

**STATEMENT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN
OFFICE OF COUNTY RECORDER, AITKIN COUNTY**

DURING December 2013
DEPOSIT OF CHECK OR CASH \$ 24,288.10 TO AITKIN CO TREASURER

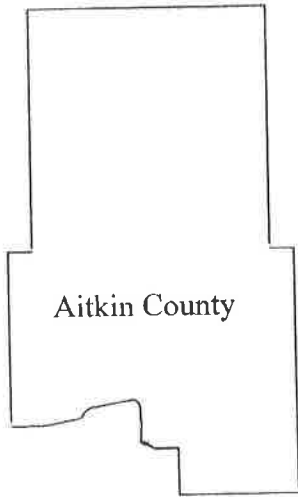
NATURE OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED		AMOUNT OF FEES RECEIVED
UCC		0.00
NOTARY		120.00
NOTARY SURCHARGE	9.2030	Expired 8/1/10
TORRENS		234.00
TORRENS ASSURANCE	9.2031	27.00 ***
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		6119.00
STATE GENERAL FUND	9.2036	4620.00 ***
RECORDER TECH FEE		4400.00
UNALLOCATED		4840.00
STATE WELL CERT.	9.2027	1062.50 ***
COUNTY WELL CERT		187.50
BIRTH CERTIFICATES		256.00
CHILDREN'S SURCH.	9.2024	90.00 ***
BIRTH/DEATH SURCH.	9.2022	460.00 ***(120/340)
DEATH CERT.		240.00
2010 LEG. SURCH 144.226 SUBD 3 (b)		300.00 ***
COPIES & C/COPIES		1332.10
TOTAL		24,288.10

**WORK DONE FOR VARIOUS COUNTY AGENCIES
FOR WHICH NO PAYMENT WAS RECEIVED**

RECORDING HONORABLE DISCHARGES	0.00
AITKIN COUNTY	0.00
AITKIN CO ROAD & BRIDGE	828.00
OTHERS	184.00
TOTAL	1012.00

AITKIN, MN December 31, 2013

ZIP 452
YEAR TO DATE 5942
PREVIOUS YEAR \$29,618.90



Aitkin County Association of Townships

Serving all of Aitkin County

DEC 23 2013

The next quarterly meeting of the Association will be January 16, 2014 at the Aitkin VFW at 7:30p.m.

We will be having an in service on the new Food Service regulations.

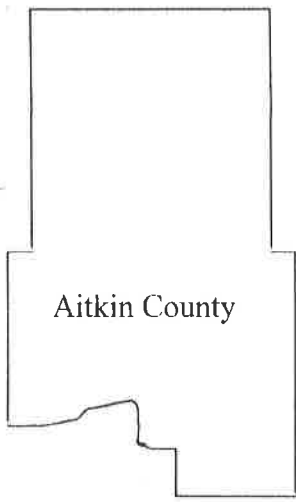
If you have ideas for speakers let us know, we need them for July and October.

We miss having County representation at our meetings. We can all learn and gain from each other.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Anita

pjamande@centurylink.net



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October 17, 2013
Quarterly Meeting

Open with Pledge at 7:30pm. 20 townships represented with Farm Island, Hazelton, and Wealthwood having full boards in attendance, Reno Wells and Scott Fitzgerald also in attendance.

Moments of silence to honor those those have passed away in the last quarter.

Approve Sect. Report as Mailed was made on a motion by Roberta Elvecrog with a second by Phil Neese.

Approve Treasurer Report as read by Anita on a motion by Bill Onstad and second by Lily Turner.

Correspondence: Door Prizes for Annual Conference will be 2 baskets from Minnestalgia, Bremer changes, Deluxe offer, Library Request due to shortage of funds.

Reno spoke on the Annual Convention coming up. Proxy needs to be done if you want to vote on the issues in the newspaper. Registration will be completed soon, rooms are sold out, and so they are looking for more room with shuttle service. Township Award suspended until next year and we as a county unit need to come up with a township that has made a difference and nominate them for next year. Department of Revenue has changed the Sales Tax exemption and Anita was handed papers on that. CTAS sign-up is due 12/15/2013 and this is due to the fact that new operating system has come out and old one not supported. Government operations committee has met concerning orderly annexation and would like to see 5 years between parcel annexations as part of the law. Please follow the open meeting law. Some

townships in Aitkin County have not submitted their financial statements that were due 3/30/2013.

MAT Conference is November 21-23, 2013 in Morton. If you want to vote on anything, please fill out the proxy form and send it into MAT, ASAP.

County Officials: None in attendance

Guest Speaker: Scott Fitzgerald Conservation officer has been in law enforcement 17 years, Bob Mlynr still in Aitkin County. They are now dispatched now out of the cities (651-582-1543). Paper permits required for Beaver Removal and townships cannot be denied. Third party trapper needs copy of permit. 300 feet from road contact resident. ATV use has changed on road ways. Class I on townships roads with Drivers License and ditch on county roads, Class II township and county roads with Divers License. Farm use and private land is different. Trespassing laws explained. Agriculture land there is no need to post, but to be safe post once per year. Must get permission to hunt or go on private land. Must be able to prove to CO the date you posted. Sign must have 2 inch letter, signed and printed name, use on corners, access and at least every 1000 feet (better at 500 feet). No gun or dog allowed on private land to go after downed game.

Thank you to Hazelton Township for having us, Next Meeting will be at the VFW in Aitkin on January 16, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. Speaker is on Food safety.

Need ideas for future meetings.

Adjourned at 8:40pm

Respectfully,

Anita Anderson
Secretary/Treasurer

PROPOSED ARROWHEAD COUNTIES 2014
Legislative Priorities Listing

Mineral Management Act

Section 404 – Wetland Permitting

Wetland Banking

WETLAND REGULATION PROPOSALS initiated by BWSR and the DNR this month will be one of our priorities

Shoreland Management

Bonding

NERCC

bonding funds for the Arrowhead Regional Corrections Facility.

VNP – Water Clean up

Local Government Tax Exemptions

Sales Tax Exemption for joint power entities.

Transportation Funding

“Unsession Issues”

Repeal of useless and unused laws

PILT – Phase II (Legacy Funds)

Greater transparency/flexibility for corrections funding

Fiscal Disparities

Minimum Wage

State of MN to collect its share of property tax

Magic Act

Appraisers Licensure Requirements – Unintended Mandates

Simplify and streamline Health and Human Services Programs



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December 27, 2013

Township Officials:

Enclosed please find the 2015 Proposed Fire Department budget and the 2014 Allocation of Taxable Net Tax Capacity, along with a spreadsheet for your township showing 2009 – 2015. This new spreadsheet shows comparison information for each year to show how manhours affect your allocation of expenses. For each of the years, we have shown what your allocation would have been if manhours were not used, if the previous five years of manhours were used, and if the previous seven years of manhours were used. The Fire Department has been using the previous three years of manhours in the calculation. The Fire Chief would like to entertain a discussion with township officials about the use of manhours in the calculations.

The City Council has set the annual meeting with the townships for:

Tuesday, January 21, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Fire Chief will be present and he will provide a report on 2013, as well as addressing any questions you may have. The Fire Department will also host a reception in the Fire Hall after the meeting. Please plan to join them for refreshments.

Please share this information with your township supervisors and with anyone else who may be interested in attending.

If you should have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Brophy
Kathy Brophy
City Clerk

Enclosures

cc Aitkin City Council
Brian Pisarek, Fire Chief

ALLOCATION OF TAXABLE NET TAX CAPACITY
 AITKIN FIRE DEPARTMENT
 2012 Payable in 2013

Area	Net Tax Capacity	Percentage
City of Aitkin	1,309,674	10.9%
Aitkin Township	1,120,885	9.3%
Farm Island Township	2,865,901	23.9%
Glen Township	1,194,037	9.9%
Hazelton Township	2,131,250 <u>x 33.8%</u> 720,363	6%
Kimberly Township	340,363 <u>x 50%</u> 170,182	1.4%
Malmo Township	709,199	5.9%
Morrison Township	224,200	1.9%
Nordland Township	1,775,303	14.8%
Spencer Township	544,720	4.5%
Wealthwood Township	630,973 <u>x 22.2%</u> 140,076	1.2%
Unorg 48-27	96,178	.8%
Dean Lake Township	203,098	1.7%
Ross Lake Township	931,169	7.8%
TOTAL	12,004,985	100%

Unorganized 48-27 Township

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Fire Dept Budget	232,400	238,300	242,800	242,800	242,800	242,800	247,300
Net Tax Capacity	.7%	.7%	.7%	.7%	.8%	.8%	.8%
	66,198	80,649	93,700	105,033	103,092	98,375	96,178
Township Portion							
No Manhours	1,627	1,668	1,700	1,700	1,942	1,942	1,978
3-years of MH	1,394	953	971	971	2,185	2,185	2,473
5 years of MH	1,162	1,430	1,457	971	1,700	1,700	1,978
7 years of MH	1,394	1,430	1,214	1,214	1,700	1,457	1,731

NOTE: The 3-years of Manhours is the figure that has been used in prior years.

