

Community Profile for

Bird Island, Minnesota



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Overview

Bird Island is a friendly town situated in the heart of farming country. Before development, the area was covered with many trees and species of birds, surrounded by a lower swampy area; thus, the name of Bird Island. The City is known for its hometown pride, good quality services and its close proximity to recreational and cultural activities.

Location

County:	Renville
Region:	Southwest
Distance from Minneapolis:	90
Distance from nearest MSA*:	80 Miles from St. Cloud MSA
US Congressional District:	7
MN Legislative District(s):	20B
Web site:	www.birdislandcity.com
Last Updated:	2/14/2005

Population

Area	2003 Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census
Community:	1,180	1,195	1,326
County:	16,864	17,154	17,673
Nearest MSA:	174,747	163,166	149,509
Minnesota:	5,088,006	4,919,479	4,375,099

Source: U.S. Census, State Demographer

* Metropolitan Statistical Area

Major Employers

Employer	NAICS	Products/Services	Employee Count
BOLD School District	611110	Elementary & Secondary Schools	150
Renville County Community Residence	623210	Residential Mental Retardation Facilities	60
Bob's Country Market/Bottle Shoppe	445110	Supermarkets & Other Grocery (exc. Convenience) Stores	30
St Mary's School	611110	Elementary & Secondary Schools	26
Glesener's Inc	623990	Other Residential Care Facilities	25
Athmann's Inn/Island Ballroom	722110	Full-Service Restaurants	24
Rural Computer Consultants	541511	Custom Computer Programming Svcs.	17
State Bank of Bird Island	522110	Comm. Banking	15
Bird Island Handi Stop	447110	Gasoline Stations with Convenience Stores	13
The Learning Funhouse, Inc.	624410	Child Day Care Svcs.	12
George Paur Insurance Agency	524210	Insurance Agencies & Brokerages	11
Greater Minnesota Family Services	623311	Continuing Care Retirement Communities	10
Bird Island Soil Service	115112	Soil Prep., Planting, & Cultivating	9
Rob Saunders Accounting	541211	Offices of Certified Public Accountants	8
The Broaster	722110	Full-Service Restaurants	8

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Workforce

	<i>Renville County</i>	<u><i>Mid-Minnesota (6E)</i></u> <u><i>Econ Dev Region</i></u>
Total Employment	8,310	63,036
Available Workforce	8,823	66,264
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	4.9%

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

Employment By Industry

	<i>Renville County</i>	<u><i>Mid-Minnesota (6E)</i></u> <u><i>Econ Dev Region</i></u>
Natural Resources and Mining	529	1,863
Construction	230	2,687
Manufacturing	1,063	11,720
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,109	10,270
Information	109	782
Financial Activities	271	1,581
Professional and Business Services	231	2,048
Education and Health Services	847	6,710
Leisure and Hospitality	297	3,896
Other Services	117	1,429
Government	1,188	9,055

N/A - No Data Available

Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: CEW Annual Data 2003

Occupations and Wages in Central Minnesota

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$22.20	Healthcare Support Occupations	\$10.88
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	\$15.51	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	\$16.73
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	\$10.25	Legal Occupations	\$26.86
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	\$22.12	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	\$25.18
Community and Social Services Occupations	\$15.72	Management Occupations	\$32.53
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	\$24.39	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	\$12.54
Construction and Extraction Occupations	\$19.32	Personal Care and Service Occupations	\$9.29
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	\$18.67	Production Occupations	\$13.66
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	\$10.40	Protective Service Occupations	\$16.20
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	\$7.48	Sales and Related Occupations	\$10.08
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$23.49	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	\$13.08

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

Utilities

Utility Type	Utility Name	Utility Phone	Contact	Contact Phone
Electricity	Xcel Energy	(800) 895-4999	Todd Gay	(320) 365-4218
Natural Gas	Sheehan's Gas Co	(320) 365-4400	Mike Sheehan	(320) 365-4400
Wastewater	Bird Island Municipal	(320) 365-3371	Larry Grafenstein	(320) 365-3444
Water	Bird Island Municipal	(320) 365-3371	Larry Grafenstein	(320) 365-3444

Water Information

Water Source:	Wells
Storage Capacity:	100,000 gal.
Pumping Capacity:	860 gal./minute
Average Demand:	150,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	300,000 gal./day
Total Water Hardness:	0 ppm
Industrial Water Rate:	Base chg. \$17.50/mo.; \$4.26/1000 gallons

Wastewater Information

Treatment Type:	Stabilization Pond System
Capacity of Plant:	186,000 gal./day
Average Demand:	180,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	205,000 gal./day
Usage Charge:	Base chg. \$17.50/mo.; \$4.26/1000 gallons

