



# Community Profile for St. Charles, Minnesota



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## Overview

Located 20 miles east of Rochester and 20 miles west of Winona, St. Charles offers big city conveniences with the advantages of small town living. Best known for being the Gateway to the Whitewater Valley, St. Charles is a vibrant community of 3,560 people comfortably nestled within the rolling hills and valleys of southeastern Minnesota. St. Charles is a great place to visit and an even better place to live. Our vibrant main street, small town charm, and scenic residential subdivisions make St. Charles a desirable place to live, work and raise a family. In St. Charles, recreational opportunities abound. The Majestic Whitewater State Park is only seven miles north of the city. We have five beautiful city parks offering a variety of activities, including picnic areas, volleyball courts, ball fields, playground equipment and biking and hiking trails. We are very proud of our Senior Center with and our expansive recreation programs. While you're here, play a round a golf at the St. Charles Golf Course, enjoy a warm summer day at our state-of-the-art Aquatics Facility, or visit our public library. If shopping is more your style, St. Charles' downtown area has several antique and specialty shops for your prowling pleasure, a pleasant outing for both the treasure seeker or browser.

## Location

County:	<a href="#">Winona</a>
Region:	Southeast
Distance from Minneapolis:	100
Distance from nearest MSA*:	25 Miles from Rochester MSA
US Congressional District:	1
MN Legislative District(s):	28B
Web site:	<a href="http://www.stcharlesmn.org">www.stcharlesmn.org</a>
Last Updated:	9/12/2006

## Population

Area	2004 Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census
Community:	3,502	3,295	2,703
County:	49,827	49,985	47,828
Nearest MSA:	175,869	124,277	106,470
Minnesota:	5,145,106	4,919,479	4,375,099

Source: U.S. Census, State Demographer

\* Metropolitan Statistical Area



### Major Employers

<i>Employer</i>	<i>NAICS</i>	<i>Products/Services</i>	<i>Employee Count</i>
North Star Foods Inc	3116	Animal Slaughtering & Processing	119
St Charles Schools-ISD #858	6111	Elementary & Secondary Schools	115
Whitewater Healthcare Ctr	6231	Nursing Care Facilities	93
Excel Manufacturing Inc	3339	Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing	49
Mike's Food Center	4451	Grocery Stores	31
<u>City of St. Charles</u>	9211	Executive, Legislative, & Other Gen. Govt. Support	18
St Charles Equipment	3332	Industrial Machinery Manufacturing	13
Subway	7221	Full-Service Restaurants	11
US Post Office	4911	Postal Service	11
Kwik Trip	4471	Gasoline Stations	10
Merchants Bank - St Charles	5221	Depository Credit Intermediation	10
Twin Valley Ag	3253	Pesticide, Fertilizer & Other Ag. Chem. Mfg.	9
Ag Specialists	3253	Pesticide, Fertilizer & Other Ag. Chem. Mfg.	8
Brownell Drug	4461	Health & Personal Care Stores	8
Eastwood Bk	5221	Depository Credit Intermediation	8
<a href="#">View All Employers Listed</a>			

### Workforce

	<i>Winona County</i>	<i>Southeast (10) Econ Dev Region</i>
Total Employment	28,207	261,066
Available Workforce	29,231	271,595
Unemployment Rate	3.5%	3.9%

Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: LAUS Annual Average 2005

### Employment By Industry

	<i>Winona County</i>	<i>Southeast (10) Econ Dev Region</i>
Natural Resources and Mining	378	2,248
Construction	635	9,663
Manufacturing	6,080	41,905
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	4,648	41,530
Information	742	3,981
Financial Activities	706	8,067
Professional and Business Services	1,975	12,012
Education and Health Services	3,594	53,711
Leisure and Hospitality	2,184	20,324
Other Services	558	6,627
Government	3,059	29,503

