

PowerOn Midwest—Supporting Lincoln County reliability

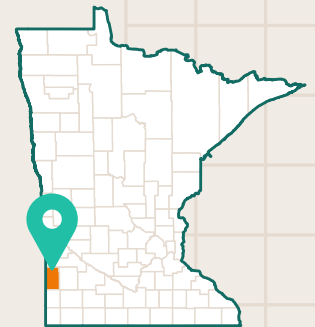


PowerOn Midwest strengthens reliability across the Midwest and in Lincoln County by moving electricity from where it is generated to where it is needed in real time. This flexibility helps Minnesota maintain reliable, around-the-clock electric service at the lowest practical cost.

Lincoln County

Load GWH		Generation GWH		Imports	Exports
Current year	+20 years	Current year	+20 years	% of time	% of time
66	77	5834	4660	7%	93%

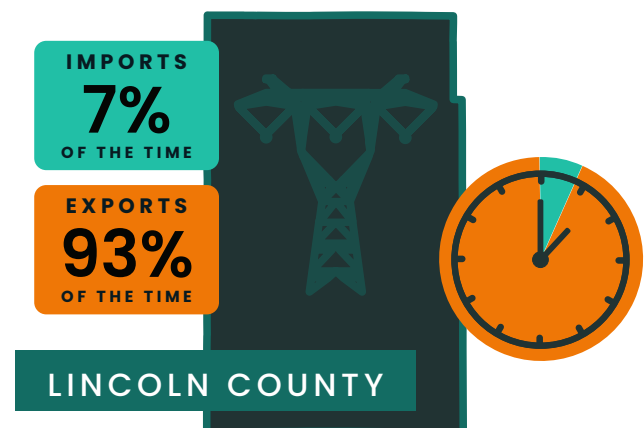
Source: Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO)_ Series 1A models



Lincoln County has substantial generation resources—significantly more than its electric load—but those generation resources are not always available. For example, wind power is only available when wind is blowing and batteries are only available when charged. Providing access to the lowest-cost available generation maintains reliable and affordable electricity around-the-clock.

Lincoln County's generation resource is primarily wind generation, which supports local reliability when it's available, and surplus power is regularly exported and sold to areas that need it. When Lincoln County's generation is not available, Lincoln County imports power through the transmission grid from other parts of Minnesota and beyond. **Today, Lincoln County exports power about 93% of the time and imports power about 7% of the time.** In the future, as electric demand grows and the regional generation fleet becomes more dependent on wind, solar, and natural gas resources, the existing transmission grid lacks sufficient capacity to move power into and out of Lincoln County reliably. PowerOn Midwest provides a high-capacity reliable electric backbone to move power across Minnesota.

Minnesota both imports and exports electricity, but over the course of a year, it is a **net importer**. Over the past decade, **generation outside the state served 10–20% of Minnesota's electricity needs¹**, a consistent trend expected to continue over the next 20 years. As electricity demand grows and the Midwest generation fleet evolves, more power will need to move into and out of Minnesota to maintain reliability. Together, **PowerOn Midwest and the Minnesota transmission grid are expected to bring more power into the state than leaves it.**



1. Energy Information Authority: <https://www.eia.gov/electricity/data/state/>. Minnesota 2014 – 2023.