



Minnesota State Demographic Center

# **Minnesota Now, Then, When... An Overview of Demographic Change**

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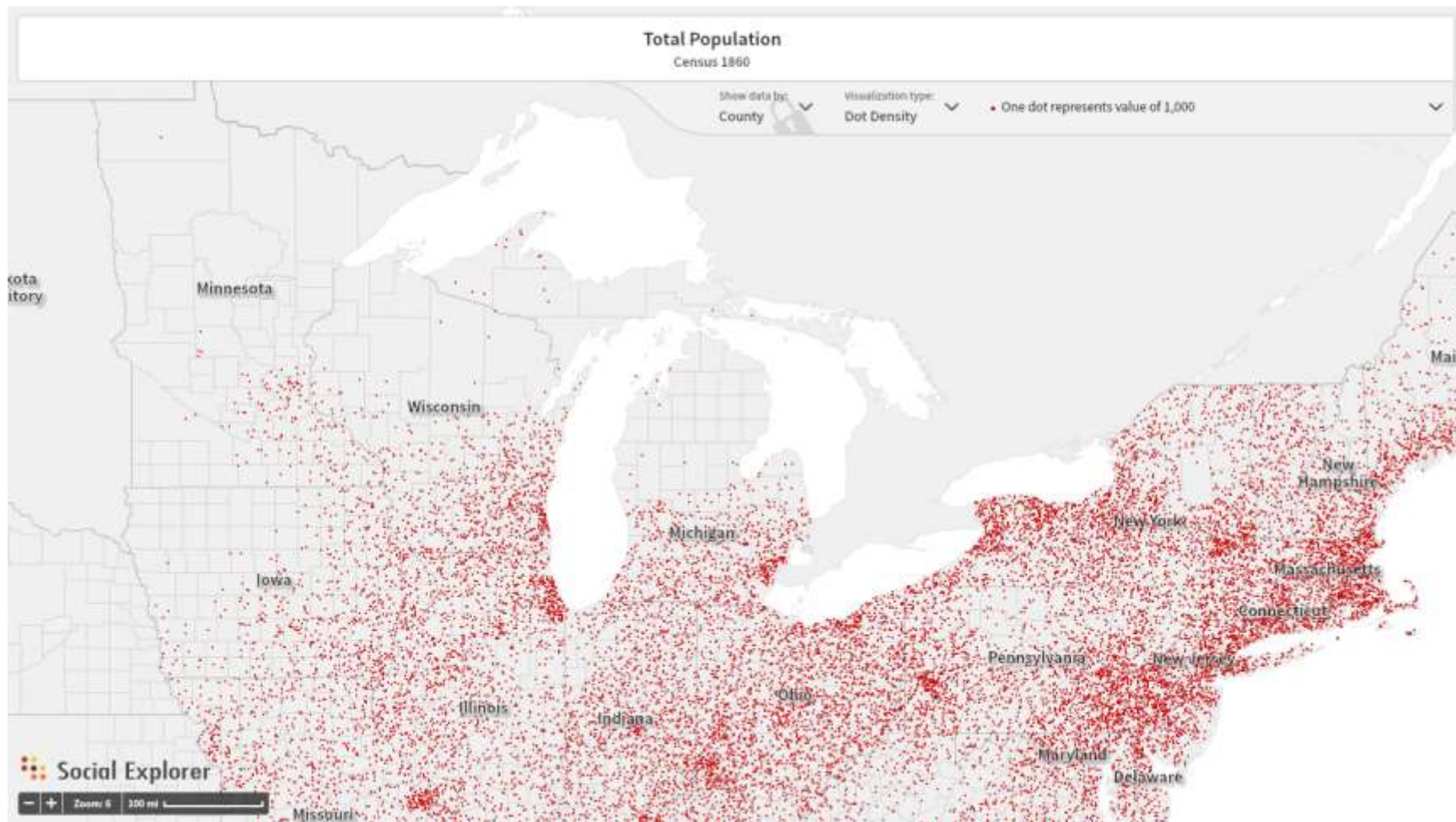
**April 2015**



1858:  
Minnesota gained statehood



# MN in 1860 Census: Each dot = 1,000 people



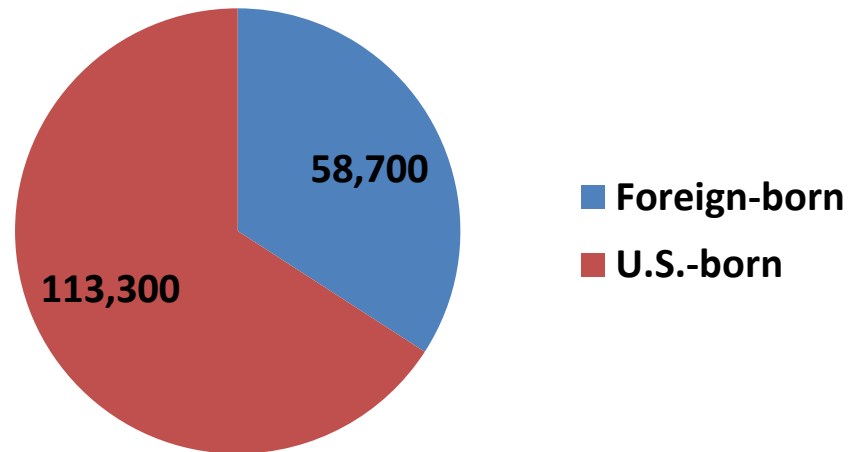
Source: U.S. Census via Social Explorer.

# MN in 1860 Census

- Total population statewide of 172,000 people
  - About 13,000 people in Hennepin County
  - About 12,000 people in Ramsey County
  - About 16,000 people (9% statewide) were living in “urban” cities (with 2,500+ people), only in these two counties. The rest of the population was rural, with 18,000 farms operating statewide.
  - Current boundaries of 87 counties not yet established

# MN in 1860 Census

- The population was very young
  - 86% of the population was under age 40
  - 51% of the population was under age 20
- One-third of the population was foreign-born (an immigrant)