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December 18, 2013

Franklin Turnock
13196 360th Street
McGregor, MN 55760

Dear Franklin:

At the December 17, 2013 Aitkin County Board meeting, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners appointed you to the Aitkin County Park Commission as the District 3 representative. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your appointment!

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner at (218) 927-7364.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner

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Carroll Janzen
36208 Deer Street
Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Carroll:

At the December 17, 2013 Aitkin County Board meeting, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners reappointed you to the Aitkin County Park Commission as the District 2 representative. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your reappointment!

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner at (218) 927-7364.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner

Thanks Carroll ()
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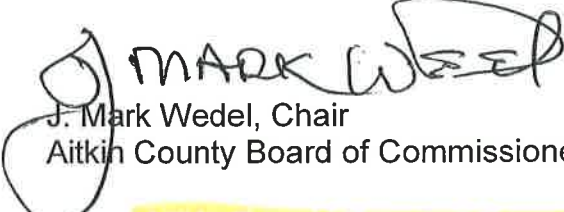
Steven Pedersen
32458 St. Hwy. 18
Malmö, MN 56431

Dear Steven:

At the December 17, 2013 Aitkin County Board meeting, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners appointed you to the Forest Advisory Committee as the At Large representative. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your appointment!

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner, at (218) 927-7364.

Sincerely,


J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner

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December 18, 2013

David Lange
505 Lone Avenue
Hill City, MN 55748

Dear David:

At the December 17, 2013 Aitkin County Board meeting, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners reappointed you to the Aitkin County Planning Commission as the District 5 representative. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director at (218) 927-7342.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners



cc: **Aitkin County Board of Commissioners**
Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director

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December 18, 2013

Galen Tveit
54446 US Hwy. 169
Palisade, MN 56469

Dear Galen:

At the December 17, 2013 Aitkin County Board meeting the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners reappointed you to the Aitkin County Board of Adjustment as the District 5 representative. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director at (218) 927-7342.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director

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December 18, 2013

Tim Eklund
13420 200th Place
McGrath, MN 56350

Dear Tim:

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners would like to thank you for your application to the Planning Commission, however, another applicant was chosen.

Thank you for your interest. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director

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December 18, 2013

Dennise Sonnee
20585 326th Avenue
Isle, MN 56342

Dear Dennise:

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners would like to thank you for your application to the Planning Commission, however, another applicant was chosen.

Thank you for your interest. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: **Aitkin County Board of Commissioners**
Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director

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December 18, 2013

Judith Blomberg
37184 US Hwy 169
Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Judith:

At the December 17, 2013 Aitkin County Board meeting, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners reappointed you to the Aitkin County Park Commission as the District 1 representative. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your reappointment!

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner at (218) 927-7364.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "MARK" followed by a long horizontal line.

J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Mark Jacobs, Land Commissioner

Thanks Judy !!

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December 18, 2013

Robert Lake
38050 390th Street
Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Robert:

At the December 17, 2013 Aitkin County Board meeting, the Aitkin County Board of Commissioners reappointed you to the Aitkin County Board of Adjustment as the District 1 representative. We thank you for your application and congratulate you on your appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director at (218) 927-7342.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director

Thanks Bob !!



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December 18, 2013

Kevin Insley
215 3rd Street SE, #324
Aitkin, MN 56431

Dear Kevin:

The Aitkin County Board of Commissioners would like to thank you for your application to the Board of Adjustment, however, another applicant was chosen.

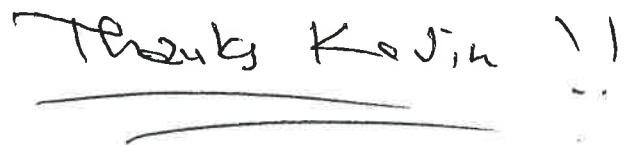
Thank you for your interest. It is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,



J. Mark Wedel, Chair
Aitkin County Board of Commissioners

cc: Aitkin County Board of Commissioners
Terry Neff, Environmental Services Director



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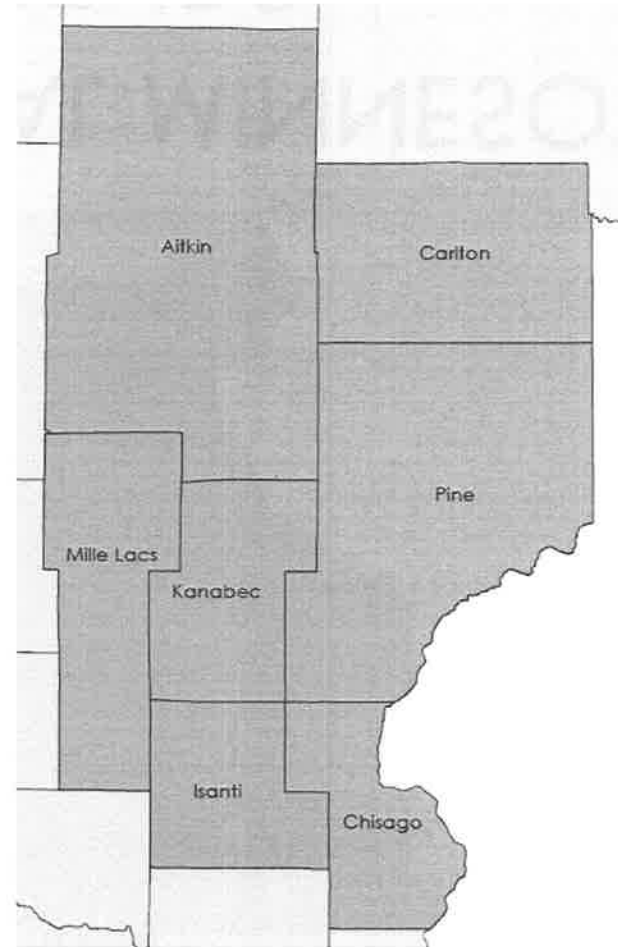


EAST CENTRAL MINNESOTA HOUSING TRENDS

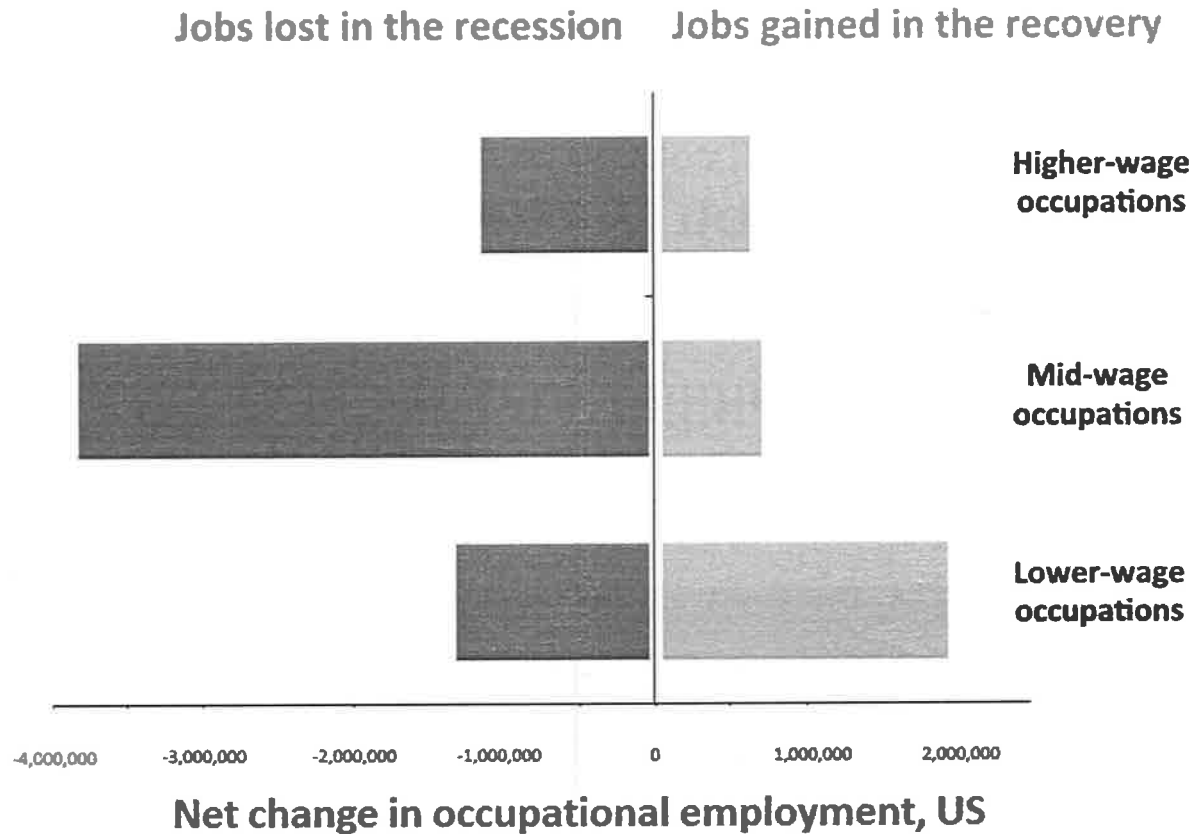


Community Participants

- Stakeholders in 7-County East Central Minnesota
- County and City governments, Planning Commissions, EDAs, HRAs, and area non-profits



