

Otter Tail County Total Population

Age Group	2000*	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2000-2030 % Change
0-4	3,127	2,946	3,030	2,860	2,680	2,540	2,460	- 21.3
5-9	3,689	3,181	3,320	3,440	3,320	3,170	2,990	- 18.9
10-14	4,511	3,785	3,470	3,630	3,750	3,660	3,500	- 22.4
15-19	4,583	4,331	3,650	3,370	3,520	3,630	3,530	- 23
20-24	2,435	3,540	3,090	2,700	2,480	2,580	2,650	8.8
25-29	2,362	3,184	3,200	2,950	2,660	2,450	2,500	5.8
30-34	2,953	2,802	2,880	3,000	2,820	2,600	2,360	- 20.1
35-39	3,925	3,347	3,130	3,180	3,350	3,200	2,960	- 24.6
40-44	4,617	4,232	3,600	3,380	3,420	3,620	3,450	- 25.3
45-49	4,240	4,799	4,370	3,760	3,520	3,550	3,740	- 11.8
50-54	3,623	4,269	4,910	4,530	3,910	3,670	3,680	1.6
55-59	3,222	3,630	4,530	5,190	4,850	4,220	3,930	22
60-64	3,014	3,152	4,050	4,970	5,670	5,370	4,630	53.6
65-69	2,870	2,794	3,290	4,240	5,160	5,870	5,560	93.7
70-74	2,540	2,574	2,550	3,030	3,920	4,780	5,460	115
75-79	2,101	2,206	2,240	2,260	2,700	3,530	4,310	105.1
80-84	1,617	1,557	1,730	1,780	1,830	2,220	2,930	81.2
85+	1,730	1,902	2,000	2,220	2,410	2,610	3,070	77.5
TOTAL	57,159	58,231	59,040	60,490	61,970	63,270	63,710	11.5

*2000 numbers estimated from 2000 Census data. Note: County projected numbers rounded to nearest 10. Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center.

Air Service Information

	International	Local Regional
Name	Hector International Airport	Fergus Falls Municipal Airport
Location	Fargo, ND	Fergus Falls
Miles To	60	3
Longest Runway Length	9,150 Feet	5,639 Feet
Surface Type	Paved	Paved
Lighted	Yes	Yes
Customs	Yes	No
Service Type	Charter, Commercial, Freight, Jet	Commercial, Freight, Rental & Flight Instruction
Navigational Aids	Beacon, DME, ILS, VOR/DME	Beacon, DME, ILS, VOR/DME
Weather Info Systems		AWOSA/MNWS, AWOSIII, PUBLICTV
Major Airlines	Northwest, United Airlines	

Population Estimates, MN State Demographers Office

FERGUS FALLS AREA ESTIMATES *within 5 mile radius*

COUNTY	MCD Name	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Otter Tail	Aurdal Township	1,382	1,415	1,425	1,430	1,446	1,464
Otter Tail	Buse Township	545	551	525	523	520	524
Otter Tail	Carlisle Township	209	206	201	197	192	187
Otter Tail	Elizabeth Township	751	774	769	766	780	782
Otter Tail	Fergus Falls City	13,703	13,782	13,780	13,903	13,949	13,971
Otter Tail	Fergus Falls Township	1,062	1,073	1,069	1,057	1,041	1,036
Otter Tail	Orwell Township	180	174	176	175	175	171
TOTAL		17,832	17,975	17,945	18,051	18,103	18,135

