



## St. Joseph, MN Stearns County

### Location

Beautifully nestled in scenic central Minnesota, St. Joseph has a history as rich as the soils of the low-lying hills, Big Woods, and flat farmlands its German ancestors cultivated. St. Joseph enjoys the amenities of a metro area (St. Cloud) while retaining its genuine small town character and friendliness. As an integral part of one of the state's fastest growing areas, St. Joseph is a private liberal arts college town and features a quaint downtown, expanding economy, and steady population growth.

St. Joseph is part of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Statistical Area. The City is traversed by Hwy. 75 and Interstate 94. The City is 15 miles from St. Cloud Regional Airport and 70 miles from the Minneapolis St. Paul International Airport. The Sauk and Watab Rivers impact the landscape of St. Joseph. The City is situated in east-central Stearns County, the seventh most populous county in the State of Minnesota.

City of St. Joseph's largest employer: College of St. Benedict/St. John's University

### Business Climate

St. Joseph is indicative of what makes Minnesota a highly ranked and compelling place for business. St. Joseph, a private liberal arts college town, offers: a high quality of life, access to a hard-working and educated labor force, access to robust transportation infrastructure, a pervasive spirit of arts/innovation/technology, and access to available capital.



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## Demographic Information

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### St. Cloud MSA

2015 Population Estimate:	194,418
Labor Force:	109,700

### City of St. Joseph

2015 Population Estimate:	6,864
2015 Total Number of Estimated Households	1,888
Average Household Size:	2.61
Median Household Income:	\$59,680.00

### Educational Attainment: Population - Age 25 Plus

	2014
High School Graduate or higher	95.8%
Associate Degree:	17.7 %
Bachelor's Degree:	21 %
Graduate or Professional Degree	11.8 %

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-2013 5-Year American Community Survey, MN State Demographic Center, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Metro Area Distances

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City	Driving Distance (miles)	Flight Time	Days by Truck	Days by Rail
Atlanta GA	1200	2.5	1	2
Bismarck ND	355	1.25	1	1
Chicago	500	1	1	1
Dallas Fort Worth TX	1000	2.5	1	2
Des Moines IA	315	1	1	1
Duluth MN	150	.75	1	1
Fargo ND	160	1	1	1
Green Bay WI	350	1	1	1
Los Angeles CA	1800	3.75	2	3
Milwaukee WI	410	1.15	1	1

## **Leading Employers**

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	<b>Product or Service</b>	<b>Employees</b>
Bestway Fabricating	Construction Steel Fabricating	30
Borgert Products	Concrete Paver Manufacturer	35
Central Minnesota Credit Union	Credit Union	30
City of St. Joseph	Government Services	34
Clemens Library Media	Library	50
Coborns	Supermarket	125
College of St. Benedict/St. John's University	Private liberal arts education	1,100
Fabral	Steel roofing and siding manufacturer	25
ISD 742, Kennedy Community School		
McDonalds	Fast Food Restaurant	54

### **General Comments**

The College of St. Benedict/St. John's University is the single largest employer within the City of St. Joseph. The private liberal arts institutions bring over 1,000 workers to campus each day. The total economic impact of CSB/SJU within St. Joseph is \$14M.

Other leading employers include Kennedy Community School, St. Benedict's Monastery, Coborns Supermarket, and local financial institutions.

## **Local Government**

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Type of Government:	Statutory City
Comprehensive City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	2008
Strategic City Plan:	Yes
Year Plan Completed:	2008
City Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
County Zoning Ordinance in Effect:	Yes
Percent of Streets Paved:	100.00

### **Local Government Services**

City of St. Joseph Police Department:	Full service, full time police service
St. Joseph Fire Department:	Fire and first responder service

## Utilities

### Water

Provider Name: City of St.  
Joseph Rated Capacity (mgd): 4320000  
Average Capacity (mgd): 3750  
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Peak Demand (mgd): 9000  
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Storage Capacity (gallons): 700,0  
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### Sewer

