



# Community Profile for Park Rapids, Minnesota



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## Overview

The City of Park Rapids is approx. 200 miles northwest of Minneapolis/St.Paul and 135 miles west of Duluth, with a current population of 3,276. It offers excellent opportunities for fishing, hunting, and other outdoor sports, in the surrounding forests and abundant lakes.

## Location

County: Hubbard  
 Region: Northwest  
 Distance from Minneapolis: 200  
 Distance from nearest MSA\*: 90 Miles from Fargo-Moorhead MSA  
 US Congressional District: 8  
 MN Legislative District(s): 02B  
 Web site: [ci.park-rapids.mn.us](http://ci.park-rapids.mn.us)  
 Last Updated: 4/25/2005



## Population

Area	2004 Estimate	2000 Census	1990 Census
Community:	3,432	3,276	2,863
County:	18,856	18,376	14,939
Nearest MSA:	181,609	174,367	153,296
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
Lamb-Weston/RDO Frozen	3114	Fruit & Vegetable Preserving & Spec. Food Mfg.	550
St. Joseph's Area Health Services	6221	General Medical & Surgical Hospitals	300
Independent School District #309	6111	Elementary & Secondary Schools	270
Straight River Manufacturing	3336	Engine, Turbine & Power Transmission Equip. Mfg.	211
J&B Foods	4451	Grocery Stores	175
Heritage Living Center	6231	Nursing Care Facilities	170
Hubbard County	9211	Executive, Legislative, & Other Gen. Govt. Support	164



North Star Orthodontics	3391	Medical Equipment & Supplies Manufacturing	96
Dakota Clinic	6211	Offices of Physicians	56
Citizens Bank	5221	Depository Credit Intermediation	43
Northwoods Bank	5221	Depository Credit Intermediation	43
L&M Fleet Supply	4521	Department Stores	40
Wonewok Conference Center (3M)	7211	Traveler Accommodation	34
City of Park Rapids	9211	Executive, Legislative, & Other Gen. Govt. Support	32
Candle Enterprises	3399	Other Miscellaneous Manufacturing	28
<a href="#">View All Employers Listed</a>			

### Workforce

	<i>Hubbard County</i>	<u><i>Headwaters (2) Econ Dev Region</i></u>
Total Employment	9,210	38,403
Available Workforce	9,735	40,698
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	5.6%

Source: DEED - Labor Market Information: LAUS Annual Average 2005

### Employment By Industry

	<i>Hubbard County</i>	<u><i>Headwaters (2) Econ Dev Region</i></u>
Natural Resources and Mining	303	498
Construction	427	1,816
Manufacturing	1,330	3,385
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	1,078	5,780
Information	63	448
Financial Activities	244	1,011
Professional and Business Services	197	884
Education and Health Services	815	3,770
Leisure and Hospitality	780	3,224
Other Services	211	1,067
Government	1,055	8,471

N/A - No Data Available

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



**Occupations and Wages in Northwest Minnesota**

<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Wage/Hr</i>
Architecture and Engineering Occupations	\$21.77	Healthcare Support Occupations	\$10.61
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media Occupations	\$14.00	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair Occupations	\$16.15
Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations	\$9.56	Legal Occupations	\$23.74
Business and Financial Operations Occupations	\$20.76	Life, Physical, and Social Science Occupations	\$21.55
Community and Social Services Occupations	\$14.84	Management Occupations	\$29.35
Computer and Mathematical Occupations	\$21.77	Office and Administrative Support Occupations	\$12.04
Construction and Extraction Occupations	\$16.92	Personal Care and Service Occupations	\$9.26
Education, Training, and Library Occupations	\$18.90	Production Occupations	\$13.03
Farming, Fishing, and Forestry Occupations	\$11.48	Protective Service Occupations	\$14.07
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	\$7.47	Sales and Related Occupations	\$9.05
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	\$20.72	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	\$11.72

[View All Occupations and Wages](#)

