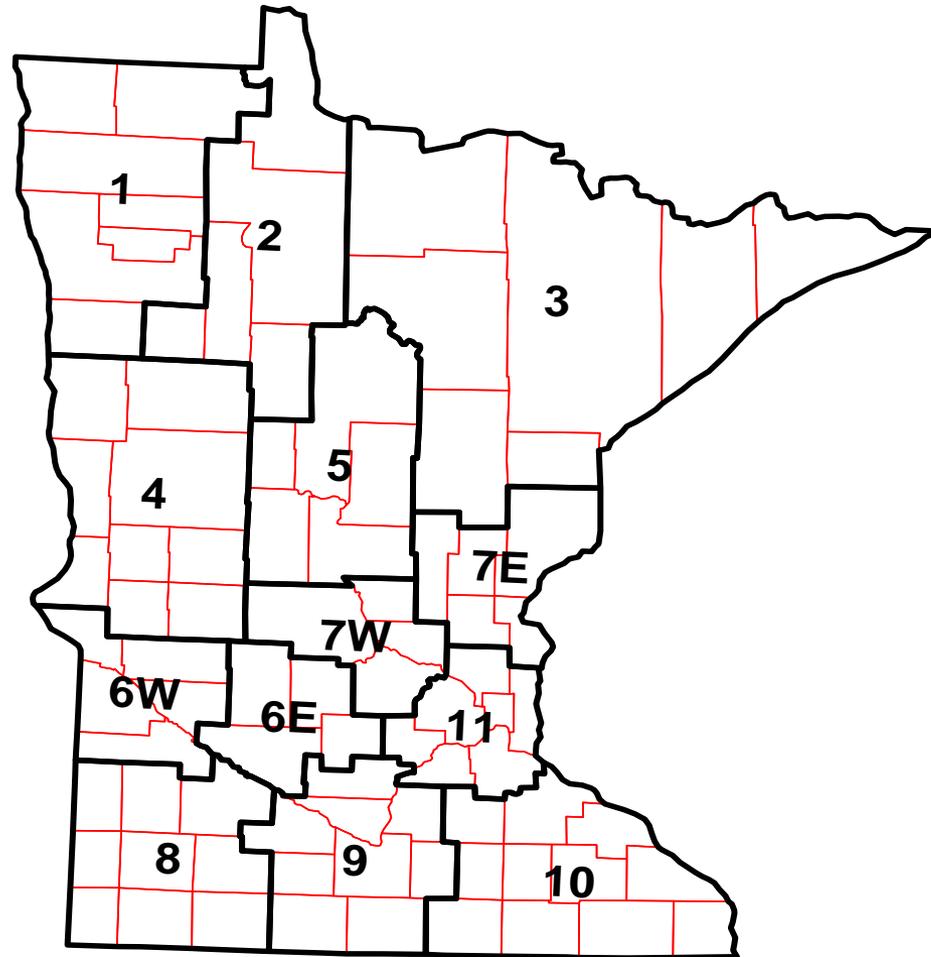# ANALYSIS OF THE 2015 POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES

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Minnesota's
13 Economic Development Regions

State and Regional Highlights

- Minnesota's estimated population in 2015 is 5,485,238.

- Minnesota added 181,313 residents between 2010 and 2015.

- Only 2 of the 13 regions in Minnesota grew faster than the state population growth rate of +3.4%.

- The fastest-growing regions of Minnesota between 2010 and 2015 were Region 11 (+5.5%) and Region 07W (+3.8%), which include the Twin Cities and St. Cloud.

- Six of the thirteen regions of the state (01, 03, 06E, 06W, 07E, 08) lost population between 2010 and 2015.

- Over half (54.8%) of Minnesota's population lives in the seven Twin Cities area counties that make up Region 11.

- The population of Region 11 has surpassed 3 million.

2015 Estimates For Minnesota's
13 Economic Development Regions (EDRs)

Region	Total population	Household population	Group quarters	Households	Persons per household
01	86,050	83,899	2,151	35,536	2.36
02	84,735	82,239	2,496	33,658	2.44
03	326,131	313,047	13,084	138,942	2.25
04	227,048	219,986	7,062	93,173	2.36
05	163,119	160,743	2,376	67,183	2.39
06E	116,515	114,230	2,285	47,005	2.43
06W	43,343	42,353	990	18,776	2.26
07E	163,656	158,944	4,712	62,022	2.56
07W	417,441	405,243	12,198	151,608	2.67
08	117,763	114,798	2,965	48,234	2.38
09	231,683	220,939	10,744	92,791	2.38
10	502,335	484,293	18,042	197,948	2.45
11	3,005,419	2,945,799	59,620	1,176,655	2.50
Minnesota	5,485,238	5,346,513	138,725	2,163,531	2.47

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

Population and Household Change by EDR: 2010-2015

Region	Population				Households			
	2015	**2010**	**2010-2015**		**2015**	**2010**	**2010-2015**	
			Change	**% Change**			**Change**	**% Change**
01	86,050	86,091	-41	0.0%	35,536	35,407	129	0.4%
02	84,735	83,023	1,712	2.1%	33,658	32,837	821	2.5%
03	326,131	326,225	-94	0.0%	138,942	137,586	1,356	1.0%
04	227,048	221,688	5,360	2.4%	93,173	90,124	3,049	3.4%
05	163,119	163,003	116	0.1%	67,183	66,522	661	1.0%
06E	116,515	117,920	-1,405	-1.2%	47,005	47,111	-106	-0.2%
06W	43,343	45,190	-1,847	-4.1%	18,776	19,217	-441	-2.3%
07E	163,656	163,789	-133	-0.1%	62,022	61,394	628	1.0%
07W	417,441	402,292	15,149	3.8%	151,608	145,996	5,612	3.8%
08	117,763	119,151	-1,388	-1.2%	48,234	48,302	-68	-0.1%
09	231,683	231,302	381	0.2%	92,791	91,292	1,499	1.6%
10	502,335	494,684	7,651	1.5%	197,948	193,690	4,258	2.2%
11	3,005,419	2,849,567	155,852	5.5%	1,176,655	1,117,749	58,906	5.3%
Minnesota	5,485,238	5,303,925	181,313	3.4%	2,163,531	2,087,227	76,304	3.7%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

Metropolitan Highlights

- A metropolitan area contains an urban core of at least 50,000 or more population. The urban core generally has a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile. Each metro area consists of one or more counties and includes the counties containing the core urban area as well as any adjacent counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration.

- Over 77 percent of all Minnesotans lived in a metropolitan area in 2015.