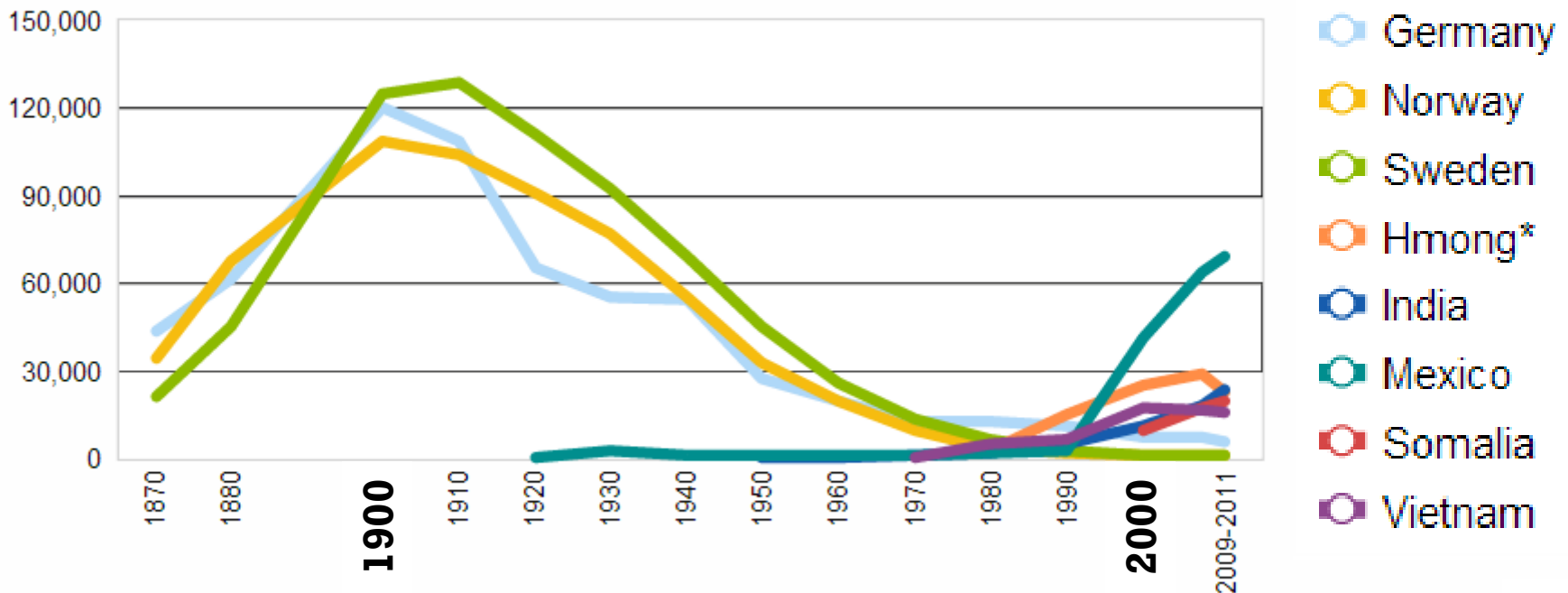


# Minnesota residents by race in 1860



# + By late 1800s, German, Norwegian and Swedish immigrants began to arrive in MN in great numbers

Foreign born population by birthplace  
Minnesota, 1870-2011



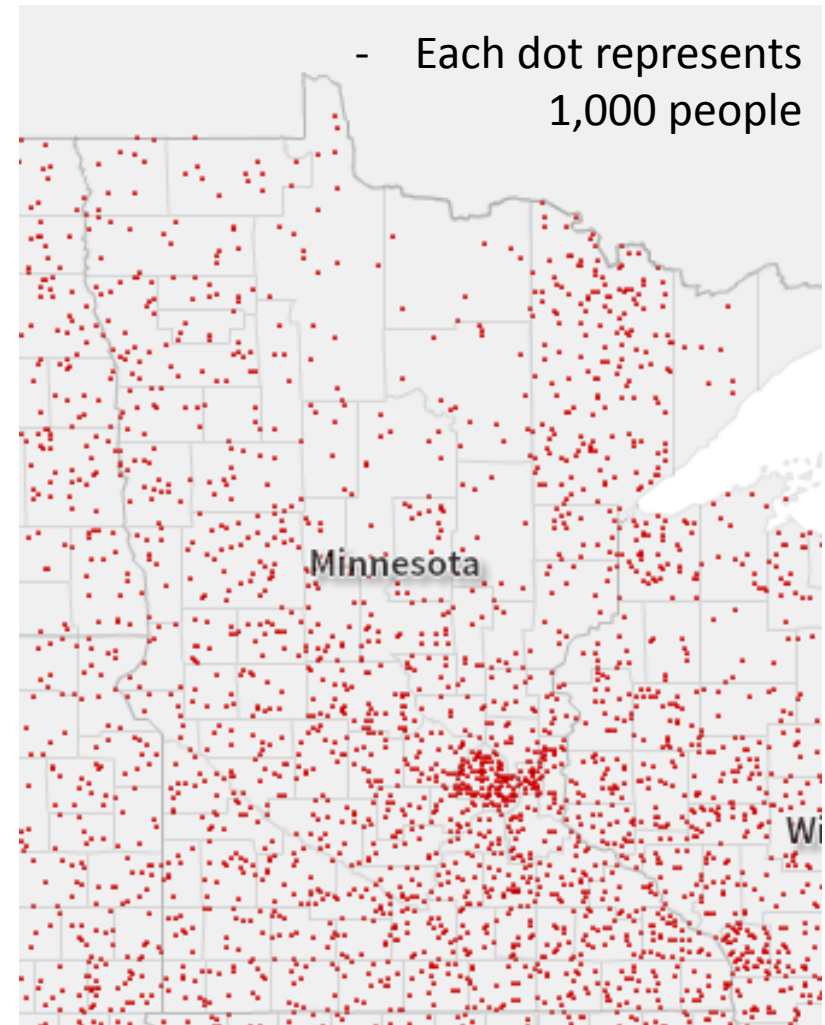
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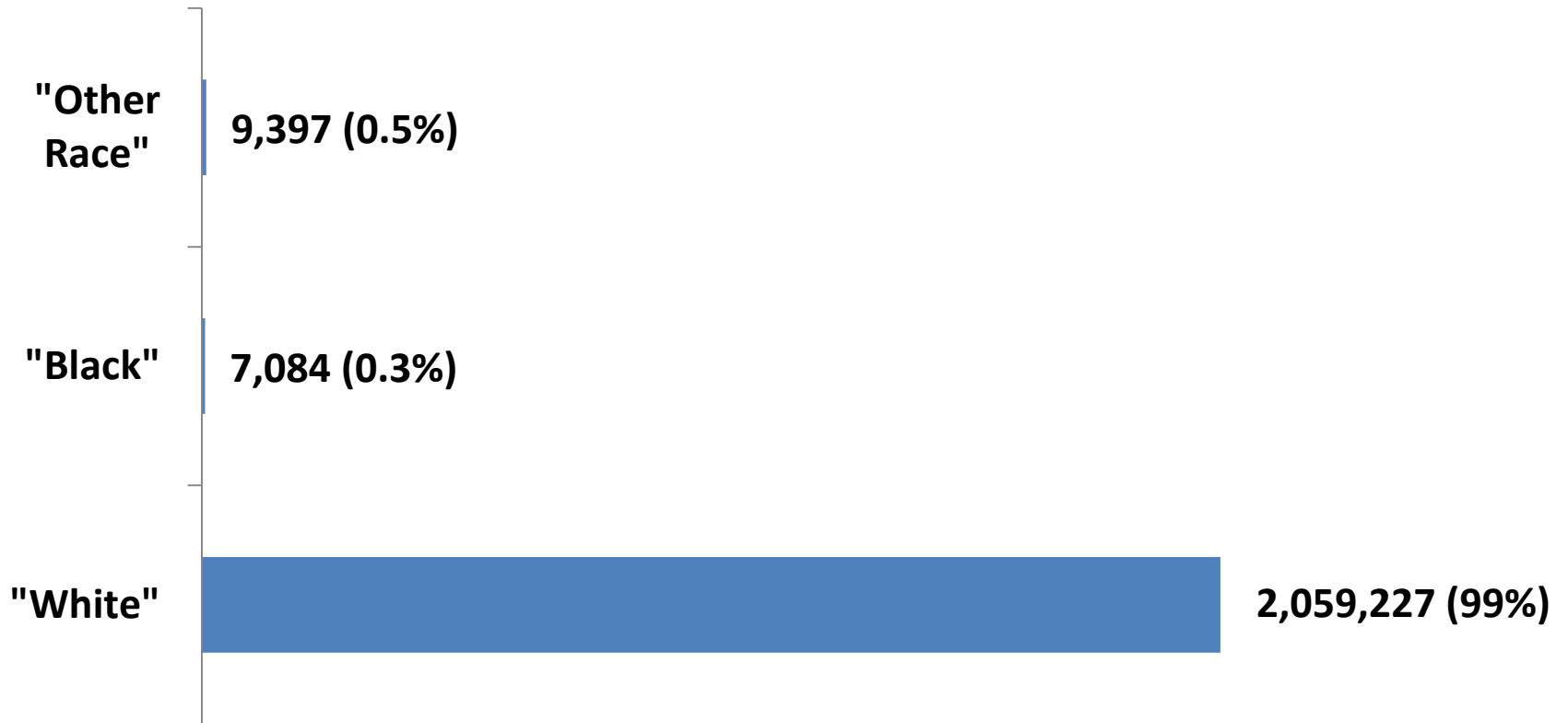
# MN in 1910 Census

- Total population statewide of 2,076,000
  - 156,000 farms statewide
- More than 1/4th of population was foreign-born
  - Of these immigrants, 22% were from Sweden, 20% from Germany, & 19% from Norway

