



# Community Profile for Springfield, Minnesota



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## Overview

Springfield is located on the Laura Ingalls Wilder Memorial Highway in the middle of some of Minnesota's most productive farmland. Many of the firms in Springfield serve that agricultural business. Historic Mainstreet also has a full complement of retail shops to serve every need. Come to Springfield where we have a lot to share.

## Location

County: Brown

Region: South Central  
Distance from Minneapolis: 120  
Distance from nearest MSA\*: 120 Miles from Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA  
US Congressional District: 1  
MN Legislative District(s): 21B  
Web site: [www.springfieldmn.org](http://www.springfieldmn.org)  
Last Updated: 8/30/2005



## Population

Area	2004 Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census
Community:	2,191	2,215	2,173
County:	26,905	26,911	26,984
Nearest MSA:		2,968,806	2,538,776
Minnesota:	5,145,106	4,919,479	4,375,099

Source: U.S. Census, State Demographer

\* Metropolitan Statistical Area

## Major Employers

Employer	NAICS	Products/Services	Employee Count
Coleman Powermate, Inc.	3339	Other General Purpose Machinery Manufacturing	275
St John Lutheran Home	6231	Nursing Care Facilities	235
Springfield Public Schools	6111	Elementary & Secondary Schools	100
Ochs Brick & Tile Co	3271	Clay Product & Refractory Manufacturing	80
Springfield Medical Center/Mayo Health System	6221	General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	80
L & S Electric	2382	Building Equipment Contractors Machinery, Equipment, & Supplies Merchant	50



Teske Manufacturing	4238	Wholesalers	50
Salonek Construction	2362	Nonresidential Building Construction	30
Genuine Woodcraft	3371	House. & Inst. Furniture & Kitchen Cabinet Mfg.	6
<a href="#">View All Employers Listed</a>			

## Workforce

	<i>Brown County</i>	<i>South Central (9) Econ Dev Region</i>
Total Employment	14,684	125,479
Available Workforce	15,432	131,424
Unemployment Rate	4.8%	4.5%

Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: LAUS Annual Average 2004

## Employment By Industry

	<i>Brown County</i>	<i>South Central (9) Econ Dev Region</i>
Natural Resources and Mining	498	2,501
Construction	652	4,643
Manufacturing	3,524	20,853
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	2,656	19,242
Information	262	3,376
Financial Activities	460	3,720
Professional and Business Services	688	6,053
Education and Health Services	2,081	14,945
Leisure and Hospitality	1,182	8,091
Other Services	272	2,945
Government	1,610	15,522

N/A - No Data Available

Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: CEW Annual Data 2004

## Occupations and Wages in Southwest Minnesota

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$23.81	Healthcare Support Occupations	\$10.43
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	\$14.81	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	\$15.38
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	\$9.66	Legal Occupations	\$25.78
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	\$21.28	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	\$21.10
Community and Social Services Occupations	\$15.11	Management Occupations	\$30.38
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	\$23.78	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	\$11.82
Construction and Extraction Occupations	\$17.06	Personal Care and Service Occupations	\$9.84
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	\$19.42	Production Occupations	\$12.70
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	\$10.86	Protective Service Occupations	\$10.59
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	\$7.70	Sales and Related Occupations	\$9.17



Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations

\$20.28 Transportation and Material Moving Occupations

\$12.31

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Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: OES Second Quarter, 2005

### Utilities

Utility Type	Utility Name	Utility Phone	Contact	Contact Phone
Electricity	<a href="#">Springfield Public Utilities</a>	(507) 723-3519	Scott Johnson	(507) 723-3519
Natural Gas	<a href="#">Reliant Energy</a>	(877) 809-3803	xxx	(612) 372-4727
Wastewater	<a href="#">Springfield Public Utilities</a>	(507) 723-3519	Scott Johnson	(507) 723-3519
Water	<a href="#">Springfield Public Utilities</a>	(507) 723-3519	Scott Johnson	(507) 723-3519