- With an increase of 4.5%, the metropolitan population grew faster than the state average (+3.4%) between 2010 and 2015.

- The fastest-growing metropolitan areas since 2010 were the Minnesota portion of Fargo-Moorhead (+5.4%) and Minneapolis-St. Paul (+5.2%).

- The Minnesota portions of the Grand Forks and La Crosse metropolitan areas lost population since 2010.

- Nonmetropolitan Minnesota experienced a small population loss since 2010.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas and Micropolitan Statistical Areas in Minnesota
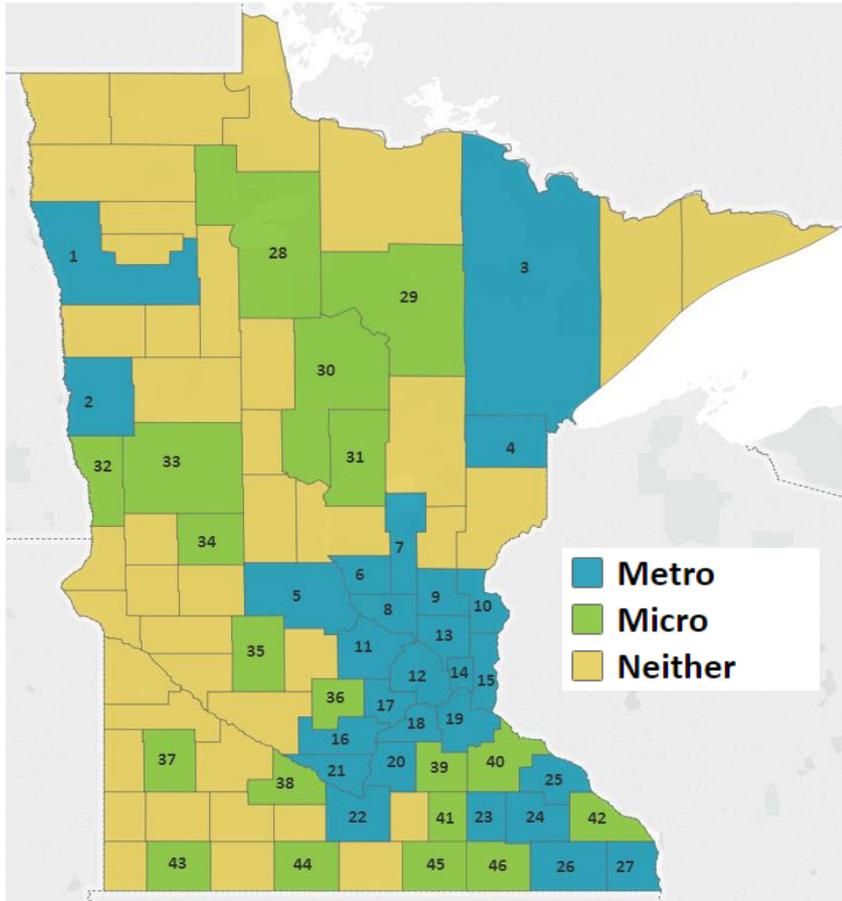
July 2015 delineations

METROPOLITAN AREAS

Grand Forks metro area
1. Polk county

Fargo metro area
2. Clay county

Duluth metro area
3. St. Louis county
4. Carlton county

St. Cloud metro area
5. Stearns county
6. Benton county

Minneapolis-St.Paul-Bloomington metro area
7. Mille Lacs county
8. Sherburne county
9. Isanti county
10. Chisago county
11. Wright county
12. Hennepin county
13. Anoka county
14. Ramsey county
15. Washington county
16. Sibley county
17. Carver county
18. Scott county
19. Dakota county
20. Le Sueur county

Mankato-North Mankato metro area
21. Nicollet county
22. Blue Earth county

Rochester metro area
23. Dodge county
24. Olmsted county
25. Wabasha county
26. Fillmore county

LaCrosse-Onalaska metro area
27. Houston county

MICROPOLITAN AREAS

Bemidji micro area
28. Beltrami county

Grand Rapids micro area
29. Itasca county

Brainerd micro area
30. Cass county
31. Crow Wing county

Wahpeton micro area
32. Wilkin county

Fergus Falls micro area
33. Otter Tail county

Alexandria micro area
34. Douglas county

Willmar micro area
35. Kandiyohi county

Hutchinson micro area
36. McLeod county

Marshall micro area
37. Lyon county

New Ulm micro area
38. Brown county

Faribault-Northfield micro area
39. Rice county

Red Wing micro area
40. Goodhue county

Owatonna micro area
41. Steele county

Winona micro area
42. Winona county

Worthington micro area
43. Nobles county

Fairmont micro area
44. Martin county

Albert Lea micro area
45. Freeborn county

Austin micro area
46. Mower county

Minnesota's Metropolitan Areas in 2015

Metropolitan area	Total population	Household population	Group quarters	Households	Persons per household
Duluth-Superior, MN-WI	236,016	224,783	11,233	99,355	2.26
Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN	62,181	58,791	3,390	23,844	2.47
Grand Forks, ND-MN	31,529	30,248	1,281	12,732	2.38
La Crosse, WI-MN	18,788	18,519	269	7,961	2.33
Mankato-North Mankato, MN	99,611	92,548	7,063	38,311	2.42
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	3,389,904	3,323,600	66,304	1,315,780	2.53
Rochester, MN	213,857	210,487	3,370	84,850	2.48
St. Cloud, MN	194,185	185,489	8,696	73,614	2.52
All metropolitan areas	4,246,071	4,144,465	101,606	1,656,447	2.50
Nonmetropolitan Minnesota	1,239,167	1,202,048	37,119	507,084	2.37

Note: Only the Minnesota portions of multi-state metropolitan areas are shown.