N/A - No Data Available

Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: CEW Annual Data 2005



**Occupations and Wages in Southeast Minnesota**

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$28.35	Healthcare Support Occupations	\$11.98
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	\$16.30	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	\$17.32
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	\$10.58	Legal Occupations	\$22.13
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	\$22.14	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	\$24.16
Community and Social Services Occupations	\$17.18	Management Occupations	\$35.03
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	\$34.27	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	\$13.78
Construction and Extraction Occupations	\$20.01	Personal Care and Service Occupations	\$9.96
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	\$19.18	Production Occupations	\$13.18
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	\$11.63	Protective Service Occupations	\$17.75
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	\$8.05	Sales and Related Occupations	\$10.30
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$26.48	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	\$12.80

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Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: OES Second Quarter, 2006

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**Utilities**

<b>Utility Type</b>	<b>Utility Name</b>	<b>Utility Phone</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Contact Phone</b>
Electricity	City of St. Charles	507/932-3020	Kyle A. Karger	507/259-7449
Natural Gas	<a href="#">Minnesota Energy Resources Corp</a>	1-800-889-9508	Rory Lenton	1-800-889-9508
Wastewater	Dover-Eyota/St Charles Sanitary Dist	(507) 932-4171	Robert Wiskow	(507) 932-4171

**Water Information**

Water Source:	Wells
Storage Capacity:	1,000,000 gal.
Pumping Capacity:	1,280 gal./minute
Average Demand:	442,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	600,000 gal./day
Total Water Hardness:	16 ppm
Industrial Water Rate:	Base chg. \$9.45; \$1.18/1,000 gallons

**Wastewater Information**

Treatment Type:	Community Drain Field
Capacity of Plant:	800,000 gal./day
Average Demand:	550,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	650,000 gal./day
Usage Charge:	Base chg. \$8.45; \$3.24/1,000 gallons



**Communications**

**Telephone Information**

Local Telephone Company:	Qwest
Telephone Number:	(800) 603-6000
Contact:	Karen Jothen
Telephone Number:	(612) 663-5675
Digital Central Switch:	No
Equal Access Market:	Yes
Extended Area Service:	Yes
Custom Calling Features:	Yes
Customized Local Area Services:	Yes
Current Technologies:	ISDN

**Internet Service**

Local Public Internet Access Site:	No
Multiple Internet Service Providers:	No
Speed of Service:	
DEED Certification as E-Commerce Ready:	No

**Newspapers Information**

<i>Newspaper Name</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
St. Charles Press	(507) 932-3663	

**Additional Telecommunication Providers**

<i>Telecommunication Type</i>	<i>Provider Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Cable	HBC	888/474-9995

**Commercial Transportation & Shipping**

**Highway Information**

<i>Interstate</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>
I-90	Within	10	10

<i>Four Lane</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>

<i>Other</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>
MN-74	0	10	7
US-14	0	10	10

**Truck Information**

Truck Lines: 2  
Truck Terminals: 0

**Navigable Water Information**

<i>Water Name</i>	<i>Depth</i>



**Rail Information**

Inter-Modal Facility: No  
 Inter-Modal Facility Distance: 25 miles

<i>Rail Line</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reciprocal Switching</i>	<i>Distance to Main Line</i>	<i>Passenger Service</i>
DM&E	Daily	Yes	0	No

**Air Service Information**

	<i>International</i>	<i>Local Regional</i>	<i>Service</i>
<i>Name</i>	Rochester Intl. Airport	Winona Municipal Airport	Winona Municipal Airport
<i>Location</i>	Rochester	Winona	Winona
<i>Miles to</i>	30	25	30
<i>Longest Runway Length</i>	7,533 Feet	5,199 Feet	5,199 Feet
<i>Surface Type</i>	Paved	Paved	Paved
<i>Lighted</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Customs</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>Service Type</i>	Charter, Commercial, Freight, Jet	Charter, Commercial, Freight	Charter, Commercial, Freight
<i>Navigational Aids</i>	BEACON, ILS, VOR/DME	ILS, VOR/DME	ILS, VOR/DME
<i>Weather Info Systems</i>	AWOSA/MNWS, SATVIDEOWEATHER	AWOSA/MNWS	AWOSA/MNWS
<i>Major Airlines</i>	Airborne Express, American, Federal Express, Mesaba, Northwest		