### Water Information

Water Source:	Wells
Storage Capacity:	400,000 gal.
Pumping Capacity:	525 gal./minute
Average Demand:	250,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	650,000 gal./day
Total Water Hardness:	430 ppm
Industrial Water Rate:	Base chg. \$4.5/month; \$2.25/1,000 gallons

### Wastewater Information

Treatment Type:	Mechanical Plant
Capacity of Plant:	1,000,000 gal./day
Average Demand:	250,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	650,000 gal./day
Usage Charge:	Base chg. \$8.00; \$1.5/1,000 gallons > 2,000 gallon

### Communications

#### Telephone Information

Local Telephone Company:	NU-Telecom
Telephone Number:	(507) 723-4211
Contact:	Darrin Meendering
Telephone Number:	(507) 723-4211
Digital Central Switch:	Yes
Equal Access Market:	Yes
Extended Area Service:	No
Custom Calling Features:	Yes
Customized Local Area Services:	Yes
Current Technologies:	DSL, T1, Wired Building

#### Internet Service

Local Public Internet Access Site:	Yes
Multiple Internet Service Providers:	Yes
Speed of Service:	T1 Line
DEED Certification as E-Commerce Ready:	Yes



**Newspapers Information**

<i>Newspaper Name</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
Springfield Advance - Press	(507) 723-4225	Weekly

**Additional Telecommunication Providers**

<i>Telecommunication Type</i>	<i>Provider Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Radio	<u>94.7 KNSG</u>	507-723-5000
Long Distance	<u>NU-Telecom</u>	507-723-4211
ISP	<u>NU-Telecom</u>	507-723-4211
Cable	<u>Mediacom</u>	800-332-0245
ISP	<u>Lakes Internet</u>	888-386-0444
Cable	<u>NU Telecom</u>	507-723-4211

**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	60	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-4	14	10	10
US-14	0	10	10
US-71	8	10	10

**Truck Information**

Truck Lines: 5  
 Truck Terminals: 0

**Navigable Water Information**

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

**Rail Information**

Inter-Modal Facility: No  
 Inter-Modal Facility Distance:

<i>Rail Line</i>	<i>Frequency</i>	<i>Reciprocal Switching</i>	<i>Distance to Main Line</i>	<i>Passenger Service</i>
Dakota Minnesota & Eastern	Daily	Yes	0	No

**Air Service Information**

	<i>International</i>	<i>Local Regional</i>
<i>Name</i>	Mpls./St. Paul Intl. Airport	Springfield Municipal Airport
<i>Location</i>	Bloomington	Springfield
<i>Miles to</i>	120	1
<i>Longest Runway Length</i>	10,000 Feet	3,400 Feet
<i>Surface Type</i>	Paved	Paved
<i>Lighted</i>	Yes	Yes



<i>Customs</i>	Yes	No
<i>Service Type</i>	Charter, Commercial, Freight, Jet	
<i>Navigational Aids</i>	BEACON, DME, ILS, VOR/DME	BEACON
<i>Weather Info Systems</i>	AWOSA/MNWAS, SAWRS	
<i>Major Airlines</i>	American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, TWA, United Airlines, US Air	

**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:	823	Percentage Owner Occupied:	84
Multiple Family Units:	101	Median Sales Price:	---
Mobile Homes:		Median Assessed Value:	---
Number of Units Built Since Last Census:		Median Rent:	\$270
Number of Residential Building Permits for :		Vacancy Rate:	
Value of Residential Building Permits for :			

*Source: US Census, 1990*

**Commercial Activity Information**

Number of Commercial Building Permits for 1999:	7
Value of Commercial Building Permits for 1999:	\$145,900
Number of Public Building Permits for 1999:	60
Value of Public Building Permits for 1999:	\$331,630

**Retail Sales Information**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Community Sales</b>	<b>County Sales</b>
2003	\$0	\$248,061,501
1990	\$17,397,589	

