



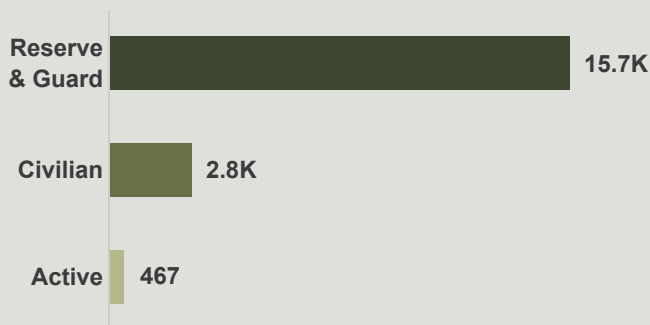
**OVERVIEW**

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the state of Minnesota received \$2.4 billion in Defense spending, which provides direct funding for the Department of War (DoW) personnel salaries, defense contracts, and construction of military facilities in the state. This spending by DoW personnel, contractors, and their families creates significant economic activity, attracts related industries and investments, and generates important state and local government tax revenues.

The Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration (REPI) Program is a key tool used by DoW and its partners to protect the military's ability to train, test, and operate in the state. The Department created the REPI Program in response to the development of lands and loss of habitat in the vicinity of or affecting its installations, ranges, and airspace that can lead to restrictions or costly and inadequate training and testing alternatives. Through the REPI Program, DoW works with state and local governments, conservation organizations, and willing private landowners to address these challenges to the military mission and the viability of DoW installations and ranges. The REPI Program has benefited from broad bipartisan support both in the U.S. Congress and among groups representing state and local officials. From FY 2004 through FY 2025, DoW and its partners have contributed over \$106.8 million to REPI projects supporting one installation in Minnesota.

**DOW IN MINNESOTA**

**DOW Personnel** (as of 30 Sept 2024)



**Total DOW Personnel: 19.0K**

**Federal Defense Spending and Economic Impact**

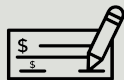
(in FY 2024)



**\$2.4 billion**  
in Federal Defense spending



**0.5%**  
of state Gross Domestic Product



**\$684.8M**  
in payroll contributed  
**\$1.5B**  
in contracts awarded

**Acres of National Defense Land**

(as of 30 Sept 2024)



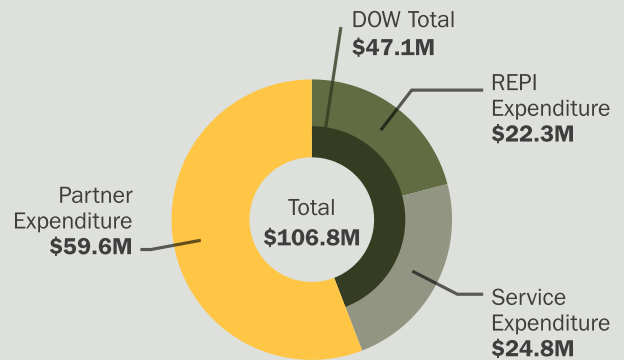
**2,705 acres**  
DOW Managed Land

**88,910 acres**  
State-Owned National Guard Land

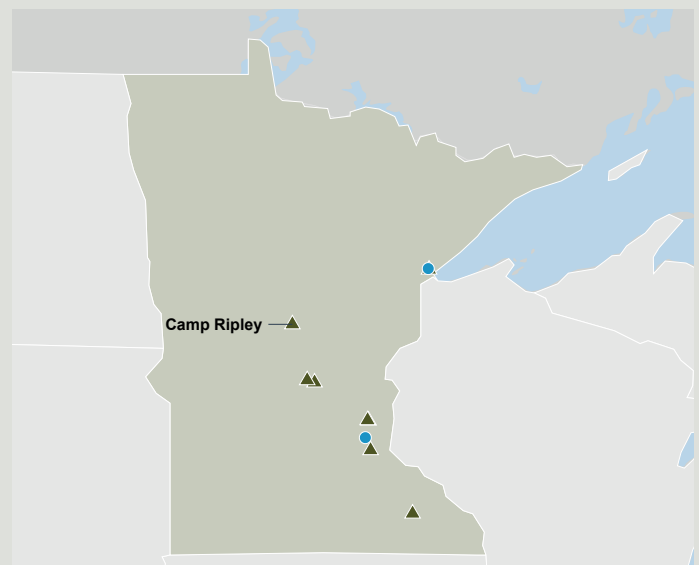
**91,615 acres**  
Total Defense Land

**REPI PROJECTS IN MINNESOTA**

**Funding Summary** (from FY 2004 through FY 2025)



**Acres Protected (FY 2004 through FY 2025): 36,450**



▲ Army ◆ Navy  
 ■ Marine Corps ● Air Force

**REPI Installations and Ranges**

## MILITARY PRESENCE

- Minnesota is home to Camp Ripley, a **53,000-acre National Guard training center** utilized by the military, federal, state, local, and civilian communities.
- Camp Ripley's environmental team **received the National Guard Bureau Environmental Award for its work to grow and preserve the Sentinel Landscape in central Minnesota.** Camp Ripley is the only National Guard facility to participate in this program which protects agricultural and recreational land surrounding military installations.
- Minnesota is home to the 55th Civil Support Team, a 22-member group of full-time soldiers and airmen **on call 24 hours a day** in the event that a law enforcement agency needs specialized help in detecting, identifying, analyzing, or assisting when a chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear hazard may be present.
- Camp Ripley is utilized by several agencies including the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Minnesota State Patrol, Homeland Security Emergency Management, and the Minnesota Department of Transportation. These agencies partner with the installation to conduct annual and academy events and annual driver training events, like snow plow training.
- With over 400,000 person-days of training in 2023, Camp Ripley is a world class training center for military and civilian personnel of all military branches, international military partners, and first responders worldwide.
- More funding has been spent to protect land around Camp Ripley than any other REPI project.

## REPI PROJECTS

Installation	County	Congressional District
Camp Ripley	Cass, Crow Wing, Morrison	7th

For all REPI Project Profiles visit: [www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx](http://www.repi.mil/BufferProjects/ProjectList.aspx)



Army Sgt. Maj. Peter Klundt jumps out of an Air Force C-130J Super Hercules over a designated landing zone during Bright Star in Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 8, 2025.

## Key REPI Partners

- Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources
- Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Morrison Soil and Water Conservation District
- The Conservation Fund
- The Nature Conservancy

## Data Sources

- **For Camp Ripley information:** <https://www.minnesotanationalguard.ng.mil/crtc/>
- **For Economic Impact Information:** Minnesota National Guard 2023 Annual Report: [https://www.ngmnpublish.azurewebsites.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023\\_Minnesota\\_National\\_Guard\\_Annual\\_Report\\_Web-1.pdf](https://www.ngmnpublish.azurewebsites.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2023_Minnesota_National_Guard_Annual_Report_Web-1.pdf)
- **For Land Information:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of War for Sustainment, Real Property, Business Systems & Information Directorate: "Base Structure Report – FY25 Baseline" (as of 30 Sept 2024)
- **For Federal Spending and Personnel Information:** Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation: "Defense Spending by State – Fiscal Year 2024": <https://www.oldcc.gov/dsbs-fy2023>
- **For REPI Projects Information:** "2026 REPI Report to Congress": [https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI\\_2026\\_RT\\_C\\_20260305.pdf](https://www.repi.mil/Portals/44/REPI_2026_RT_C_20260305.pdf)