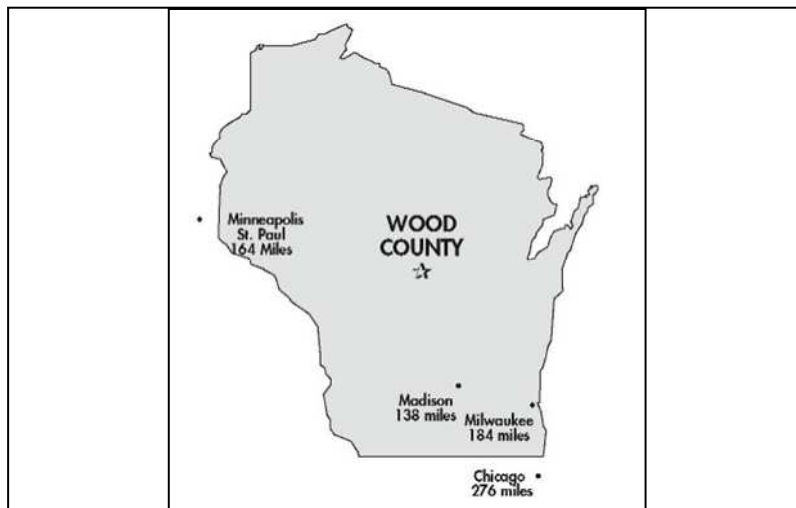


## Transportation, Utilities, and Telecommunications Technology are Abundant in Wood County



### Key Facts

#### Transportation:

- Marshfield is located 40 miles from Interstate 39 & 60 miles from Interstate 90/94. Wisconsin Rapids is located 15 miles from Interstate 39 and 55 miles from Interstate 90/94.
- Interstate 39 is the primary north/south highway serving Central Wisconsin. Highways 29, 10 and 54 provide east/west links to major markets in WI & MN.
- Commercial air service is available through the Central Wisconsin Regional Airport. Local airports are available in Wausau, Marshfield, Stevens Point and Wisconsin Rapids.
- Rail service is provided throughout Central Wisconsin by Canadian National Rail Service.

### Why is this Information Important?

**Electricity/Natural Gas:** Wood County is served by a combination of investor owned and municipal utilities that provide safe and reliable electricity, with flexible rate options that result in electric costs that are among the lowest in the country. Natural gas utilities serving the area have continued to expand their distribution systems to make natural gas available to the entire region, providing safe and reliable service at competitive rates.

### Water

Wisconsin Rapids has a rated capacity of 7/M gallons per day; Marshfield's capacity is 4.5/M. The wastewater treatment plant in Wisconsin Rapids has capacity to treat 5.16/M gallons of wastewater daily; Marshfield can treat 4.63/M. There is ample capacity for both residential and industrial expansion.

### Telecommunications Technology

Wood County is served by leading edge local exchange telecommunications companies and all of the major inter-exchange carriers. Marshfield is served by Verizon Communications and Wisconsin Rapids is served by Solarus. A variety of high-speed options provide both the capacity and speed required for information exchange in today's business environment.

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