

# **ANALYSIS OF THE 2007 POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES**

Minnesota State Demographic Center

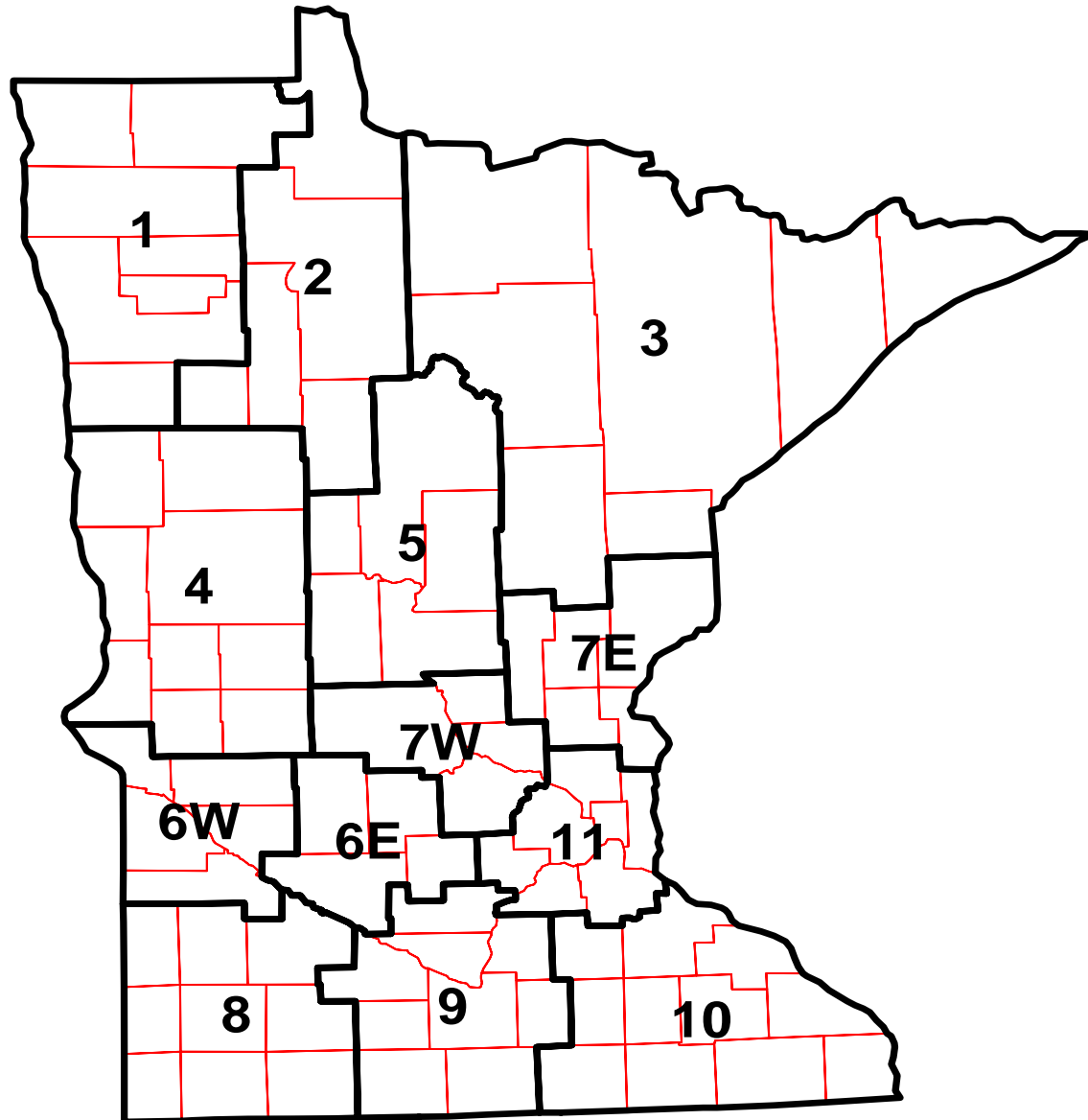
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# Regional Highlights