Metropolitan Population and Household Change, 2010-2015

Metropolitan area	Population				Households			
			2010-2015				2010-2015	
	2015	2010	Change	% Change	2015	2010	Change	% Change
Duluth-Superior, MN-WI	236,016	235,612	404	0.2%	99,353	98,321	1,032	1.0%
Fargo-Moorhead, ND-MN	62,181	58,999	3,182	5.4%	23,363	22,279	1,084	4.9%
Grand Forks, ND-MN	31,529	31,600	-71	-0.2%	12,743	12,704	39	0.3%
La Crosse, WI-MN	18,788	19,027	-239	-1.3%	7,944	7,849	95	1.2%
Mankato-North Mankato, MN	99,611	96,740	2,871	3.0%	38,033	36,646	1,387	3.8%
Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN-WI	3,389,904	3,223,495	166,409	5.2%	1,303,887	1,252,834	51,053	4.1%
Rochester, MN	213,857	206,877	6,980	3.4%	84,337	81,907	2,430	3.0%
St. Cloud, MN	194,185	189,093	5,092	2.7%	73,201	71,311	1,890	2.7%
All metropolitan areas	4,246,071	4,061,443	184,628	4.5%	1,642,861	1,583,851	59,010	3.7%
Nonmetropolitan Minnesota	1,239,167	1,242,482	-3,315	-0.3%	520,670	503,376	17,294	3.4%

Note: Only the Minnesota portions of multi-state metropolitan areas are shown

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council based on OMB delineations as of 7/15/2015

Micropolitan Highlights

- A micropolitan area contains an urban core of at least 10,000 but less than 50,000 population. The core area generally has a population density of at least 1,000 persons per square mile. Each micro area consists of one or more counties and includes the counties containing the core urban area as well as any adjacent counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration.

- The federal Office of Management and Budget identified 18 micropolitan areas in Minnesota in 2015.

- Fairmont and Grand Rapids were added to the list of micropolitan areas in 2015.

- None of the micropolitan areas are growing faster than the state growth rate of 3.4%.

- Bemidji is the fastest-growing micropolitan area in the state (3.2%).

- Four micropolitan areas added over 1,000 residents since 2010 (Alexandria, Bemidji, Brainerd and Faribault-Northfield)

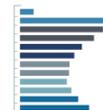- Seven micropolitan areas have lost population since 2010.

Minnesota's Micropolitan Areas in 2015

Micropolitan area	Total population	Household population	Group quarters	Households	Persons per household
Albert Lea, MN	30,642	30,016	626	13,071	2.30
Alexandria, MN	37,103	36,566	537	15,904	2.30
Austin, MN	39,181	38,510	671	15,865	2.43
Bemidji, MN	45,873	43,810	2,063	17,491	2.50
Brainerd, MN	92,199	91,181	1,018	38,644	2.36
Fairmont, MN	20,122	19,767	355	8,905	2.22
Faribault-Northfield, MN	65,420	58,142	7,278	22,902	2.54
Fergus Falls, MN	57,679	56,538	1,141	24,334	2.32
Grand Rapids, MN	45,658	44,613	1,045	19,206	2.32
Hutchinson, MN	35,930	35,451	479	14,600	2.43
Marshall, MN	25,776	24,693	1,083	10,322	2.39
New Ulm, MN	25,434	24,309	1,125	10,846	2.24
Owatonna, MN	36,708	36,141	567	14,404	2.51
Red Wing, MN	46,611	45,658	953	19,060	2.40
Wahpeton, ND-MN*	6,421	6,267	154	2,691	2.33
Willmar, MN	42,510	41,449	1,061	16,888	2.45
Winona, MN	51,128	46,820	4,308	19,835	2.36
Worthington, MN	21,743	21,361	382	8,024	2.66
All micropolitan areas	726,138	701,292	24,846	292,992	2.39

* Data shown are for the Wilkin County portion of the Wahpeton ND-MN micropolitan area.

Micropolitan Population and Household Change, 2010-2015

Micropolitan area	Population				Households			
			2010-2015				2010-2015	
	2015	2010	Change	% Change	2015	2010	Change	% Change
Albert Lea, MN	30,642	31,255	-613	-2.0%	13,071	13,177	-106	-0.8%
Alexandria, MN	37,103	36,009	1,094	3.0%	15,904	15,289	615	4.0%
Austin, MN	39,181	39,163	18	0.0%	15,865	15,828	37	0.2%
Bemidji, MN	45,873	44,442	1,431	3.2%	17,491	16,846	645	3.8%
Brainerd, MN	92,199	91,067	1,132	1.2%	38,644	37,981	663	1.7%
Fairmont, MN	20,122	20,840	-718	-3.4%	8,905	9,035	-130	-1.4%
Faribault-Northfield, MN	65,420	64,142	1,278	2.0%	22,902	22,315	587	2.6%
Fergus Falls, MN	57,679	57,303	376	0.7%	24,334	24,055	279	1.2%
Grand Rapids, MN	45,658	45,058	600	1.3%	19,206	18,773	433	2.3%
Hutchinson, MN	35,930	36,651	-721	-2.0%	14,600	14,639	-39	-0.3%
Marshall, MN	25,776	25,857	-81	-0.3%	10,322	10,227	95	0.9%
New Ulm, MN	25,434	25,893	-459	-1.8%	10,846	10,782	64	0.6%
Owatonna, MN	36,708	36,576	132	0.4%	14,404	14,330	74	0.5%
Red Wing, MN	46,611	46,183	428	0.9%	19,060	18,730	330	1.8%
Wahpeton, ND-MN*	6,421	6,576	-155	-2.4%	2,691	2,690	1	0.0%
Willmar, MN	42,510	42,239	271	0.6%	16,888	16,732	156	0.9%
Winona, MN	51,128	51,461	-333	-0.6%	19,835	19,554	281	1.4%
Worthington, MN	21,743	21,378	365	1.7%	8,024	7,946	78	1.0%
All micropolitan areas	726,138	722,093	4,045	0.6%	292,992	288,929	4,063	1.4%

