

## Workforce Housing Communities Methodology

Communities with a need for workforce housing are identified through total jobs in 2012 and job growth between 2007 through 2012. Data on jobs are from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development’s Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages<sup>1</sup>. Workforce housing areas are defined separately for the Twin Cities Metro (7 County) and Greater Minnesota. The following sections describe the eligible communities and buffers around these communities for the two regions. Applicants will find interactive maps to identify whether a property falls within these areas at Minnesota Housing’s website: [www.mnhousing.gov](http://www.mnhousing.gov) > Policy & Research > Community Profiles.

### 1. Twin Cities Metro

To be identified as a community needing workforce housing in the Twin Cities, the top five communities in total jobs in 2012 and the top 10 communities in job growth between 2007-2012 are selected. To meet the job growth definition, communities must meet or exceed 2,000 jobs in 2012. Areas within five miles of the communities are included for a modest commutedshed. Table 1 below and the map on page 3 show the communities that meet this definition.

**Table 1 - Twin Cities Metropolitan Area Workforce Housing Communities**

Top Communities in Total Jobs 2012	Top Communities in Job Growth 2007-2012
Bloomington, Hennepin	Brooklyn Park, Hennepin
Eagan, Dakota	Chanhassen, largely Carver
Edina, Hennepin	Edina, Hennepin
Minneapolis, Hennepin	Golden Valley, Hennepin
Saint Paul, Ramsey	Hopkins, Hennepin
	Maple Grove, Hennepin
	Minneapolis, Hennepin
	Mounds View, Ramsey
	Oak Park Heights, Washington
	Oakdale, Washington

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<sup>1</sup><http://mn.gov/deed/data/data-tools/qcew.jsp>

## 2. Greater Minnesota

To be identified as a community in need of workforce housing in Greater Minnesota, cities must meet or exceed 2,000 jobs in 2012. The top ten communities in total jobs and the all communities with any job growth between 2007-2012 are included in the definition<sup>2</sup>, and a buffer of ten miles around the communities supports a modest commuted. Table 2 below and the map on the following page show the communities that meet this definition.

