

COMMUNITY PROFILE

Overview

Owatonna has a diversified industrial/commercial base of business that has made it an economic powerhouse in Southern Minnesota for decades. This regional center is home to more than 40 industries and 500 retail and professional businesses supported by a skilled workforce of over 19,000 people. Businesses benefit from its accessible location at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Highway 14.

Location

County	Steele
Region	Southeast Minnesota
Minneapolis	60 miles
Nearest MSA	38 miles (Rochester, MN)

Population — 2005 Estimates

Owatonna	24,255
Steele County	35,000
Nearest MSA	130,000
Minnesota	5,033,660

Major Employers

	Products/Services	Employees
<i>Viracon/Curvlite Inc.</i>	Architectural Glass & Glass Product Mfg	1,700
<i>Federated Insurance Co.</i>	Business Insurance Carrier	1,500
<i>Truth Hardware</i>	Window Hardware & Metalworking Mfg	901
<i>SPX Corp-OTC Div.</i>	Auto Electrical Equipment & Components	800
<i>Owatonna Public School Dist.</i>	Elementary & Secondary Schools	750
<i>Wenger Corp.</i>	Musical Equipment Mfg	460
<i>Josten's</i>	School Rings, Recognition & Printing	376
<i>Cybex Corp.</i>	Exercise Equipment Mfg	358
<i>Cabela's</i>	Sporting Goods, Hobby	353
<i>Owatonna Clinic</i>	Multispecialty medical clinic	350
<i>Steele County</i>	Government	317
<i>Wal-Mart</i>	Department Store	250
<i>Owatonna Hospital</i>	General Medical & Surgical	215



K-12 Education

	Schools	Enrollment	Grades	Pupil/Teacher
<i>Elementary</i>	4	2,109	K-5	24:1
<i>Middle School</i>	1	361	6	30:1
<i>Junior High</i>	1	748	7-8	24:1
<i>Senior High</i>	1	1,641	9-12	28:1
<i>Private/Parochial</i>	3	632	K-12	16:1

Higher Education*

Crown College	www.crown.edu
Concordia College – St. Paul	www.csp.edu
Riverland Community College.....	www.riverland.edu
Minnesota State University – Mankato.....	www.mnsu.edu
Southwest Minnesota State University – Marshall	www.southwest.msus.edu
University of St. Thomas	www.stthomas.edu

* Degree programs and customized training through the Owatonna College & University Center

Medical Facilities

	Facilities	Beds	Highlights
<i>Clinic</i>	1	—	—
<i>Dentists</i>	21	—	—
<i>Doctors</i>	52	—	—
<i>Hospital</i>	1	77	Telemedicine Available
<i>Nursing Home</i>	3	290	—

