



Community Profile for White Bear Lake, Minnesota



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Overview

The City of White Bear Lake takes pride in its economic development and redevelopment accomplishments. Over the past decade, the City has experienced over \$200 million in new business development, including numerous high-tech firms. Access to an excellent transportation system and a positive business climate has contributed to a booming, local economy. The City's quality of life and diversity of housing stock is also a catalyst for economic development.

Location

County:	Ramsey
Region:	East Twin Cities Metro
Distance from Minneapolis:	12
Distance from nearest MSA*:	10 Miles from Minneapolis-St. Paul MSA
US Congressional District:	4
MN Legislative District(s):	52B53B
Web site:	www.whitebearchamber.com
Last Updated:	9/6/2002

Population

Area	2005 Estimate	2004 Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census
Community:	24,927	24,922	24,325	24,622
County:	515,258	515,411	511,035	485,783
Nearest MSA:	3,207,067	3,156,745	2,968,806	2,538,776
Minnesota:	5,205,091	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
White Bear Area Auto Dealers	4411	Automobile Dealers	1,100
Taymark Corporation	4541	Electronic Shopping & Mail-Order Houses	290
White Bear Care Center	6239	Other Residential Care Facilities	225
Trane Company	3334	Vent., Heating, Air-Cond. & Comm. Refrig. Equip. Mfg.	207
Sam's Club	4521	Department Stores	160
Weyerhaeuser Corporation	3222	Converted Paper Product Manufacturing	128
Smarte Carte	3327	Machine Shops; Turned Prod.; & Screw, Nut & Bolt Mfg.	125
K Mart	4521	Department Stores	100
Renewal by ANDERSON	2381	Foundation, Structure & Bldg. Exterior Contractors	100
Kohler Mix Specialties	4244	Grocery & Related Product Wholesalers	91
Marprint	3231	Printing & Related Support Activities	80



Press Publications	5111	Newspaper, Periodical, Book, & Directory Publishers	75
Container Graphics	3231	Printing & Related Support Activities	62
Specialty Manufacturing	3329	Other Fabricated Metal Product Manufacturing	50
SpectraCom	3333	Commercial & Service Industry Machinery Mfg.	33

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Workforce

	<i>Ramsey County</i>	<u><i>Metro Council (11) Econ Dev Region</i></u>
Total Employment	265,911	1,556,662
Available Workforce	276,503	1,614,952
Unemployment Rate	3.8%	3.6%

Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: LAUS Annual Average 2006

Employment By Industry

	<i>County</i>	<u><i>Metro Council (11) Econ Dev Region</i></u>
Natural Resources and Mining	N/A	3,570
Construction	N/A	74,778
Manufacturing	31,914	186,252
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	53,947	312,527
Information	8,631	41,697
Financial Activities	24,748	136,988
Professional and Business Services	49,731	242,465
Education and Health Services	56,674	202,658
Leisure and Hospitality	26,924	144,994
Other Services	11,865	55,179
Government	51,337	193,079

N/A - No Data Available

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

Occupations and Wages in Seven County Mpls-St Paul, MN

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$29.99	Healthcare Support Occupations	\$13.56
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	\$21.20	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	\$20.89
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	\$11.19	Legal Occupations	\$35.97
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	\$26.30	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	\$28.43
Community and Social Services Occupations	\$18.24	Management Occupations	\$45.70
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	\$33.70	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	\$15.88
Construction and Extraction Occupations	\$25.91	Personal Care and Service Occupations	\$10.80
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	\$20.05	Production Occupations	\$16.18



Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	\$12.40	Protective Service Occupations	\$15.15
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	\$8.86	Sales and Related Occupations	\$13.84
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$28.69	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	\$15.30

