

Minnesota Wind Economic Benefits

What Benefits Does 1 Wind Farm Create in Minnesota?

Wind projects bring numerous economic benefits to local communities they are located in, such as new jobs, new tax revenue, and direct payments to landowners, but the benefits from just one wind project are often overlooked.

Current Minnesota Wind Energy Snapshot:

4,826 MW	\$40,086,372	\$37,746,964
Installed Wind Capacity	Annual State & Local Taxes	Annual Land Lease Payments

A Single 150MW Wind Project in Minnesota Could Bring:

Wind Production Tax²
 ≈ **\$536,112/year**
 Or ≈ **\$13,402,800**
 over project lifetime
 (25 years)



Land Lease Payments
 ≈ **\$1,173,237/year**
 Or ≈ **\$29,330,939**
 over project lifetime
 (25 years)



Land lease numbers are based on statewide averages and aggregate data, are not guaranteed, nor representative of project-specific agreements. Actual figures vary by project.

Sources:

- American Clean Power Association. Quarter 4, 2025 CleanPowerIQ data.
<https://cleanpower.org/cleanpower-iq/>
- University of Michigan Graham Sustainability Institute. May 2025. "Local Property Tax Impacts of Large-Scale Wind and Solar Projects: Minnesota"
<https://graham.umich.edu/media/files/Minnesota-Property-Tax-Final.pdf>

Minnesota Wind Case Studies



WIND IN MURRAY COUNTY:

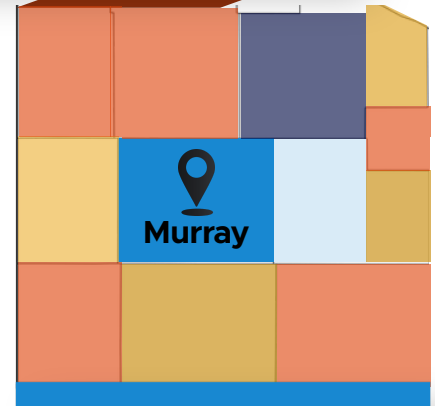
Total Tax Payable from Wind (2004-2021):

\$19,313,915 tax

Wind Tax Revenue Uses:

Murray County has focused on infrastructure projects

- Replacement of the Courthouse HVAC system
- Regional Health and Human Services building
- Dinehart-Holt House and repairs
- County fairground updates
- Broadband expansion



WIND IN LINCOLN COUNTY:

Total Tax Payable from Wind (2004-2021):

\$20,839,211 tax

Wind Tax Revenue Uses:

Lincoln County has focused on levy relief

- Reducing the tax burden on residents
- Broadband expansion
- General maintenance of aging infrastructure
 - Reroofing the courthouse & Sheriff's Department building
 - Re-doing stucco on the Highway Department building