- Minnesota added 344,001 residents between 2000 and 2007
- Only 3 of the 13 regions in Minnesota grew faster than the state population growth rate of +7.0%
- The fastest-growing regions of Minnesota between 2000 and 2007 were 07W (+20.7%) and 07E (+17.5%), which are directly northwest and north of the Twin Cities
- The southwestern (06W and 08), northwestern (01) and northeastern (03) regions of the state have all lost population since 2000
- Over half (54%) of Minnesota's population lives in the seven Twin Cities area counties that make up Region 11
- Region 11 captured for 6 of every 10 Minnesota residents added since 2000

# Minnesota's Regions



## Minnesota's regions in 2007

Region	Total population	Household population	Group quarters	Households	Persons per household
01	86,311	83,648	2,663	35,488	2.36
02	79,878	77,544	2,334	31,430	2.47
03	320,424	307,856	12,568	137,093	2.25
04	219,262	211,290	7,972	89,006	2.37
05	161,000	158,516	2,484	65,811	2.41
06E	118,730	116,708	2,022	47,622	2.45
06W	47,330	44,903	2,427	19,455	2.31
07E	160,098	156,219	3,879	60,241	2.59
07W	388,273	377,100	11,173	142,510	2.65
08	117,205	113,758	3,447	48,179	2.36
09	228,031	217,012	11,019	90,804	2.39
10	487,948	469,044	18,904	191,668	2.45
11	2,849,003	2,788,293	60,710	1,121,535	2.49
Minnesota	5,263,493	5,121,891	141,602	2,080,842	2.46

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

## Population and household change by region: 2000-2007

Region	Population				Households			
	2007	2000	2000-2007		2007	2000	2000-2007	
			Change	% Change			Change	% Change
01	86,311	88,472	-2,161	-2.4%	35,488	34,790	698	2.0%
02	79,878	76,161	3,717	4.9%	31,430	28,974	2,456	8.5%
03	320,424	322,073	-1,649	-0.5%	137,093	132,152	4,941	3.7%
04	219,262	210,059	9,203	4.4%	89,006	81,728	7,278	8.9%
05	161,000	152,100	8,900	5.9%	65,811	59,727	6,084	10.2%
06E	118,730	115,899	2,831	2.4%	47,622	44,754	2,868	6.4%
06W	47,330	50,011	-2,681	-5.4%	19,455	19,846	-391	-2.0%
07E	160,098	136,244	23,854	17.5%	60,241	50,026	10,215	20.4%
07W	388,273	321,802	66,471	20.7%	142,510	113,719	28,791	25.3%
08	117,205	121,717	-4,512	-3.7%	48,179	48,088	91	0.2%
09	228,031	222,790	5,241	2.4%	90,804	85,109	5,695	6.7%
10	487,948	460,102	27,846	6.1%	191,668	174,764	16,904	9.7%
11	2,849,003	2,642,062	206,941	7.8%	1,121,535	1,021,456	100,079	9.8%
Minnesota	5,263,493	4,919,492	344,001	7.0%	2,080,842	1,895,133	185,709	9.8%

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.
- Seventy-three percent of all Minnesotans lived in a metropolitan area in 2007
- The metropolitan population grew faster than the state average (+7.0%) between 2000 and 2007
- The fastest-growing metropolitan areas since 2000 were Rochester (+11.0%) and St. Cloud (+10.6%)
- The Minnesota portions of the Duluth-Superior metropolitan area and the Grand Forks metropolitan area lost population since 2000



## Minnesota's metropolitan areas in 2007

Metropolitan area	Total population	Household population	Group quarters	Households	Persons per household
Duluth-Superior*	230,098	219,218	10,438	97,746	2.24
Fargo-Moorhead*	55,441	50,764	4,061	21,234	2.39
Grand Forks*	31,023	29,772	1,500	12,500	2.38
La Crosse*	19,779	19,518	375	7,938	2.46
Minneapolis-St. Paul*	3,141,405	3,044,644	59,896	1,226,186	2.48
Rochester	181,603	176,613	3,661	71,913	2.46
St. Cloud	185,185	175,369	8,104	70,131	2.50
All metropolitan areas	3,844,534	3,715,898	88,035	1,507,648	2.46
Nonmetropolitan Minnesota	1,418,959	1,405,993	53,567	573,194	2.45