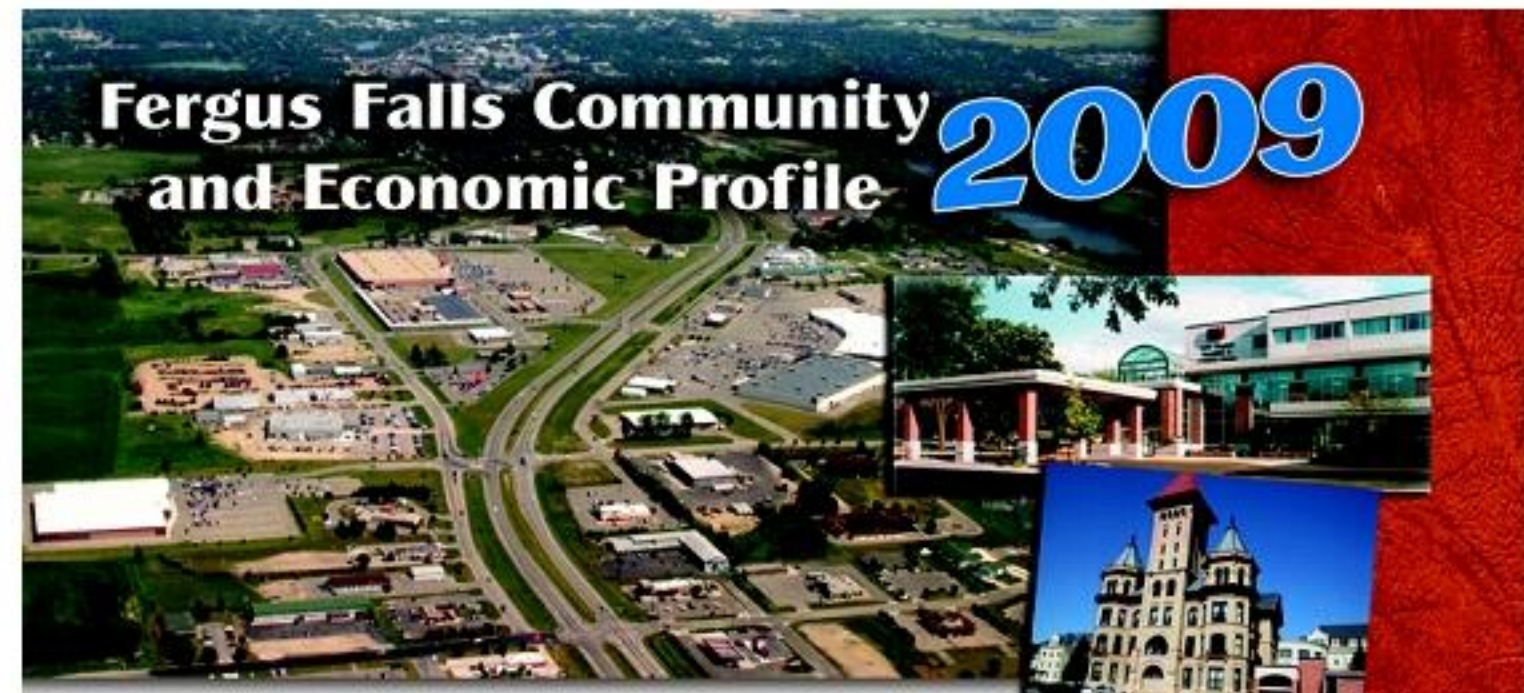
COUNTY LEVEL ESTIMATES

COUNTY	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Becker County	30,646	31,159	31,813	31,872	32,256	32,183
Grant County	6,266	6,241	6,182	6,098	6,067	6,020
Otter Tail County	57,992	58,785	58,658	58,665	58,552	58,437
Pope County	11,216	11,246	11,221	11,249	11,211	11,110
Stevens County	10,011	9,957	9,874	9,816	9,736	9,742
Todd County	24,465	24,315	24,657	24,614	24,469	24,347
Wilkin County	7,020	6,951	6,837	6,811	6,757	6,709
TOTAL	147,616	148,654	149,242	149,125	149,048	148,548

Source: www.demography.state.mn.us/estimates.html



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Welcome to the Fergus Falls Fact Book. This publication is produced by the Fergus Falls Area Economic Improvement Commission to inform individuals and business representatives about the strengths and opportunities that exist within our area.

We hope that you enjoy this publication and find it informative.

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OVERVIEW

Fergus Falls is located 175 miles northwest of the Twin Cities. The City offers I-94 as well as State Highway 210 access and excellent police and fire protection. The area offers many recreational activities with 1,000 lakes in the county. Fergus Falls is expanding both residentially and industrially and offers economic development incentives. We are a regional health center and corporate headquarters for Otter Tail Power Company.