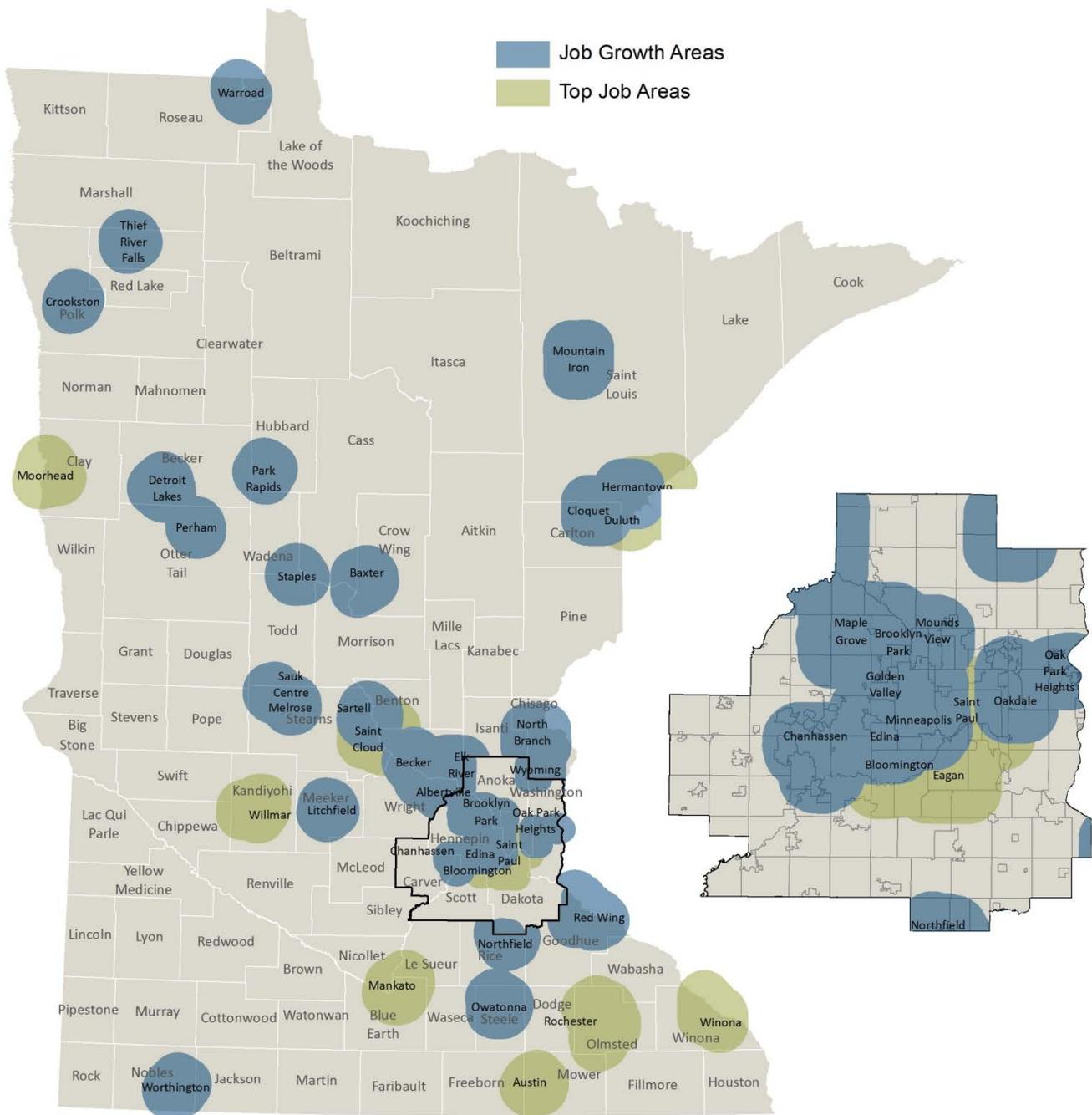
**Table 2 - Greater Minnesota Workforce Housing Communities**

Top Communities in Total Jobs 2012	Communities with Job Growth 2007-2012
Austin, Mower	Albertville, Wright
Duluth, Saint Louis	Baxter, Crow Wing
Mankato, largely Blue Earth	Becker, Sherburne
Moorhead, Clay	Cloquet, Carlton
Owatonna, Steele	Crookston, Polk
Red Wing, Goodhue	Detroit Lakes, Becker
Rochester, Olmsted	Elk River, Sherburne
Saint Cloud, largely Stearns	Hermantown, Saint Louis
Willmar, Kandiyohi	Litchfield, Meeker
Winona, Winona	Melrose, Stearns
	Monticello, Wright
	Mountain Iron, Saint Louis
	North Branch, Chisago
	Northfield, largely Rice
	Owatonna, Steele
	Park Rapids, Hubbard
	Perham, Otter Tail
	Red Wing, Goodhue
	Sartell, largely Stearns
	Sauk Centre, Stearns
	Staples, largely Todd
	Thief River Falls, Pennington
	Warroad, Roseau
	Worthington, Nobles
	Wyoming, Chisago

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<sup>2</sup> When conducting time series analysis using the DEED Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data, there is potential for reporting changes by employers from neighboring communities between the two years. This may result in a job growth figure that may not be the result of new jobs. This list includes all cities with positive job change between 2007 and 2012 regardless of these potential reporting shifts.

## Workforce Areas



Job growth areas are within five miles of the top 10 job growth communities in the Twin Cities Metro, and within ten miles of all job growth communities (for communities with at least 2,000 jobs) in Greater Minnesota.

Top jobs areas are within 5 miles of top 5 communities for total jobs in the Twin Cities Metro, and within 10 miles of the top 10 communities for total jobs in Greater Minnesota.

Source: MN Department of Employment and Economic Development Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, Date: 12/30/2013