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

**Utilities**

<b>Utility Type</b>	<b>Utility Name</b>	<b>Utility Phone</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Contact Phone</b>
Electricity	Itasca Mantrap Electric	218-732-3377	Dan Paulson	218-732-3377
Electricity	MN Power & Light	218-732-3319	Manager	218-732-3319
Natural Gas	Northern MN Utilities	800-303-0752	John Fisher	800-303-0752
Wastewater	City of Park Rapids	218-732-4217	Scott Burlingame	218-732-4217
Water	City of Park Rapids	218-732-4217	Scott Burlingame	218-732-4217

**Water Information**

Water Source:	Wells & Surface Water
Storage Capacity:	500,000 gal.
Pumping Capacity:	1,500 gal./minute
Average Demand:	500,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	650,000 gal./day
Total Water Hardness:	180 ppm
Industrial Water Rate:	

**Wastewater Information**

Treatment Type:	Stabilization Pond System
Capacity of Plant:	430,000 gal./day
Average Demand:	350,000 gal./day
Peak Demand:	375,000 gal./day
Usage Charge:	



**Communications**

**Telephone Information**

Local Telephone Company:	Unitel Communications
Telephone Number:	1-888-229-4655
Contact:	Manager
Telephone Number:	1-218-237-9146
Digital Central Switch:	Yes
Equal Access Market:	Yes
Extended Area Service:	Yes
Custom Calling Features:	Yes
Customized Local Area Services:	Yes
Current Technologies:	T1

**Internet Service**

Local Public Internet Access Site:	Yes
Multiple Internet Service Providers:	Yes
Speed of Service:	56K
DEED Certification as E-Commerce Ready:	Yes

**Newspapers Information**

<i>Newspaper Name</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Frequency</i>
<u>Park Rapids Enterprise</u>	732-3364	Other

**Additional Telecommunication Providers**

<i>Telecommunication Type</i>	<i>Provider Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Other	<u>Qwest</u>	1-800-244-1111
Long Distance	<u>USLink</u>	1-888-546-5287
Cable	<u>Unitel Communications</u>	1-888-229-4655

**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-29	90	10	
I-94	90	10	

<i>Four Lane</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>
US-10	40	10	

<i>Other</i>	<i>Miles From Community</i>	<i>Load Limit in Tons</i>	<i>Seasonal Limit In Tons</i>
State Highway 34			
State Highway 71			

**Truck Information**

Truck Lines:  
 Truck Terminals:

**Navigable Water Information**

<i>Water Name</i>	<i>Depth</i>
None	



**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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**Air Service Information**

	<i>International</i>	<i>Local Regional</i>	<i>Service</i>
<i>Name</i>	Mpls./St. Paul Intl. Airport	Park Rapids Mun. Airport	Bemidji Airport
<i>Location</i>	Bloomington	Park Rapids	Bemidji
<i>Miles to</i>	190		50
<i>Longest Runway Length</i>	10,000 Feet	5,498 Feet	6,598 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	Jet	Includes 6 scheduled round trip flights to MPLS-St. Paul
<i>Navigational Aids</i>	BEACON, DME, ILS, VOR/DME	BEACON, DME, ILS, VOR/DME	BEACON, DME, ILS, VOR/DME
<i>Weather Info Systems</i>	AWOSA/MNWAS, SAWRS	AWOSA/MNWAS	
<i>Major Airlines</i>	American, Continental, Delta, Northwest, TWA, United Airlines, US Air		

**Daily Flights To MSP-Minneapolis-St. Paul Intl.:** 4

**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:	1,476	Percentage Owner Occupied:	52
Multiple Family Units:	140	Median Sales Price:	\$70,000.00
Mobile Homes:		Median Assessed Value:	- - -
Number of Units Built Since Last Census:		Median Rent:	
Number of Residential Building Permits for 2001:	160	Vacancy Rate:	
Value of Residential Building Permits for 2001:	\$5,985,308		