Most Jobs Gained in Recovery from Recession in US were Low-Wage Jobs



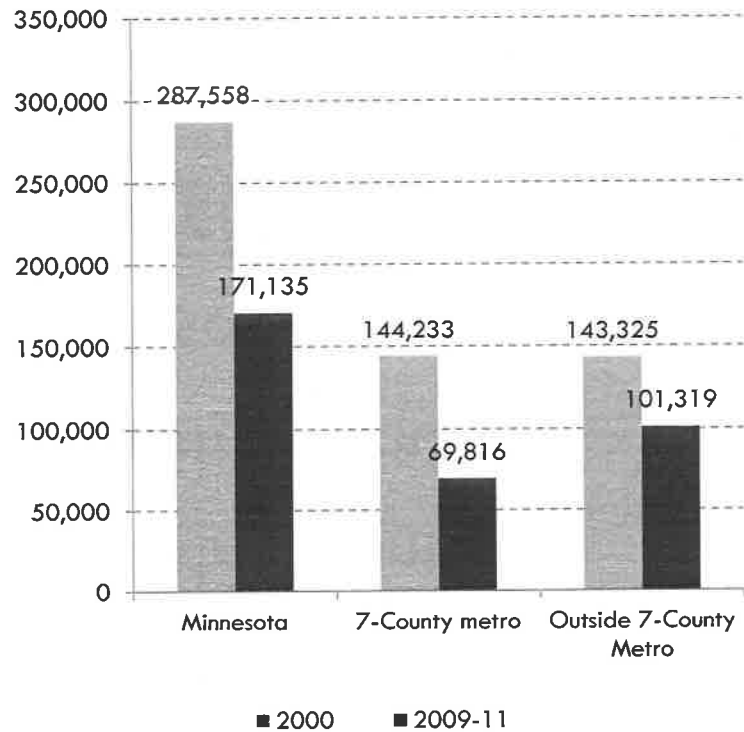
Source: NELP analysis of Current Population Survey.
Recession is 2008 Q1 to 2010 Q1; recovery is 2010 Q1 to 2012 Q1.

Fair Market Rent (FMR)

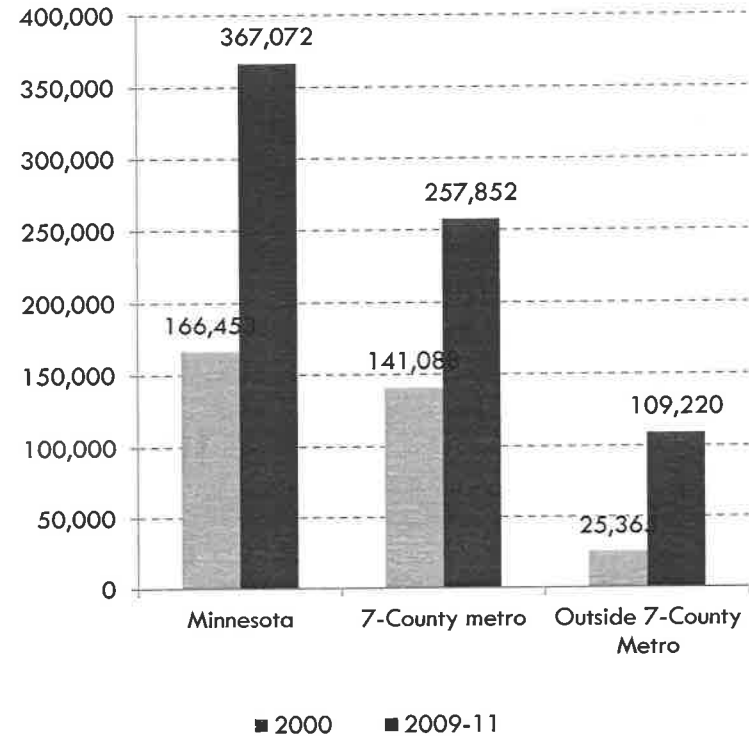
Defined as the amount that is needed to pay gross rent (shelter plus utilities) of privately owned, decent, safe and sanitary rental housing of a modest (non-luxury) nature with suitable amenities.

Low rent units decline while higher rent units increase

Units Renting for Under \$650 per Month
(not adjusted for inflation)



Units Renting for \$650 or more per Month
(not adjusted for inflation)



2012 Fair Market Rent for a 2 br

- Aitkin County: \$583 a month
- Carlton County: \$687 a month
- Chisago County: \$904 a month
- Isanti County: \$904 a month
- Kanabec County: \$727 a month
- Mille Lacs County: \$645 a month
- Pine County: \$602 a month

□ Source: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/limits/rent/2012/mn.pdf>

Low Wage Earners – working fulltime

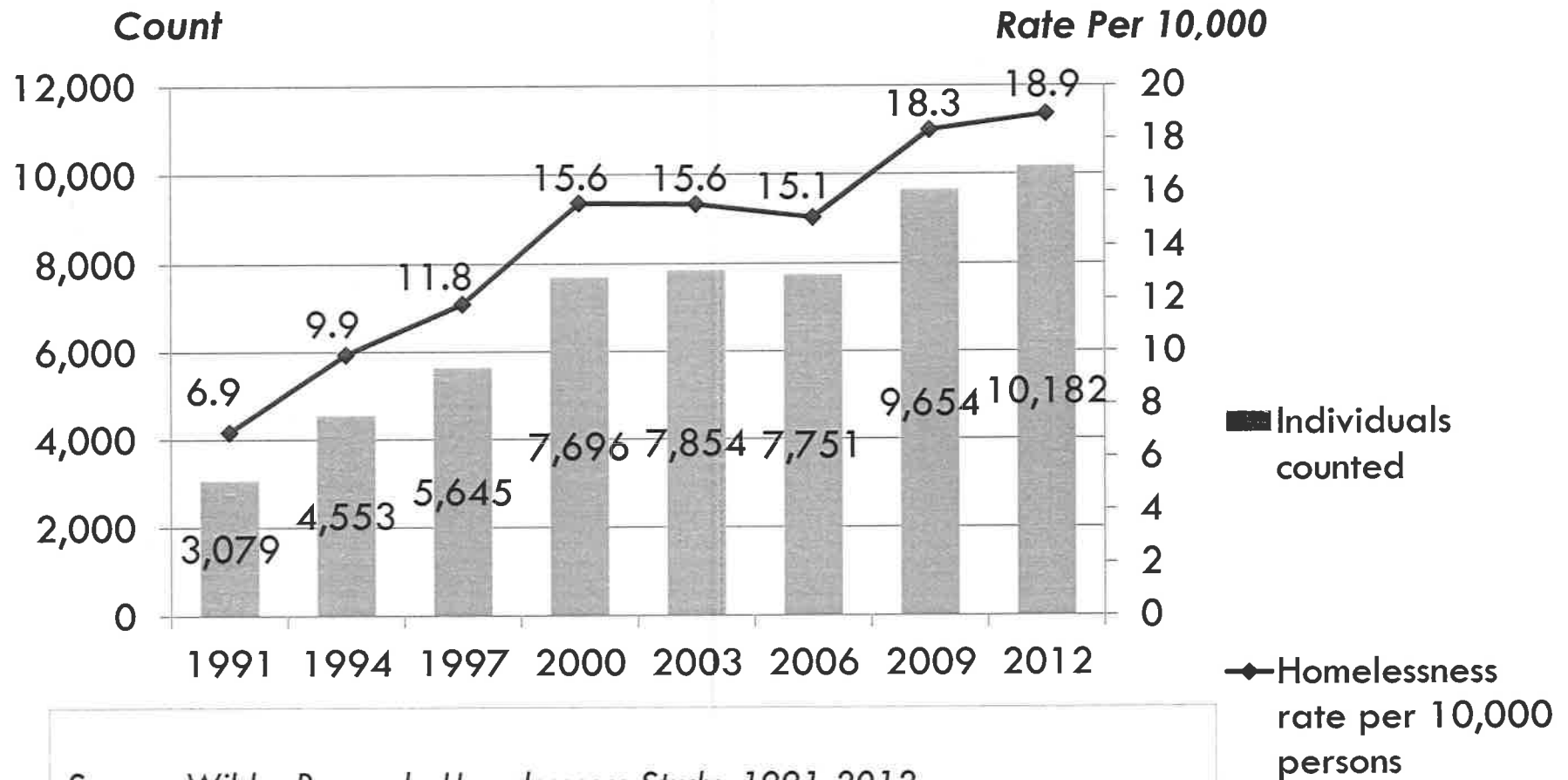
- \$10/hour = \$1,733 month
 - ▣ 30% for housing is \$520
 - \$12/hour = \$2,080 month
 - ▣ 30% for housing is \$624
 - \$14/hour = \$2,427 month
 - ▣ 30% for housing is \$728
- ▣ Minimum wage is \$7.25/hour