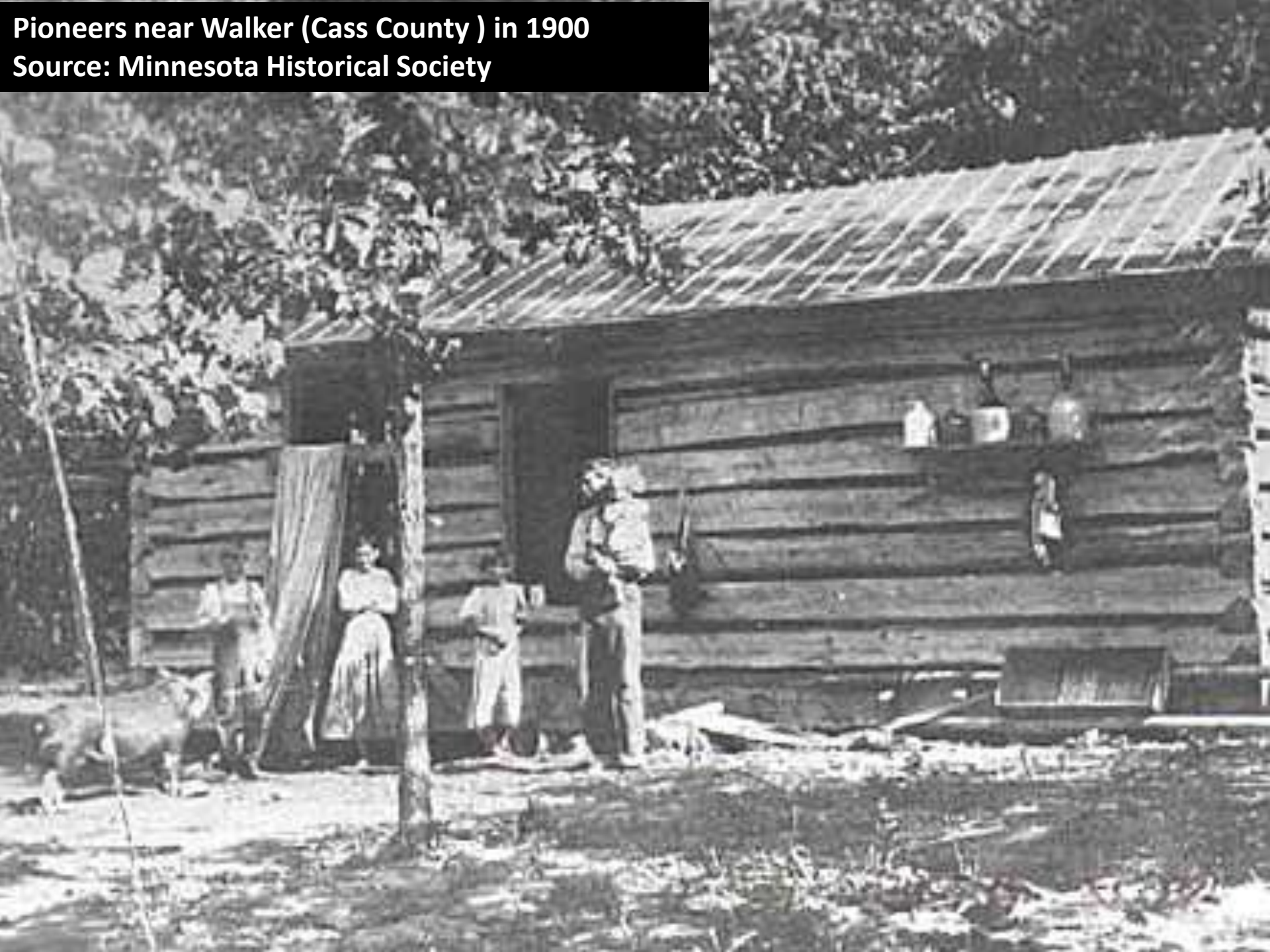




# Minnesota residents by race in 1910



**Pioneers near Walker (Cass County ) in 1900**  
**Source: Minnesota Historical Society**

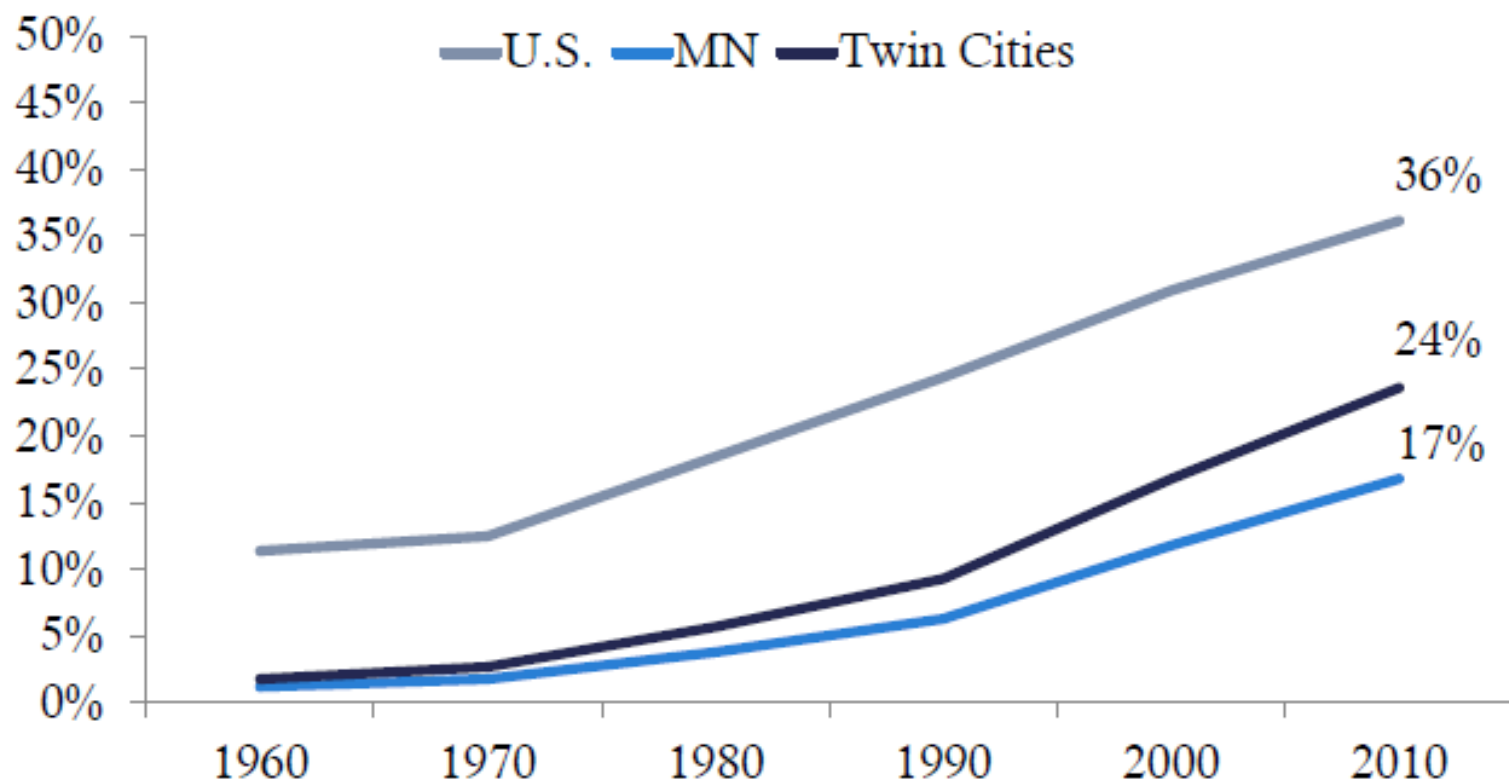


**Minnesota,  
1910 to the present**

# 50 years of growing diversity in our region, state, nation

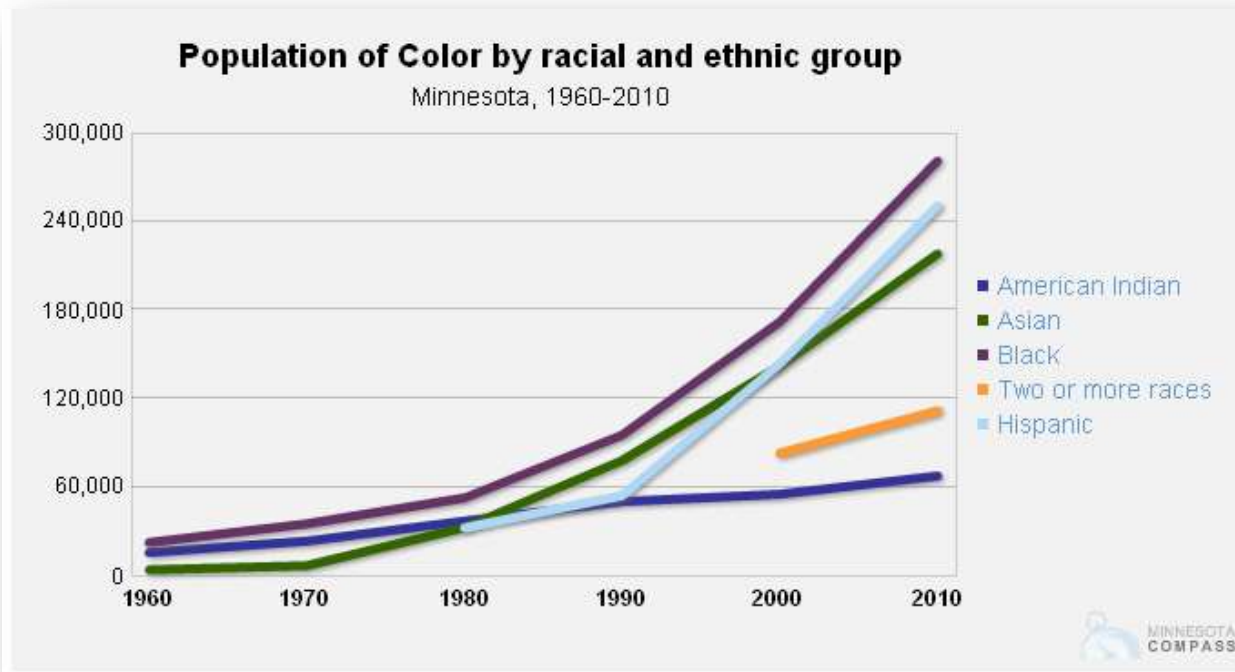


## Percent Of Color, 1960-2010





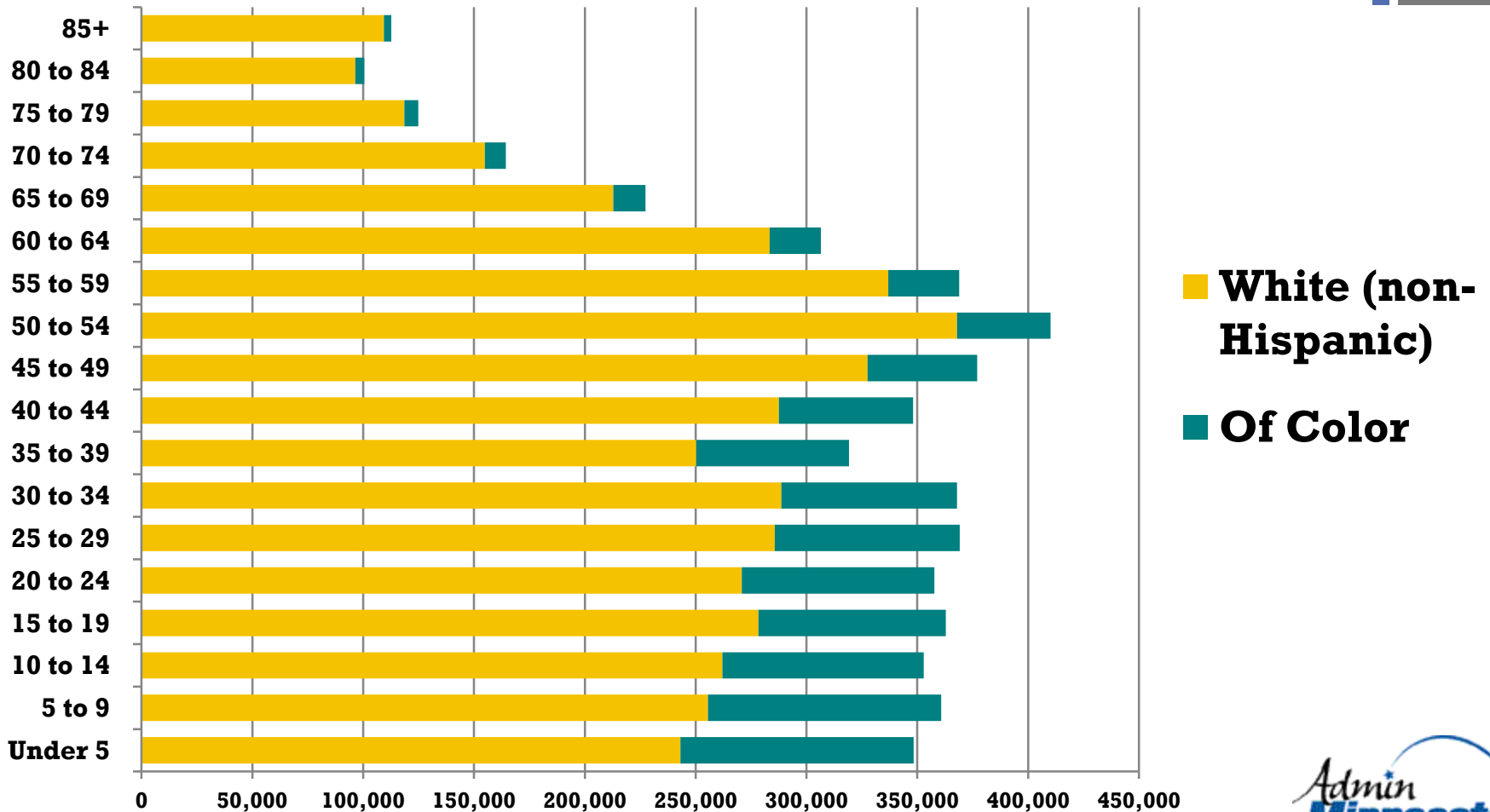
# Populations of Color have grown dramatically since 1990



- **Since 1990, Asian and Black residents tripled, and Hispanic residents quadrupled in MN**