*Source: 2000 Census Profile*

**Commercial Activity Information**

Number of Commercial Building Permits for 2001:  
 Value of Commercial Building Permits for 2001:  
 Number of Public Building Permits for 2001:  
 Value of Public Building Permits for 2001:



**Retail Sales Information**

Year	Community Sales	County Sales
2003	\$0	\$158,975,330

Source: MN Dept. of Revenue

**Business & Community Services**

**Financial Institutions Information**

Name	Phone	Total Assets	Capital as % of Assets
<a href="#">Citizen National Bank</a>	218-732-3393	---	---
<a href="#">Northwoods Bank</a>	218-732-7221	---	---
<a href="#">State Bank of Park Rapids</a>	218-732-3366	---	---
<a href="#">View All Financial Institutions</a>			

**Lodging & Meeting Facilities Information**

Facility	Number of Facilities Available	Facility Size	Teleconferencing Available	Teleconferencing Available to Public
Hotel			No	No
Motel	5		Yes	No
Conference Center			No	No

**Additional Lodging & Meeting Facilities**

Facility Type	Facility Name	Phone
Bed and Breakfasts	<a href="#">Chamber of Commerce</a>	1-800-247-0054
Campgrounds	<a href="#">Chamber of Commerce</a>	1-800-247-0054
Hotel	<a href="#">Chamber of Commerce</a>	
Motel	<a href="#">Chamber of Commerce</a>	1-800-247-0054
Resort	<a href="#">Chamber of Commerce</a>	1-800-247-0054

**Local Medical Facilities Information**

Facility Type	Nbr of Facilities	Total Nbr of Beds	Telemedicine Available
Clinic	2		No
Dentist	7		No
Doctor	17		No
Hospital	1		No
Nursing Home	1	130	No

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	BelKit Pines	218-732-8741	Yes
Assisted Living	Care-Age Home	218-732-3721	No
Chiropractic	Acadian Chiropractic Center	218-732-7261	No
Chiropractic	Headwaters Chiropractic Center	218-732-4554	No
Chiropractic	Park Rapids Chiropractic Office	218-732-5191	No
Clinic	Dakota Clinic	218-732-2900	No
Clinic	Erickson's Medical Clinic	218-732-7760	No
Dentist	Central Lakes Orthodontics	218-732-3997	No
Dentist	David Anderson	218-732-3291	No
Dentist	James Shubert	218-732-4436	No
Dentist	Reich Dental Clinic	218-732-4466	No
Dentist	Roland Kotowski	218-732-4207	No
Dentist	The Dental Clinic	218-732-1414	No
Hospital	St Joseph's Hospital	218-732-3311	No

**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	No	Disabled Transportation	No

**Local Transit Providers**

<i>Transit Type</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>
Inter-City Bus	Heartland Express	218-732-3500

**Library Information**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Internet Access</i>
Park Rapids Area Library	218-732-4966	Yes

**Worship Information**

<i>Worship Type</i>	<i>Worship Name</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Membership</i>
Baptist	Faith Baptist Church	218-732-1404	375
Baptist	First Baptist Church	218-732-3321	60
Catholic	St Peter's Catholic Church	218-732-5142	1,202
Episcopal	Trinity Episcopal Church	218-732-4393	30
Lutheran	Calvary Lutheran Church	218-732-7284	1,452
Lutheran	First English Church	218-732-9466	283
Lutheran	Good Shepard Lutheran Brethren	218-732-7446	30
Lutheran	St John's Lutheran Church	218-732-9783	1,288
Methodist	Riverside Methodist Church	218-732-5205	555
Nazarene	Church of the Nazarene	218-732-9694	25
Non-demominational	New Life Christian Fellowship	218-732-7000	122
Non-demoninational	Church of Christ	218-732-5105	85



**Recreation Information**

*Facilities*

*Festival/Arts*

*Service Organizations*

**Education**

**Post-Secondary Information**

*Nearest Technical College & Specialty*

*Location*

*Miles To*

Northwest Technical College-Bemidji

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Northwest Technical College-Bemidji develops workforce capacity by providing quality occupational learning opportunities and services to meet a variety of career choices and customer needs. The College serves traditional and distant learners, employed workers, and businesses by providing industry-validated technical and general education curricula. Working collaboratively with higher education and business partners, the College graduates capable workers at the occupational entry level and upgrades skills to meet changing industry needs. Program graduates are awarded Certificates, Diplomas, or Associate in Applied Science Degrees. Please visit our website for all course listings and more information.