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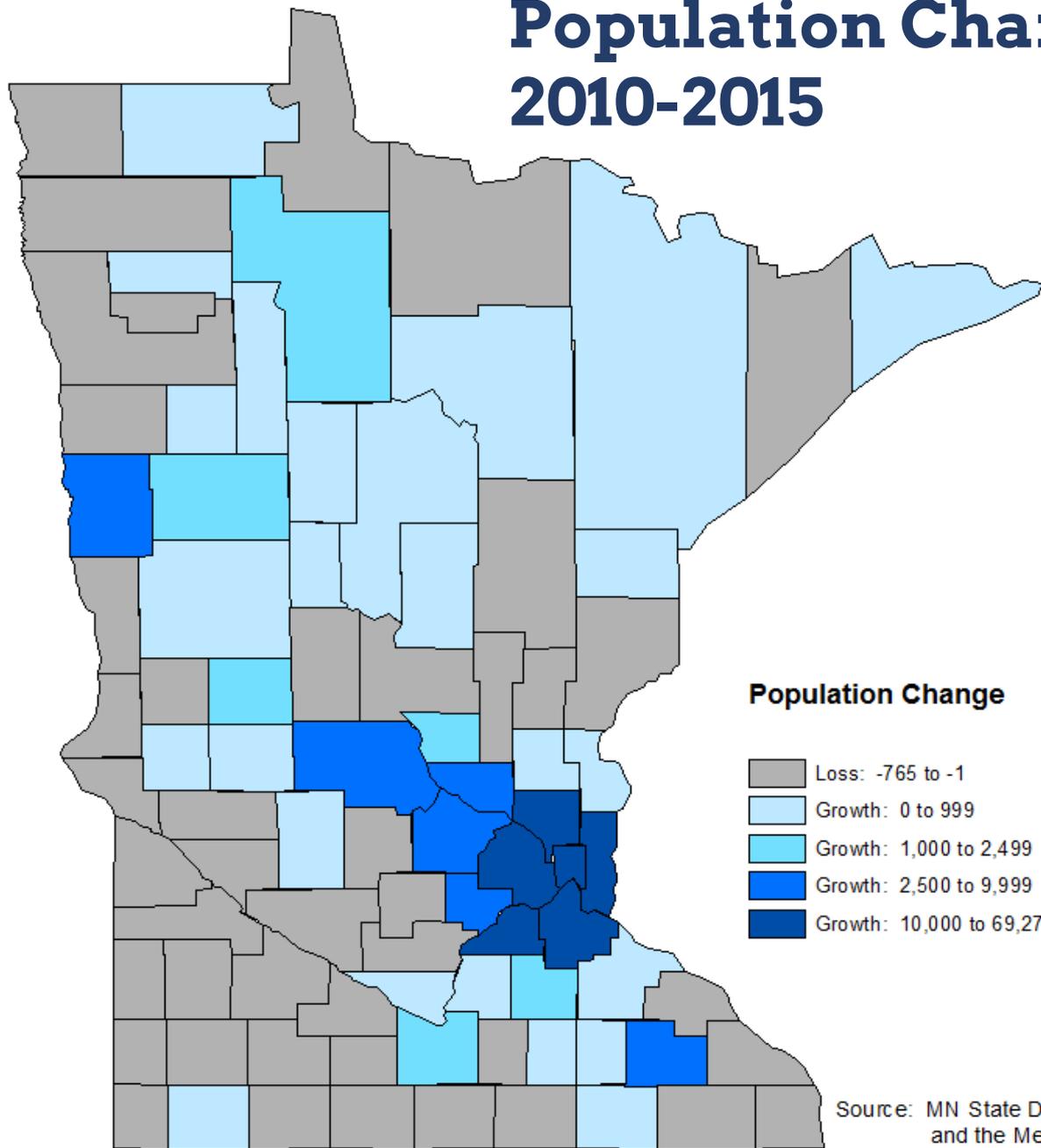
County Highlights

- Minnesota has 87 counties ranging in size from 3,405 (Traverse) to 1,221,703 (Hennepin).
- There are 19 counties with more than 50,000 residents and 10 counties with populations exceeding 100,000.
- There are 20 counties with fewer than 10,000 residents and 4 counties with fewer than 5,000 residents.
- Hennepin and Ramsey counties led all counties with population increases of 69,278 and 25,037 respectively between 2010 and 2015.
- Eighteen counties added over 1,000 residents between 2010 and 2015.
- Forty-four counties have lost population since 2010.
- Carver County (+8.5%), Scott County (+8.4%) and Hennepin County (+6.0%) were the fastest-growing counties between 2010 and 2015.
- Average household size ranges from 2.03 persons per household (PPH) in Cook County to 2.89 persons per household in Scott County.
- Counties with the highest PPH ring the Twin Cities area
- Counties with the lowest PPH are primarily in the northeast and along the western and southern borders of Minnesota.

Population Change, 2010-2015

Population Change

- ◻ Loss: -765 to -1
- ◻ Growth: 0 to 999
- ◻ Growth: 1,000 to 2,499
- ◻ Growth: 2,500 to 9,999
- ◼ Growth: 10,000 to 69,278

18 Counties Added More Than 1,000 Residents Since 2010

Rank	City	2015 Population	2010 Population	2010-2015 Change
1	Hennepin	1,221,703	1,152,425	69,278
2	Ramsey	533,677	508,640	25,037
3	Dakota	414,490	398,552	15,938
4	Anoka	344,838	330,844	13,994
5	Washington	251,015	238,136	12,879
6	Scott	140,898	129,928	10,970
7	Carver	98,798	91,042	7,756
8	Olmsted	151,388	144,248	7,140
9	Wright	131,361	124,700	6,661
10	Stearns	154,446	150,642	3,804
11	Sherburne	91,895	88,499	3,396
12	Clay	62,181	58,999	3,182
13	Blue Earth	66,179	64,013	2,166
14	Beltrami	45,873	44,442	1,431
15	Benton	39,739	38,451	1,288
16	Rice	65,420	64,142	1,278
17	Douglas	37,103	36,009	1,094
18	Becker	33,567	32,504	1,063