Communications

Telephone Information

Local Telephone Company:	Qwest
Telephone Number:	(800) 244-1111
Contact:	Karen Jothen
Telephone Number:	(612) 663-7911
Digital Central Switch:	Yes
Equal Access Market:	Yes
Extended Area Service:	Yes
Custom Calling Features:	Yes
Customized Local Area Services:	No
Current Technologies:	DSL

Internet Service

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

Newspapers Information

<i>Newspaper Name</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
Bird Island Union	(320) 365-3266	Weekly

Additional Telecommunication Providers

<i>Telecommunication Type</i>	<i>Provider Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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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-94	80		
<i>Four Lane</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>
MN-212			
<i>Other</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>
CO-5			

Truck Information

Truck Lines: 2
Truck Terminals: 0

Navigable Water Information

<i>Water Name</i>	<i>Depth</i>
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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>
Twin Cities & Western		No		No

Air Service Information

	<i>International</i>	<i>Local Regional</i>	<i>Service</i>
<i>Name</i>	Mpls./St. Paul Intl. Airport	Olivia Regional Airport	St. Cloud Regional Airport
<i>Location</i>	Bloomington	Olivia	St. Cloud
<i>Miles to</i>	90	5	80
<i>Longest Runway Length</i>	10,000 Feet	3,498 Feet	5,200 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	Charter, Commercial, Freight, Jet
<i>Navigational Aids</i>	BEACON, DME, ILS, VOR/DME	BEACON	BEACON, DME, ILS, VOR/DME
<i>Weather Info Systems</i>	AWOSA/MNWAS, SAWRS	AWOSA/MNWAS, PUBLICTV	AWOSA/MNWAS, SATVIDEOWEATHER
<i>Major Airlines</i>	American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, TWA, United Airlines, US Air		Mesaba, Northwest Airlink, 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:	458	Percentage Owner Occupied:	81
Multiple Family Units:	62	Median Sales Price:	---
Mobile Homes:	19	Median Assessed Value:	---
Number of Units Built Since Last Census:		Median Rent:	\$262
Number of Residential Building Permits for :		Vacancy Rate:	5
Value of Residential Building Permits for :			

*Source: US Census, 1990***Commercial Activity Information**

Number of Commercial Building Permits for :

Value of Commercial Building Permits for :

Number of Public Building Permits for :

Value of Public Building Permits for :

Retail Sales Information

Year	Community Sales	County Sales
2000	\$0	\$79,672,160
1990	\$12,999,127	

*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>
State Bank of Bird Island	(320) 365-4111	\$36,892,000	10.7%
<u>View All Financial Institutions</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	0		No	No
Motel	0		No	No
Conference Center	0		No	No

Additional Lodging & Meeting Facilities

<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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Local Medical Facilities Information

<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Nbr of Facilities</i>	<i>Total Nbr of Beds</i>	<i>Telemedicine Available</i>
Clinic	0		No
Dentist	1		No
Doctor	0		No
Hospital	0		No
Nursing Home	0		No

Name of Nearest Hospital (if none in community): Renville County Hospital, Olivia.

Miles to Nearest Hospital: 5

Additional Local Medical Facilities

<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Telemedicine Available</i>
Assisted Living	Elmwood Estates	320-365-3203	No
Chiropractic	Health Enhancement	320-365-4635	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>
Inter-City Bus	Renville County Heartland Express	320-523-3589
Intra-City Bus	Renville County Heartland Express	320-523-3589

Library Information

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Internet Access</i>
Bird Island Public Library	320-365-4640	Yes
Pioneerland Library System	320-235-6106	Yes

Worship Information

<i>Worship Type</i>	<i>Worship Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Catholic	St. Mary's Catholic Church	320-365-3593	
Lutheran	Our Savior's Lutheran Church	320-365-3996	
Methodist	Bird Island Methodist Church		

Recreation Information

Facilities

Frogtown Fitness Salon, Renville Rangers Shooting Club, municipal park and ice skating rink, ball fields, tennis and volleyball courts, indoor swimming pool in school.

Festival/Arts

Renville County Fair, Wing Ding Days (4 day summer celebration), Annual Polka Fest Days, Annual Farm and Home Show, Annual Holiday Bazaar and Old Fashioned Christmas

Service Organizations

Bird Island Lions and Lioness Clubs, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Civic & Commerce Association, Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts

Education

Post-Secondary Information

Nearest Technical College & Specialty

Location Miles To
30

Nearest Community College & Specialty

Location Miles To
30

Nearest Public College/University & Specialty

Southwest Minnesota State University

Location Miles To
Marshall 50

The mission of Southwest State University is to provide high quality liberal arts, professional, and technical programs at the undergraduate and graduate level. Southwest State University is dedicated to excellence in teaching and to preparing students to be life-long learners in a changing global, social, and natural environment. The University has a special commitment to the educational needs of people in its service region. This commitment is reflected in the curricula, cultural enrichment programs, cooperative relationships with other regional institutions, and in service and research contributions to both the public and private sectors of the region.