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LOCATION

County/Region:	Otter Tail/West Central
Distance from Minneapolis:	175
Distance from nearest MSA*:	56 miles from Fargo/Moorhead MSA
US Congressional District:	7
MN Legislative District (s):	10A
Web site:	www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us
Last updated:	6/26/09

POPULATION

Area	1990 Census	2000 Census	2006 Estimate	2007 Estimate
Community	12,362	13,471	13,949	13,971
County	50,714	57,159	58,552	58,437
Nearest MSA	153,296	174,367	187,417	195,651
Minnesota	4,375,099	4,919,479	5,231,106	5,263,493

Source: U.S. Census, State Demographer *Metropolitan Statistical Area

Educational Institutions

Institution	Type	Level
Fergus Falls District 544	public	elementary thru high school
Hillcrest Lutheran Academy	private	high school - grades 7-12
Morning Son Christian School	private	elementary - grades K-6
Our Lady of Victory Catholic School	private	elementary - grades K-6
Trinity Lutheran School	private	elementary - grades K-6
Twin Oaks - Lifetime Learning Center	private	high school - grades 9-12

COLLEGES

M State Fergus Falls	
M State Moorhead, 50 miles away	
M State Detroit Lakes, 45 miles away	
University of Minnesota Morris, 50 miles away	
Concordia College Moorhead, 50 miles away	
Moorhead State University Moorhead, 50 miles away	
Alexandria Technical College Alexandria, 40 miles away	
North Dakota State University Fargo, 50 miles away	
North Dakota State College of Science Wahpeton, 30 miles away	



Utilities

Electricity	Otter Tail Power Co. ....218-736-6947
Natural Gas	Great Plains Natural Gas Co.....218-736-6935
Wastewater	City of Fergus Falls.....218-332-5400
Water/Garbage	City of Fergus Falls.....218-332-5400
Phone/ISP	Park Region Telephone/ Otter Tail Telcom.....218-998-2000
	Qwest.....800-244-1111
Cable	Park Region Telephone/ Otter Tail Telcom.....218-998-2000
	Charter Communications .....800-581-0081

Fergus Falls Retail Trade Overview

Year	Estimated Population	Gross Sales* (\$ Millions)
2000	13,471	\$385.86
2001	13,768	N/A
2002	13,883	N/A
2003	14,033	\$452.82
2004	13,715	\$505.01
2005	13,698	\$523.27
2006	13,839	\$526.14
2007	13,697	\$546.52
7 Year Change '00 to '06	1.1%	36.3%
8 year Change '00 to '07	1.68%	41.6%

*Source: MN Extension Service / Minnesota Dept. of Revenue

Daycare Facilities

Children's Corner Learning Center	.....218-739-2847
120 West Everett Ave.	
Children's Corner North (YMCA)	.....218-998-2262
1164 Friberg Ave.	
The Baby Corner	.....218-998-4839
1122 Mill Street	
Childcare Resource & Referral	.....800-452-3646
Local Contact, Lou Ann Harris	.....218-998-2359
220 W. Washington Ave.	

Banking

Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union	.....218-739-6072
American Federal Bank	.....218-739-3377
American National Bank of MN	.....218-739-3221
Bank of the West	.....218-739-0200
Bremer	.....218-736-0110
Fergus Falls Community Credit Union	.....218-736-4887
Gate City Bank	.....218-998-7900
Security State Bank	.....218-736-5485
State Bank & Trust	.....218-739-6075
U.S. Bank	.....218-736-5623
Wells Fargo	.....218-736-5641

Water Information

Water Source:	Surface Water
Storage Capacity:	2,250,000 gal.
Pumping Capacity:	6,250 gal./minute
Average Demand:	1,728,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	4,320,000 gal./day
Total Water Hardness:	160 ppm
Industrial Water Rate:	Monthly rate based on meter size \$2.17/1st 1000 gal.

Wastewater Information

Treatment Type:	Community Drain Field
Capacity of Plant:	2,810,000 gal./day
Average Flow:	2,100,000 gal./day
Peak Flow:	5,830,000 gal./day
Usage Charge:	Monthly rate based on meter size, \$3.69/1000 gal.

