

STEELE COUNTY

IMPACT REPORT 2026

Semcac is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) Community Action Agency designated to serve Southeast Minnesota counties:

Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Mower, Steele & Winona.
Some programs in Olmsted, Goodhue, Rice, Wabasha & Waseca

Semcac provides services to assist low-income and/or at-risk populations and addresses community needs.



MISSION

EMPOWER & ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE TO ENHANCE THEIR SELF-SUFFICIENCY BY MAXIMIZING COMMUNITY RESOURCES.

Locations

Steele County Outreach Center

- 209 E Main St. Owatonna, MN

Senior Dining

- City Hall 138 Hwy Ave S Blooming Prairie, MN
- Cedar Place Apt 2211 Hartle Ave Owatonna, MN
- Senior Place 500 Dunnell Dr. Owatonna, MN

Head Start

- 565 20th St. NE Owatonna, MN

Semcac Steele County Workforce

.....> 12 Full time and 15 Part time <.....

Annual Full Agency Results



Served
17,522
INDIVIDUALS



From
9,115
HOUSEHOLDS



Provided
56,191
BUS RIDES

36,690 hours donated
by **1,045** volunteers



Semcac's Impact in Steele County

Data from fiscal year or calendar year 2025



SENIOR SERVICES

Empowers seniors to maintain their health and nutritional well-being and allows seniors to remain in their homes.

7,965

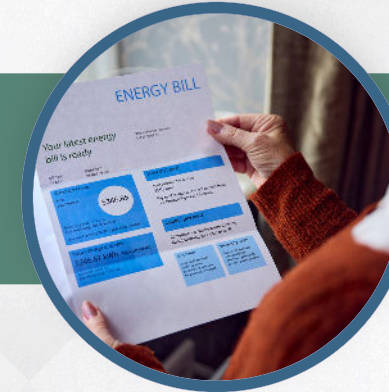
Hot, nutritious meals were served to **70** seniors in a congregate setting.

25,517

Nutritious meals were delivered to **181** home-bound seniors.

39

Seniors and/or caregivers received assistance to identify needs, access resources and make informed decisions.



ENERGY ASSISTANCE

Heats homes during the winter season and extends budgets for low income households.

604

Households received assistance with their utility payments.

133

Households received additional crisis energy assistance.



WEATHERIZATION

Lowers energy bills for low-income people.

8

Households had their homes weatherized.

6

Households received home conservation services funded through the local utility companies.

31

Households received energy related repairs, such as furnace replacements.



HOME REPAIR LOAN PROGRAM

Improves living conditions for low-income households and preserves quality, affordable housing.

2

Households were assisted with rehab through the MN Housing Rehab Loan Program.



HEAD START & EARLY HEAD START

Empowers families & young children for school readiness and provides Head Start families with comprehensive services.

34

Children & families were educated at the Head Start classrooms.

47

Parents were supported during the early years of their child's life.



TRANSPORTATION

Ensures people get to their medical and dental appointments, Senior Dining and other locations to meet essential needs.

649 rides were provided to **102** individuals through the Volunteer Driver Program.

79

Rides were provided through Rolling Hills Mobility.



OUTREACH AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Supports people through a crisis and allows them to utilize their limited income until they reach stability.

79

Households were assisted with rent or mortgage payments or motel vouchers to prevent homelessness, impacting **176** individuals.

28

Households were assisted with Car Repair funds, impacting **88** individuals.

3,326

Households were provided information and referrals.