*Source: MN Dept. of Revenue*

**Business & Community Services**

**Financial Institutions Information**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Total Assets</i>	<i>Capital as % of Assets</i>
<u>United Prairie State Bank</u>	(507) 723-7300	\$126,223,514	---
<u>Farmers &amp; Merchants State Bank</u>	(507) 723-4800	\$91,000,000	---
<u><a href="#">View All Financial Institutions</a></u>			



**Lodging & Meeting Facilities Information**

<i>Facility</i>	<i>Number of Facilities Available</i>	<i>Facility Size</i>	<i>Teleconferencing Available</i>	<i>Teleconferencing Available to Public</i>
Hotel	1	30 rooms	No	No
Motel	0	0 rooms	No	No
Conference Center	1	4 rooms	Yes	No

**Additional Lodging & Meeting Facilities**

<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Campgrounds	<u>City of Springfield</u>	507-723-3517
Conference Center	<u>Springfield Area Community Center</u>	507-723-3517
Motel	Microtel	507-723-8200

**Local Medical Facilities Information**

<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Nbr of Facilities</i>	<i>Total Nbr of Beds</i>	<i>Telemedicine Available</i>
Clinic	1		No
Dentist	2		No
Doctor	5		No
Hospital	1	24	Yes
Nursing Home	1	130	Yes

Name of Nearest Hospital (if none in community):

Miles to Nearest Hospital:

**Additional Local Medical Facilities**

<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Telemedicine Available</i>
Assisted Living	St. John Lutheran Home	507-723-3200	Yes
Chiropractic	Dr. Brad Haugo	507-723-5515	No
Chiropractic	Dr. Theresa Beckman	507-723-4740	No
Clinic	<u>Springfield Medical Center/ClinicMayo Health System</u>	507-723-4231	Yes
Dentist	Dr. D.J. Dill	507-723-5413	No
Dentist	Dr. Robert Belling	507-723-5351	No
Hospital	<u>Springfield Medical Center/Hospital-Mayo Health System</u>	507-723-6201	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	Yes	Disabled Transportation	Yes

**Local Transit Providers**

<i>Transit Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Disabled Transportation	Heartland Express/Brown County	507-359-2717
Inter-City Bus	Heartland Express/Brown County	507-359-2717
Intra-City Bus	Heartland Express/Brown County	507-359-2717



**Library Information**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Internet Access</i>
<u>Springfield Public Library</u>	507-723-3510	Yes
<u>Traverse des Sioux Library System</u>	507-625-6169	Yes

**Worship Information**

<i>Worship Type</i>	<i>Worship Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Assembly of God	New Life Assembly of God	507-723-5931	60
Catholic	St Raphael Catholic Church	507-723-4141	1,313
Lutheran	St John Lutheran Church	507-723-5397	505
Lutheran	St Paul Lutheran Church	507-723-5880	722
Lutheran	Zion Lutheran Church	507-723-5609	180
Methodist	United Methodist Church	507-723-6698	199

**Recreation Information**

*Facilities*

Library, art center, golf course, campgrounds, playgrounds, hiking, biking, ski/snowmobile trails, swimming pool with waterslide, parks, health club, tennis courts, ball fields and winter ice hockey.

*Festival/Arts*

Riverside Days, Christmas in July, Nativity Pageant and Springfield Community Theatre.

*Service Organizations*

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Lions, Rotary, Senior Citizens, Garden/Hobby Club, Circa Studi, Hospital & Nursing Home Auxiliary, Women of Today, 4-H Groups, Springfield Area Historical Society, American Legion, Sons of American Legion and American Legion Auxillary.