**Daily Flights To MSP-Minneapolis-St. Paul Intl.:**

**Additional Commercial Transportation Providers**

<i>Transportation Type</i>	<i>Provider Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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**Housing & Commercial Activity**

**Housing Information**

Single Family Units:	725	Percentage Owner Occupied:	67
Multiple Family Units:	276	Median Sales Price:	---
Mobile Homes:	89	Median Assessed Value:	---
Number of Units Built Since Last Census:		Median Rent:	\$309
Number of Residential Building Permits for 2001:	25	Vacancy Rate:	4
Value of Residential Building Permits for 2001:	\$2,982,000		

Source: US Census, 2002

**Commercial Activity Information**

Number of Commercial Building Permits for 2001:	4
Value of Commercial Building Permits for 2001:	\$173,000
Number of Public Building Permits for :	
Value of Public Building Permits for :	



**Retail Sales Information**

Year	Community Sales	County Sales
2003	\$0	\$513,855,767
1990	\$31,504,475	

Source: MN Dept. of Revenue

**Business & Community Services**

**Financial Institutions Information**

Name	Phone	Total Assets	Capital as % of Assets
<u>Eastwood Bank</u>	(507) 932-5001	\$123,731,000	---
Merchants Bank - St Charles	(507) 932-4610	\$26,000,000	---

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**Lodging & Meeting Facilities Information**

Facility	Number of Facilities Available	Facility Size	Teleconferencing Available	Teleconferencing Available to Public
Hotel	0		No	No
Motel	2	25 rooms	No	No
Conference Center	1	250 rooms	No	No

**Additional Lodging & Meeting Facilities**

Facility Type	Facility Name	Phone
Bed and Breakfasts	Victorian Lace Inn	507/932-3054
Motel	Downtown Motel	507/932-4050
Motel	White Valley Motel	507/932-3042

**Local Medical Facilities Information**

Facility Type	Nbr of Facilities	Total Nbr of Beds	Telemedicine Available
Clinic	1		No
Dentist	1		No
Doctor	2		No
Hospital	0		No
Nursing Home	1	90	No

Name of Nearest Hospital (if none in community): St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester  
Miles to Nearest Hospital: 25



**Additional Local Medical Facilities**

<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Telemedicine Available</i>
Assisted Living	Red Soppa	507/932-3688	Yes
Chiropractic	DeVine Chiropractic Center	507/932-5696	Yes
Clinic	Olmsted Medical Center	507/932-3810	Yes
Dentist	St. Charles Dental Office	507/932-4530	Yes

**Local Transit Information**

<i>Service</i>	<i>Available</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Available</i>
Inter-Community Bus	Yes	Taxi/Cab	No
Intra-Community Bus	No	Disabled Transportation	No

**Local Transit Providers**

<i>Transit Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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**Library Information**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Internet Access</i>
Southeast Libraries Cooperating		No
St. Charles Public Library	507/932-3227	Yes

**Worship Information**

<i>Worship Type</i>	<i>Worship Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Membership</i>
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**Recreation Information**

*Facilities*

Community Center, Senior Center, private 18 hole golf course, Aquatic Center, Whitewater State Park, ice rink, tennis courts, walking trails, five city parks, ball fields, volleyball, skate park, playgrounds and paved walk and bike trails.

*Festival/Arts*

Gladiolus Days Festival , Nessler Golf Tournament, Sting Baseball, Fall Car Cruise, Farmer’s Market, Summer - Saturday Morning at Winona County Fair Grounds, Springfest, Thrashing Bee, Memorial Day, Home and Garden Show, Winona County Fair

*Service Organizations*

Lions, Women of Today, VFW, Moose Lodge, American Legion, Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts, Masonic Lodge, Ducks Unlimited, Friends of the Library, 4H, Future Farmers of America, St. Charles Senior Organization.