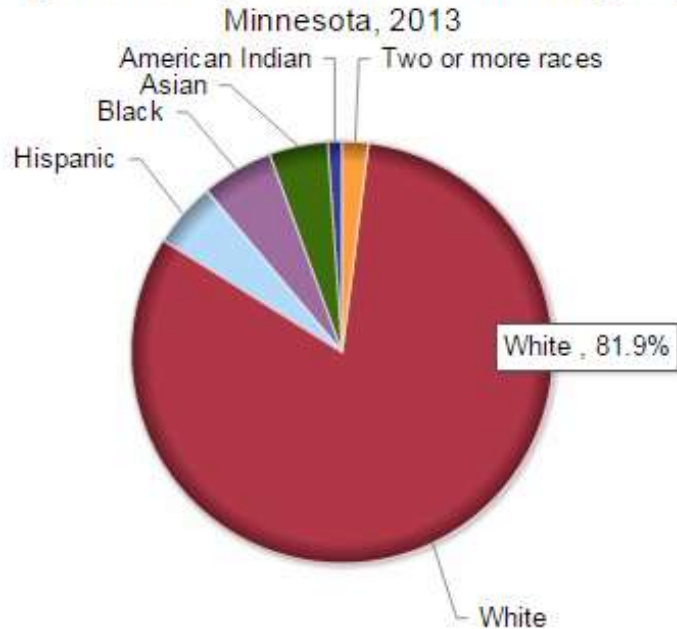
# Minnesota's population by age groups, 2012



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2012 population estimates

# MN today by race/ethnicity (Hispanics removed from all other race groups)

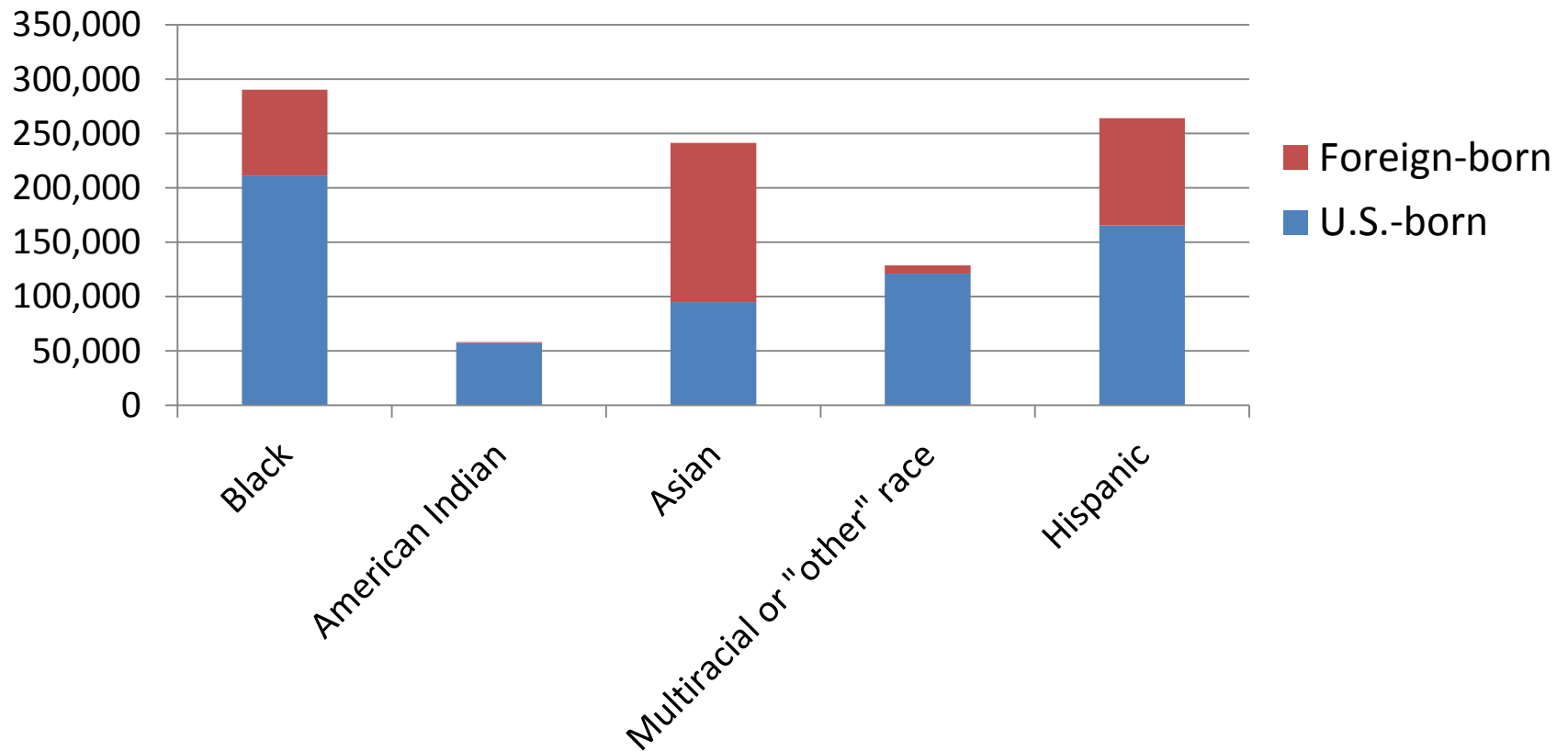
Population by racial and ethnic group



- 82% White
- 6% Black
- 5% Hispanic
- 5% Asian
- 2% Multiracial
- 1% American Indian

# Many of our populations of Color are immigrants

Minnesota populations of Color, by birthplace, 2013



Source: IPUMS version of U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey, Tabulated by MN State Demographic Center.





# Percent of MN young people who are “children of immigrants”



Under age 20, it's 1 in 6



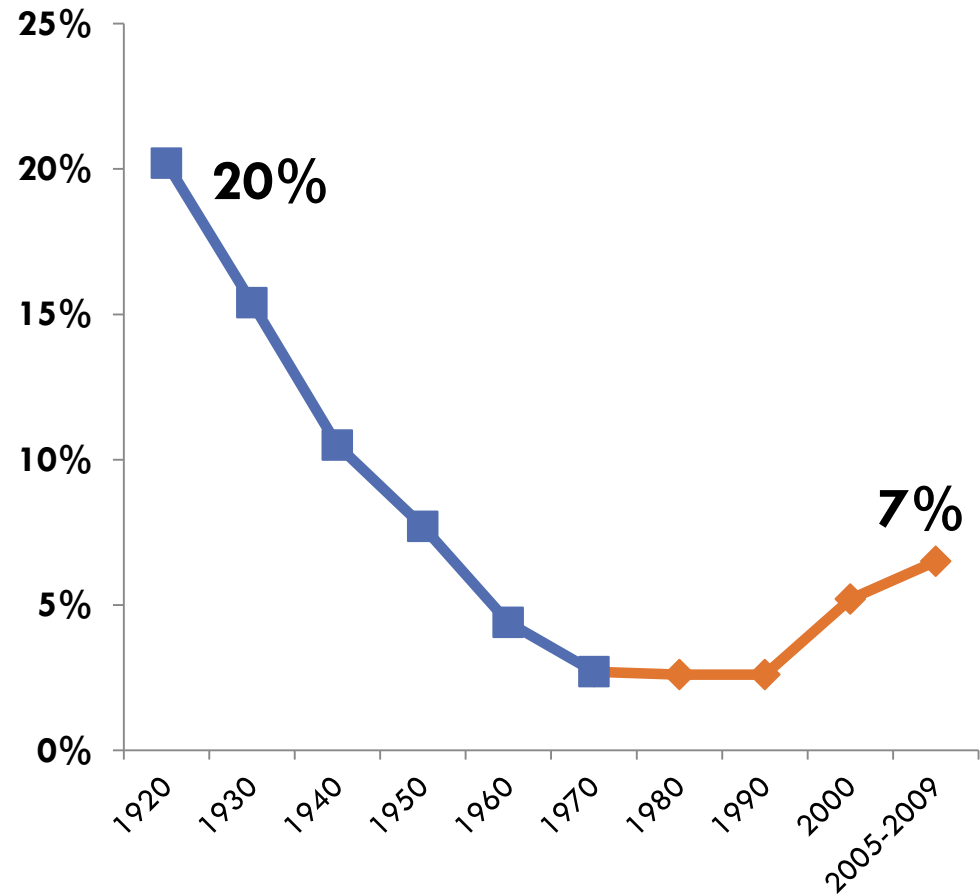
Under age 5, it's 1 in 5

“Children of immigrants” are foreign-born themselves, or have one or two foreign-born parents



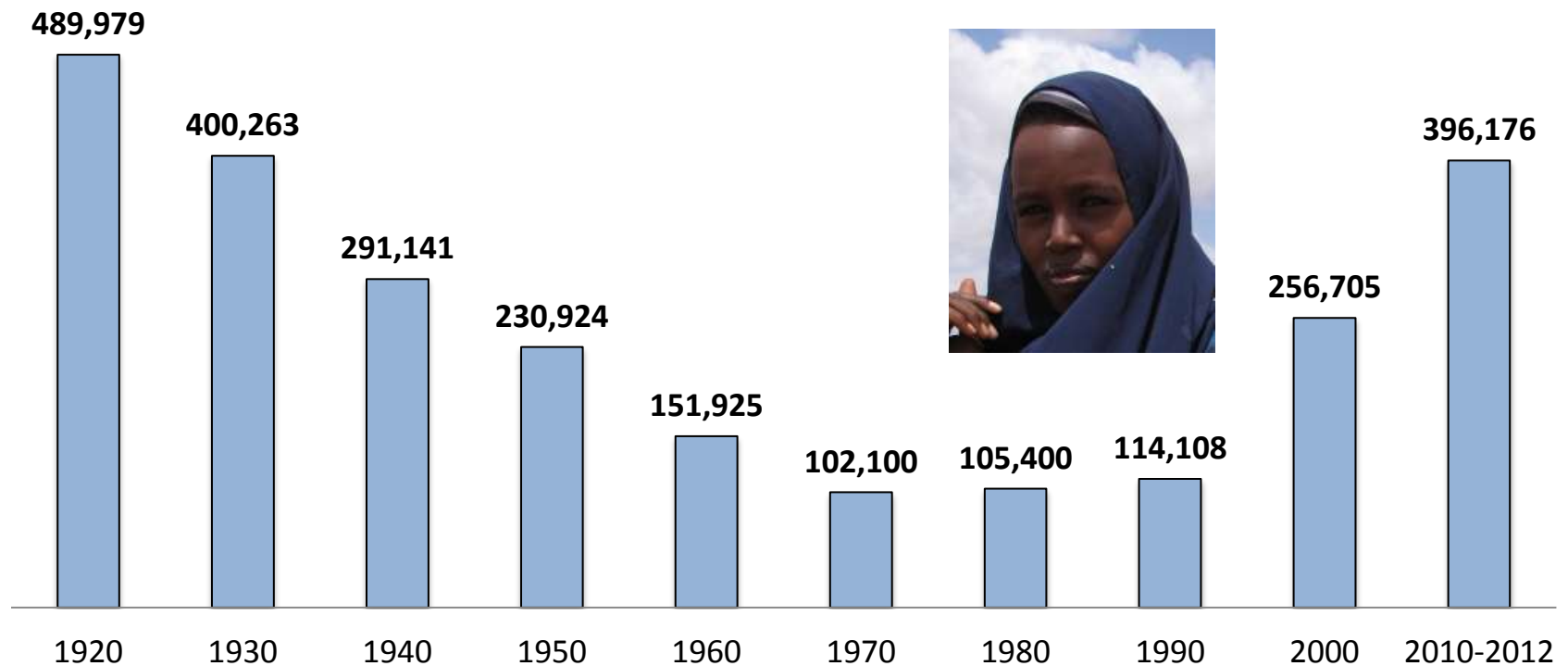
International immigration has increased in recent years, but pales in comparison to the early 1900s

