

Activity Description

The State Demographer provides demographic services as outlined in M.S. 4A.02. The State Demographic Center collects and analyzes demographic data; makes estimates and projections of population and population characteristics; identifies and monitors population trends; identifies demographic issues of potential policy implication; reviews and comments on estimates and projections made by other governmental organizations; aids the legislature in preparing the census data plan for redistricting and related purposes; and provides demographic data and information to the public. The State Demographic Center also serves as the state liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Beginning in FY 2008 and continuing through FY 2011, the State Demographic Center is preparing for and promoting the 2010 Census. The State Demographic Center works with the Census Bureau to correctly specify geographic boundaries of cities and special enumeration areas, reviews and comments on initial census results, assists local governments in their review of results, promotes census related jobs, and identifies potentially difficult to enumerate populations. Additional efforts include promoting the Census and responding to questions and concerns about the 2010 Census.

Allocation of funds for many federal and state programs as well as congressional reapportionment and congressional and legislative redistricting depend on the outcome of the Decennial Census. Forecasts indicate that Minnesota could lose one congressional seat after the 2010 Census. Funding for a number of federal programs, ranging from transportation to housing, will depend on the quality of the 2010 Census count. The State Demographic Center will work to achieve a complete count for Minnesota in the 2010 Census.

Population Served

The State Demographic Center serves state elected officials, state government departments and agencies, legislators, local governments and local government officials, private citizens, and private sector organizations.

Services Provided

Major service categories include:

- ◆ Prepare annual population and household estimates of counties, cities, and townships;
- ◆ Prepare or review other estimates, as needed, including estimates of school districts for community education purposes, estimates for municipal boundary changes, and other special estimates;
- ◆ Periodically prepare population and related projections for the state and specific areas of the state;
- ◆ Act as liaison with the U.S. Bureau of the Census;
- ◆ Continuously monitor demographic data and trends and prepare reports;
- ◆ Work with the U.S. Census Bureau and legislature on the data for 2010 redistricting; and
- ◆ Provide demographic and related information on request.

Historical Perspective

The Minnesota State Demographer was created in 1973 by statute. Over the last 30 years, the State Demographic Center has provided early identification of critical trends and their implications on subjects such as aging, rural population decline, workforce supply issues, K-12 enrollment, higher education enrollment, infrastructure needs, changing diversity, state government workforce, housing and households, revenue collections, people with disabilities, and structural issues in the state budget.

Activity at a Glance

- ◆ Prepares annual population and household estimates for counties, cities, and towns outside the Metropolitan Council region.
- ◆ Plans for 2010 Census data for legislative and congressional redistricting.
- ◆ Projects population by age and sex, births and deaths, labor force and household type by county, and high school graduates by region.
- ◆ Prepares reports and articles on demographic change and education, housing and housing prices, income, migration, foreign-born population, and aging.
- ◆ 150 presentations made in FY 2008.
- ◆ Serves in federal/state leadership positions giving Minnesota input on technical matters involving federal demographic programs.

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Program: GOVT AND CITIZEN SERVICES

Activity: STATE DEMOGRAPHER

Narrative

Annual population and household estimates made by the State Demographic Center are a major component in a number of state government programs and funding formulas, including local government aid, transportation aid, levy limits, and community education levy. Population estimates and projections are also used to site and size major government infrastructure investments including roads, water treatment, schools, and other facilities.

Key Program Goals

The State Demographic Center provides customers with valuable services, products, advice and expertise. Accurate estimates of existing population will provide the basis for a fair and efficient allocation of resources through various funding formulae and effective decision-making. Forecasts of population and related characteristics will establish a basis for more effective, efficient, and informed decisions about major projects and policy directions.

Efforts by the State Demographic Center over the next two years, working with the U.S. Census Bureau to achieve a full and accurate count in the 2010 Census, will return dividends over the next decade by ensuring a fair allocation of federal program dollars for Minnesota, fair representation in the U.S. House of Representatives, and accurate foundation for state decision-making.

Key Measures

- ◆ Estimates prepared accurately and delivered in a timely manner.
- ◆ Information provided accurately in a timely manner.
- ◆ Projections and trend analyses providing critical information to state government operations.
- ◆ Reports, articles, and presentations on demographic trends and their implications informing decision-making in Minnesota.

Activity Funding

The program operates through a general fund appropriation.

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Budget Activity Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>					
	Current		Forecast Base		Biennium
	FY2008	FY2009	FY2010	FY2011	2010-11
<u>Direct Appropriations by Fund</u>					
General					
Current Appropriation	60	230	230	230	460
Technical Adjustments					
Current Law Base Change			20	(60)	(40)
Forecast Base	60	230	250	170	420
<u>Expenditures by Fund</u>					
Direct Appropriations					
General	514	666	685	605	1,290
Total	514	666	685	605	1,290
<u>Expenditures by Category</u>					
Total Compensation	431	525	537	477	1,014
Other Operating Expenses	83	141	148	128	276
Total	514	666	685	605	1,290
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	4.9	6.1	6.1	5.2	