2013 Fair Market Rent for a 2 br

County	Monthly Rent	Monthly Rent Increase	Annual Rent Increase
Aitkin	\$626	\$43	\$516
Carlton	\$725	\$38	\$456
Chisago	\$920	\$16	\$192
Isanti	\$920	\$16	\$192
Kanabec	\$781	\$54	\$648
Mille Lacs	\$761	\$71	\$852
Pine	\$688	\$86	\$1,032

- Source: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/limits/rent/2013/mn.pdf>

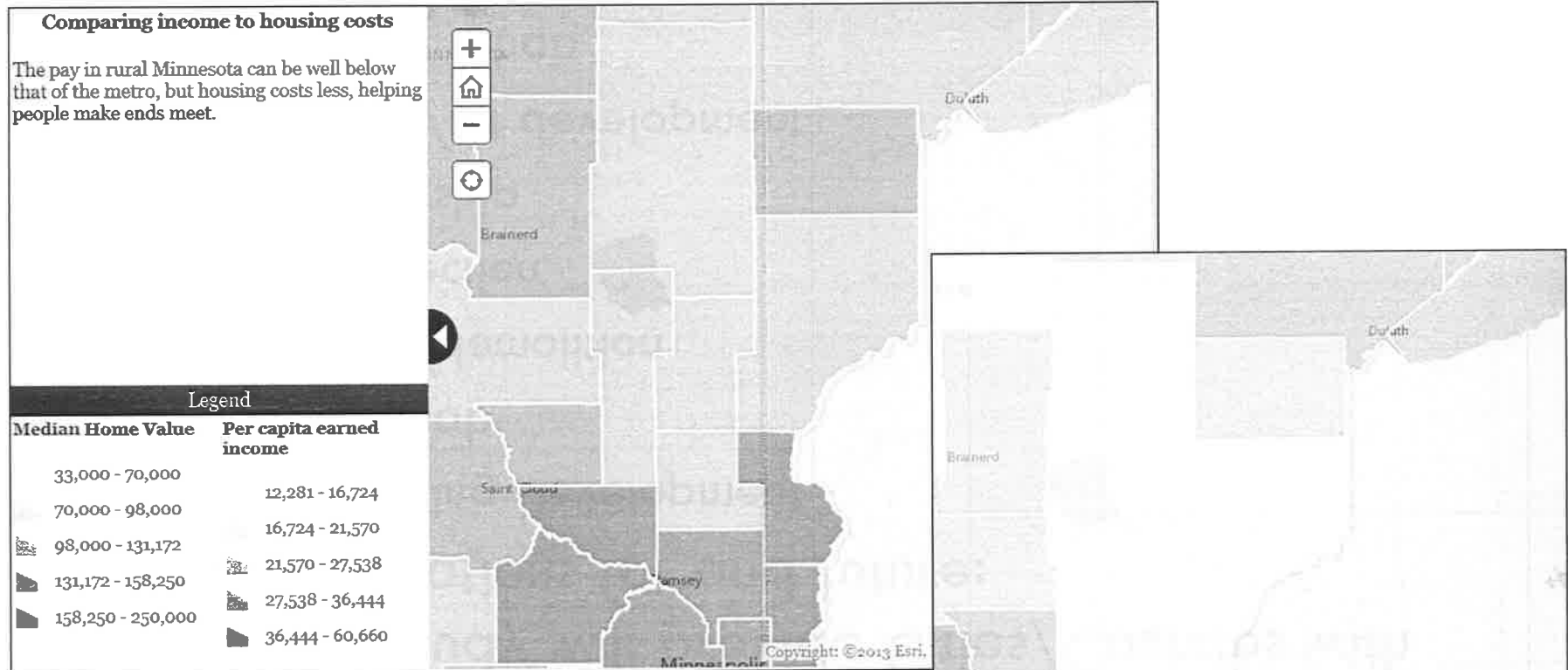
Homeless Minnesotans Identified on a Single Night through 2012



Population Changes in Rural Minnesota



Comparing Income to Housing Costs



Median Home Value

Per Capita Earned Income

What is a regional housing study?

- A housing study will provide Cities/Counties with recommendations for and future:
 - Rental Housing Development
 - Housing rehab
 - Acquisition/demolition
 - Rental Inspection
 - Homeownership
 - Subdivision/lot development
 - Commercial rehab
 - Coordination amongst Housing Agencies

Why is a regional housing study needed?

- Identifies current and future housing needs
- Provides accurate up-to-date information that guides community and regional planning efforts.
- Developers rely on current data to make housing funding applications more competitive for State resources
- Positions the region and communities with the ability to get more affordable housing funds.

WE NEED YOU, JOIN US!

Community	Funding Committed
City of Aitkin	\$5,000
City of Princeton	\$3,000
Pine City	\$3,000
City of Cambridge	\$3,000
City of Hinckley	\$3,000
GPS 45:93	\$1,000
City of Braham	\$ 500
Initiative Foundation	\$10,000*
MN Housing Partnership	\$10,000*
TOTAL	\$38,500
	* requires matching funds

Communities Interested	Will share their Housing Study
City of Milaca	City of Cambridge
Mille Lacs County	City of Mora
City of Moose Lake	City of Cloquet
Mille Lacs Band	City of Scanlon
City of Sandstone	
City of Isanti	
Can we add YOUR COMMUNITY?	



Minimum Wage Earners Must Work 89 Hours per Week to Afford Modest Apartment in Minnesota

- MN Least Affordable in Midwest to Minimum Wage Workers for 3rd Year Running, Finds New County-by-County Report -

St. Paul, MN (March 11, 2013)- According to a national report released today, a minimum wage earner in Minnesota would have to work 89 hours per week – or hold 2.2 full time jobs -- to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment. Of the twelve states in the Midwest, Minnesota has ranked the worst for affordability for minimum wage workers for three consecutive years.

However, if \$9.50 per hour minimum wage legislation were passed in Minnesota, as has been proposed, the state would move from the worst position in the Midwest for low wage workers for housing affordability to the second best. Yet even with this new wage, affording a 2-bedroom apartment would require a minimum worker to work 68 hours a week.

The *Minnesota Out of Reach 2013* report was released jointly by the National Low Income Housing Coalition (NLIHC), a Washington, D.C.-based housing policy organization, and the Minnesota Housing Partnership. The report provides rental affordability data for every state, metro area, and county in the US.

In order to afford the rent and utilities for a safe, modest 2-bedroom apartment in the private housing market, a Minnesota worker must earn \$16.08 per hour, 40 hours a week, all year long. By contrast, the typical renter household in Minnesota earns the equivalent of \$14.09 per hour. Federal minimum wage pays only \$7.25 per hour.

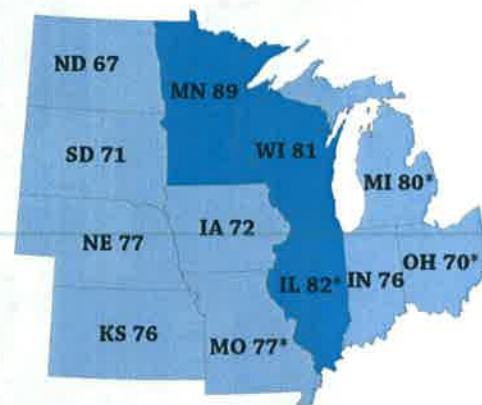
Kris Jacobs, of the JOBS NOW Coalition, said, "This report underscores the urgency of raising the minimum wage in Minnesota. It is a tragedy that low-wage workers need to work 89 hours per week just to afford a place to live."

Chip Halbach, Executive Director of Minnesota Housing Partnership added, "When housing is unaffordable to renters, stress and limited budgets take a toll on children and their families. Strategic investments in housing and homelessness programs by Minnesota lawmakers can minimize the harm caused by high and rising rents throughout the state."

An estimated 55% of renters in Minnesota do not earn enough to afford a two-bedroom unit at the "fair market rent" where they live.