## Percent Foreign-Born, Minnesota, 1920-2009

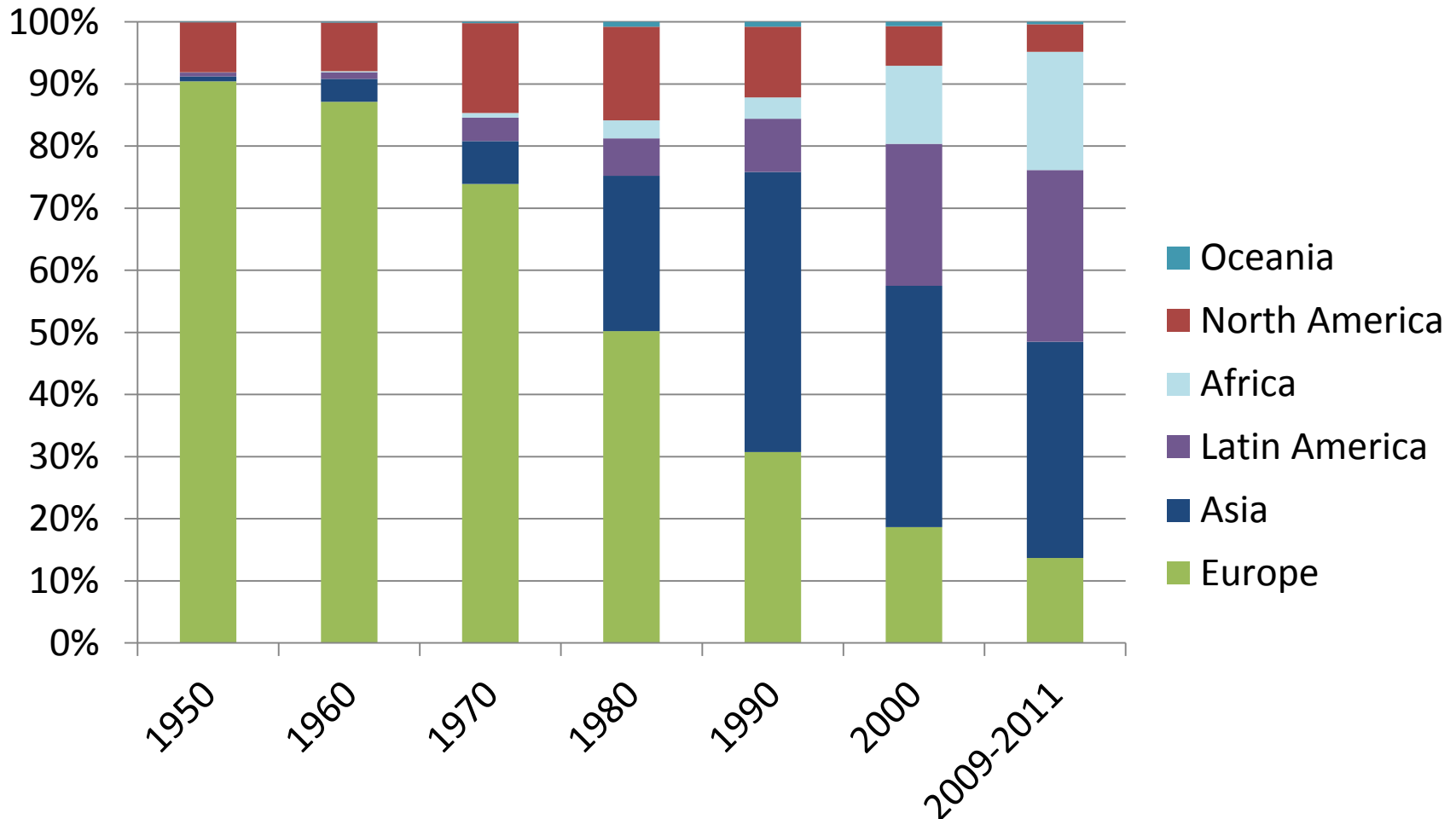


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Number of foreign-born in Minnesota, 1920-2012



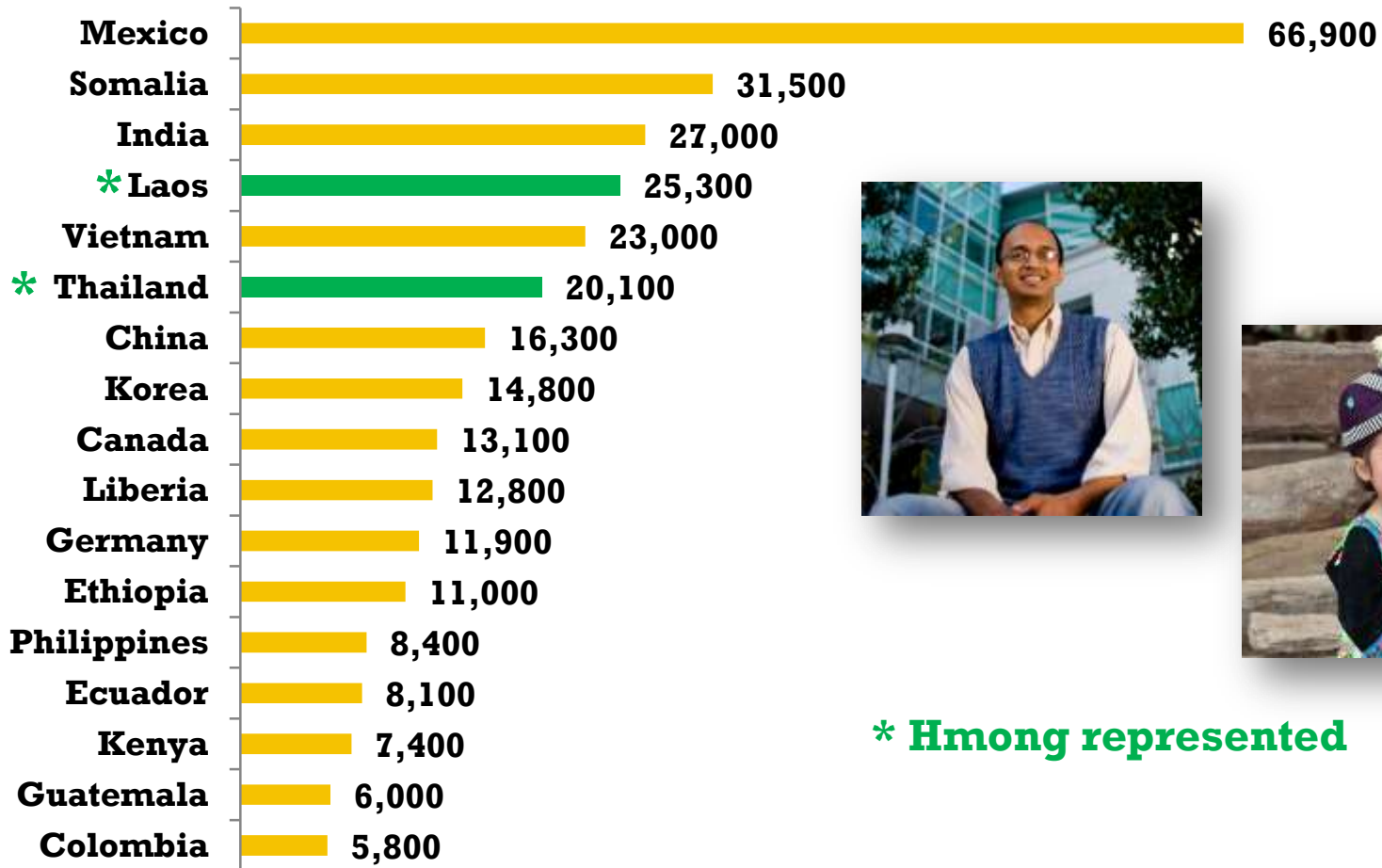
# + Our foreign-born population is becoming increasingly diverse