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

Percent Population Change, 2010-2015

State: 3.4%

Percent Change

- Loss: -5.4% to 0.0%
- Growth: 0.0% to 3.4%
- Growth: 3.4% to 5.0%
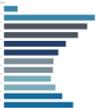- Growth: 5.0% to 8.5%
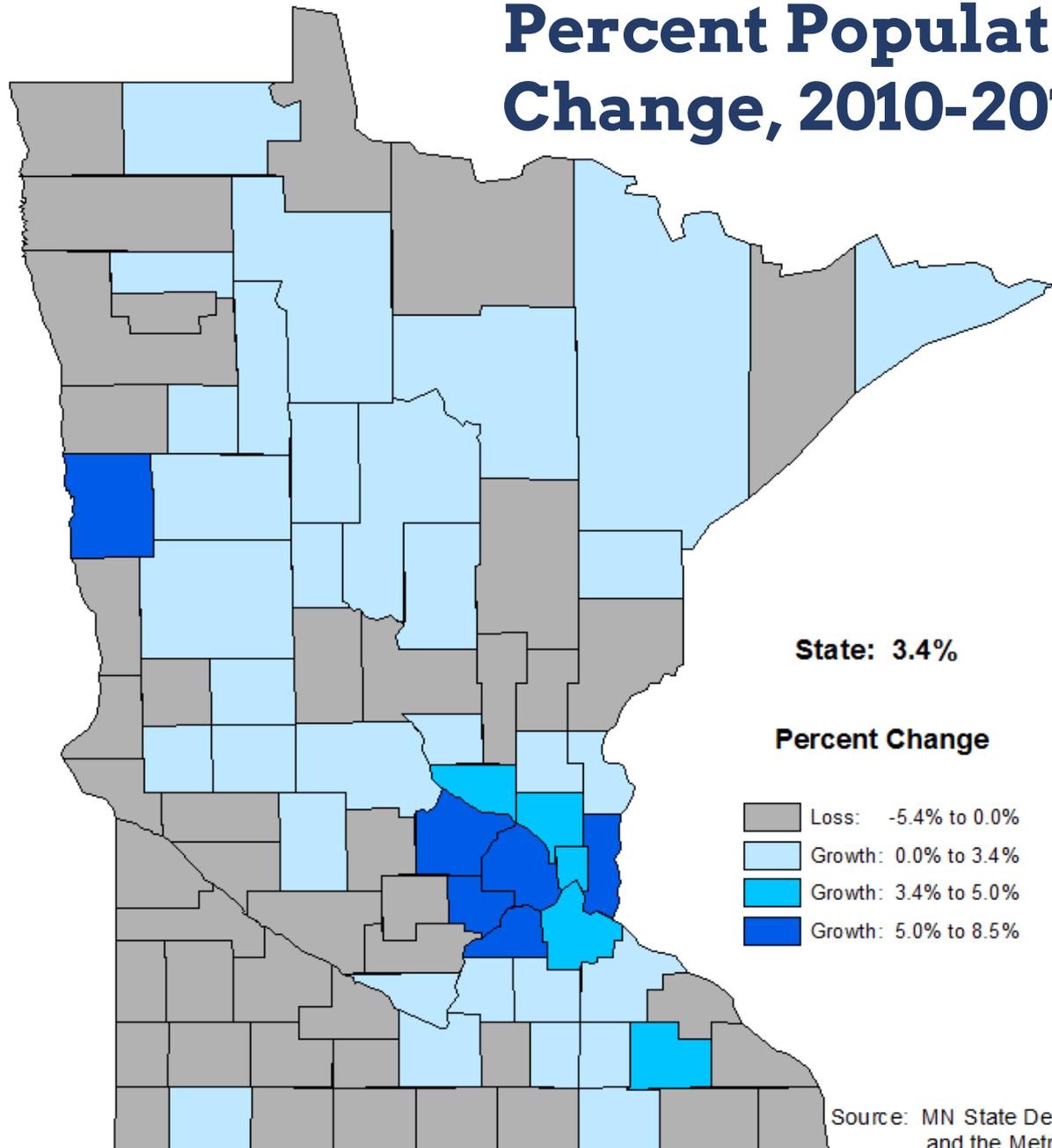
Source: MN State Demographic Center and the Metropolitan Council

11 Counties Grew Faster Than The State Average of 3.4%

Rank	County	2015 Population	2010 Population	2010-2015 Numeric Change	2010-2015 Percent Change
1	Carver	98,798	91,042	7,756	8.5%
2	Scott	140,898	129,928	10,970	8.4%
3	Hennepin	1,221,703	1,152,425	69,278	6.0%
4	Washington	251,015	238,136	12,879	5.4%
5	Clay	62,181	58,999	3,182	5.4%
6	Wright	131,361	124,700	6,661	5.3%
7	Olmsted	151,388	144,248	7,140	4.9%
8	Ramsey	533,677	508,640	25,037	4.9%
9	Anoka	344,838	330,844	13,994	4.2%
10	Dakota	414,490	398,552	15,938	4.0%
11	Sherburne	91,895	88,499	3,396	3.8%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

Minnesota's Largest Counties in 2015

2015 Population

- ■ 100,000 or more
- ■ 50,000 to 99,999
- □ Under 50,000

Source: MN State Demographic Center
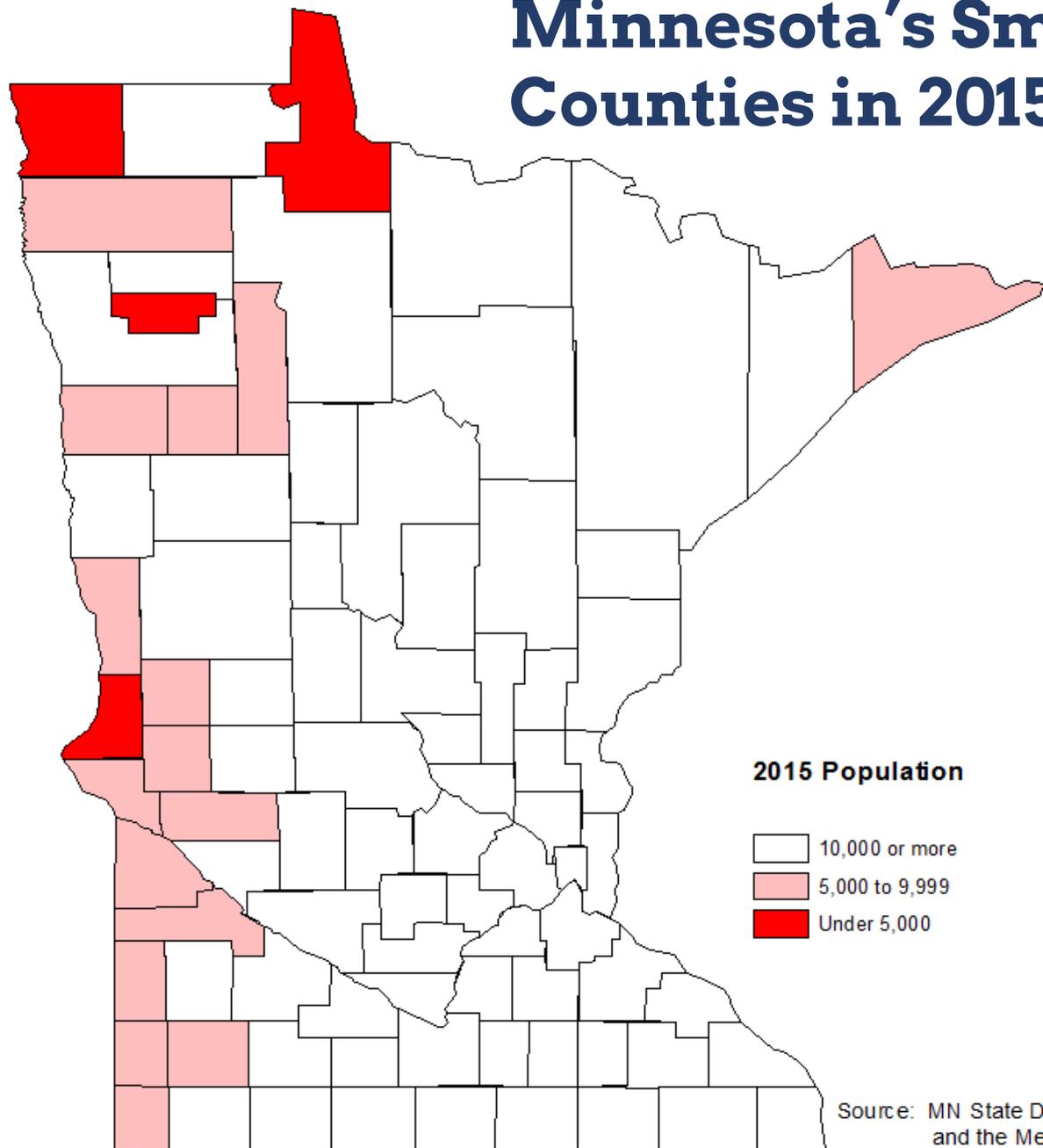and the Metropolitan Council

