The Stevens Point Community (located in Portage County) can be thought of as the combined population of Stevens Point, Plover, Whiting, the Town of Hull and Park Ridge. Without counting the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point there are approximately 42,000 residents. In session, University brings that number up another 8000 or so.

“Point” as the locals call it, is celebrating its sesquicentennial in 2008. Like many small cities in Wisconsin, Point has a longstanding ethnic flavor. The city is and has classically been, Polish Catholic for many years.

The welcoming sign as one comes into the city states “Gateway to the Pines” indicating to the north there becomes less arable land and much more in the way of forests. The actual name of the city is derived from the logging industry noting a specific landmark point along the Wisconsin River that eventually became what we know of today as Stevens Point.

Point today, has a varied economy with the major employers being Sentry Insurance, UWSP, agriculture and food processing, the paper industry and healthcare. This provides a relatively stable economic base.

Outdoor recreation abounds in and around the community. Fishing and boating either on the Wisconsin River or smaller nearby lakes is available. The surrounding communities have created The Green Circle, a 26+ mile crushed rock bike path which traverses public and private land. Excellent public and private golf courses, disc golf, single track biking, softball to name a few summer activities. Fall and winter bring out the hunters as well as snowmobilers, cross country skiers and nearby (Wausau) for downhill skiing.

Residents at all age levels also enjoy team sports such as Baseball, Softball, Ice Hockey, Soccer, basketball and football through organizations such as the YMCA or local sponsors.

Stevens Point hosts the world’s largest trivia contest in April, sponsored by the local UWSP radio station (which in itself is excellent: 89.9 FM /WWSP). See the You Tube video by searching for “Trivia town trailer”.
St. Michaels/Rice Clinic Campus  
Student housing provided by hospital

UWSP located across the street from the hospital

Point Brewery on Water St.