The Minnesota Housing Partnership (MHP - 2446 University Ave W. - Ste 140 | St. Paul, MN 55114) advances the preservation and creation of housing affordable to low- and moderate-income people as a means of strengthening communities and families. MHP is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

WEEKLY HOURS A MINIMUM WAGE WORKER MUST WORK TO AFFORD A MODEST 2 BEDROOM APARTMENT



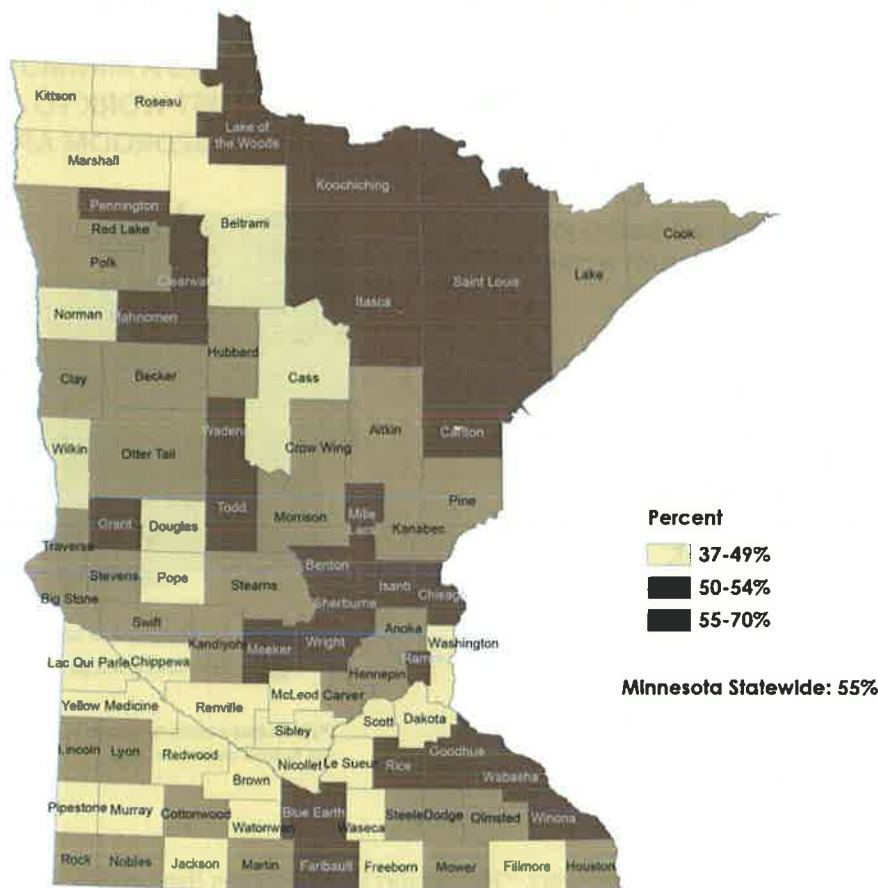
80 hours/week or less
Between 80 and 98 hours/week

(*) indicates a state minimum wage that exceeds the federal minimum wage

More Minnesota Out of Reach Facts:

- **Twin Cities metro rents are the most expensive.** A modest two-bedroom apartment requires a full time worker to earn \$17.69 per hour year-round -- the most expensive in the state.
- **The counties least affordable to renters,** given the incomes they earn, are distributed throughout Minnesota (see map below). The counties with the highest estimated percent of renters unable to afford a modest two-bedroom apartment are **Mahnomen** (70% unable to afford), **Winona** (68%), **Carlton** (68%), **Lake of the Woods** (68%), **Wadena** (66%), and **St. Louis County** (62%). In the 7-County Metro, the county least affordable to the renters living there is **Ramsey** (60%).

Estimated Percent of Renters Unable to Afford a 2-Bedroom Apartment



See additional Minnesota maps and data from MHP for *Out of Reach 2013* at <http://mhponline.org/publications/reports-and-research/reports>.

See national data, analysis, and maps from NLIHC at <http://www.nlihc.org/oor/2013/>

Contact Leigh Rosenberg at the Minnesota Housing Partnership at rosenberg@mhponline.org or 651-925-5543 for assistance in accessing or analyzing Out of Reach data for any county or metro area of Minnesota.

Talking points:

- Our community is a good place to live and work. We should strive to keep up and improve our property values, maintain and build up our social and community participation, and take care of our parks, schools and other local advantages and amenities’.

Changes in regional transportation systems, in demographics, in the aging of local housing stock, and in economic conditions need to be considered in developing a better mix of housing choices.

- When people spend too much of their income on trying to maintain a home, they have less for other necessities, and they and their children are kept in a state of economic insecurity. The community as a whole deals with the instability and costs associated with homelessness, poverty and economic stagnation. Developing a range of housing choices, so that residents can be full participants in the local community and its economic life is needed in our communities.
- When employees travel long distances to work because they can’t afford to live closer to their job, employers pay the cost of recruitment and retention of workers, lost productivity due to travel, while the community pays the cost of road maintenance and time lost to commuting. A full range of housing choices builds economic vitality, and competitiveness for attracting and retaining employers.
- The market isn’t working when it forces too many people out. Imagine a supermarket that only sells caviar and steak—for many working Minnesotans, that’s what the housing market looks like. By increasing the variety and range of supply, in ways that meet current and future demand, we strengthen the housing market and strengthen the community.
- The collapse of the housing bubble and the subsequent foreclosure crisis demonstrates the importance, for everyone’s economic security, of a balanced housing market, with a mix of prices and types of homes.
- Protecting the investment we have in our homes requires new solutions for economic development, transportation and housing.
- Identifying specific opportunities in land use, transportation and/or existing developments will allow the region to reap rewards by improving the mix of housing choices.
- Young people are the future of any community: we need to provide our children with the ability to find a place to live in this region if they choose to.
- A strong range of places to live allows young families to stay or move to town, older people to stay near friends and family, and people just starting out to build assets toward home ownership.

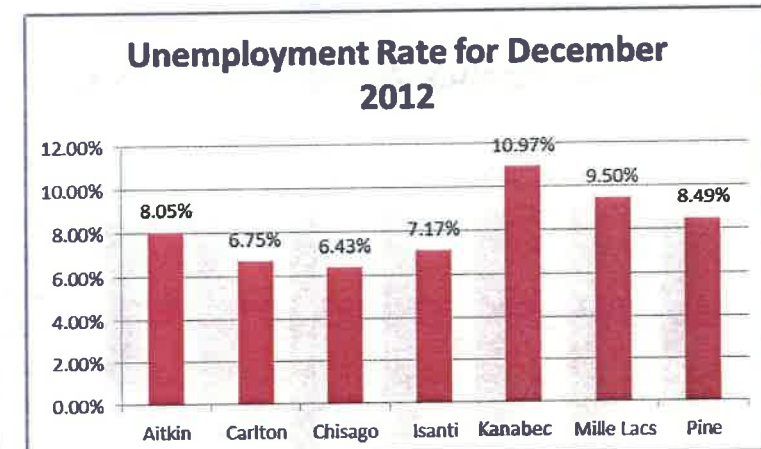
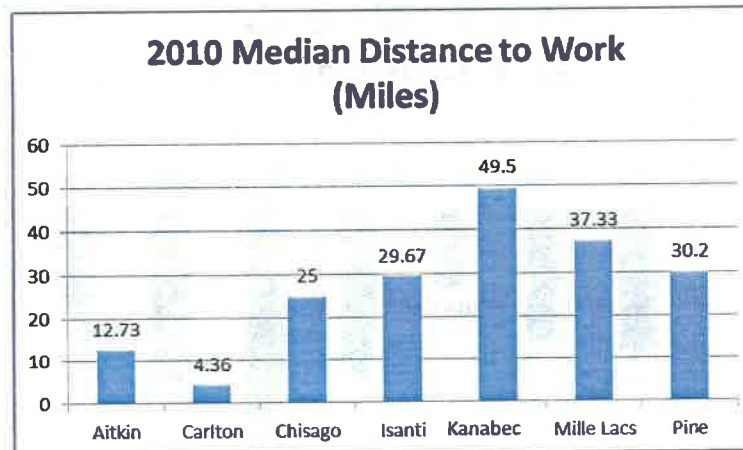
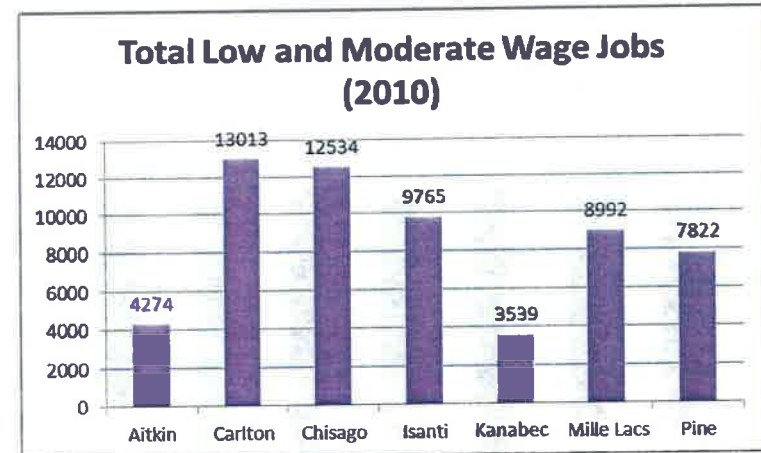
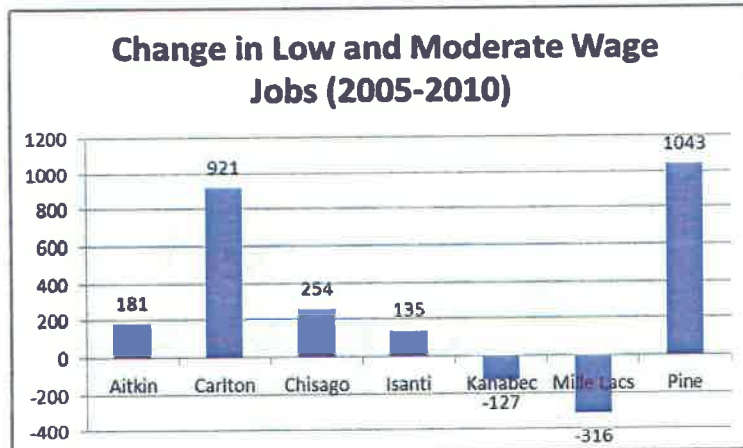
- The market for new homes is changing: more and more of the demand will be for smaller, more efficient and conveniently located homes, targeted to young professionals, empty-nesters, and active seniors.
- As new more efficient travel options are developed with work to keep energy costs down, a mix of housing that includes conveniently located, smaller homes with easy access to shopping, transportation and community amenities will be needed.