Minnesota Has 19 Counties With More Than 50,000 Residents

2015 Rank	2010 Rank	County	2015 Population	2010 Population	2010-2015 Numeric Change	2010-2015 Percent Change
1	1	Hennepin	1,221,703	1,152,425	69,278	6.0%
2	2	Ramsey	533,677	508,640	25,037	4.9%
3	3	Dakota	414,490	398,552	15,938	4.0%
4	4	Anoka	344,838	330,844	13,994	4.2%
5	5	Washington	251,015	238,136	12,879	5.4%
6	6	St. Louis	200,381	200,226	155	0.1%
7	7	Stearns	154,446	150,642	3,804	2.5%
8	8	Olmsted	151,388	144,248	7,140	4.9%
9	9	Scott	140,898	129,928	10,970	8.4%
10	10	Wright	131,361	124,700	6,661	5.3%
11	11	Carver	98,798	91,042	7,756	8.5%
12	12	Sherburne	91,895	88,499	3,396	3.8%
13	14	Blue Earth	66,179	64,013	2,166	3.4%
14	13	Rice	65,420	64,142	1,278	2.0%
15	15	Crow Wing	63,481	62,500	981	1.6%
16	16	Clay	62,181	58,999	3,182	5.4%
17	17	Otter Tail	57,679	57,303	376	0.7%
18	18	Chisago	54,332	53,887	445	0.8%
19	19	Winona	51,128	51,461	-333	-0.6%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

Minnesota's Smallest Counties in 2015

2015 Population

- 10,000 or more
- 5,000 to 9,999
- Under 5,000

Source: MN State Demographic Center
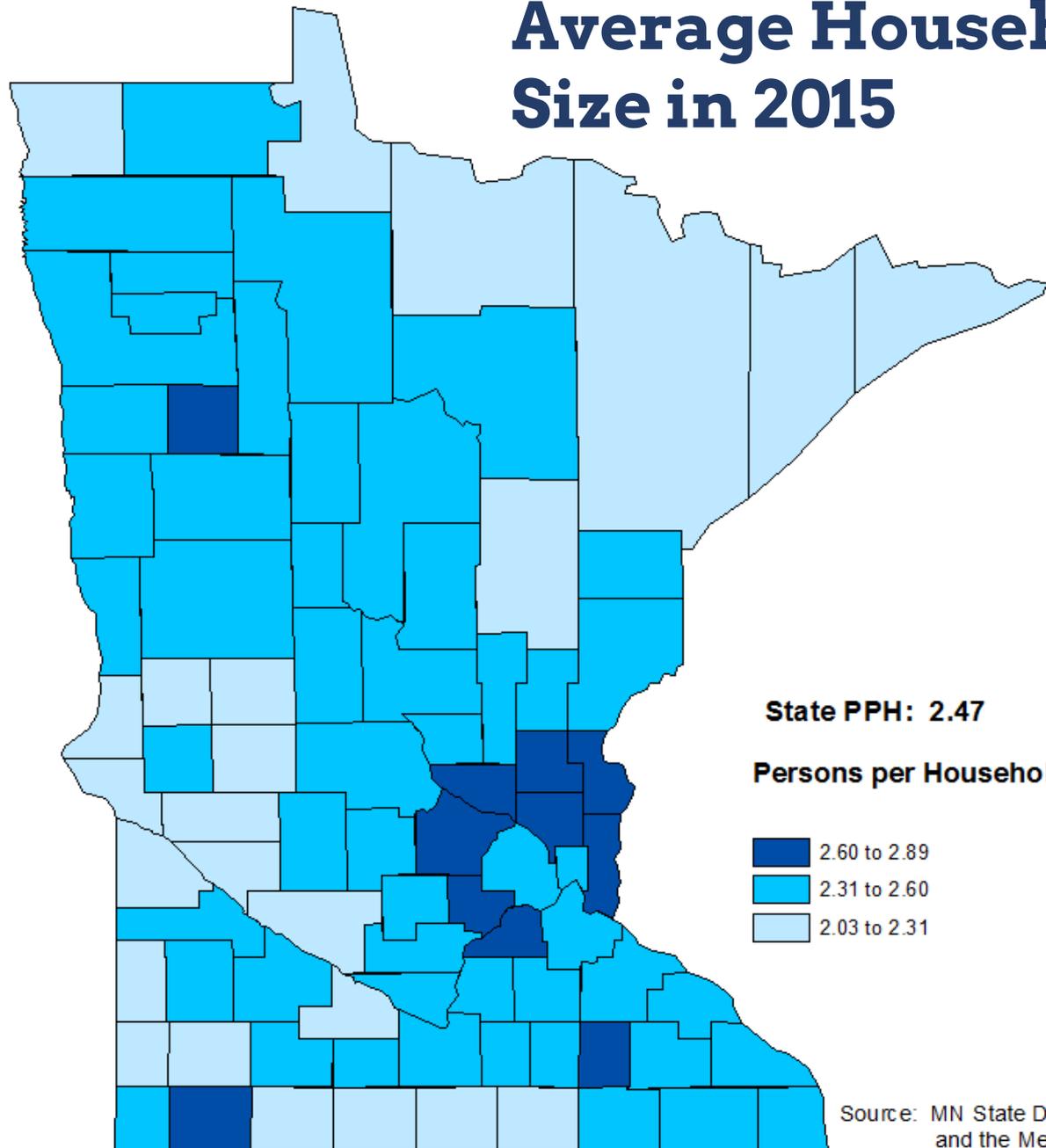and the Metropolitan Council

