

**RAMSEY COUNTY**

Located in eastern Minnesota; crossed in the south by the Mississippi River; includes several lakes. Covers a land area of 144.5 square miles, a water area of 23.4 square miles, and is located in the Central Time Zone. County seat is St. Paul. Part of the Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI metropolitan area. See also: Anoka County; Carver County; Chisago County; Dakota County; Hennepin County; Isanti County; Pierce County (WI); Scott County; Sherbourne County; Washington County; Wright County.

Weather Station: St. Paul Airport Elevation: 543 feet

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
High	24	25	26	47	78	56	25	46	34	34	2	4
Low	32	43	65	76	98	43	23	54	76	98	9	0
Precip	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

High and Low temperatures in degrees Fahrenheit; Precipitation in inches

**Population:** The population was 483,339 (88.2% White; 4.6% Black; 5.1% Asian; 0.9% American Indian; 2.9% Hispanic of all races) in 2000; Density: 3,189.9 persons per square mile.

**Economy:** The unemployment rate was 2.9% and the total civilian labor force was 282,302 in March 2002. Occupation by industry: Services (34.9%); Manufacturing (18.9%); Retail Trade (12.6%); Wholesale Trade (5.6%); Finance, Insurance, Real Estate (5.2%); Government (4.7%); Construction (4.3%); Mining (0.4%). 18 companies employed more than 1,000 persons and 414 companies employed more than 100 persons in 1999. Major employers include; Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing (paper coated and laminated, n.e.c.); Northwest Airlines (air transportation, scheduled); St. Paul Cos. (fire, marine, and casualty insurance); West Publishing Company (book publishing). There were 44 farm totaling 2,142 acres in 1999.

**Income:** Per capita income was \$18,890 and median household income was \$43,654 in 2000.

**Taxes:** Total county taxes per capita were \$890 and county property taxes per capita were \$811 in 1999.

**Education:** The high school graduation rate was 85.9% and the college graduation rate was 23.7% in 2000.

**Housing:** In 2000, the median home value was \$123,890, the median rent was \$876 per month and the median year all housing units were built was 1954. 1,794 building permits were issued in 2001, an increase of 3.4% from 2000.

**Health:** Vital statistics for 1999 per 1,000 population showed a birth rate of 17.1, a death rate of 8.4, and an infant mortality rate of 8.8 per 1,000 live births. In 2000 the marriage rate per 1,000 population was 8.8 and the divorce rate was 4.0. The number of physicians per 10,000 population in 1999 was 33.5 and the number of hospital beds was 26.3.

**Elections:** 2000 Presidential election results were Gore (45.6%); Bush (45.7%); Nader (2.5%)

**Additional Information Contacts**

Ramsey County Government Offices. . . . . (612) 555-5555

**Ramsey County Communities**

**SAINT PAUL** (city). The city covers a land area of 54.7 square miles and a water area of 2.3 square miles. Elevation is 432 feet.

**History:** About 1840, some French-speaking Swiss colonists settled at a river landing along the Mississippi, around the cabin of Pierre Parrant, a French Canadian nicknamed Pig's Eye by soldiers and traders. First known as Pig's Eye, the community that grew up was soon renamed St. Paul by Father Lucian Galtier, who erected a log chapel at the landing in 1841. These first settlers were farmers who at first did not realize the importance in trade and commerce that their location at the head of navigation on the Mississippi River would give their city. St. Paul was platted in 1847, and soon became the terminus for steamboats plying the river. When the new Territory was formed in 1849, St. Paul became the capital, and was incorporated as a city in 1854. Though St. Paul had gotten off to an earlier start than its twin city, Minneapolis, their relatively equal development led to rivalry on many fronts.

**Population:** The population was 121,239 (88.2% White; 4.6% Black; 5.1% Asian; 0.9% American Indian; 2.9% Hispanic of all races) in 2000; Density: 6,229.9 persons per square mile.

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**School Districts**

St. Paul School District (PK-12)  
1999/2000 Enrollment: 35,908 . . . . . (621) 555-5555

**Four-year Colleges**

Metropolitan State University (public)  
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**Health:** Vital statistics for 1999 per 1,000 population showed a birth rate of 17.1, a death rate of 8.4, and an infant mortality rate of 8.8 per 1,000 live births. There are 2 hospitals: Children's Hospital; Memorial Hospital

**Safety:** In 2000, the violent crime rate was 123.3 per 10,000 population, the property crime rate was 3,223.3 per 10,000 population; and there were 321 full-time police officers (12.4 per 10,000 population).

**Newspapers:** St. Paul Pioneer Press (daily); Stemwinder (weekly)

**Airports:** Minneapolis-St. Paul International (scheduled service); St. Paul Downtown Holman Field (scheduled service); Lake Elmo (no scheduled service)

**Amtrak:** Service available.

**Additional Information Contacts**

- St. Paul Government Offices. . . . . (612) 555-5555
- St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce . . . . . (612) 555-5555
- St. Paul Better Business Bureau . . . . . (612) 555-5555
- St. Paul Area Board of Realtors. . . . . (612) 555-5555
- St. Paul Convention & Visitors Bureau. . . . . (612) 555-5555

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