The people who live and work in the East Central region are invested in the future and its continued success. This can only happen by working collaboratively together on the regions' problems and opportunities, by bringing neighbors together to guide decisions about what, where and how to build.

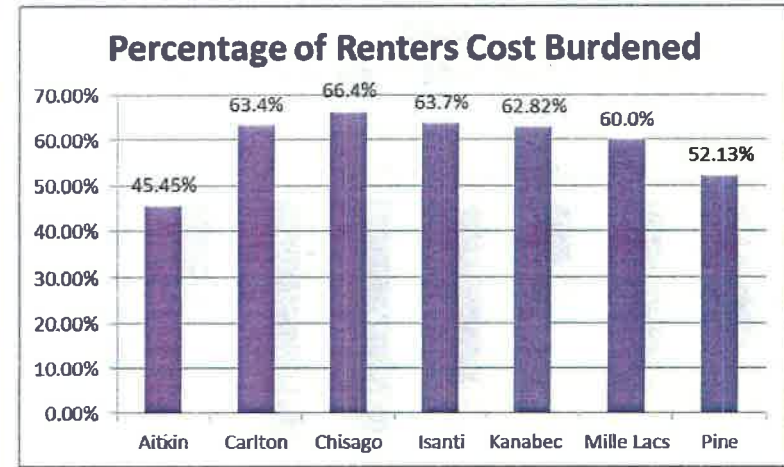
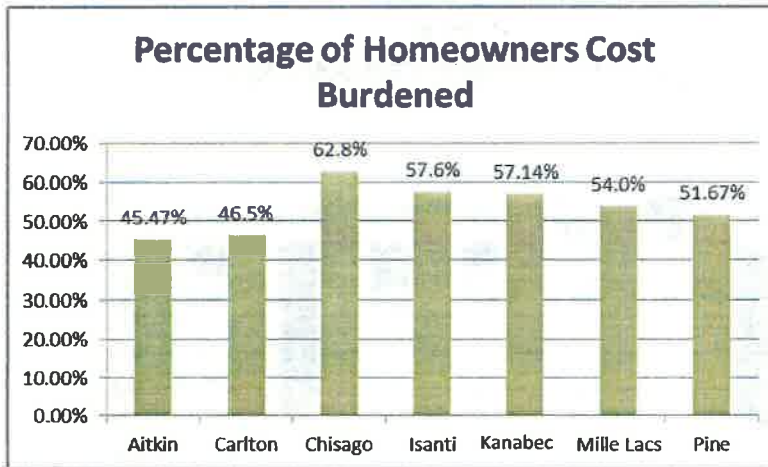
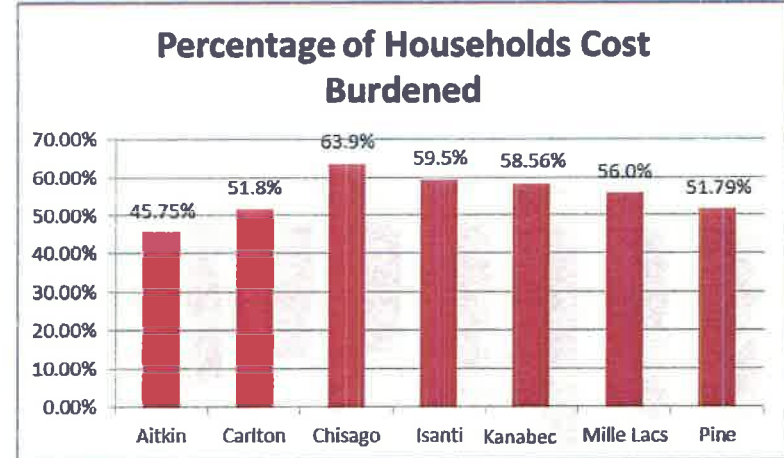
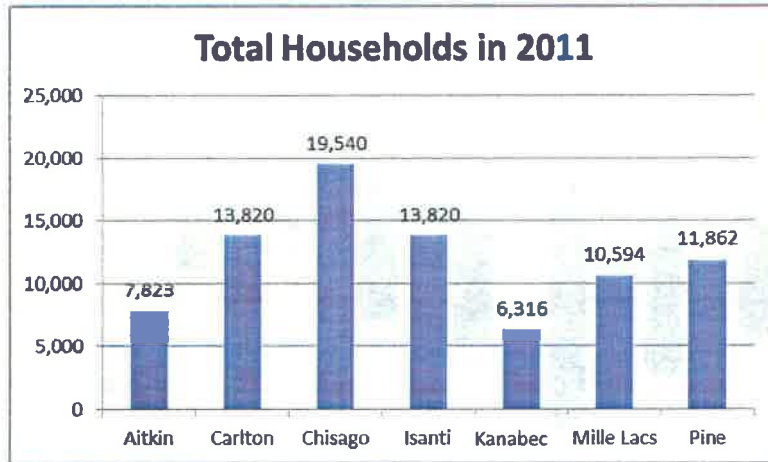
To accomplish this, we need information about the current status of the regions housing stock and what each community and its members envision for the regions overall shared future.

The conversations all start with a regional housing study.

