

# KANABEC COUNTY

Population: 15,966

County seat: Mora

Largest cities: Mora (3,523)  
Ogilvie (356)  
Grasston (159)

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## LOCATION & ACCESS

- Located less than one hour from St. Cloud and the Twin Cities & 90 minutes from Duluth.
- Bisected by two major transit highways, MN-65 and MN-47, connecting the Twin Cities with Mille Lacs Lake.
- Mora Municipal Airport (JMR), features a 4,800-foot paved primary runway and is adjacent to the Mora Industrial Park.
- BNSF Railway runs through the southeast corner of the County, connecting Braham to the ports of St. Paul and Duluth-Superior, Wis.

## MAJOR INDUSTRIES & EMPLOYMENT

- Kanabec County's major industries include: plastics product manufacturing, fabricated metal product manufacturing and machinery manufacturing.
- Manufacturing employment in the County is 13.4%, with the highest employment being in the government sector at 32.7% (2014).
- The largest employer in Kanabec County is FirstLight Health System, a County-owned hospital located in Mora offering comprehensive services throughout the region.
- Other major employers in the county include: Imperial Plastics, Northland Process Piping, OlymPak, St. Clare Living Community, and Lakes & Pines CAC.

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Vasaloppet USA, Mora



FirstLight Health System, Mora

*"We have a high expectation of growth for Imperial Plastics over the next several years, and our Mora team and plant will play critical roles in achieving our goals. We know the custom molding, assembly and finishing we do in Mora is in high demand and look forward to continuing our investments in people and equipment to capitalize on the opportunity."*

*~ Andy Eckert, President and CEO  
Imperial Plastics, Inc.*

## GPS:45:93 REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION

Interstate 35 connects two of the State's largest metropolitan areas, Duluth-Superior with the Twin Cities and the GPS:45:93 region is **ideally located** along this route. This interstate runs the full length of the United States, its south terminus at Laredo, TX. Two international airports serve this region, on either end, as well as a robust freight rail system, and North America's largest inland seaport. East Central Minnesota has a transportation network that brings goods to market around the world.