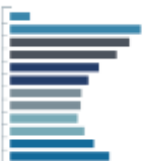
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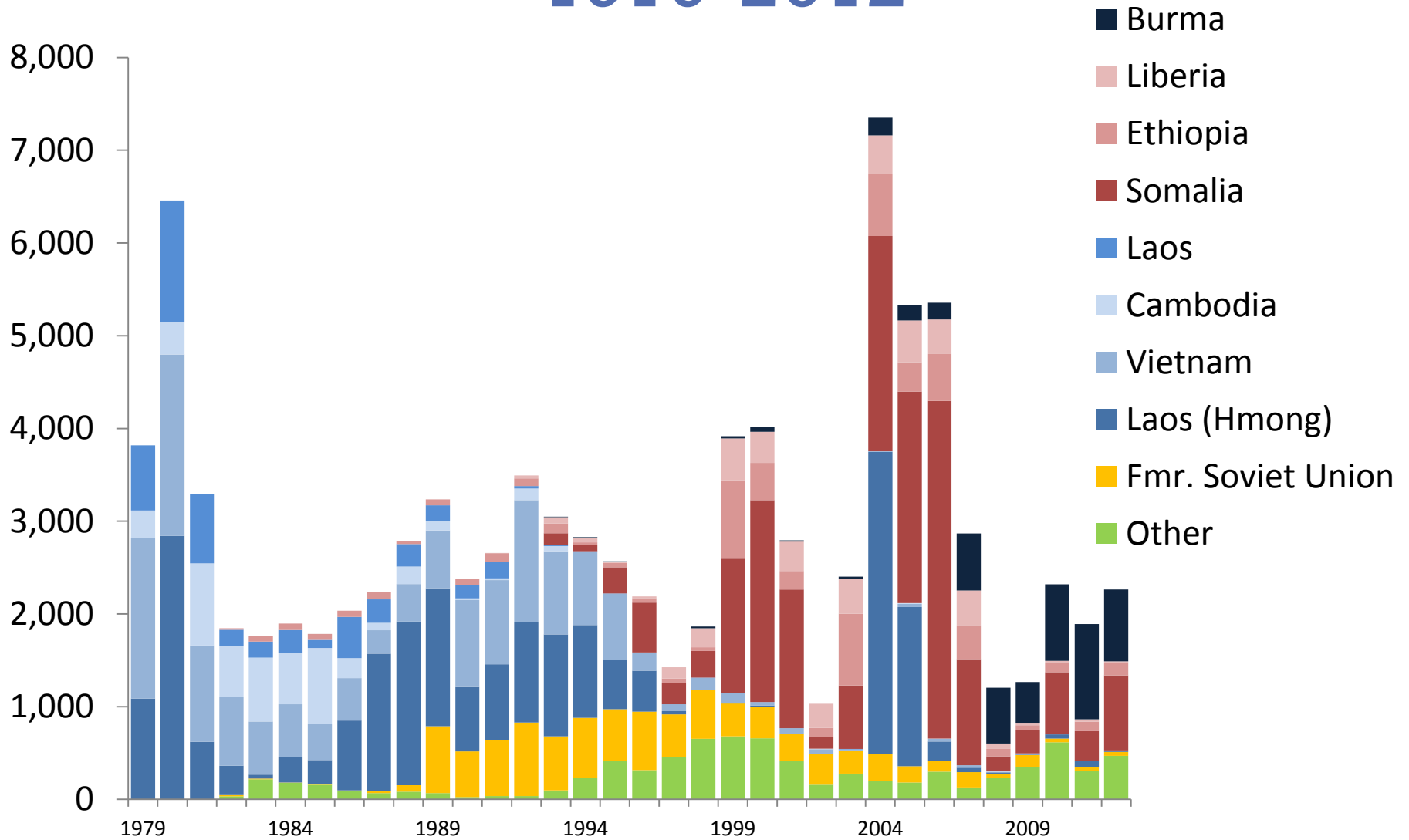
# MN foreign-born populations: Largest groups by country of birth, 2013



\* Hmong represented



# Primary Refugee Arrivals to MN 1979-2012

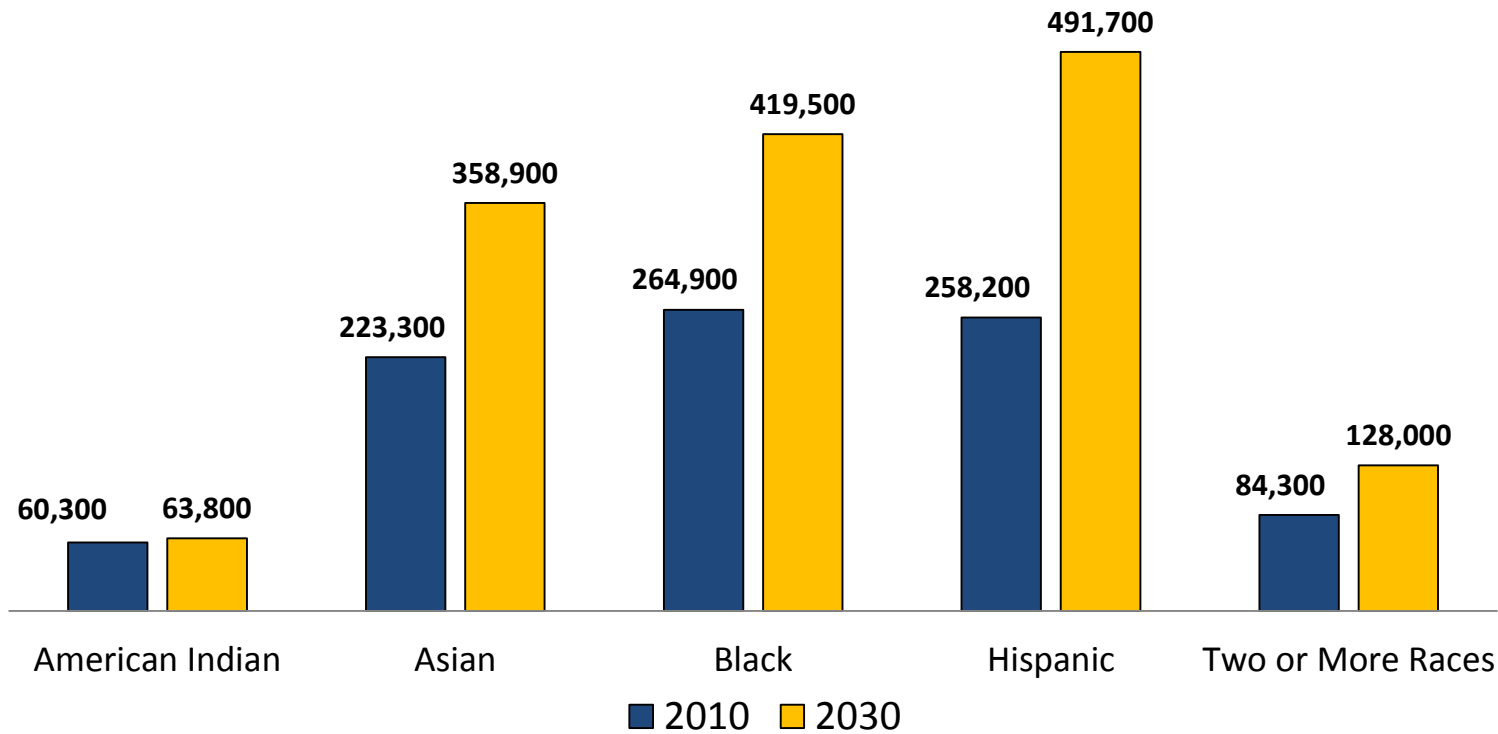


Source: Department of Homeland Security, Primary Refugee Arrivals to MN.

# Minnesota, projected

What will we be like when...