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

Utilities

Utility Type	Utility Name	Utility Phone	Contact	Contact Phone
Electricity	Connexus Energy	763-323-2650	Connexus Energy	763-323-2650
Electricity	Northern States Power	(612) 779-3181	John Wertish	(612) 779-3181
Wastewater	Metropolitan Council Environmental Svcs.	(651) 602-1118	Jodi Edwards	(651) 602-1118
Water	City of White Bear Lake	(651) 429-8563	Mark Burch	(651) 429-8563

Water Information

Water Source:	Wells
Storage Capacity:	5 gal.
Pumping Capacity:	4,000 gal./minute
Average Demand:	2 gal./day
Peak Demand:	9 gal./day
Total Water Hardness:	4 ppm
Industrial Water Rate:	

Wastewater Information

Treatment Type:	
Capacity of Plant:	
Average Demand:	
Peak Demand:	
Usage Charge:	

Communications

Telephone Information

Local Telephone Company:	US West
Telephone Number:	(800) 603-6000
Contact:	Development Contact Group
Telephone Number:	
Digital Central Switch:	Yes
Equal Access Market:	Yes
Extended Area Service:	No
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>
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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>
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I-35E	Within		0
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I-694	Within		0
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<i>Four Lane</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>
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MN-61	Within		0
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<i>Other</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>
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Truck Information

Truck Lines: 0

Truck Terminals: 0

Navigable Water Information

<i>Water Name</i>	<i>Depth</i>
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White Bear Lake	80 Feet
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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>
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Burlington Northern	Weekly	No	0	No
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Soo Line	Daily	No	0	No
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Air Service Information

	<i>International</i>	<i>Local Regional</i>	<i>Service</i>
<i>Name</i>	Mpls./St. Paul Intl. Airport	Benson	St. Paul Holman Field
<i>Location</i>	Bloomington	White Bear Township	St. Paul
<i>Miles to</i>	15	3	12
<i>Longest Runway Length</i>	10,000 Feet	2,000 Feet	6,711 Feet
<i>Surface Type</i>	Paved	Grass	Paved
<i>Lighted</i>	Yes	No	Yes
<i>Customs</i>	Yes	No	Yes
<i>Service Type</i>	Charter, Commercial, Freight, Jet		
<i>Navigational Aids</i>	BEACON, DME, ILS, VOR/DME		ILS
<i>Weather Info Systems</i>	AWOSA/MNWAS, SAWRS	PUBLICTV	AWOSA/MNWAS, AWOSIII, PUBLICTV, SATVIDEOWEATHER, SAWRS



Major Airlines

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

Source:

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
2004	\$474,789,346	\$7,152,072,571
2003	\$460,118,417	\$6,258,677,167
1996	\$361,825,387	\$5,353,915,979

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>
NorthStar Bank	(651) 429-4531	---	---
Premier Bank	(651) 426-7800	---	---
US Bank	(612) 244-4646	---	---

[View All Financial Institutions](#)



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	89 rooms	No	No
Motel	1	43 rooms	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	4		No
Dentist	12		No
Doctor	25		No
Hospital	0		No
Nursing Home	1		No

Name of Nearest Hospital (if none in community): St. John's Hospital
 Miles to Nearest Hospital: 5

Additional Local Medical Facilities

<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Facility Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Telemedicine Available</i>
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Local Transit Information

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

Local Transit Providers

<i>Transit Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Disabled Transportation	Lion Mobile	
Disabled Transportation	Metro Mobility	
Inter-City Bus	Metro Transit	
Intra-City Bus	Lake Area Bus	

Library Information

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Internet Access</i>
Metropolitan Regional Library		No
Ramsey County Suburban Library - White Bear Lake		Yes

Worship Information

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

Facilities

Seventeen parks. Four lakeside parks w/two boat launches to WB Lake. Three lakes: WB Lake, Goose Lake, & Birch Lake. Three regional trails. WB Lake Sports Center. Three sheets of indoor ice. WB Center for the Arts & Lakeshore Players Theatre.

Festival/Arts

Manitou Days - a week long celebration of the spirit of White Bear Lake, including a grand parade through downtown. Market Fest - Thursday evening, summer celebration featuring entertainment and a wide selection of food, arts & crafts.