Census 2000 Population: 5,000 and over

	Average travel time to work (minutes)	Families with children under 18	Home ownership, percent of occupied housing	Married couples who both work, percent	Poverty rate	Total households	Total Population 100% Count
Alexandria	13.8	889	51.1	63.8	13.3	4,042	8,820
Bemidji	16	1,247	54.3	59.1	19.2	4,704	11,917
Brainerd	15.8	1,690	53.8	64.4	17.6	5,607	13,178
Fergus Falls	12.9	1,595	65	66.5	10.8	5,631	13,940
Moorhead	14.4	3,706	63.7	71.3	16.3	11,679	32,177

Household Projections: Otter Tail County

Household Type	2000*	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2000-2030 % Change
Total Households	22,617	24,260	26,190	28,220	30,210	32,260	34,150	50.6

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MAJOR EMPLOYERS

Employer	Products/Services	Employee Count
Lake Region Healthcare Corp.	General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	650
Otter Tail, County of	Other General Government Suppt.	359
Otter Tail Power Co.	Fossil Fuel Electric Power Generation	400
Fergus Falls Public Schools	Elementary & Secondary Schools	302
Fergus Falls Medical Group PA	Offices of Physicians, Mental Health Specialists	276
Northern Contours	Wood Window & Door Mfg.	207
Broen Memorial Home	Nursing Care Facilities	216
Pioneer Home Inc.	Nursing Care Facilities	272
ShoreMaster Inc.	All Other Misc. Fabricated Metal Prod. Mfg.	109
Minnesota Veterans Home	Nursing Care Facilities	140
Fergus Falls, City of	Other General Government Suppt.	138
Lakeland Mental Health Center	Outpatient Mental Health & Substance Abuse Center	126
Minnesota State Comm./Tech. College	Colleges, Universities & Prof. Schools	134
Sara Lee Bakery Group	Retail Bakeries	112
Quality Circuits Inc.	Printed Circuit Assembly (Electronic Assembly) Mfg.	118
Lakes Country Service Cooperative	All Other Business Suppt. Services	103
Thiele Engineering Co., Fergus Falls	Packaging Machinery Mfg.	75
Otter Tail Coaches, Inc.	School & Employee Bus Transportation	71
Vinylite Windows	All Other Plastics Production Mfg.	70
Otter Tail Ag Enterprises*	Renewable Fuels Producer	33

Source: *This information supplied by Fergus Falls Economic Development, all other information supplied by DEED MN PRO

Labor Force Projections: Otter Tail County

Labor Force Type	2000*	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2000-2030 % Change
Total Labor Force	27,924	29,930	30,330	30,480	30,330	29,710	28,830	3.2

*2000 numbers estimated from 2000 Census data. Note: County projected numbers rounded to nearest 10. Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center.

Industries — Otter Tail County

Industry	2005 Employment	2006 Employment	2007 Employment	2008 Employment
Goods - Producing Domain	4,814	4,861	5,005	5,156
Natural Resources and Mining	411	412	403	398
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	376	389	377	379
Mining	35	23	25	20
Construction	1,172	1,179	1,089	1,064
Manufacturing	3,231	3,270	3,513	3,694
Service - Providing Domain	17,017	16,791	16,816	16,733
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	4,944	4,977	4,877	4,772
Utilities	509	540	543	548
Wholesale Trade	687	699	580	627
Retail Trade	3,069	3,062	3,056	2,906
Transportation & Warehousing	659	676	699	691
Information	425	470	455	409
Finance & Insurance	572	547	552	554
Professional & Technical Services	397	395	408	401
Management of Companies & Enterprises	80	73	81	113
Administrative & Waste Services	570	524	567	596
Education & Health Services	5,784	5,783	5,887	5,953
Leisure & Hospitality	2,140	2,027	2,015	1,987
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	294	297	306	318
Accommodation & Food Services	1,845	1,730	1,709	1,669
Public Administration	1,107	1,105	1,105	1,114
TOTAL, ALL INDUSTRIES	21,832	21,652	21,821	21,890

Source: MN DEED, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages

Workforce Payroll

Total Fergus Falls Area

Year	Firms	Employment	Payroll
2002	670	10,446	\$290,303,692
2004	683	10,753	\$312,267,268
2006	726	10,916	\$333,032,717
2007	706	10,786	\$344,001,683
2008	717	10,819	\$360,993,747

Local Websites:

City	www.ci.fergus-falls.mn.us
Chamber of Commerce	www.fergusfalls.com
Convention & Visitors Bueau	www.visitfergusfalls.com
Economic Improvement Commission	www.ffeic.org