**Education**

**Post-Secondary Information**

<i>Nearest Technical College &amp; Specialty</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Miles To</i>
<u>South Central College</u>	Faribault & Mankato	60

South Central College has a history of academic excellence since 1946 and campuses in two great communities - Faribault and Mankato. We offer a full-tuition Presidential Scholarship to high school seniors with a 3.75 grade point average who demonstrate leadership skills and school and community involvement; one is offered on each campus annually. SCC Foundations provided nearly \$200,000 in student scholarships during the past year. With more than 50 quality program options with industry-savvy instructors, many programs have evening degree completion opportunities. Plus we offer a variety of online courses. It's as good as being there! The college has on-campus child care, career counseling and academic support services including tutoring and ADA assistance. As the college emphasizes globalization and integrates an international perspective into the curriculum, it enjoys established relationships with regional businesses and industries that provide great employment opportunities for students and graduates. And it offers a unique agriculture education "2 plus 2" program in collaboration with the University of Minnesota. Degrees offered: Associate in Arts; Associate in Applied Science; Associate in Science; diplomas; certificates.

<i>Nearest Community College &amp; Specialty</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Miles To</i>
<u>Ridgewater College</u>	Hutchinson & Willmar	64

The college\* Ridgewater College is a community and technical college that offers more than 100 educational programs in liberal



arts and sciences, transfer options, and technical education. The campuses in the communities of Willmar and Hutchinson, Minnesota serve more than 5500 students. Ridgewater College also offers some programs that are unique in the state of Minnesota and nationally. Small class sizes, state-of-the-art technology, access to quality faculty, and many student activities and organizations give students the opportunity to enjoy a positive college experience. Ridgewater College is proud of its scholarship foundation, and excellent graduation and job placement rates. As a partner in the region's business and industry, Ridgewater College strives to maintain a quality of education for tomorrow's workforce, and to keep pace with the needs of the community by offering a wide variety Customized and Continuing Education courses. Ridgewater College is recognized as an educational leader that exemplifies innovation and excellence within a student-centered learning environment, and is dedicated to providing an accessible, affordable, and supportive setting for all students. The communities\* The Willmar area is a growing and diverse community. Located 90 miles west of Minneapolis/St. Paul, Willmar serves as a financial, health, and retail hub for the region. The many area lakes, excellent shopping and restaurants provide year-round enjoyment for residents and visitors alike. Celebrations such as Willmar Fest, the nationally known Sonshine Festival, Celebrate Art! Celebrate Coffee!, and the Celebration of Culture add to the ambience of the community. The Hutchinson area offers a variety of opportunities for residents and visitors with excellent year-round indoor and outdoor recreation, shopping, area parks, sporting events, water activities, and an airport. Community celebrations such as the Water Carnival, the Arts and Crafts Festival/Taste of Hutchinson, and Music in the Park bring neighbors together and attract hundreds of visitors each year. Both communities are striving to increase cross-cultural awareness among residents, health care professionals, educational institutions, businesses and organizations. The development of multi-ethnic skills for personal, professional and organizational effectiveness is at the forefront, and its purpose is to support the increasing ethnic diversity within the Willmar and Hutchinson areas.

<i>Nearest Public College/University &amp; Specialty</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Miles To</i>
<u>Minnesota State University Mankato</u>	Mankato	60

Minnesota State University Mankato promotes learning through effective undergraduate and graduate teaching, scholarship, and research in service to the state, the region and the global community. Founded in 1868; 94,000 alumni worldwide; Approximately 14,000 students; More than 500 international students from 71 countries; 1,300 faculty and staff; 600 full-time instructional faculty, 80 percent with terminal degrees; Six academic colleges: Allied Health and Nursing/ Arts and Humanities/ Business/ Education/ Science, Engineering & Technology/ Social and Behavioral Sciences; 158 undergraduate programs of study, including 16 preprofessional programs; 82 graduate programs; Accredited by 25 national accrediting agencies including the North Central Association of Colleges.