# MN: Largest population growth among Asian, Black and Latino groups by 2030



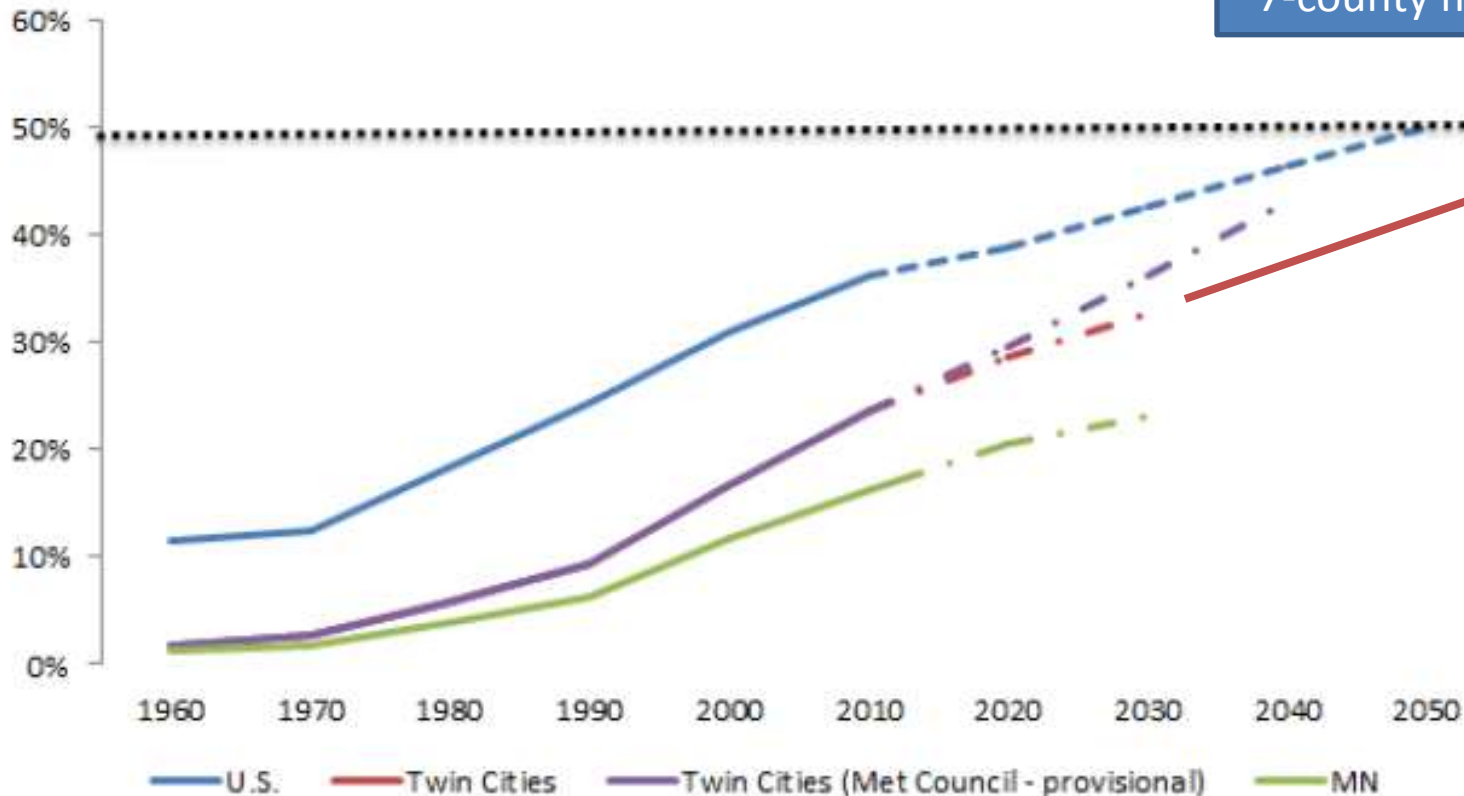


# By mid-to-late century, the Twin Cities will not have a racial majority



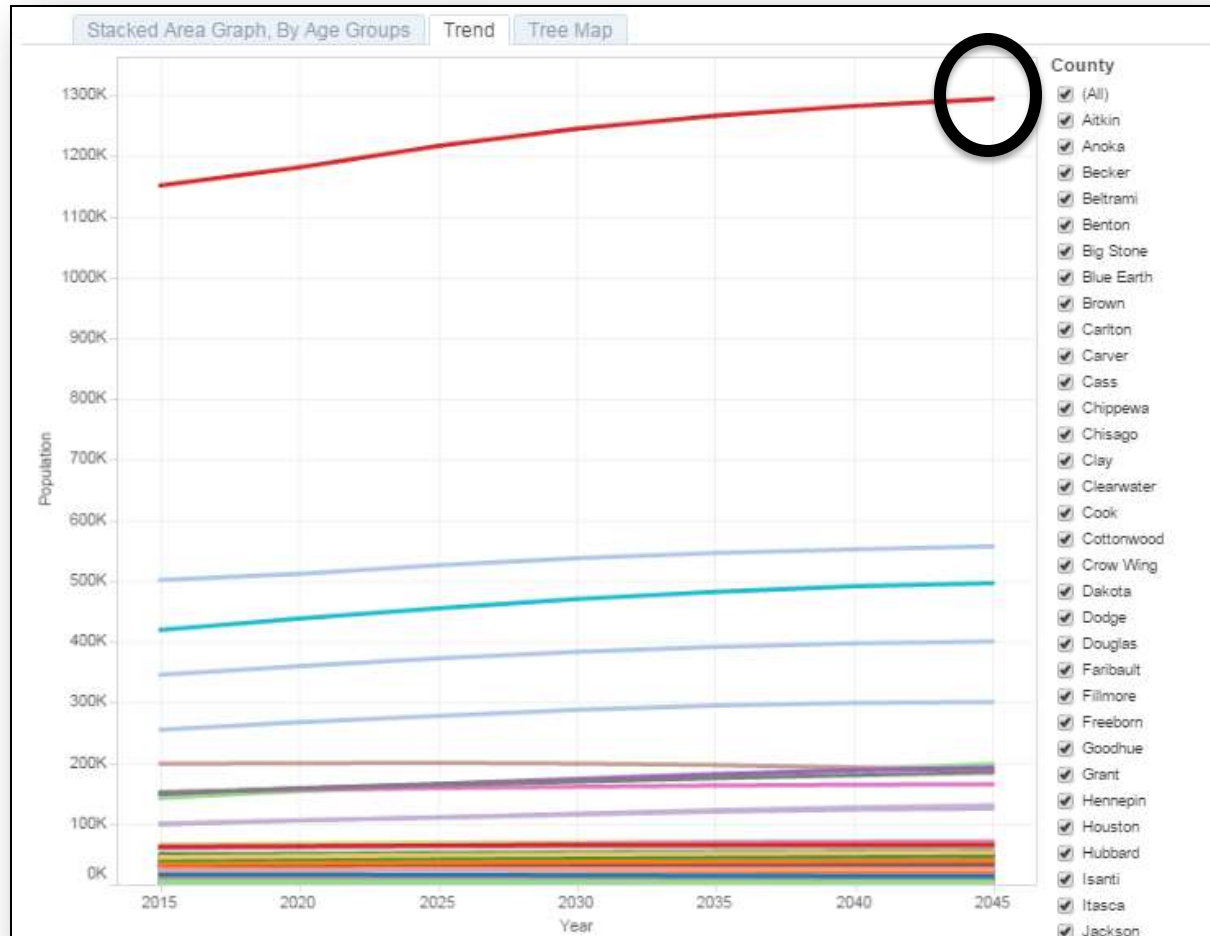
## Population of Color, 1960-2050

Twin Cities refers to 7-county metro area



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State Demographic Center, Met Council

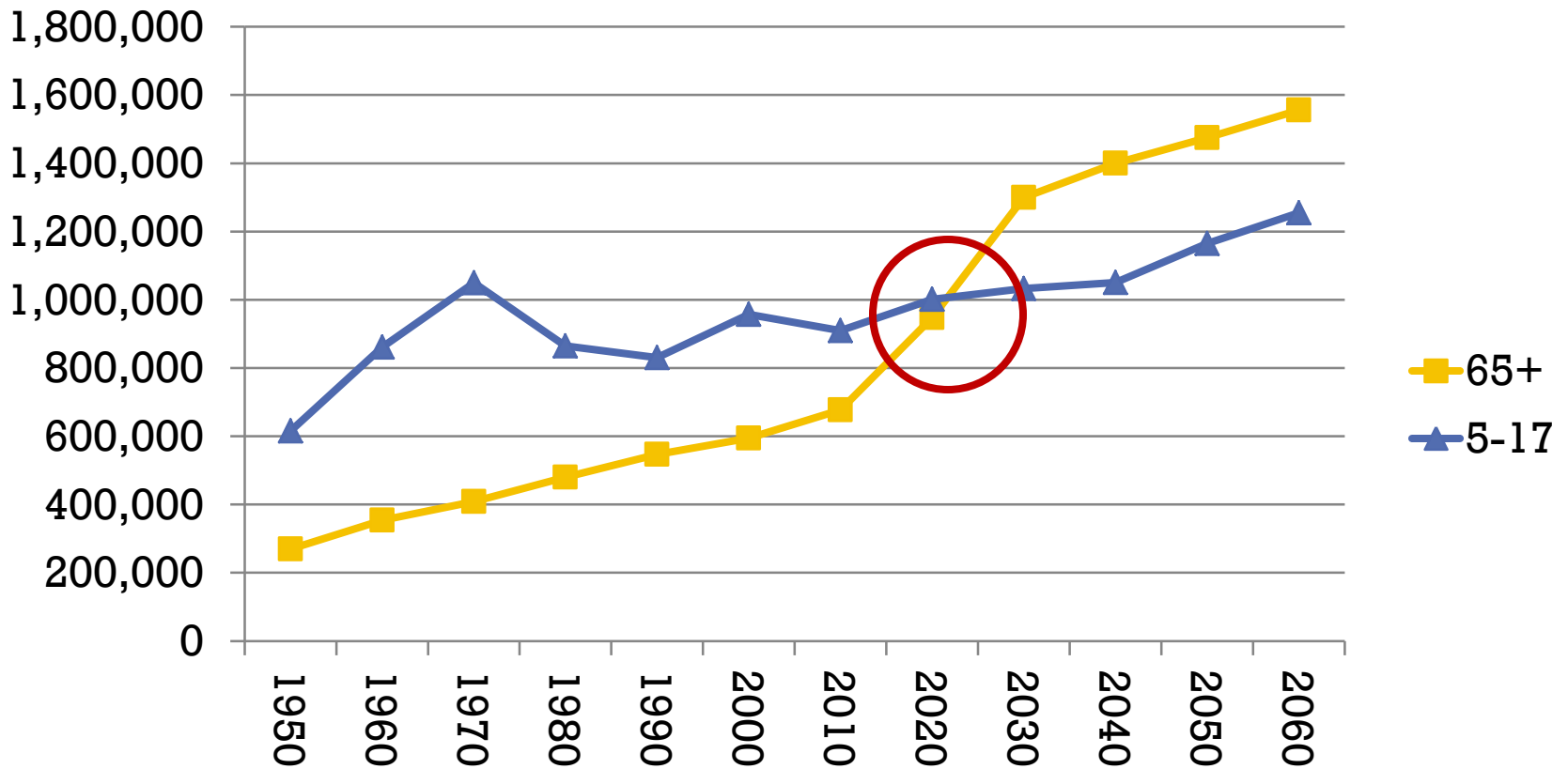
# Hennepin County expected to enlarge its lead over all other counties moving to 2045



Source: MN State Demographic Center projections, available at <http://mn.gov/admin/demography/map-viz-gallery/viz-co-pop-projections.jsp>