**Education**

**Post-Secondary Information**

<i>Nearest Technical College &amp; Specialty</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Miles To</i>
		25

<i>Nearest Community College &amp; Specialty</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Miles To</i>
<u>Rochester Community and Technical College</u>	Rochester	20

The University Center Rochester campus is home to Rochester Community and Technical College, University of Minnesota



Rochester and Winona State University Rochester Center. The three institutions offer more than 150 programs of study, enroll approximately 20,000 students in credit and noncredit education and manage almost 900,000 square feet of educational space on a 480-acre campus. The institutions focus on offering programs along the spectrum from certificate through graduate level studies in business, education, health sciences, technology, and liberal arts programs. In addition to the multitude of diplomas, certificates, associate of arts, and associate of science degrees, students also have the option of a 2 + 2 program at University Center Rochester (the partnership between RCTC, the U of M, and WSU). A 2+2 option is defined as a four-year program that can be completed in its entirety at the University Center Rochester campus. 6/06

*Nearest Public College/University & Specialty*  
Winona State University

*Location Miles To*  
 Winona 25

Winona State University is a premier regional university with graduate and undergraduate programs. It is enriched by a dynamic culture and is renowned for its principle-centered approach to education. Located in the high bluff country of the upper Mississippi Valley, Winona stands among the front ranks of midwestern universities and is recognized as one of the most distinctive undergraduate universities in the nation. Degrees offered: Associate of Arts; Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Science; 4 Special Licensure Programs; 10 Pre-Professional Programs; Master of Science. Winona State University is comprised of five colleges offering over 80 majors and 10 pre-professional programs: College of Business; College of Education; College of Liberal Arts; College of Nursing and Health Sciences; College of Science and Engineering. Your education will be shaped not only by extraordinary and approachable faculty, but also by our distinctive approach to teaching and learning, the way we use technology, and the rich natural beauty of this magnificent region that embraces our campus and community. 6/06

*Nearest Private College/University & Specialty*  
St. Mary's University - Winona

*Location Miles To*  
 Winona 20

Saint Mary's University of Minnesota has played a vital role in the arena of higher education since its founding in 1912. What was a local college providing education for young men in 1912 is today an international university serving women and men of every age, race and nationality. The University is true to its Lasallian heritage in Saint John Baptist de La Salle's belief in meeting the needs of the people of the times. It strives to remain a university that is attentive to unique individuals with varying psychological, social, physical and spiritual needs. Saint Mary's University received its continued accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools in 1997 until 2007. The university continues to be increasingly attractive to our diverse audience of students. New and exciting possibilities await us on the horizon and we welcome them in our desire to continue to refine and increase the quality and degree of excellence our educational offerings can provide for every individual member of our academic community. 6/06

Telecommunications Use Available at Area Post-Secondary Institutions: Yes

**Local K-12 Information**

<i>School Type</i>	<i>Nbr of Schools</i>	<i>Enrollment</i>	<i>Grades</i>	<i>Pupil/Teacher Ratio</i>
Elementary	1	614	K-6	21:1
Middle School				
Junior High				
Senior High	1	477	7-12	15:1
Private/Parochial				

School District:  
 Telecommunications Use Available at Local K-12: No  
 High School Graduates Attending Post-Secondary: 75%  
 State Wide Average: 64%



**Education Institutions**

<i>Education Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Charter School		

**Government**

**Structure Information**

Organization:	Mayor\Council
Budget:	\$6,213,655
Community Bond Rating:	Moody's - - AA
Comprehensive Land Use Plan:	Yes
Locally Controlled Loan Program:	Yes
Recycling:	Yes
Fire Insurance Rating:	5
Industrial Plans Approved By:	City Building Official, City Council, Economic Development Authority, Planning Commission

**Public Protection Services**

<i>Service Type</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Part-Time</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Seasonal</i>
Fire	---	---	30	---
Police	4	10	---	---
Sheriff	---	---	---	---
EMT	---	---	17	---

**Property Taxes - Payable 2006**

**Property Tax Information**

State Tax Rate	50.83%
Municipal Tax Rate	30.97%
County Tax Rate	44.37%
School Tax Rate	22.20%
Misc. Tax Rate	0.59%
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>148.95%</b> Total

**Assessed Market Value Information**

Commercial	\$16,133,800
Residential	\$144,904,300
Other	\$26,545,777
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$187,583,877</b>

Minnesota commercial real estate taxes are based upon market value of taxable property as set by the local assessor. To calculate the tax for the current year, first compute the tax capacity by multiplying all property value up to \$150,000 times .015, plus any value over \$150,000 times .02. Example: net tax capacity on a \$200,000 business property: (\$150,000 X .015) + (\$50,000 X .02) = \$2,250 + \$1,000 = \$3,250. Tax capacity times the tax rate equals taxes owed. Commercial and industrial property must also pay a state property tax, which is equal to the tax capacity times the State Tax Rate.

