

# Community Profile

## Village of Balsam Lake Polk County, Wisconsin

### DEMOGRAPHICS

#### POPULATION

	2000	2009*
Village of Balsam Lake	950	1,082
Polk County	41,319	46,231
State of Wisconsin	5,363,704	5,688,040

Source: U.S. Census \*Estimate

#### HOUSING

Number of Housing Units	2000
Village of Balsam Lake	673
Polk County	21,129
State of Wisconsin	2,321,144

Source: U.S. Census

2000 Median Value of:	Owner-Occ. Units	Gross Rent
Village of Balsam Lake	\$87,300	\$388
Polk County	\$100,200	\$440
State of Wisconsin	\$112,200	\$540

Source: U.S. Census

#### ECONOMY

##### COUNTY EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY - 2000

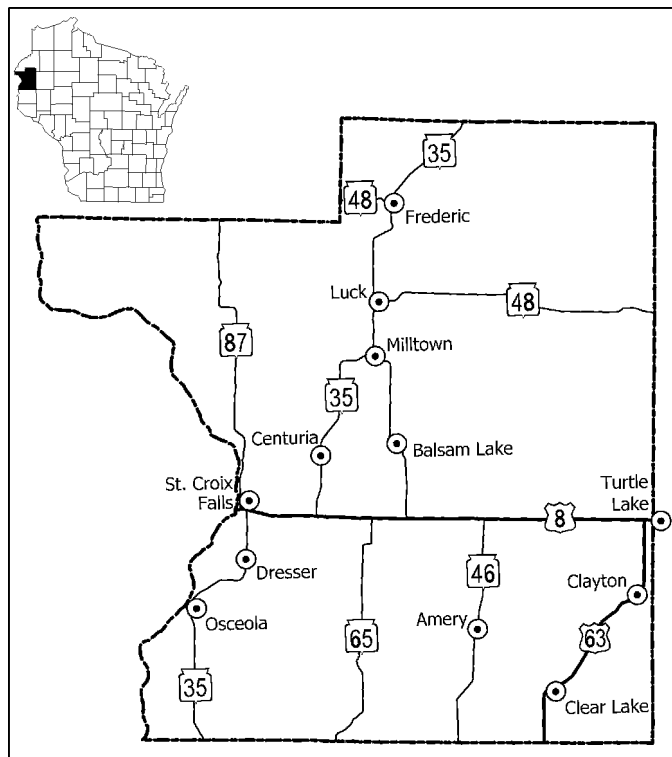
Industry	Employees
Agriculture/Forestry/Fishing/Hunting/Mining	991
Construction	1,520
Manufacturing	5,780
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	885
Information	330
Wholesale Trade	530
Retail Trade	2,074
Finance/Insurance/Real Estate/Rental/Leasing	780
Services	7,031
Public Administration	632
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYMENT</b>	<b>20,553</b>

Source: U.S. Census

##### EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

	2003	2008
Polk Co. Labor Force	23,835	24,067
Polk Co. Employed	22,196	22,685
Polk Co. Unemployed	1,639	1,382
Polk Co. Unemployment Rate	6.9%	5.7%
Wisconsin Unemployment Rate	506.0%	4.7%
U.S. Unemployment Rate	6.0%	5.8%

Source: Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development, Office of Economic Advisors



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##### 2008 WAGES

Occupation	Mean	Median
Assemblers, Team	\$13.12	\$12.04
Clerk, Bookkeeping/Accting/Audit	14.50	14.47
Clerk, Shipping/Receiving/Traffic	14.52	14.32
Electrician	21.43	20.07
Hand Packers and Packagers	11.29	10.92
Maintenance and Repair Worker	18.16	17.84
Nursing Aide/Orderly/Attendant	12.24	11.92
Secretary, Ex. Legal/Medical/Exec.	14.73	14.45
Tool and Die Maker	21.20	21.56
Welder/Cutter/Solderer/Brazer	17.75	17.83

Source: 2008 Wage Survey, Wisconsin Dept. of Workforce Development

##### INCOME (PER CAPITA)

	2005	2006	2007
Polk County	\$26,817	\$27,362	\$28,674
State of Wisconsin	\$32,829	\$34,405	\$36,272
United States	\$34,757	\$36,714	\$38,615

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis

## INFRASTRUCTURE

### TRANSPORTATION

#### MAJOR HIGHWAYS

Highway Type	Name	Distance to Nearest
State Highways	46	0 miles
U.S. Highways	8	4 miles
Interstate Highways	I-35	34 miles

#### RAIL SERVICE

Provider(s)	None
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#### AIR SERVICE

##### Local Air Service

Nearest Local Airport	L.O. Simenstad Municipal-Osceola
Airport Classification	General Utility
Miles to Airport	20

##### Scheduled Air Service

Nearest Airport	Minn.-St. Paul International
Miles to Airport	60
Airline Service(s)	American, United, Northwest

### UTILITIES

**Electric Provider** Northwestern Wis. Elec.

**Natural Gas Provider** WE Energies

**Telecomm Provider** CenturyLink  
Fiber Optics Yes

**Water Provider** Municipal  
Rated Capacity 775 GPM  
Actual Capacity n/a  
Water Pressure 46 psi to 52 psi  
Ground Storage Capacity 0 gallons  
Elevated Storage Capacity 225,000 gallons

**Waste Water Provider** Municipal  
Monthly Design Flow 120,000 GPD  
Monthly Average Daily Flow 71,525 GPD  
Year Facility Constructed 1978

## REAL ESTATE AND TAXATION

### REAL ESTATE EQUALIZED VALUES\*

	2007	2008	2009
Village of Balsam Lake	\$144	\$149	\$139
Polk County	\$4,933	\$5,000	\$4,789
State of Wisconsin	\$486,959	\$502,446	\$499,856

\* NOTE: Equalized values expressed in millions of dollars.

## TAXATION-2008

### Local Property Taxes

Effective Full Value Rate (per \$1,000)	\$16.72
Machinery, Equip and Inventory Tax	Exempt
Real and Personal Property Full Value	\$151,339,900

### County Taxes

Sales Tax	0.5%
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### State Taxes

Sales Tax	5.0%
Corporate Income Tax	7.9%
Personal Income Tax	4.8 - 6.8%
Capital Gains Tax	60% exemption

## INSTITUTIONS

### EDUCATION

#### Vocational/Technical

Nearest VoTech	WITC
Location of VoTech	New Richmond
Miles to VoTech	26

#### University

Nearest University	UW-Rice Lake - Barron Co.
Miles to University	37

### HEALTH CARE

#### Hospital

Nearest Hospital	St. Croix Falls
Miles to Hospital	13

## CONTACTS

### LOCAL CONTACT

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### COUNTY CONTACT

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