Minnesota Has 20 Counties With Fewer Than 10,000 Residents

2015 rank	2010 rank	County	2015 Population	2010 Population	2010-2015 Numeric Change	2010-2015 Percent Change
68	67	Yellow Medicine	9,945	10,438	-493	-0.0%
69	70	Stevens	9,804	9,726	78	0.8%
70	71	Rock	9,601	9,687	-86	-0.9%
71	73	Marshall	9,417	9,439	-22	-0.2%
72	69	Swift	9,361	9,783	-422	-4.3%
73	72	Pipestone	9,281	9,596	-315	-3.3%
74	75	Clearwater	8,802	8,695	107	1.2%
75	74	Murray	8,418	8,725	-307	-3.5%
76	76	Lac qui Parle	6,866	7,259	-393	-5.4%
77	77	Norman	6,666	6,852	-186	-2.7%
78	78	Wilkin	6,421	6,576	-155	-2.4%
79	79	Grant	5,872	6,018	-146	-2.4%
80	80	Lincoln	5,770	5,896	-126	-2.1%
81	81	Mahnomen	5,456	5,413	43	0.8%
82	83	Cook	5,219	5,176	43	0.8%
83	82	Big Stone	5,054	5,269	-215	-4.1%
84	84	Kittson	4,422	4,552	-130	-2.9%
85	85	Red Lake	4,039	4,089	-50	-1.2%
86	86	Lake of the Woods	3,925	4,045	-120	-3.0%
87	87	Traverse	3,405	3,558	-153	-4.3%

Average Household Size in 2015

State PPH: 2.47

Persons per Household

- 2.60 to 2.89
- 2.31 to 2.60
- 2.03 to 2.31

Source: MN State Demographic Center and the Metropolitan Council

Counties With The Largest and Smallest Household Size

2015 Rank	2010 Rank	County	Persons per Household in	
			2015	2010
1	2	Scott	2.89	2.85
2	1	Sherburne	2.86	2.86
3	3	Wright	2.79	2.78
4	4	Carver	2.75	2.74
5	5	Anoka	2.70	2.70
6	9	Washington	2.67	2.67
7	7	Isanti	2.66	2.67
8	8	Dodge	2.66	2.67
9	6	Chisago	2.66	2.68
10	11	Mahnomen	2.65	2.64
78	83	Kittson	2.22	2.24
79	81	Big Stone	2.22	2.24
80	80	Lincoln	2.22	2.24
81	78	Lac qui Parle	2.21	2.25
82	76	Traverse	2.20	2.27
83	82	Lake of the Woods	2.19	2.24
84	84	Koochiching	2.18	2.23
85	85	Lake	2.18	2.21
86	86	Aitkin	2.16	2.18
87	87	Cook	2.03	2.05

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

City Highlights

- In 2015, Minnesota had 853 cities ranging in size from 10 persons (Funkley) to 412,517 (Minneapolis).

- Minnesota's newest city is Rice Lake in St. Louis County.

- There are 19 cities with populations exceeding 50,000.

- There are 23 cities with fewer than 50 residents.

- The fastest growing class of cities since 2010 has been the cities exceeding 100,000 population.

- Minneapolis has added 29,939 residents and St. Paul has added 15,285 residents since 2010; Blaine, Rochester and Woodbury have each added more than 5,000 residents.

- With the exception of Rochester and Moorhead, the largest population increases are in cities in the Twin Cities metro area.

- Among cities with at least 1,000 residents in 2015, Rogers was the fastest-growing with an increase of 44.0% between 2010 and 2015.

- Over half of the cities with fewer than 1,000 residents lost population between 2010 and 2015; during that time period two of every three cities with fewer than 250 residents lost population.

Cities By Size of Place, 2015

| Size Category	Number Of Cities	2015 Population	2010 Population	Population Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Number Losing Population 2010-2015
100,000 or more	3	824,777	774,415	50,362	6.5%	0
50,000-99,999	16	1,058,643	1,011,569	47,074	4.7%	0
25,000-49,999	22	709,545	673,435	36,110	5.4%	1
10,000-24,999	55	912,605	874,990	37,615	4.3%	5
5,000-9,999	52	367,193	352,562	14,631	4.1%	6
2,500-4,999	82	290,158	283,116	7,042	2.5%	24
1,000-2,499	128	203,160	201,920	1,240	0.6%	55
500-999	134	93,846	93,071	775	0.8%	76
250-499	124	46,043	46,439	-396	-0.9%	70
Less than 250	237	30,563	31,438	-875	-2.8%	161
Total	853	4,536,533	4,342,955	193,578	4.5%	398

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Minnesota Has 19 Cities With More Than 50,000 Residents

2015 Rank	2010 Rank	City	2015 Population	2010 Population	2010-2015 Numeric Change	2010-2015 Percent Change
1	1	Minneapolis city	412,517	382,578	29,939	7.8%
2	2	St. Paul city	300,353	285,068	15,285	5.4%
3	3	Rochester city	111,907	106,769	5,138	4.8%
4	5	Bloomington city	87,224	82,893	4,331	5.2%
5	4	Duluth city	86,597	86,265	332	0.4%
6	6	Brooklyn Park city	80,215	75,781	4,434	5.9%
7	7	Plymouth city	74,592	70,576	4,016	5.7%
8	9	Eagan city	67,509	64,206	3,303	5.1%
9	8	St. Cloud city	67,010	65,842	1,168	1.8%
10	10	Woodbury city	66,974	61,961	5,013	8.1%
11	11	Maple Grove city	65,155	61,567	3,588	5.8%
12	13	Eden Prairie city	63,187	60,797	2,390	3.9%
13	15	Blaine city	63,180	57,186	5,994	10.5%
14	12	Coon Rapids city	62,527	61,476	1,051	1.7%
15	14	Burnsville city	61,908	60,306	1,602	2.7%
16	16	Lakeville city	59,991	55,954	4,037	7.2%
17	17	Minnetonka city	51,647	49,734	1,913	3.8%
18	19	Edina city	50,766	47,941	2,825	5.9%
19	18	Apple Valley city	50,161	49,084	1,077	2.2%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council
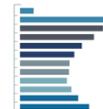
17 Cities Added More Than 2,500 Residents Since 2010

| Rank	City	2015 Population	2010 Population	2010-2015 Change
1	Minneapolis city	412,517	382,578	29,939
2	St. Paul city	300,353	285,068	15,285
3	Blaine city	63,180	57,186	5,994
4	Rochester city	111,907	106,769	5,138
5	Woodbury city	66,974	61,961	5,013
6	Brooklyn Park city	80,215	75,781	4,434
7	Bloomington city	87,224	82,893	4,331
8	Lakeville city	59,991	55,954	4,037
9	Plymouth city	74,592	70,576	4,016
10	Moorhead city	41,901	38,065	3,836
11	Rogers city	12,381	8,597	3,784
12	Maple Grove city	65,155	61,567	3,588
13	Eagan city	67,509	64,206	3,303
14	Shakopee city	40,254	37,076	3,178
15	Savage city	30,024	26,911	3,113
16	St. Louis Park city	48,354	45,250	3,104
17	Edina city	50,766	47,941	2,825