Nearest Private College/University & Specialty

College of St. Benedict's

Location Miles To
St. Joseph 75

The College of Saint Benedict for women and Saint John's University for men are partners in liberal arts education, providing students the opportunity to benefit from the distinctions of not one, but two nationally recognized Catholic, undergraduate colleges. Together the colleges challenge students to live balanced lives of learning, work, leadership and service in a changing world.

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	2	462	K-6	
Middle School				
Junior High	1	149	7-8	
Senior High	1	375	9-12	
Private/Parochial	1	180	K-8	

School District:

BOLD ISD #2534

Telecommunications Use Available at Local K-12:

Yes

High School Graduates Attending Post-Secondary:

92%

State Wide Average:

65%

Education Institutions

Education Type

Name

Phone

Government

Structure Information

Organization:	Mayor\Council
Budget:	\$800,000
Community Bond Rating:	
Comprehensive Land Use Plan:	Yes
Locally Controlled Loan Program:	Yes
Recycling:	Yes
Fire Insurance Rating:	7
Industrial Plans Approved By:	City Council,Economic Development Authority

Public Protection Services

Service Type	Regular	Part-Time	Volunteer	Seasonal
Fire	---	---	25	---
Police	2	1	---	---
Sheriff	15	3	---	---
EMT	---	---	8	---

Property Taxes - Payable 2004

Property Tax Information

	Assessed Market Value Information	
State Tax Rate	51.12%	Commercial \$4,525,267
Municipal Tax Rate	85.05%	Residential \$25,111,864
County Tax Rate	53.70%	Other \$1,759,136
School Tax Rate	7.71%	
Misc. Tax Rate	1.90%	
Total Tax Rate	199.48%	Total \$31,396,267

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 2004, 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. 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.

Net tax capacity on a \$200,000 business property: $(\$150,000 * .015) + (\$50,000 * .02) = \$2,250 + \$1,000 = \$3,250$

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
<u>Bird Island Business Center</u> 211 South 10th Street Bird Island, MN 55310-0130	Office 12,352 5,685	<u>Deb Lingl</u> Bird Island Economic Development Authority (320) 365-3371		
<u>Cindy's Craft Chalet</u> Highway 212 East & 2nd Street Bird Island, MN 55310	Retail 2,704 2,704	Cynthia Dresow (320) 365-4818		

Land Site Address City, State Zip Code	Space Available Build To Suit Zoning	Contact Name Organization Phone Number	JOBZone	Photo
<u>10 acres industrial/commercial park subzone</u> SW of intersection of Hwy. 212 & 13th Street Bird Island, MN 55310	10.0 Acres Highway Business	<u>Deb Lingl</u> City of Bird Island (320) 365-3371		
<u>Old Keltgen property</u> 130 North Main Street Bird Island, MN 55310	10,500.0 SQFT Yes Commercial	<u>Deb Lingl</u> City of Bird Island (320) 365-3371		
<u>Old Meat Market property</u> 165 South Main Street Bird Island, MN 55310	3,570.0 SQFT Yes Commercial	<u>Deb Lingl</u> City of Bird Island (320) 365-3371		
<u>Zimmerman's 1st Addition Housing Lots Available</u> Elm Avenue South and 12th Street Bird Island, MN 55310	215,250.0 SQFT Residential	<u>Deb Lingl</u> City of Bird Island (320) 365-3371		

Economic Development Services

Economic Development Authority:	Yes	Incentives The Bird Island Economic Development Authority is dedicated to retaining and expanding the businesses currently established in the City, and is ready to assist anyone interested in locating here. Tax Increment Financing, Commercial Development(interest buy down)& Revolving Loan Funds are available.
Housing Redevelopment Authority:	No	
County Development Corporation:	No	
Chamber of Commerce:	Yes	
Port Authority:	No	

Contact Information

<u>Deb Lingl</u> City Clerk City of Bird Island 660 Birch Ave, PO Box 130 Bird Island, MN 55310 (320) 365-3371	Jeff Engelmann President Bird Island Economic Development Authority 660 Birch Ave, PO Box 130 Bird Island, MN 55310 (320) 365-3371	Mark Glesener President Bird Island Chamber of Commerce 160 South Main Street Bird Island, MN 55310 (320) 365-3823
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Economic Development Organizations

Type	Name	Phone	Fax
EDA	Bird Island Economic Development Authority	320-365-3371	320-365-4611

Disaster & Emergency Services

Name	Phone Number(s)
<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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