\*-- Only the Minnesota portions of multi-state metropolitan areas are shown

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

## Metropolitan population and household change: 2000-2007

Metropolitan area	Population				Households			
	2007	2000	2000-2007		2007	2000	2000-2007	
			Change	% Change			Change	% Change
Duluth-Superior*	230,098	232,199	-2,101	-0.9%	97,746	94,683	3,063	3.2%
Fargo-Moorhead*	55,441	51,229	4,212	8.2%	21,234	18,670	2,564	13.7%
Grand Forks*	31,023	31,369	-346	-1.1%	12,500	12,070	430	3.6%
La Crosse*	19,779	19,718	61	0.3%	7,938	7,633	305	4.0%
Minneapolis-St. Paul*	3,141,405	2,868,858	272,547	9.5%	1,226,186	1,100,194	125,992	11.5%
Rochester	181,603	163,618	17,985	11.0%	71,913	62,504	9,409	15.1%
St. Cloud	185,185	167,394	17,791	10.6%	70,131	60,671	9,460	15.6%
All metropolitan areas	3,844,534	3,534,385	310,149	8.8%	1,507,648	1,356,425	151,223	11.1%
Nonmetropolitan Minnesota	1,418,959	1,385,107	33,852	2.4%	573,194	538,708	34,486	6.4%

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Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

# 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 2007
- Six micropolitan areas grew faster than the state average (+7.0%) between 2000 and 2007
- Faribault-Northfield is the fastest-growing micropolitan area in the state (11.2%)
- Three micropolitan areas added over 6,000 residents since 2000 (Brainerd, Faribault-Northfield and Mankato-North Mankato)
- Eight micropolitan areas have lost population since 2000
- Starting with the 2008 estimates, Mankato-North Mankato will be classified as a metropolitan area rather than a micropolitan area

## Minnesota's micropolitan areas in 2007

Micropolitan area	Total population	Household population	Group quarters	Households	Persons per household
Albert Lea	31,492	30,928	564	13,444	2.30
Alexandria	35,827	35,197	630	15,274	2.30
Austin	38,423	37,663	760	16,014	2.35
Bemidji	43,320	41,472	1,848	16,193	2.56
Brainerd	90,133	88,936	1,197	37,553	2.37
Fairmont	20,731	20,300	431	9,004	2.25
Faribault-Northfield	63,034	56,053	6,981	21,831	2.57
Fergus Falls	58,437	57,189	1,248	23,953	2.39
Hutchinson	37,130	36,658	472	14,784	2.48
Mankato-North Mankato*	91,765	84,856	6,909	35,647	2.38
Marshall	24,940	23,751	1,189	9,933	2.39
New Ulm	26,344	25,300	1,044	10,863	2.33
Owatonna	36,485	35,886	599	14,349	2.50
Red Wing	46,092	45,000	1,092	18,298	2.46
Wahpeton**	6,709	6,541	168	2,716	2.41
Willmar	41,763	41,011	752	16,826	2.44
Winona	49,954	45,532	4,422	19,332	2.36
Worthington	20,399	19,990	409	7,949	2.51
All micropolitan areas	762,978	732,263	30,715	303,963	2.41

