule time to meet; large team & so many departments & programs – difficult to know how the right person is to contact; more information needed about programs available to better collaborate. Suggestions for improvement include: Improve follow through with communicating with clients; Set regular communication and/or meetings to learn, share and connect on what CAPLP and other nonprofits are doing; more joint grant applications and shared funding; address resource shortage and long waiting lists; improve communication regarding changes with staffing and; conduct more outreach.



What aspects of our collaboration to you find particularly valuable?

resources willing clients
 housing help great
 services meetings CAPLP
 Working together

Customer Focus Groups

Two focus groups were conducted as part of the Community Needs Assessment for our region. The purpose of the focus groups is to find the existing needs of our community residents, with particular attention to those who are low-income, assess whether the needs of our residents has changed, and to help us determine whether new programs need to be created to assist area residents. The focus group participants were comprised of a diverse group of people that closely reflect the diversity of the community as well as CAPLP customers. Participants were asked a series of questions and provided feedback. The summary of these focus groups is outlined below.

What services in our community do you think are working well?

Availability of organizations that are working well together and collaborating. Wide variety of cultures represented in our community. ECFE and Community Education. CAPLP is amazing! Senior services in Moorhead are going well. Community revitalization projects in the Romkey Park area is going well and it is becoming safer and more family and student oriented. Neighborhood parks and scholarship programs are great. Housing programs are working well, especially scattered site housing and the Landlord Risk Mitigation Fund. Advisory Boards providing feedback to CAPLP and other programs in the community on the development of solutions.

What do you feel is the most difficult challenge that families living in poverty face in our community?

Transportation and car repairs are a huge barrier – some resources are available to assist with vehicle donation and car repairs, however they are limited and have long wait lists. Public transportation is inefficient and time consuming. Accessibility of services & navigating the systems that are in place to help – services not available during non-working hours. Another barrier is knowing what is available and navigating the systems available to help. Safe, affordable housing that accepts vouchers – rents are priced over the FMR and are increasing; Food access is an issue and is increasing with the rising costs of groceries and inflation. Access to reliable phone service; cliff effect – changes in income results in drastic changes in benefits

Has there been a time when you needed assistance and there were not any services in our community to help you?

Vehicle repairs & donations – resources available, but there is a very long waiting list. Timing of resources – when organizations have funds resources are available, other times there is nothing; Mental health services for children and support for children with special needs – advocacy for services; Legal assistance for family law and juvenile issues and assistance with re-establishing identity, and understanding and protecting against fraud, identity theft and predatory lending. Nobody to advocate or assist with navigating systems

What barriers have you experienced when trying to access services that prevented you from getting help?

Child care – especially for children that are birth-3 years old, or kids who need special services. Cost is a huge burden and child care assistance isn't enough to pay for quality care. Snowball effect – can't find or afford child care, have to quit their job. Providers are getting more and more rules placed on them that do not impact the quality of their care. The costs for providers, keeping qualified staff and getting background checks completed are huge barriers for providers. After school care is also a huge financial burden for working parents and is in high demand. Transportation – Bus takes forever and isn't efficient. there are resources available through Medicaid for taxi rides to pick up food, medications and to go to appointments but people don't know how to use it. Wait lists – not enough resources for all that need help and long waiting lists. Subsidized service rates are so low that it impacts the businesses ability to provide free or reduces services (ex. Dental reimbursement, child care assistance). Not meeting eligibility requirements and not enough funding to help everyone. Dental access and mental health wait lists. Understanding how to navigate the systems that are available to help (financial, education, etc) is a barrier for families.

What is the most important thing that CAPLP could do to help people in our community escape poverty?

End the generational cycle of poverty – help the parents and the youth together – educate the young community on how to escape poverty. CAPLP is already doing this but they need more resources. Address the cliff effect – help people manage the drop off in services. Expand goal-oriented programs that help move people forward and escape poverty Offer more flexibility in hours, availability of services and outreach – got to them rather than make them come to us.

Continue to provide housing and resources that meet the unique needs of each family. Focus on addressing the most critical need first. Provide people with housing so they are safe and work toward other goals.
Offer life skills groups – cooking, cleaning, navigating the system, budgeting, goal setting
It would be helpful to have a resource list for families and providers that includes a quick reference for services

Tell us about your experiences with CAPLP?

