Demographic Overview Of Minnesota

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What is the role of the Minnesota (MN) State Demographic Center?

- Serve as a liaison to the Census Bureau and assist with the decennial census counts
- Create MN population estimates and projections
- Analyze, interpret and distribute data from the state, U.S. Census Bureau and other sources
- Offer data and technical assistance to legislators, all levels of government, organizations and citizens across the state
- Monitor trends and help MN to make data-informed decisions—via reports, online content and presentations
About Minnesota (MN)
Minnesota, population overview (2014)

- 21st largest (most populous) state among the 50 United States
- Home to 5.46 million people

5 largest Minnesota cities by population:

- Minneapolis (411,000 residents)
- St. Paul (300,000 residents)
- Rochester (111,000, home of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic)
- Bloomington (87,000)
- Duluth (86,000).

Minnesota, population distribution in 2014

- Organized into 87 counties, which administer law enforcement, human services programs, etc.

- Half of the state’s population lives in 1 of 5 counties home to, or adjacent to, Minneapolis and St. Paul (state capital), the “Twin Cities”
Minnesota’s unemployment rate is 9th lowest among states (July 2015)

Minnesota’s poverty rate is 7th lowest among states (2013 annual)

Migration & diversity
1858: Minnesota gained statehood
Minnesota residents by race in
1860

"Indian" 2,369 (1%)
"Colored" 259 (0.2%)
"White" 169,395 (98%)

Source: U.S. Census via Social Explorer.
By late 1800s, German, Norwegian and Swedish immigrants began to arrive in MN in great numbers.

Source: MNCompass tabulations of IPUMS version of U.S. Census Bureau decennial censuses and 2009-2011 American Community Survey
Percentage of the population born in Sweden, 1920
MN today by race/ethnicity (Hispanics removed from all other race groups)

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

Source: U.S. Census via mncompass.org
Between 2000 and 2010 most of MN’s growth was from “populations of Color”

- Of Color: 86%
- White: 14%

350,000 more Minnesota residents in 2010 than in 2000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Populations of Color (non-White): Growth in all but 2 counties statewide (2000-2010)

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

Source: mncompass.org
International immigration has increased in recent years, but pales in comparison to the early 1900s.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Populations of Color have grown dramatically since 1990

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

Source: U.S. Census via mncompass.org
Many of our populations of Color are immigrants

Source: IPUMS version of U.S. Census Bureau’s 2013 American Community Survey, Tabulated by MN State Demographic Center.
Number of foreign-born in Minnesota, 1920-2012

Source: IPUMS version of U.S. Census Bureau’s decennial censuses and 2010-2012 American Community Survey, Tabulated by MN State Demographic Center.
Our foreign-born population is becoming increasingly diverse

Source: IPUMS version of U.S. Census Bureau’s decennial censuses and 2010-2012 American Community Survey, Tabulated by MN State Demographic Center.
MN foreign-born populations: Largest groups by country of birth, 2013

- Mexico: 66,900
- Somalia: 31,500
- India: 27,000
- Laos: 25,300
- Vietnam: 23,000
- Thailand: 20,100
- China: 16,300
- Korea: 14,800
- Canada: 13,100
- Liberia: 12,800
- Germany: 11,900
- Ethiopia: 11,000
- Philippines: 8,400
- Ecuador: 8,100
- Kenya: 7,400
- Guatemala: 6,000
- Colombia: 5,800

* Hmong represented

Source: MN State Demographic Center tabulation of IPUMS version of 2013 American Community Survey
Primary Refugee Arrivals to MN
1979-2012

Source: Department of Homeland Security, Primary Refugee Arrivals to MN.
Minnesota, projected
MN: Largest population growth among Asian, Black and Hispanic groups by 2030

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center projections.
By mid-to-late century, the Twin Cities will not have a racial majority.

“Twin Cities” refers to the 7-county metro area surrounding Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State Demographic Center, Met Council
Foreign-born population in the U.S., 2008-2012

ACS 2012 Syr - Foreign Born
One dot represents 2,500 Foreign Born:
Immigration is not a new phenomenon in MN

Percent Foreign-Born in Minnesota, 1970-2009

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Minnesota’s foreign-born population has become increasingly diverse

Source: Tabulated by the Minnesota State Demographic Center from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series
### MN foreign-born populations: Largest groups by country of birth, 2013

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Legal Permanent Resident Arrivals From Somalia To Minnesota, 1990-2010

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Legal Permanent Resident Arrivals
Estimated size of Somali population in Minnesota and U.S. (2012)

U.S. residents who speak Somali at home, 2012:
- MN, 40,000
- Other U.S. states, 83,000

U.S. Total = 123,000

U.S. residents who were born in Somalia, 2012:
- MN, 22,000
- Other U.S. states, 50,000

U.S. Total = 72,000

Source: Integrated Public Use Microdata Series from U.S. Census Bureau data
Somalis in Minnesota by age, 2008-2012 average

- 0-9: 13,600
- 10-19: 3,900
- 20-29: 5,800
- 30-39: 5,500
- 40-49: 1,900
- 50-59: 900
- 60+: 2,500

Source: Integrated Public Use Microdata Series from U.S. Census Bureau data. Somali’s identified by language spoken in the home.
Educational attainment of Minnesotans (age 25+), 2008-2012 average

Source: Integrated Public Use Microdata Series from U.S. Census Bureau data. Somalis identified by ancestry.
In last Sunday’s *StarTribune* newspaper (largest in state)

How a group of young men from Minnesota were drawn into ISIL’s campaign of terror

Story by Paul McEnroe, Abby Simons, Libor Jany  Star Tribune staff writers
Illustration by Michael Hogue for the Star Tribune

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The FBI finally came for Guled Omar on a Sunday morning.

A squad of agents crashed through the front door of the house on Columbus Avenue in south Minneapolis, raced up the stairs and burst into the room where the 20-year-old Omar slept. Guns drawn, they screamed for his phone, demanding that he give it up before he could alert his friends.