\*--Mankato-North Mankato recognized as a metropolitan area in December 2008

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

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

## Micropolitan population and household change: 2000-2007

Micropolitan area	Population				Households			
	2007	2000	2000-2007 Change	2000-2007 % Change	2007	2000	2000-2007 Change	2000-2007 % Change
Albert Lea	31,492	32,584	-1,092	-3.4%	13,444	13,356	88	0.7%
Alexandria	35,827	32,821	3,006	9.2%	15,274	13,276	1,998	15.0%
Austin	38,423	38,603	-180	-0.5%	16,014	15,582	432	2.8%
Bemidji	43,320	39,650	3,670	9.3%	16,193	14,337	1,856	12.9%
Brainerd	90,133	82,249	7,884	9.6%	37,553	33,143	4,410	13.3%
Fairmont	20,731	21,802	-1,071	-4.9%	9,004	9,067	-63	-0.7%
Faribault-Northfield	63,034	56,665	6,369	11.2%	21,831	18,888	2,943	15.6%
Fergus Falls	58,437	57,159	1,278	2.2%	23,953	22,671	1,282	5.7%
Hutchinson	37,130	34,898	2,232	6.4%	14,784	13,449	1,335	9.9%
Mankato-North Mankato*	91,765	85,712	6,053	7.1%	35,647	31,704	3,943	12.4%
Marshall	24,940	25,425	-485	-1.9%	9,933	9,715	218	2.2%
New Ulm	26,344	26,911	-567	-2.1%	10,863	10,598	265	2.5%
Owatonna	36,485	33,680	2,805	8.3%	14,349	12,846	1,503	11.7%
Red Wing	46,092	44,127	1,965	4.5%	18,298	16,983	1,315	7.7%
Wahpeton**	6,709	7,138	-429	-6.0%	2,716	2,752	-36	-1.3%
Willmar	41,763	41,203	560	1.4%	16,826	15,936	890	5.6%
Winona	49,954	49,985	-31	-0.1%	19,332	18,744	588	3.1%
Worthington	20,399	20,832	-433	-2.1%	7,949	7,939	10	0.1%
<b>All micropolitan areas</b>	<b>762,978</b>	<b>731,444</b>	<b>31,534</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>303,963</b>	<b>280,986</b>	<b>22,977</b>	<b>8.2%</b>

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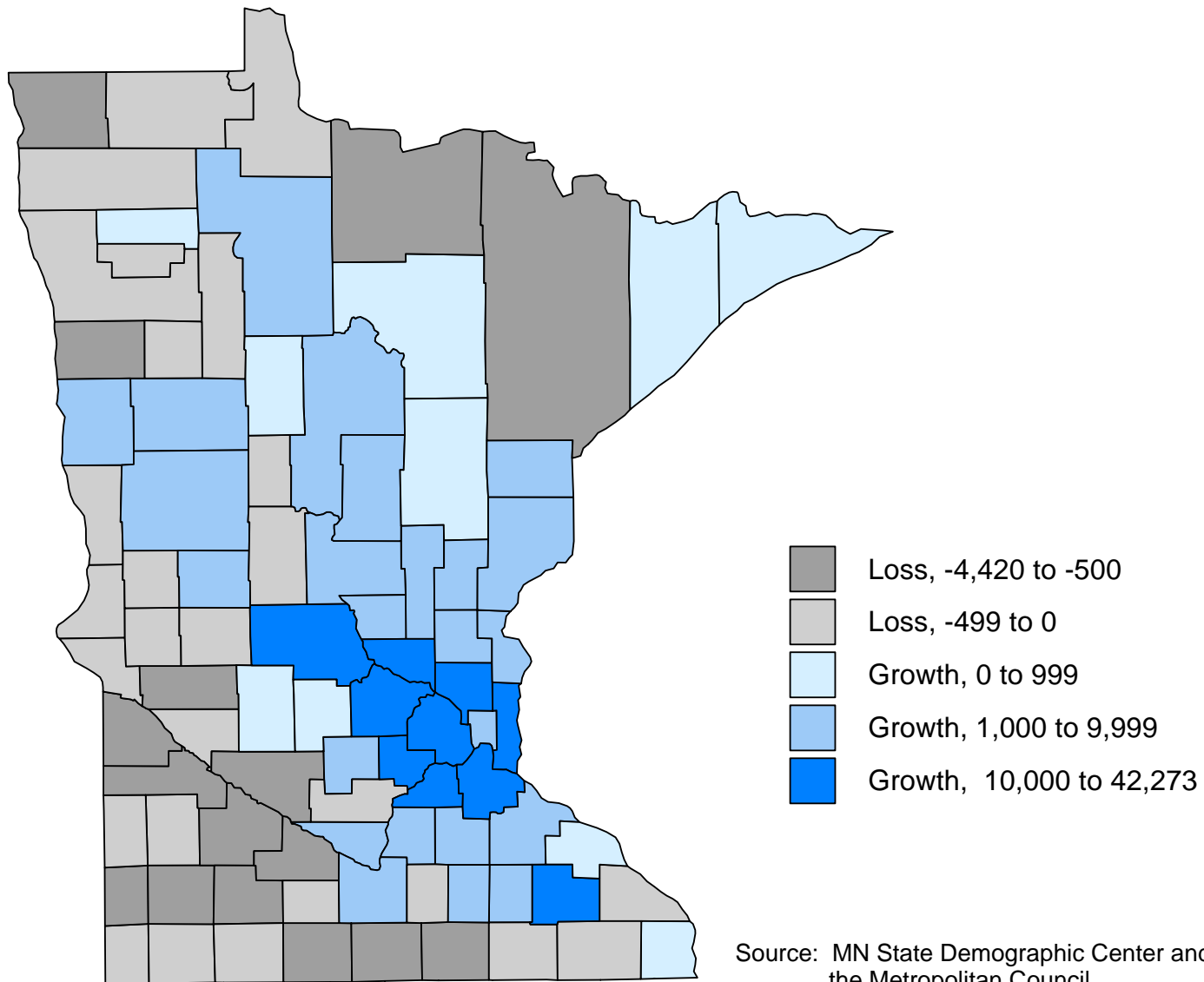
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Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