Provider Name: City of St.  
Joseph Rated Capacity (mgd): 2500000  
Average Daily Demand (mgd): 5000  
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Peak Demand (mgd): 9000  
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### Electric

Provider Name: Stearns Electric Association  
Peak Demand (kW): 105,000  
Generation Capacity (MW): 80  
Customers Served (state): 26,000  
Customers Served (system): 26,000

### Natural Gas

Provider Name: Xcel  
Energy  
Pipeline Source: NSPM, PSCo, NSPW,  
SPS,  
WestGas  
Interstate  
Customers Served (state):  
0  
Customers Served (system):  
1,800,000

## Transportation

### Interstates and Highways

Interstate 94 (four lane interstate) is within the City.  
Highway 75 (four lane highway, controlled intersections) traverses the City.  
CSAHs 2 and 3 (two lane highway) traverses the City.

### Motor Freight

Motor Carriers: 10  
Local Terminals: 0

### Railroads

Northern Lines Railway operates a short line with a branch to St. Joseph. The St. Joseph branch extends from the connection with BNSF in east St. Cloud westward, crosses the Mississippi River on the 1892 St. Cloud Rail Bridge and continues on to St. Joseph, approximately 7 miles (11 km).  
Piggyback Ramp Available: No  
Distance to Nearest Piggyback: 17  
Intermodal Services Available: No

### Airport

St. Cloud Regional Airport (15 miles). VOR/DME. Control Tower 0500-2330. Runway 13/31 7,000 ft concrete grooved. Runway 5/23 3,000 ft asphalt. FBO St. Cloud Aviation. 80 aircraft based at field. Elevation 1031, pattern elevation 2031.

### Public Transportation Network

The availability of transit services in the St. Cloud MSA has continued to increase. The region is currently serviced by one urban bus provider, two rural bus systems, intercity motor coach service, several private non-profit providers, and several private for hire carriers.

### General Comments

Interstate 94, CSAH 75, and CSAH 2 traverse the City of St. Joseph. Several motor freight carriers are located within in and in close proximity to the City of St. Joseph. Northern Lines Railway operates a short line with a branch to St. Joseph. The region is currently serviced by one urban bus provider, two rural bus systems, intercity motor coach service, several private non-profit providers, and several private for hire carriers. St. Cloud Regional Airport is 15 miles from St. Joseph, runway 13/31 is 7,000 feet concreted grooved.

## **Taxation Structure**

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Actual Valuation (2014):	\$304,691,200.00
Bond Indebtedness (2013)	
General Obligation:	\$19,450,000.00
Revenue:	\$180,000.00
County:	\$0.00
School:	\$0.00

### General Comments:

A wide variety of incentives and financial assistance is available to help companies startup, expand, and relocate in St. Joseph.

## **Quality of Life**

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### **Commercial Services**

Number of Hotels and Motels:	1
Number of Rooms Available:	27
Number of Conference Centers:	1
Capacity of Largest Conference Center:	500

## **Education**

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### **Elementary and Secondary Education Overview**

St. Joseph is part of Independent School District 742 which serves over 10,000 students. Two-thirds of licensed staff have advanced degrees. Classrooms use the latest technology as well as tried-and-true methods. District 742 has eight elementary, three middle, two high, and three alternative learning schools. Kennedy Community School is located in St. Joseph and serves pre-K to grade 8. Kennedy is a LEED certified facility which opened in 2008.

### **Higher Education Overview**

The College of St. Benedict is within and St. John's University just outside the St. Joseph city limits. Other higher education facilities in close proximity to St. Joseph include Rasmussen College (three miles), MN School of Business (seven miles), St. Cloud State University (10 miles), St. Cloud Technical College (eight miles), and St. Cloud Beauty School (seven miles).

## **Health Facilities and Personnel**

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Number of Hospitals:	0
Total Number of Beds:	0
Number of Outpatient Clinics:	0
Number of Medical Doctors:	4
Number of Dentists:	3
Number of Registered Nurses:	25
Number of Practical Nurses:	50