<i>Nearest Private College/University &amp; Specialty</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Miles To</i>
<u>Martin Luther College</u>	New Ulm MN	30

Studies in Educational Ministry Elementary Education (4-year) Early Childhood Education WELS Synodical Certification Secondary Education (STEP) (5-year) Staff Ministry Staff Ministry/Education

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	313	K-6	18:1
Middle School				
Junior High				
Senior High	1	354	7-12	13:1
Private/Parochial	1	59	K-6	8:1

School District:	<u>Springfield Public</u>
Telecommunications Use Available at Local K-12:	Yes
High School Graduates Attending Post-Secondary:	86%
State Wide Average:	65%



**Education Institutions**

<i>Education Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Community College	<u>Ridgewater College</u>	800-722-1151
Private University	<u>Martin Luther College</u>	507-325-8225
Public University	<u>Minnesota State University, Mankato</u>	800-722-0544
Public University	<u>Southwest State University</u>	800-642-0684
Technical	<u>South Central Technical College</u>	800-722-9359
Vocational	<u>Cottonwood River Technical Center</u>	507-723-6281

**Government**

**Structure Information**

Organization:	Council\Manager
Budget:	\$1,432,570
Community Bond Rating:	Not Rated
Comprehensive Land Use Plan:	Yes
Locally Controlled Loan Program:	Yes
Recycling:	Yes
Fire Insurance Rating:	6
Industrial Plans Approved By:	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	---	---	26	---
Police	5	5	---	---
Sheriff	8	---	---	---
EMT	---	---	26	---

**Property Taxes - Payable 2005**

**Property Tax Information**

**Assessed Market Value Information**

State Tax Rate	51.12%	Commercial	\$6,879,033
Municipal Tax Rate	114.50%	Residential	\$43,525,720
County Tax Rate	49.68%	Other	\$1,520,708
School Tax Rate	24.74%		
Misc. Tax Rate	0.30%		
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>240.33%</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$51,925,462</b>

Minnesota commercial real estate taxes are based upon market value of taxable property as set by the local assessor. To compute the tax for the





year 2005, first compute the tax capacity by multiplying all property value up to \$150,000 times .015, plus any value over \$150,000 times .02. Tax capacity times the tax rate equals taxes owed. Commercial and industrial property must also pay a state property tax, equal to the tax capacity times 51.121 percent. Net tax capacity on a \$200,000 business property:  $(\$150,000 \times .015) + (\$50,000 \times .02) = \$2,250 + \$1,000 = \$3,250$



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.

Source: League of Minnesota Cities based on Minnesota Department of Revenue tax abstracts.

### 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
Weber Ford Building 123 North Cass Ave. Springfield, MN 56087	Retail 11,000 11,000	Malcolm Tilberg-City Manager/EDA Dir. Springfield Economic Development Authority (507) 723-3500		

Land Site Address City, State Zip Code	Space Available Build To Suit Zoning	Contact Name Organization Phone Number	JOBZone	 Photo
Springfield Industrial Park West US Hwy. 14 Springfield, MN 56087-1608	20.0 Acres Yes Industrial	Mac Tilberg EDA Director Springfield Economic Development Authority (507) 723-3500		

### Economic Development Services

Economic Development Authority:	Yes	<b>Incentives</b> The City of Springfield has been very aggressive in providing low-interest, secondary loans for businesses through the EDA. Our public utilities commission has participated in our development effort by providing services at reasonable costs. Our workforce is noted for its work ethic. Springfield is pro-business and aggressive.
Housing Redevelopment Authority:	Yes	
County Development Corporation:	Yes	
Chamber of Commerce:	Yes	
Port Authority:	No	

#### Contact Information

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City of Springfield  
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Springfield Economic Development Authority  
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Marlys Vanderwerf  
Chamber Secretary  
Springfield Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 134  
Springfield, MN 56087  
(507) 723-3508/4270



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### Economic Development Organizations

<i>Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Fax</i>
Chamber of Commerce	Maryliss Vanderwerf	507-723-3508	507-723-4270
EDA	<u>Malcolm Tilberg, City Manager</u>	507-723-3500	507-723-6210

### 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

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