

# POPULATION NOTES

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## 1990 Minnesota Social and Economic Characteristics

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**How many people in Minnesota were born here? What is the median household income for Minnesotans? Is the farm population increasing or decreasing? How many Minnesotans are high-school graduates? What percentage of the population is below poverty in Minnesota?**

The Demographer's Office within Minnesota Planning answers over 10,000 requests each year on Census and related federal information. This is the second in a continuing series of "samplers" from the 1990 Census. These are some of the commonly asked questions and interesting facts recently released by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

This information is available from the Demographer's Office at Minnesota Planning, 61 State Data Centers and 142 Economic Business Information Network members located throughout the state.

The information displayed below come from the sample portion of the Census. The correct citation for the information is Summary Tape File 3A (STF-3A).

**Q: How many Minnesotans age 25 and older are high-school graduates or higher?**

High-school graduate	913,265
Some college, no diploma	526,792
Associate degree	237,156
Bachelor's degree	431,381
Graduate or professional degree	173,203
<b>Percent high-school graduate or higher</b>	<b>82.4%</b>
<b>Percent bachelor's degree or higher</b>	<b>21.8%</b>

**Q. What are the top ten ancestries in Minnesota?**

German	2,021,854
Norwegian	757,212
Irish	574,183
Swedish	536,203
Other Ancestries	444,860
English	356,629
Polish	238,039
French (except Basque)	236,472
Dutch	103,757
Finnish	103,603

Note: The above question about ancestry includes all persons who reported single or multiple ancestries.

**Q: What portion of the state's population is urban and rural?**

<b>Total Population</b>	<b>4,375,099</b>
<i>Urban</i>	3,055,728
Inside urbanized areas	2,370,403
Outside urbanized areas	685,325
<i>Rural</i>	1,319,371
Farm	207,956
Nonfarm	1,111,415

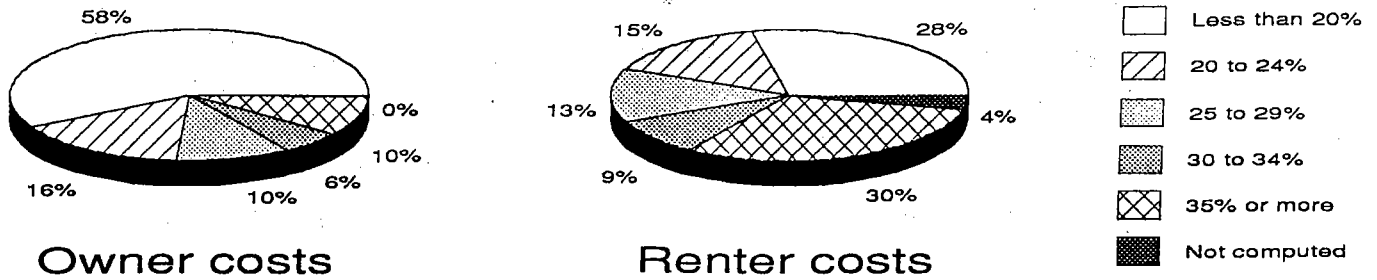
**Q. Is the farm population increasing or decreasing in Minnesota?**

<b>1990 Minnesota Population</b>	<b>4,375,099</b>
1990 farm population	207,956
Percentage of total population	4.8%
<b>1980 Minnesota Population</b>	<b>4,075,970</b>
1980 farm population	359,847
Percentage of total population	8.8%



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**Q: What percentage of their income do Minnesotans spend on housing costs?**



**Q. What are the unemployment and labor force participation rates by race and gender in Minnesota?**

<b>All Males 16+</b>	<b>1,605,702</b>	<b>All Females 16+</b>	<b>1,715,713</b>
Percentage in the labor force	77.4%	Percentage in the labor force	62.5%
Employed	1,165,677	Employed	1,026,740
Percentage unemployed	6.0	Percentage unemployed	4.2
<b>White Males 16+</b>	<b>1,529,164</b>	<b>White Females 16+</b>	<b>1,641,102</b>
Percentage in the labor force	77.8	Percentage in the labor force	62.8
Employed	1,120,286	Employed	989,768
Percentage unemployed	5.6	Percentage unemployed	3.9
<b>African American Males 16+</b>	<b>32,046</b>	<b>African American Females 16+</b>	<b>29,274</b>
Percentage in the labor force	69.6	Percentage in the labor force	58.9
Employed	18,716	Employed	14,778
Percentage unemployed	15.5	Percentage unemployed	14.3
<b>American Indian Males 16+</b>	<b>15,139</b>	<b>American Indian Females 16+</b>	<b>16,274</b>
Percentage in the labor force	65.2	Percentage in the labor force	51.7
Employed	7,460	Employed	7,162
Percentage unemployed	24.2	Percentage unemployed	14.9
<b>Asian Males 16+</b>	<b>22,363</b>	<b>Asian Females 16+</b>	<b>23,330</b>
Percentage in the labor force	69.4	Percentage in the labor force	54.4
Employed	14,471	Employed	11,823
Percentage unemployed	6.5	Percentage unemployed	6.8
<b>Other Males 16+</b>	<b>6,990</b>	<b>Other Females 16+</b>	<b>5,733</b>
Percentage in the labor force	77.7	Percentage in the labor force	61.9
Employed	4,744	Employed	3,209
Percentage unemployed	12.4	Percentage unemployed	9.6
<b>Hispanic Males 16+*</b>	<b>15,456</b>	<b>Hispanic Females 16+*</b>	<b>14,552</b>
Percentage in the labor force	78.1	Percentage in the labor force	64.9
Employed	10,711	Employed	8,612
Percentage unemployed	11.0	Percentage unemployed	8.7

