



Dunn County Workforce Profile

The latest workforce data has recently been released by the Department of Workforce Development. The following information pertains to Dunn County as reported in December 2005:

	Total Population		
	US	WI	Dunn Co
Year 2000	281,424,602	5,363,715	39,858
Year 2005	295,160,302	5,580,757	42,208
% change	4.9%	4.0%	5.9%

Dunn County experienced an increase in population by 2,350 residents from 2000 to 2005. The 5.9 percent increase is well ahead of both the national and state averages. The increase has ranked Dunn County as the 17th out of 72 fastest growing counties in Wisconsin.

	2005 Labor Force Population		
	US	WI	Dunn Co
Labor force			
Population	224,837,000	4,339,938	33,815
Labor force	147,125,000	3,071,179	24,058
Particip rate	65.4%	70.8%	71.1%

Dunn County is home to residents who possess a strong work ethic. The labor force participation rate for both the state of Wisconsin and Dunn County is notably higher than the national average. From 2005 to 2020, workers ages 25-59 will decrease from 59% to 49% of the total labor force and the workers ages 60+ will increase from 18% to 28%. This will impact the future participation rate by declining.

Top 10 Employers

Organization	# Employees
Wal-Mart Associates	1000+
UW-Stout	1000+
Aurora Res Alternatives	500-999
Menomonie Public Schools	500-999
County of Dunn	500-999
3M Company	500-999
Andersen Corporation	250-499
Conagra Foods	250-499
Myrtle Werth Hospital	250-499
Cardinal Glass	250-499

Source: July 2005 DWD

The education sector accounts for 2,230 jobs in Dunn County and is the largest industry group. Overall, the average number of jobs per organization is 19. Four of the largest employers in the county are manufacturers.

	2003 Per Capita Personal Income		
	US	WI	Dunn Co
PCPI	\$31,472	\$30,685	\$22,885
5-yr Growth	17.1%	17.2%	14.9%

The 2003 PCPI for Dunn County is very low. It ranked 58th highest out of 72 Wisconsin counties and was only 75% of the state's average \$30,685.

For further information, visit <http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/oea>

Welcome Bouncin' Babies & Kool Kids

The Stout Technology Park is proud to announce the addition of a new tenant business that opened this past fall. Bouncin' Babies & Kool Kids is a full service child care and preschool center that serves the surrounding area. The center is operated by the owner Teresa Johnson and her staff. Welcome Bouncin' Babies & Kool Kids to the Stout Technology Park!

For more information contact:
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New Construction Under Way

Oaklawn Harmony Centre, Inc.



Construction of the 30,634 sq. foot Centre in progress



Wisconsin USDA director exchanges greetings at ground breaking

Oaklawn Harmony Centre is a non-profit organization established by community volunteers, leaders and local non-profit organizations dedicated to building and operating a service/innovation centre within the Stout Technical Park on the east side of the City of Menomonie.

The purpose of the Oaklawn Harmony Centre is provide a centralized location with affordable space for non-profit organizations, which are jointly focused on supporting the quality and availability of programs and services that operate within the community. The collaborative partnership has a vision of building upon the *quality of community* by creating a safe, fully accessible location that offers seamless services for individuals, families and young businesses trying to move ahead with their lives and operations. Professionals, staff, volunteers, and consumers will actively collaborate in creating wraparound services for all, from the very young to the very old.

Oaklawn Harmony Centre is a place where organizations work in cooperation, rather than in competition, to best meet the complex needs of the community.

The Oaklawn Harmony Centre is envisioned to promote quality service and program delivery and support innovations by new business. Throughout the service and program entity a centralized concept and provide services such as counseling, information and referrals, childcare, parenting classes, early childhood and family life education, cultural diversity awareness and acceptance, and preschool education classes. Equally important to the mix of non-profits are transitional businesses that enhance the future economic growth of the community and will expand employment opportunities contributing to the workforce.

The Oaklawn Harmony Centre is an organization where individuals, families, programs and transition businesses are welcomed under one roof to fully participate in partnership supporting each other and enriching the Menomonie community. Organizations and businesses that are part of the Oaklawn Harmony Centre include:

- Family Resource Center of Dunn County
- Head Start
- Hmong American Association
- Rural Dental Clinic
- United Way of Dunn County
- Hand in Hand: A Place for All Children
- Reach Adult Day Program
- Stout Technology Acceleration Program (3,131 sq. feet Manufacturing Technology Incubator and 2,868 sq. feet Food Technology Incubator)

Oaklawn's building will encompass 30,634 square feet located on six acres just off from Kothlow Avenue in the Stout Technology Park, City of Menomonie, Dunn County, Wisconsin. Construction will be completed with organizations moving into the building May of 2006.

For further information regarding Oaklawn Harmony Centre, contact:
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Board of Directors 2004-2005
Officers:

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Thomas Miller, Vice President

Pastor Rolf Morck, Secretary

Michael Schmitz, Treasurer

2006 Tech-Talk Briefing Schedule

HOLD 9-10am on THESE DATES:

Friday, January 27, 2006

Wendy Sander & Charlie Jones
Cedar Corporation
Memorial Student Center,
UW-Stout Campus

Friday, February 24, 2006

Chad Bartlett
Confidential Document Security
Memorial Student Center,
UW-Stout Campus

Friday, March 31, 2006

Carl Christensen
Marshfield Clinic
Memorial Student Center,
UW-Stout Campus

Friday, April 28, 2006

Maggie Foote
Oaklawn Bed & Breakfast
Memorial Student Center,
UW-Stout Campus



On the Web
www.uwstout.edu/stp

Attend Upcoming Tech-Talk Business Briefings

The Stout Technology Park is proud to sponsor a series of monthly presentations by area employers. Each month a regional employer will share information about innovations in their business and industry, their technical support needs, and ideas for developing customized training and research offerings.

Presentation Format

A one-hour format will include a presentation by the featured employer and time for participants to ask questions or offer information about services available through UW-Stout.

Where

UW-Stout campus

When

Selected Fridays each month
9:00 ~ 10:00 am

Who should attend

The Briefings are free and open to the public and campus to attend.

For further information, or to request a brochure, contact:
Tara Bergeson at 715-232-5270
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Mission Statement

To develop and manage a well designed technology park to attract research and demonstration, high technology and related businesses, light industrial businesses, commercial testing laboratories, government sponsored research and development projects, and educational and research organizations, relative to the mission and objectives of the University of Wisconsin-Stout.



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