Fastest-Growing Cities, 2010-2015

Rank	City	County	2015 Population	2010 Population	2010-2015 Numeric Change	2010-2015 Percent Change
1	Rogers city	Hennepin	12,381	8,597	3,784	44.0%
2	Wayzata city	Hennepin	4,564	3,688	876	23.8%
3	Medina city	Hennepin	5,967	4,892	1,075	22.0%
4	Eagle Lake city	Blue Earth	2,932	2,422	510	21.1%
5	Alexandria city	Douglas	13,340	11,070	2,270	20.5%
6	Victoria city	Carver	8,775	7,345	1,430	19.5%
7	Carver city	Carver	4,330	3,724	606	16.3%
8	Madison Lake city	Blue Earth	1,170	1,017	153	15.0%
9	Otsego city	Wright	15,472	13,571	1,901	14.0%
10	St. Anthony city	Hennepin, Ramsey	9,277	8,226	1,051	12.8%
11	Jordan city	Scott	6,150	5,470	680	12.4%
12	North Oaks city	Ramsey	5,015	4,469	546	12.2%
13	Mayer city	Carver	1,960	1,749	211	12.1%
14	Waite Park city	Stearns	7,514	6,715	799	11.9%
15	Savage city	Scott	30,024	26,911	3,113	11.6%
16	Bemidji city	Beltrami	14,969	13,431	1,538	11.5%
17	Cologne city	Carver	1,692	1,519	173	11.4%
18	Hanover city	Hennepin, Wright	3,264	2,938	326	11.1%
19	Oronoco city	Olmsted	1,443	1,300	143	11.0%
20	Elko New Market city	Scott	4,555	4,110	445	10.8%
21	Blaine city	Anoka, Ramsey	63,180	57,186	5,994	10.5%
22	Dilworth city	Clay	4,438	4,024	414	10.3%
23	Forest Lake city	Washington	20,261	18,377	1,884	10.3%
24	Minnetrista city	Hennepin	7,029	6,384	645	10.1%
25	Moorhead city	Clay	41,901	38,065	3,836	10.1%

Note: Includes only cities with at least 1,000 residents in 2015

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council
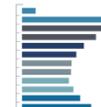
Township Highlights

- Minnesota had 1,781 townships in 2015.

- Seventy percent of these townships have fewer than 500 residents.

- Sixty-six percent of Minnesota's townships have lost population since 2010.

- Eight townships have more than 5,000 residents.

- With 11,013 residents, White Bear township in Ramsey County is the largest township in the state.

- Four of the ten largest townships are in Sherburne County.

- Empire township in Dakota County led all townships with a population increase of 395 since the 2010 Census .

- Nine of the top ten townships for population growth are located in the Twin Cities metropolitan area and the other one is in the Rochester metropolitan area.

Townships By Population Size, 2015

Size Category	Number Of Townships	2015 Population	2010 Population	Population Change 2010-2015	Percent Change 2010-2015	Number Losing Population 2010-2015
10,000-24,999	1	11,013	10,949	64	0.6%	0
5,000-9,999	7	41,771	40,140	1,631	4.1%	0
2,500-4,999	28	91,488	91,714	-226	-0.2%	12
1,000-2,499	177	268,501	267,992	509	0.2%	78
500-999	324	224,565	226,825	-2,260	-1.0%	200
250-499	442	157,071	161,187	-4,116	-2.6%	302
100-249	576	100,975	104,572	-3,597	-3.4%	445
Less than 100	226	14,569	15,192	-623	-4.1%	145
Total	1,781	909,953	918,571	-8,618	-0.9%	1,182

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Ten Largest Townships, 2015

2015 rank	2010 rank	Township	County	2015 population	2010 population	2010-2015 numeric change	2010-2015 percent change
1	1	White Bear township	Ramsey	11,013	10,949	64	0.6%
2	2	Big Lake township	Sherburne	7,625	7,386	239	3.2%
3	3	Baldwin township	Sherburne	6,858	6,739	119	1.8%
4	4	Livonia township	Sherburne	6,135	5,951	184	3.1%
5	6	Credit River township	Scott	5,475	5,096	379	7.4%
6	5	Linwood township	Anoka	5,364	5,123	241	4.7%
7	8	Becker township	Sherburne	5,212	4,842	370	7.6%
8	7	Thomson township	Carlton	5,102	5,003	99	2.0%
9	10	Chisago Lake township	Chisago	4,631	4,656	-25	-0.5%
10	13	West Lakeland township	Washington	4,306	4,054	252	6.2%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

Top Townships For Population Growth, 2010- 2015

Rank	Township	County	2015 population	2010 population	2010-2015 change
1	Empire township	Dakota	2,839	2,444	395
2	Credit River township	Scott	5,475	5,096	379
3	Becker township	Sherburne	5,212	4,842	370
4	West Lakeland township	Washington	4,306	4,054	252
5	Linwood township	Anoka	5,364	5,123	241
6	Big Lake township	Sherburne	7,625	7,386	239
7	Cedar Lake township	Scott	3,008	2,779	229
8	Marion township	Olmsted	3,867	3,653	214
9	Helena township	Scott	1,844	1,648	196
10	Livonia township	Sherburne	6,135	5,951	184

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

Geographic Changes From January 1, 2010 Through January 1, 2016

Area name	County (FIPS code)	MCD FIPS code	Effective Date	Description of change
Hassan township	Hennepin (053)	27476	7/20/2010	Hassan township no longer exists; entire township annexed by Rogers city.
Iron Range township	Itasca (061)	31256	10/9/2012	Iron Range township no longer exists; entire township annexed by Taconite city.
Liberty township	Itasca (061)	36944	10/13/2015	After residents voted to disorganize, the Itasca County Board approved the dissolution Liberty township; the area is now an unorganized territory of Itasca County.
Rice Lake township/ Rice Lake city	St. Louis (137)	54060	10/13/2015	Rice Lake township organized as Rice Lake city
Tenney city	Wilkin (167)	64426	6/21/2011	Tenney city disincorporated; area now part of Campbell township.
Thomson city	Carlton (017)	64750	1/1/2015	Thomson city merged with Carlton city; the new city is named Carlton.