In some localities where voters have approved referendums, an additional referendum tax must be added, calculated by multiplying the referendum tax rate times the total market value of the commercial property.

Please note: Specific property tax classifications and computations can be more complex and result in different tax amounts. This simplified explanation applies in the most general situations and will allow a business to roughly estimate its potential property tax burden. The county assessor or auditor may be able to answer questions about specific properties and uses.

**Commercial Buildings and Land Sites**



Building Name Address City, State Zip Code	Type of Building Total Bldg Sqft Total Available	Contact Name Organization Phone Number	JOBZone	 Photo
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Land Site Address City, State Zip Code	Space Available Build To Suit Zoning	Contact Name Organization Phone Number	JOBZone	 Photo
<u>Northern Hills Subzone</u> Whitewater Avenue St. Charles, MN 55972	16.0 Acres	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park St. Charles, MN</u> 106 West Circle Drive St. Charles, MN 55972	1.0 Acres No Commercial	<u>Joyce Kraut</u> RE/MAX of Rochester (507) 932-4145		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park St. Charles, MN</u> 117 West Circle Drive St. Charles, MN 55972	1.0 Acres No Commercial	<u>Joyce Kraut</u> RE/MAX of Rochester (507) 932-4145		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park St. Charles, MN</u> 133 West Circle Drive St. Charles, MN 55972	4.0 Acres No Commercial	<u>Joyce Kraut</u> RE/MAX of Rochester (507) 932-4145		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park St. Charles, MN</u> 170 West Circle Drive St. Charles, MN 55972	1.0 Acres No Industrial	<u>Joyce Kraut</u> RE/MAX of Rochester (507) 932-4145		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 1 Block 1 St. Charles, MN 55972	1.0 Acres Yes Industrial	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 1 Block 2 St. Charles, MN 55972	1.0 Acres Yes Light Manufacturing	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 2 Block 1 St. Charles, MN 55972	1.4 Acres Yes Industrial	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 2 Block 2 St. Charles, MN 55972	0.7 Acres Light Manufacturing	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 3 Block 1 St. Charles, MN 55972	0.7 Acres Yes Industrial	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 3 Block 2 St. Charles, MN 55972	0.7 Acres Yes Industrial	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 4 Block 2 St. Charles, MN 55972	0.8 Acres Yes Industrial	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 5 Block 2 St. Charles, MN 55972	1.1 Acres Industrial	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		
<u>Whitewater Industrial Park - Ph 2</u> Lot 6 Block 2 St. Charles, MN 55972	1.3 Acres Yes Industrial	<u>Linda Grover</u> SEMDC (507) 864-7557		



**Economic Development Services**

Economic Development Authority: Yes  
Housing Redevelopment Authority: No  
County Development Corporation: No  
Chamber of Commerce: No  
Port Authority: No

**Incentives**

The City of St. Charles provides a variety of programs and incentives for new and existing businesses including an active Revolving Loan Fund, Tax Increment Financing, and assistance in financial planning, marketing and grant and loan applications. The City is fully committed to utilizing these and other incentives to ensure the continued success of its new industrial park.

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Kris Opsahl  
Chair  
St Charles EDA  
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(507) 932-3020

**Economic Development Organizations**

<i>Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>
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**Disaster & Emergency Services**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number(s)</i>
<u>Public Safety emergency resources</u>	1-800-422-0798 or metro 651-649-5451
<u>Federal Emergency Management Agency</u>	Region V FEMA 312-408-5500
<u>Small Business Administration Disaster Resources</u>	Disaster Area Offices 404-347-3771
<u>St. Charles Police Department</u>	507-932-3020

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