Service Organizations

Over 50 local and major organizations.

Education

Post-Secondary Information

Nearest Technical College & Specialty

Location

Miles To

Nearest Community College & Specialty

Location

Miles To

Century College

White Bear Lake

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Century College is a learning-centered community committed to providing quality lifelong educational opportunities for a diverse citizenry. We offer a solid liberal arts and sciences program designed for transfer to four-year institutions and over 60 challenging technical and occupational programs. Century College is Minnesota's largest provider of Continuing Education and Customized Training, enrolling over 12,000 individuals annually. CECT proudly serves the business sector and the community through: Customized Services for Business and Industry; Professional Continuing Education; Career Training Opportunities; Personal Enrichments; Media Productions. 10/05

Nearest Public College/University & Specialty

Location

Miles To

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities metro

Minneapolis, Saint Paul

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The University of Minnesota is one of the most comprehensive public universities in the United States and ranks among the most prestigious. It is both the state land-grant university, with a strong tradition of education and public service, and the state's primary research university, with faculty of national and international reputation.

Nearest Private College/University & Specialty

Location

Miles To

University of St. Thomas

St. Paul and Minneapolis

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The University of St. Thomas is a comprehensive, co-educational, Catholic university. It seeks to develop morally responsible individuals who combine career competency with cultural awareness and intellectual curiosity. In its undergraduate program, the university is committed to the development of the student through a liberal arts education within the living Catholic tradition and through a high degree of personal attention in a spiritually and intellectually stimulating campus environment. Graduate programs emphasize the integration of theory with practice, enhance the professional competence and ethical judgment of their students, and foster personal growth and an appreciation of lifelong learning.

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	9	4,107	K-5	23.5
Middle School	2	2,272	6-8	28
Junior High				
Senior High	1	2,908	9-12	29
Private/Parochial				

School District:

Telecommunications Use Available at Local K-12: Yes

High School Graduates Attending Post-Secondary: 80%

State Wide Average: 64%

Education Institutions

<i>Education Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
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Government

Structure Information

Organization:	Council\Manager
Budget:	\$6,000,000
Community Bond Rating:	Moody's - - A
Comprehensive Land Use Plan:	Yes
Locally Controlled Loan Program:	Yes
Recycling:	Yes
Fire Insurance Rating:	3
Industrial Plans Approved By:	City Building Official, City Council, Planning Com

Public Protection Services

<i>Service Type</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Part-Time</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Seasonal</i>
Fire	3	55	---	---
Police	37	2	24	---
Sheriff	---	---	---	---
EMT	3	48	---	---

Property Taxes - Payable 2006

Property Tax Information

State Tax Rate	50.83%
Municipal Tax Rate	18.58%
County Tax Rate	46.33%
School Tax Rate	17.87%
Misc. Tax Rate	6.83%
Total Tax Rate	140.42%

Assessed Market Value Information

Commercial	\$318,082,833
Residential	\$1,568,829,660
Other	\$327,517,779
Total	\$2,214,430,272

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	 Photo
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Land Site Address City, State Zip Code	Space Available Build To Suit Zoning	Contact Name Organization Phone Number	 Photo
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Economic Development Services

Economic Development Authority:	Yes	Incentives Tax increment financing along with industrial revenue bonds, housing revenue bonds and ED loan incentives. The City also has a matching, low-interest loan program in cooperation with local banks for commercial rehabilitation. Ramsey County HRA provides business loans to qualified applicants.
Housing Redevelopment Authority:	No	
County Development Corporation:	No	
Chamber of Commerce:	Yes	
Port Authority:	No	

Contact Information

James Robinson Community Development Director City of White Bear Lake 4701 Hwy 61 White Bear Lake, MN 55110 (651) 429-8562	Mark Sather City Manager White Bear Lake, City of 4701 HWY 61 White Bear Lake, MN 55110 (612) 429-8516
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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

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