*Nearest Community College & Specialty*

*Location*

*Miles To*

Itasca Community College

Grand Rapids

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Established in 1922, Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids, Minn., offers two-year transfer programs, one- and two-year career programs, certificate programs, community education, and customized training for business and industry. Campus activities include varsity sports, coed intramurals, student government, campus clubs and organizations, and global education opportunities. The college also provides a two-week summer enrichment program for children ages 4-12. Itasca is located on U.S. Highway 169 on the eastern edge of Grand Rapids, and shares a campus with both the University of Minnesota North Central Research and Outreach Center and the North Central Research Station of the USDA-Forest Service. 4/06

*Nearest Public College/University & Specialty*

*Location*

*Miles To*

Bemidji State University

Bemidji MN

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The Lake, the Learning, the Life - Bemidji State has again been listed among universities in the Making a Difference College and Graduate Guide published by Sageworks Press in California. Bemidji State was the only Minnesota state university included in the Making a Difference College Guide, an annual publication that highlights institutions who offer relevant, value-based educations. To be considered for the publication, schools have to show evidence of academic and student-oriented programming that can transform a person's life. A public institution, it was founded in 1919 and has a current enrollment of over 5,000 students from 44 states and 40 foreign countries, all of whom benefit from the vast resources of the Minnesota State Colleges & Universities System. 9/05

*Nearest Private College/University & Specialty*

*Location*

*Miles To*

Concordia College - Moorhead

Moorhead

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Concordia is a private, coeducational, four-year liberal arts college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. It is on the Moorhead side of the "other" twin cities comprised of Moorhead MN and Fargo ND. More than 2,800 full-time students from 37 states and 36 countries representing 46 religions and denominations attend. We employ 220 full-time faculty members from all parts of the country with expertise ranging from medicine to journalism to environmental studies to languages and religion. 83 percent of classes have fewer than 30 students bringing the student/faculty ratio to 14:1. The Concordia curriculum includes 78 majors and 18 honors majors in 24 academic departments, along with 12 pre-professional programs including dentistry, engineering, law, medicine, seminary and veterinary medicine among others. Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees are granted, as well as a Master of Science degree in nursing in conjunction with Minnesota State University Moorhead and North Dakota State University. 10/05



Telecommunications Use Available at Area Post-Secondary Institutions: No

**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	600	K-4	1:24
Middle School	1	593	5-8	1:24
Junior High				
Senior High	1	597	9-12	
Private/Parochial	2			

School District: 309  
 Telecommunications Use Available at Local K-12: Yes  
 High School Graduates Attending Post-Secondary:  
 State Wide Average: 65%

**Education Institutions**

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

**Structure Information**

Organization:	Mayor\Council
Budget:	\$7,500,000
Community Bond Rating:	Baa
Comprehensive Land Use Plan:	Yes
Locally Controlled Loan Program:	Yes
Recycling:	Yes
Fire Insurance Rating:	6
Industrial Plans Approved By:	City Council, Planning Commision

**Public Protection Services**

<i>Service Type</i>	<i>Regular</i>	<i>Part-Time</i>	<i>Volunteer</i>	<i>Seasonal</i>
Fire	---	---	26	---
Police	7	3	---	---
Sheriff	26	11	17	---
EMT	8	3	17	---





**Economic Development Services**

Economic Development Authority:	Yes	<b>Incentives</b>
Housing Redevelopment Authority:	Yes	
County Development Corporation:	No	
Chamber of Commerce:	Yes	
Port Authority:	No	

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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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