Notes: The Census Bureau definition of labor force included all persons age 16 and older looking for work or working.  
 \*Persons of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

**Q: What is the median household income or income distribution for all races in Minnesota?**

	Number of households making					Median Income
	Less than \$10,000	\$10,000 to \$24,999	\$25,000 to \$49,999	\$50,000 to \$99,999	More than \$100,000	
<b>Minnesota households</b>	<b>228,037</b>	<b>430,389</b>	<b>599,259</b>	<b>331,553</b>	<b>59,587</b>	<b>\$30,909</b>
White	207,956	410,053	581,512	323,259	58,327	31,322
African American	9,662	9,162	8,223	3,476	471	18,878
American Indian	5,056	4,551	3,301	1,089	132	15,434
Asian or Pacific Islander	4,058	5,064	4,463	3,077	617	22,685
Other	1,305	1,559	1,760	652	40	22,536
Hispanic Origin*	2,446	3,661	4,152	1,867	212	25,295

Note: The census questionnaire requested that all money income received in calendar year 1989 be reported.  
\*Hispanic origin households can be of any race.

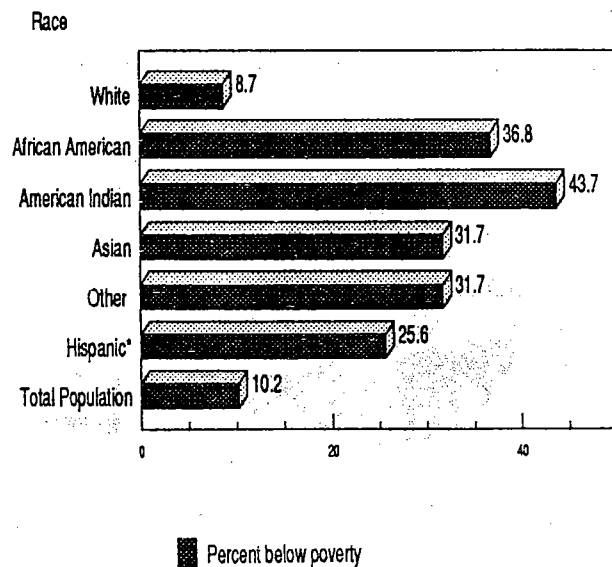
**Q: Which counties had the highest and lowest percentage of unemployed persons in Minnesota in 1990?**

Highest		Lowest	
Clearwater	14.5%	Nicollet	3.4%
Itasca	11.8	Steele	3.4
Cass	11.5	McLeod	3.3
Red Lake	11.4	Redwood	3.0
Cook	10.9	Lincoln	2.8
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>5.1%</b>		

**Q: Which five counties had the largest and smallest percentage of children under 18 years below poverty?**

Highest		Lowest	
Mahnomen	34.3%	Sherburne	7.0%
Clearwater	30.0	Washington	5.5
Cass	29.5	Dakota	5.4
Beltrami	28.2	Carver	4.9
Aitkin	26.2	Scott	4.3
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>12.4%</b>		

**Q: What percentage of persons by race are below the poverty level?**



Note: \*Persons of Hispanic origin can be of any race.

**Q: In 1990 which five counties had the highest and lowest percentages of persons 65+ below poverty?**

Highest		Lowest	
Wadena	32.6%	Ramsey	8.8%
Todd	29.0	Hennepin	7.6
Clearwater	27.7	Anoka	7.4
Red Lake	25.4	Dakota	7.2
Morrison	23.6	Washington	6.6
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>12.1%</b>		

**Q: Which five counties had the highest and lowest median household income in 1989?**

Highest		Lowest	
Washington	\$44,122	Cass	\$18,732
Dakota	42,218	Clearwater	17,752
Scott	40,798	Aitkin	17,564
Anoka	40,076	Wadena	17,333
Carver	39,188	Mahnomen	16,924
<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>\$30,909</b>		