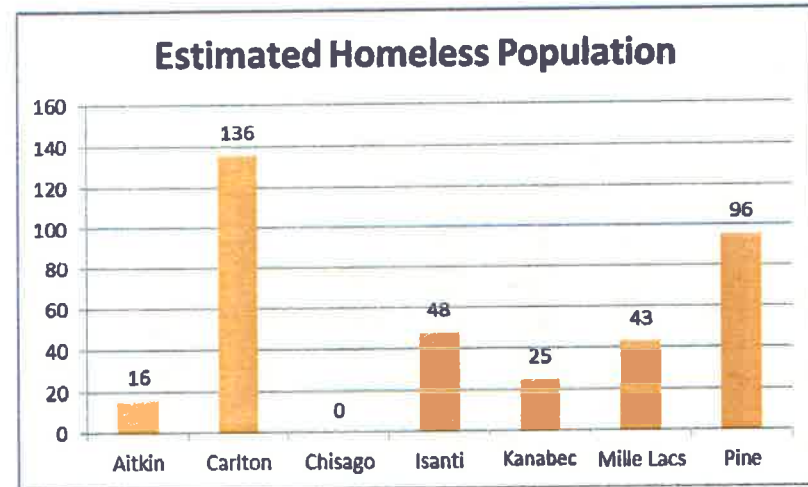
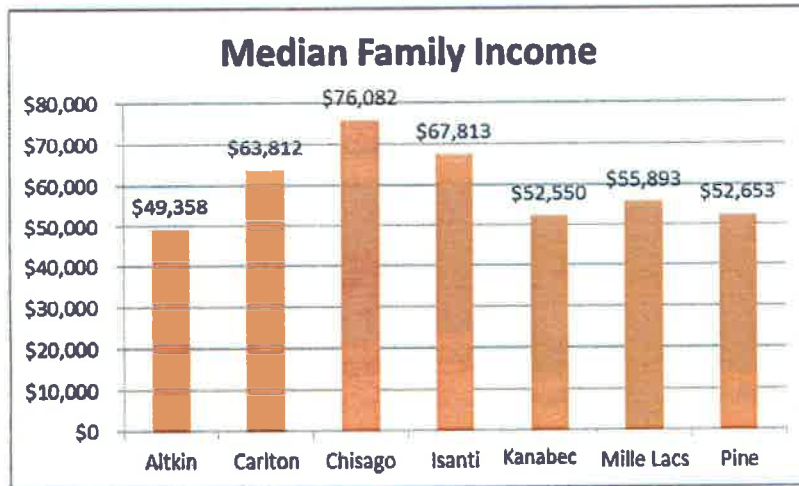
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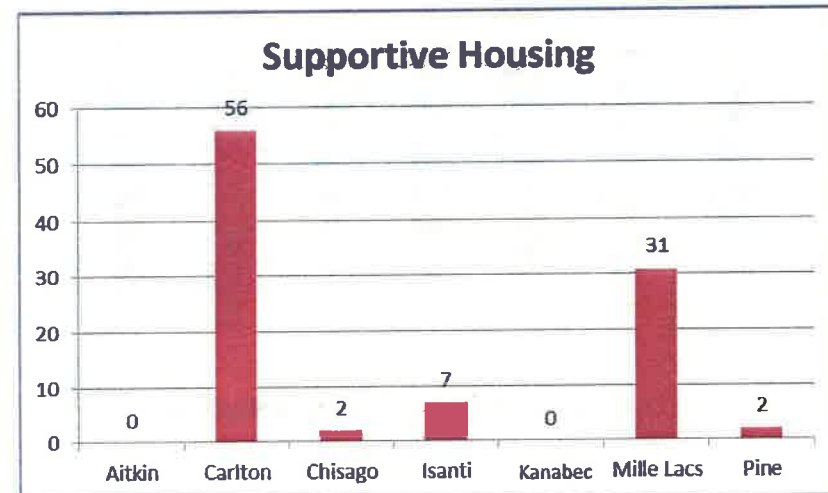
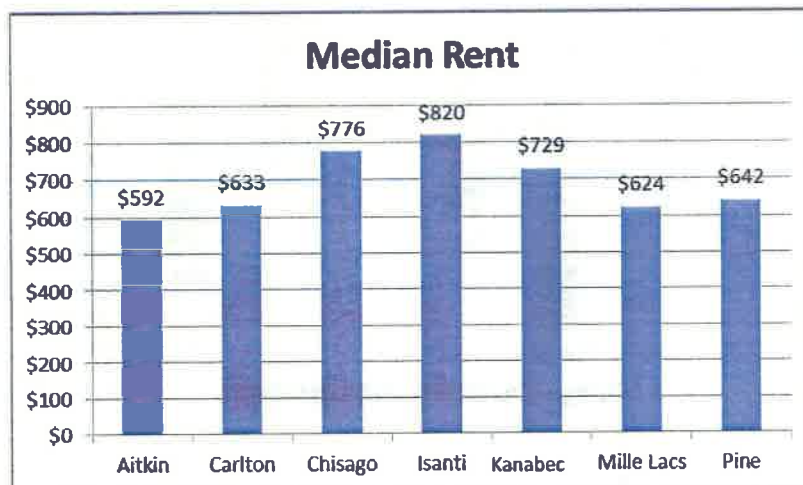
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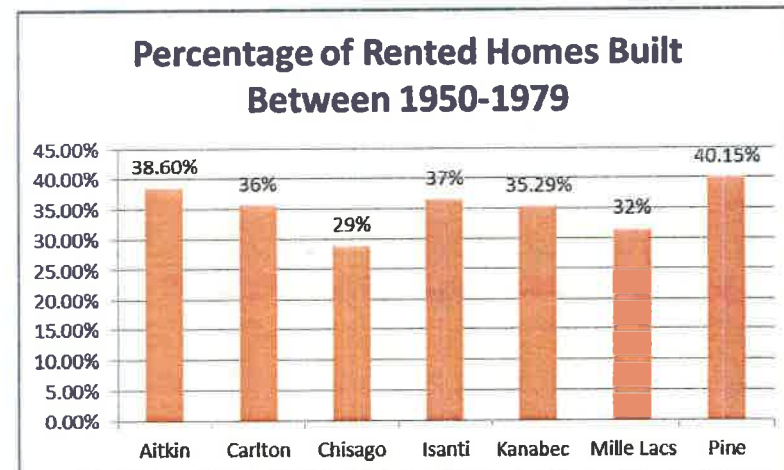
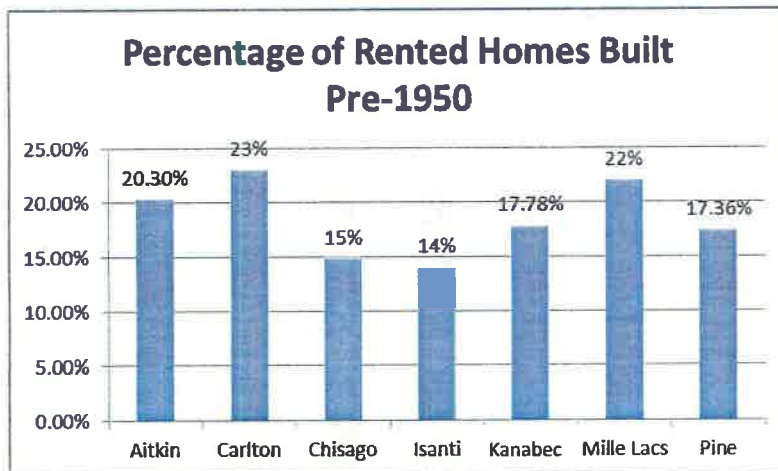
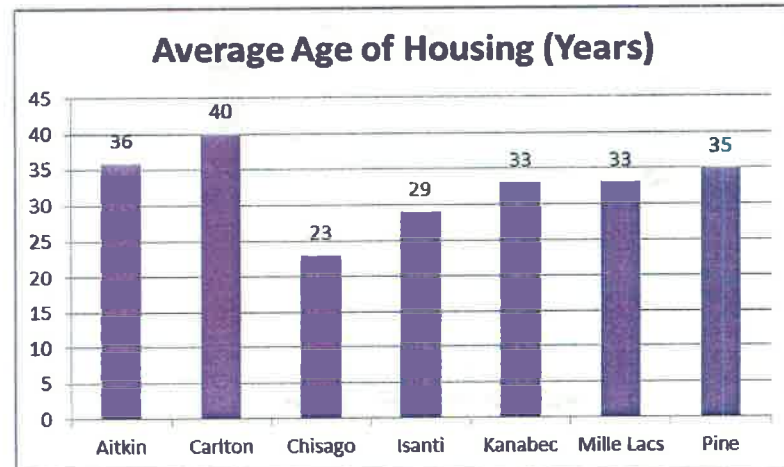
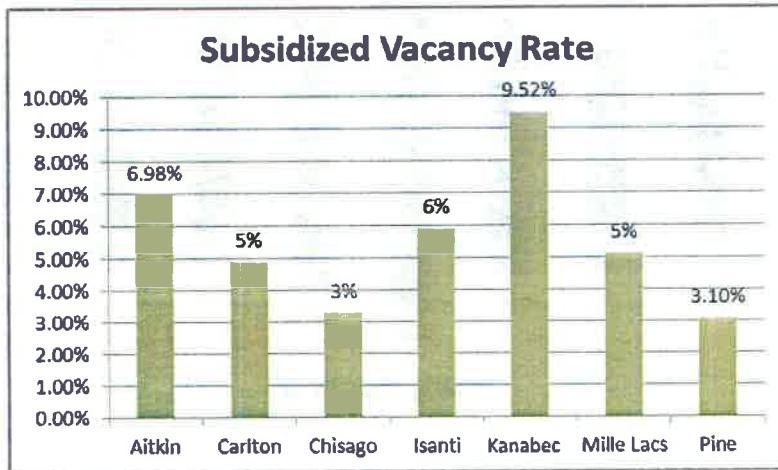
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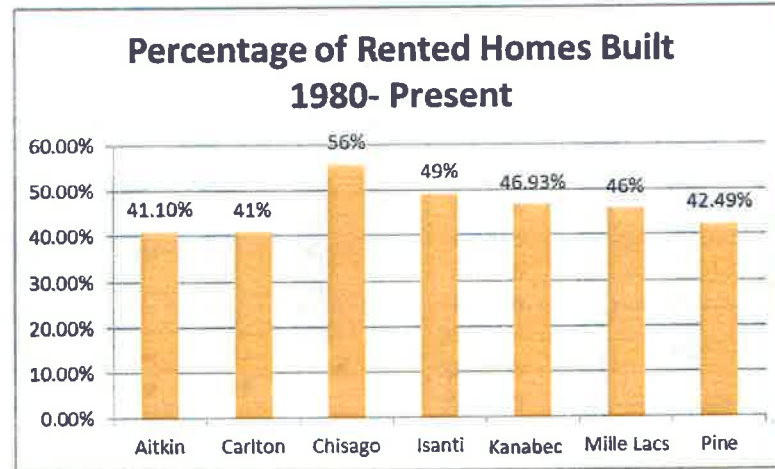
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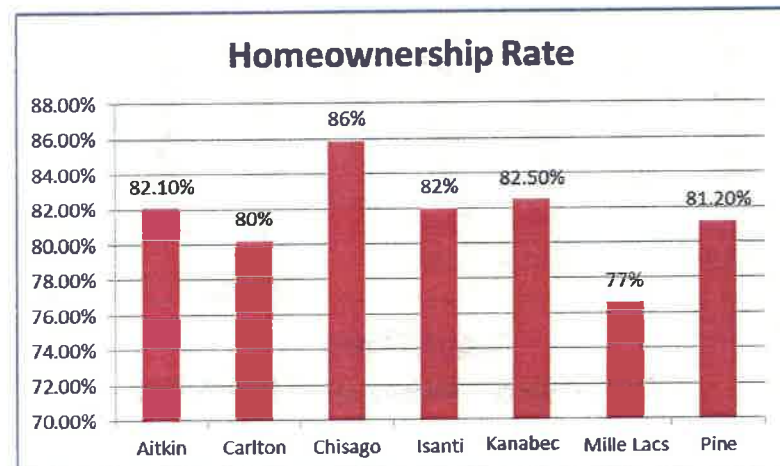
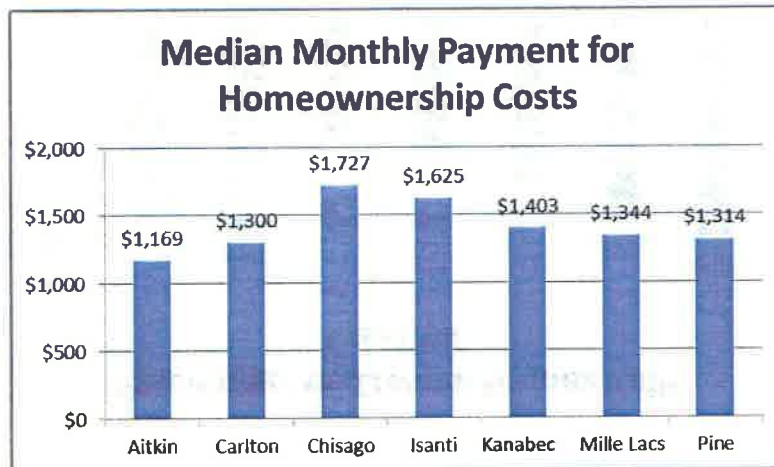
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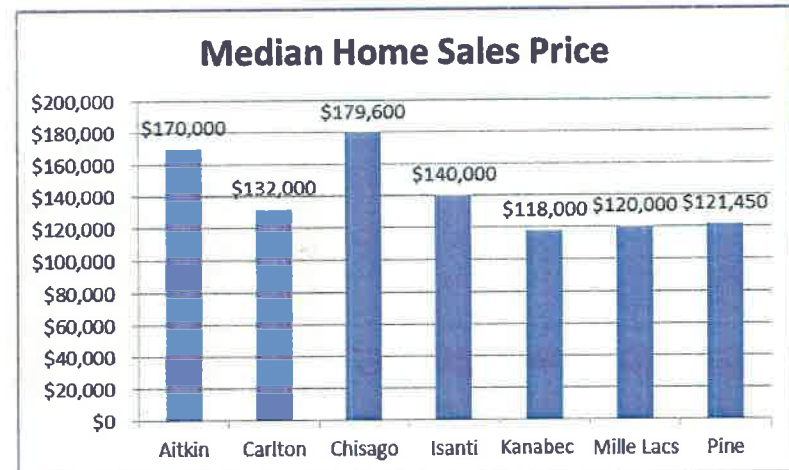
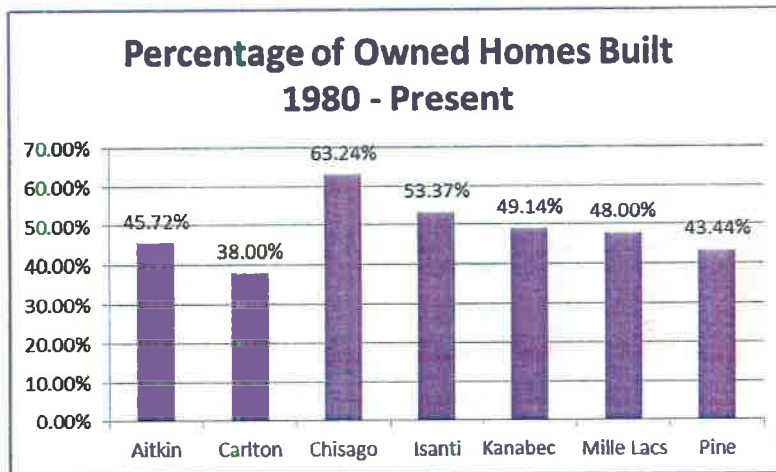
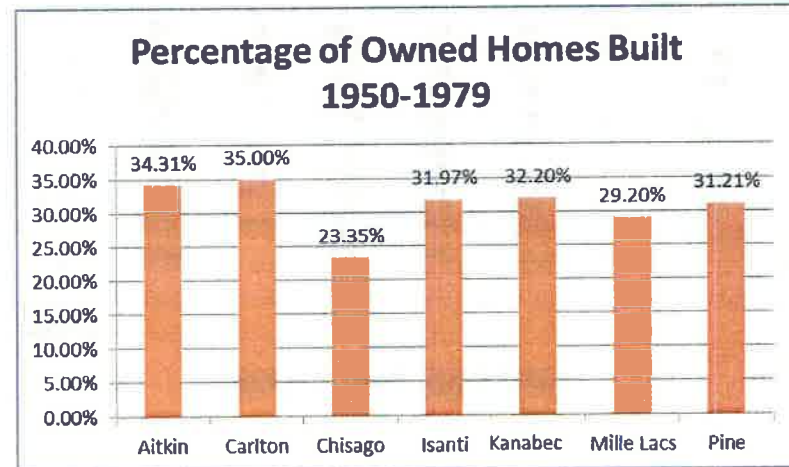
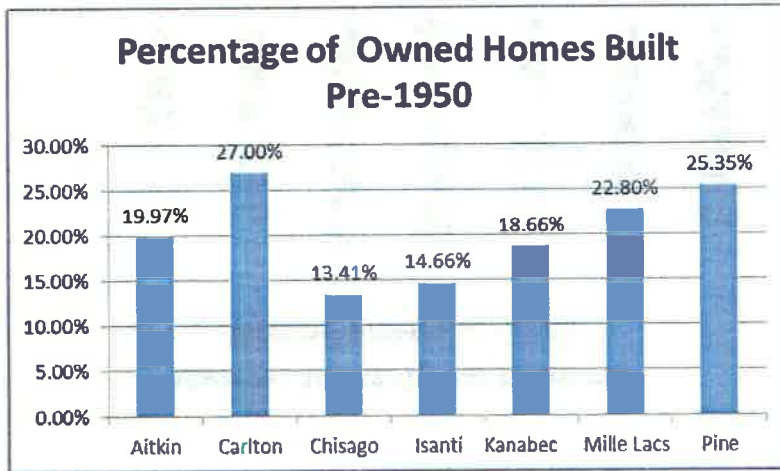
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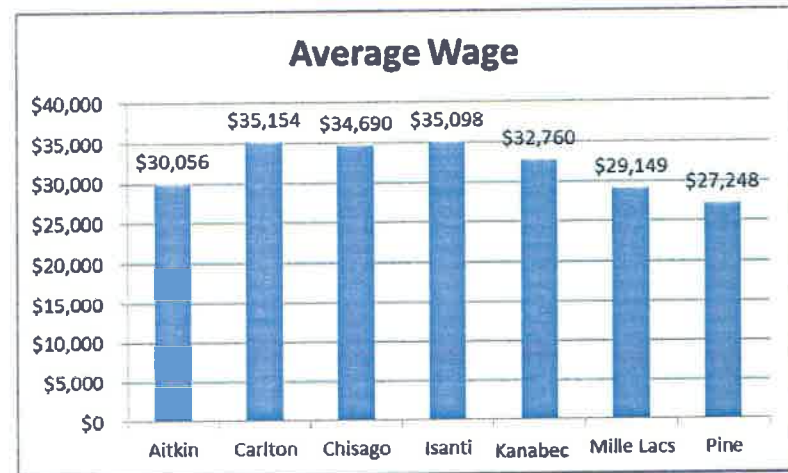
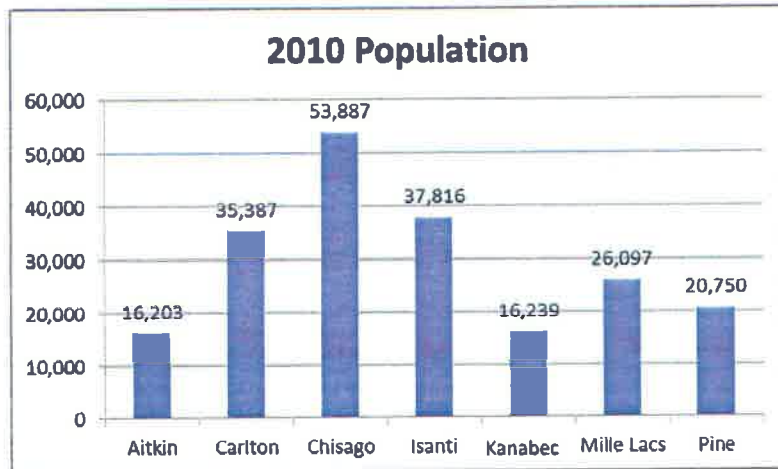
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Demographics in East Central Minnesota



January 7, 2014

Aitkin County Board Chair and County Commissioners
Aitkin County Courthouse
217 2nd Street NW
Aitkin, MN 56431

RE: Resignation Notice

Dear Aitkin County Commissioners:

Pursuant to the County Administrator employment agreement, between Aitkin County and me, I am providing you with my 30 calendar day notice of resignation. My last day of work for Aitkin County will be February 7, 2014.

I enjoyed my six and a half years of working for the County. If there is anything I can do to ease the transition, please let me know.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Wussow', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick Wussow

Cc: Jim Ratz, Aitkin County Attorney

Aitkin County Board of Commissioners Board Meeting Attendance Record

Date: January 7, 2014

Name	Please check the boxes that apply.		
	Aitkin County Citizen	Aitkin County Employee	Company Representative – please list.
Cherre' Palenius			MN Housing Partnership
Kathy Brophy			City of Aitkin
Sharon Dotzler			Independent Age
Matt McMillen			Independent Age
Bob Glanville	X		MY SELF
bluecrog	X		