



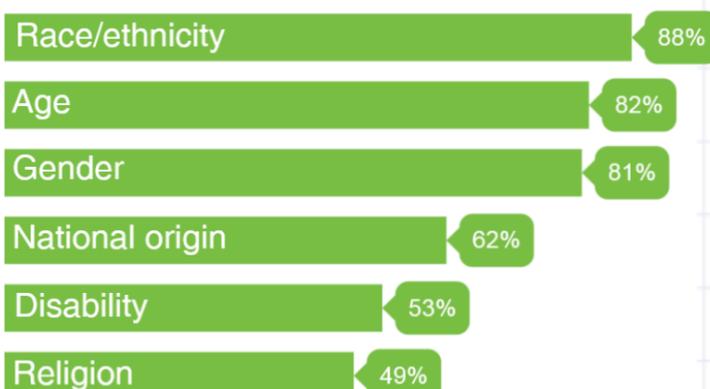
Workforce Diversity in Central Minnesota

We surveyed over 1,000 Minnesota employers to see what diversity means to them. Here's what employers in the Central part of the state told us.

What is diversity?

Employers use the term "diversity" to refer to many different things. Survey respondents in Central Minnesota say they talk about...

Percent of regional employers agreeing that they include the following in their definition of diversity:



So, are businesses diverse?

61% of Central Minnesota employers report that their workforce is diverse, according to their own definition of diversity.

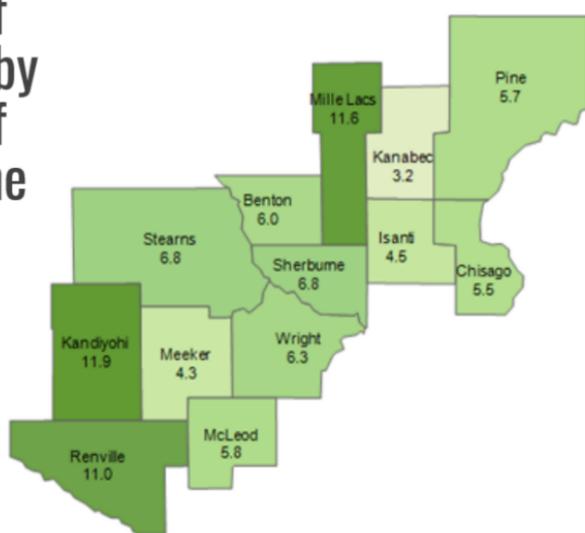
Did You Know?

In Central Minnesota...

- The region saw its population increased by 123,380 residents from 2000 to 2015, a 22% gain, as compared to a 12% rise statewide.
- The region is projected to add 114,000 residents in the next 20 years, a 15% growth rate, which exceeds the state's 11% average projected growth.
- The region's largest communities of color in 2014 are Hispanics or Latino (22,170), Black or African American (12,870), and residents of two or more races (10,960).

How diverse is the workforce in Central Minnesota?

Percent of jobs held by persons of color in the Central region...



When asked about racial diversity...

22% of regional employers say they do not employ workers who identify with a community of color.

The good news is...

Nearly half of the region's employers are actively trying to increase the racial diversity of their workforce.

Are businesses as racially diverse as their communities?

The population in Central Minnesota is less diverse than the state overall, but is becoming more diverse over time.

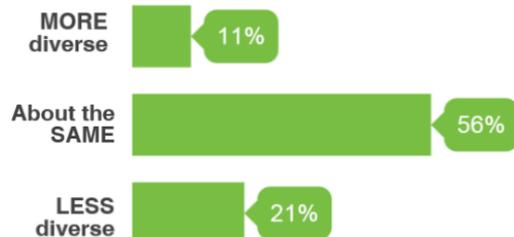
The fastest growing segment of the region's population are people from communities of color. Residents of the Black or African American (300%), two or more races (127%), Hispanic or Latino (96%), and Asian (67%) communities grew the fastest between 2000 and 2014.

We asked businesses to think about the racial diversity of their workforce as compared to the diversity of their community.

- One in four businesses in Central Minnesota report that their workforce is less diverse than their customer base.

Central Minnesota's labor force is expected to grow just over 4% between 2015 and 2025. This means the region will face a tight labor market in the future, with employers needing to respond to changing labor force availability in the region.

Compared to their CITY or TOWN, their workforce is...



Compared to their CUSTOMER BASE, their workforce is...