CAPLP is very welcoming and supportive to families. Head Start teaches kids things we didn't ever think they could do! The culture of the people who work at CAPLP is amazing. There is a lot of respect and people in crisis appreciate coming to a calm, welcoming place. They really live the mission and offer great training for their staff. CAPLP meets people where they are at and are respectful of what is important to them. CAPLP needs to get the word out more about all the amazing things we offer in the community. They facilitate resources in every aspect – no one situation is the same and CAPLP connects people to resources. Every time that I have needed help CAPLP is receptive and enthusiastic in helping me meet my needs. Partnerships with other agencies are great and CAPLP connects people to resources in the community– NAPS boxes and SNAP Farmers Market Nutrition Program. CAPLP is great at helping people navigate programs and resources. There are resources available to those living in poverty, but people don't know how to access them, and they need assistance navigating what is available. CAPLP has been there every time I've needed help – they have been amazing! After working with CAPLP I am an advocate for people in need in our community!

Summary

Overall participants of the focus groups were highly satisfied with the services provided by CAPLP. They would like to see continued expansion of programs and services to better meet the high needs in the community and reduce the length of waiting lists. Areas of need were closely aligned with the need identified in the Customer Satisfaction Survey, including Transportation, Safe, Affordable Housing, and Affordable High-Quality Child care, and Navigating systems by providing coaching or mentoring. Other needs that emerged from these conversations include a need for assistance to access reliable phone services, food access, access to mental health services and dental care, and a need for life skills training and assistance for basic skills, goal setting, consumer protections and legal needs.

Based on the feedback from the focus groups, recommendations to consider include developing or expanding programs that provide life skills for people who grew up in homelessness or poverty including how to how, clean and maintain what you have; Formalize new methods for helping people navigate the complex systems of escaping poverty including providing a resource list for families that could be used as a quick reference for services, connecting household to little known resources that are available such as taxi ride for those on Medicaid to pick up food or prescriptions; expand programs that work to end the cycle of poverty such as Whole Family programming, Homebuyer programs, and financial programs. Consider how we can increase flexibility and accessibility of our services. As much as possible increase flexibility on hours and providing increased community outreach. Advocacy to minimize the impact of the Cliff Effect. Continue to address needed systems change regarding child care, housing and transportation Increase communication about all the amazing programs we provide. Consider engaging people that are on the board and the advisory board to help get the word out to their connections.

Conclusion

The communities that CAPLP serves continue to struggle with the causes and conditions of poverty, which have been exacerbated in recent years by difficult economic trends as well as a local boom in population growth. Over the past several years, we have experienced an increase in our poverty rates, and especially in our child poverty rates in BIPOC families. At the same time our rural areas are aging, and we continue to experience rapid growth in the needs identified by people over the age of 65. The highest needs identified by the communities we serve continue to be similar to previous assessments with Child Care, Living Wage Employment, Affordable Housing and transportation rising to the top.

The data collected through this assessment of community needs will be utilized to guide the strategic planning and direction of CAPLP programs, resources and services over the next 5 years. Assessment information will be updated annually as community resources, needs and gaps change over time.

Recommendations resulting from this assessment that will be considered in program development and advocacy as we respond to the community in the coming years include:

- Expand programs that address the generational cycle of poverty
- Expand programs that have long waiting lists and lack the resources needed to meet community needs
- Formalize systems to assist people in navigating the systems available to alleviate the conditions of poverty
- Consider adopting procedures that increase the availability and flexibility of services including outreach
- Advocate for systems change to minimize the impact of the Cliff Effect
- Continue working to address systemic challenges around accessibility of high-quality, affordable child care, affordable housing and transportation
- Increase communication about all the amazing programs we provide to increase community awareness
- Develop systems to ensure timely follow-up and responsiveness from team members
- Continue to develop innovative solutions in partnership with community that address the needs identified through this assessment. The highest needs identified through this assessment are:
 - High Quality, Affordable Child Care
 - Living Wage Employment
 - Affordable Housing
 - Transportation