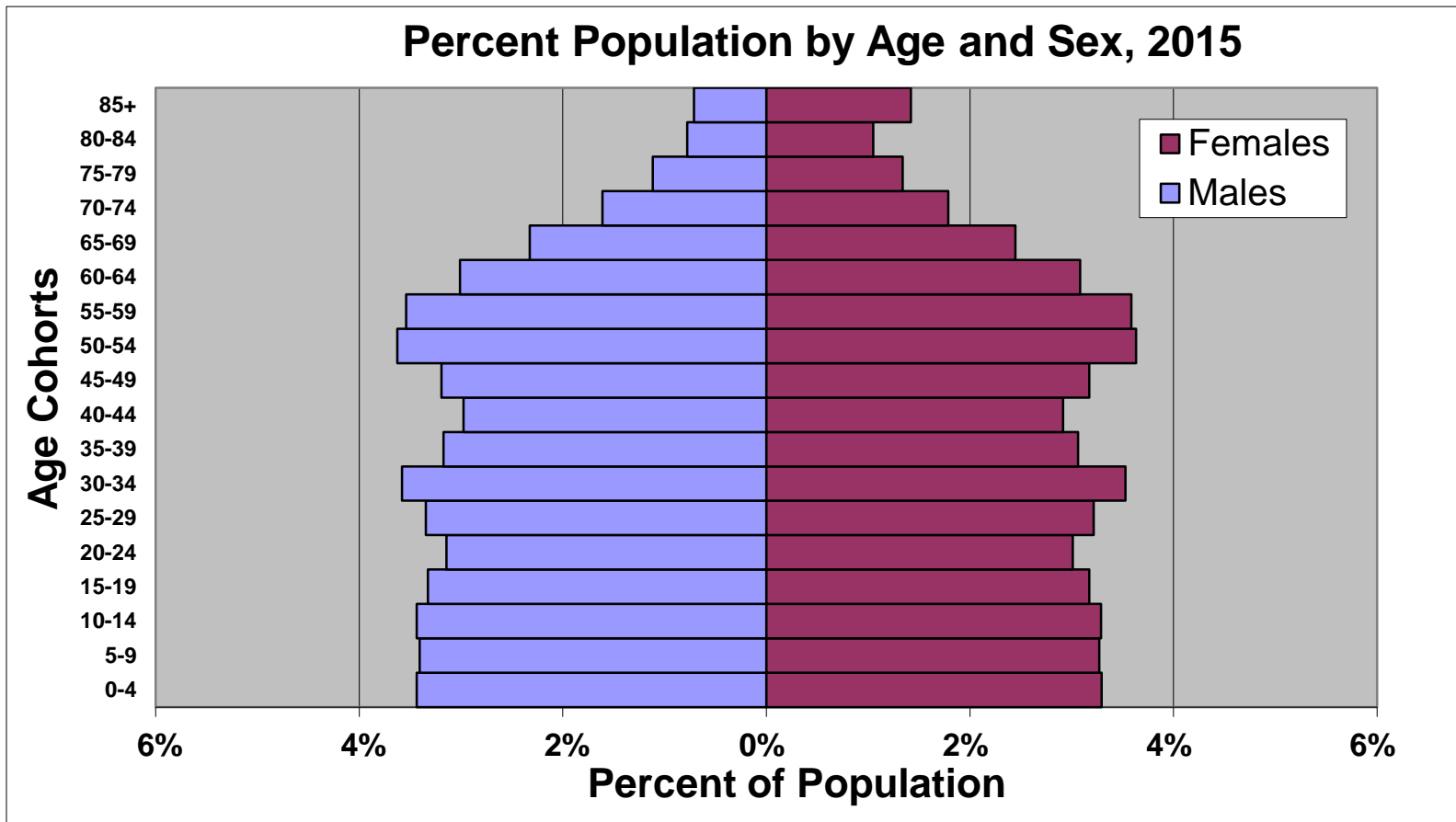
# For the first time in MN history: More 65+ than school-age by 2020



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census, and Minnesota State Demographic Center projections

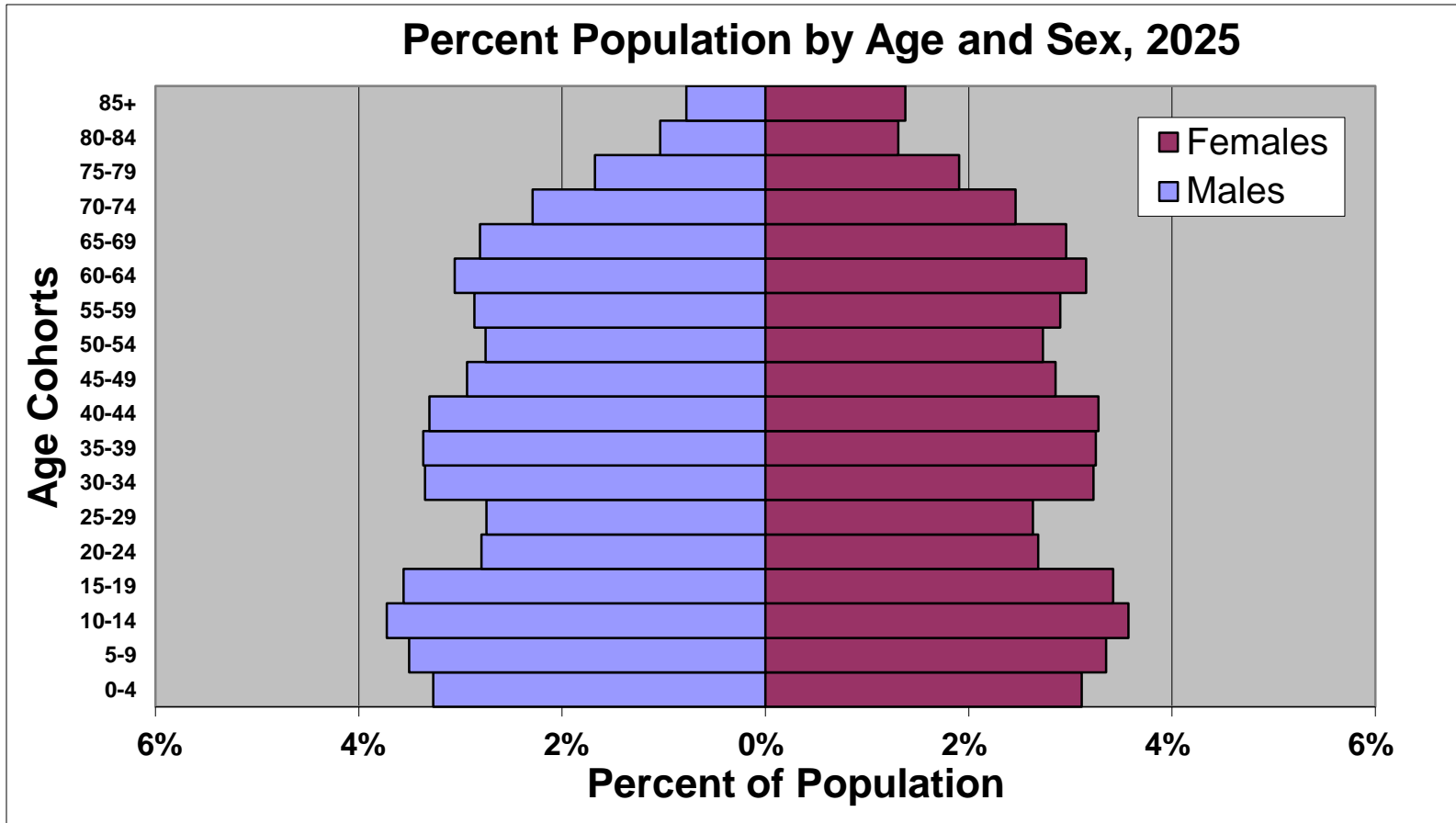


# Minnesota by age and sex this year



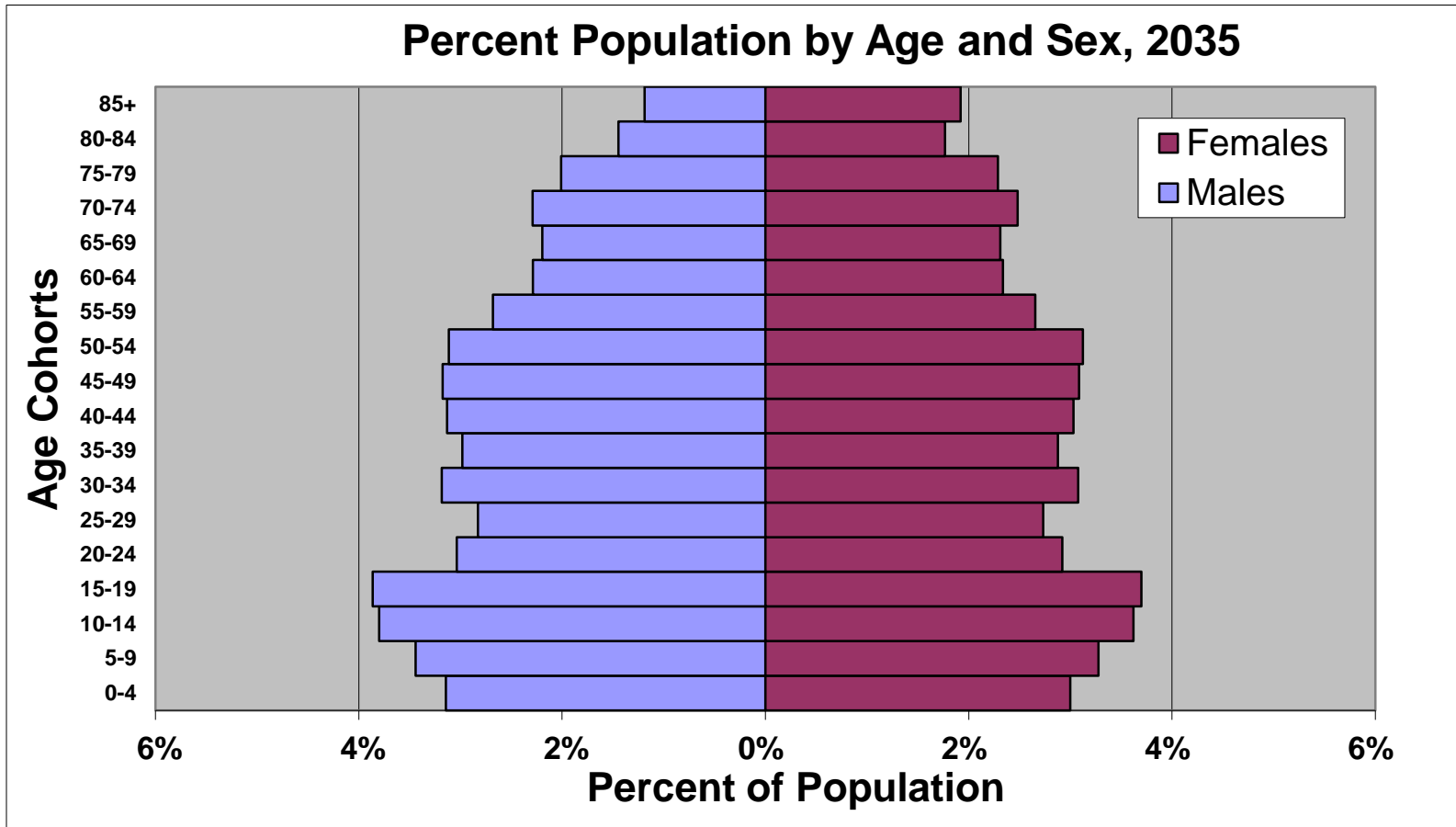


# Minnesota by age and sex in 10 years (2025)





# Minnesota by age and sex in 20 years (2035)





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