# County Highlights

- Minnesota has 87 counties ranging in size from 3,793 (Traverse) to 1,157,283 (Hennepin)
- There are 10 counties with populations exceeding 100,000
- There are 4 counties with fewer than 5,000 residents
- Dakota and Hennepin counties added over 40,000 residents between 2000 and 2007
- Ten counties added over 10,000 residents between 2000 and 2007; Olmsted and Stearns are the only counties outside the Twin Cities area
- Forty-three counties have lost population since 2000
- Scott County (+38.3%) and Sherburne County (+34.0%) were the fastest-growing counties between 2000 and 2007
- Average household size ranges from 2.09 persons per household (PPH) in Cook County to 2.85 persons per household in Sherburne County
- Counties with the highest PPH ring the Twin Cities area
- Counties with the lowest PPH are primarily in northeastern and southwestern Minnesota

# Population Change 2000-2007



Source: MN State Demographic Center and  
the Metropolitan Council

### Ten counties added over 10,000 residents since 2000

Rank	City	2007 population	2000 population	2000-2007 change
1	Dakota	398,177	355,904	42,273
2	Hennepin	1,157,283	1,116,039	41,244
3	Scott	123,735	89,498	34,237
4	Anoka	331,246	298,084	33,162
5	Washington	233,104	201,130	31,974
6	Wright	116,780	89,993	26,787
7	Sherburne	86,308	64,415	21,893
8	Carver	88,384	70,205	18,179
9	Olmsted	139,418	124,277	15,141
10	Stearns	145,877	133,167	12,710

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council



## Fastest-growing counties since 2000

Rank	County			2000-2007	2000-2007
		2007 population	2000 population	numeric change	percent change
1	Scott	123,735	89,498	34,237	38.3%
2	Sherburne	86,308	64,415	21,893	34.0%
3	Wright	116,780	89,993	26,787	29.8%
4	Carver	88,384	70,205	18,179	25.9%
5	Isanti	38,881	31,287	7,594	24.3%
6	Chisago	50,433	41,101	9,332	22.7%
7	Mille Lacs	26,171	22,330	3,841	17.2%
8	Washington	233,104	201,130	31,974	15.9%
9	Benton	39,308	34,227	5,081	14.8%
10	Olmsted	139,418	124,277	15,141	12.2%
11	Dakota	398,177	355,904	42,273	11.9%
12	Dodge	19,787	17,731	2,056	11.6%
13	Crow Wing	61,390	55,099	6,291	11.4%
14	Rice	63,034	56,665	6,369	11.2%
15	Anoka	331,246	298,084	33,162	11.1%

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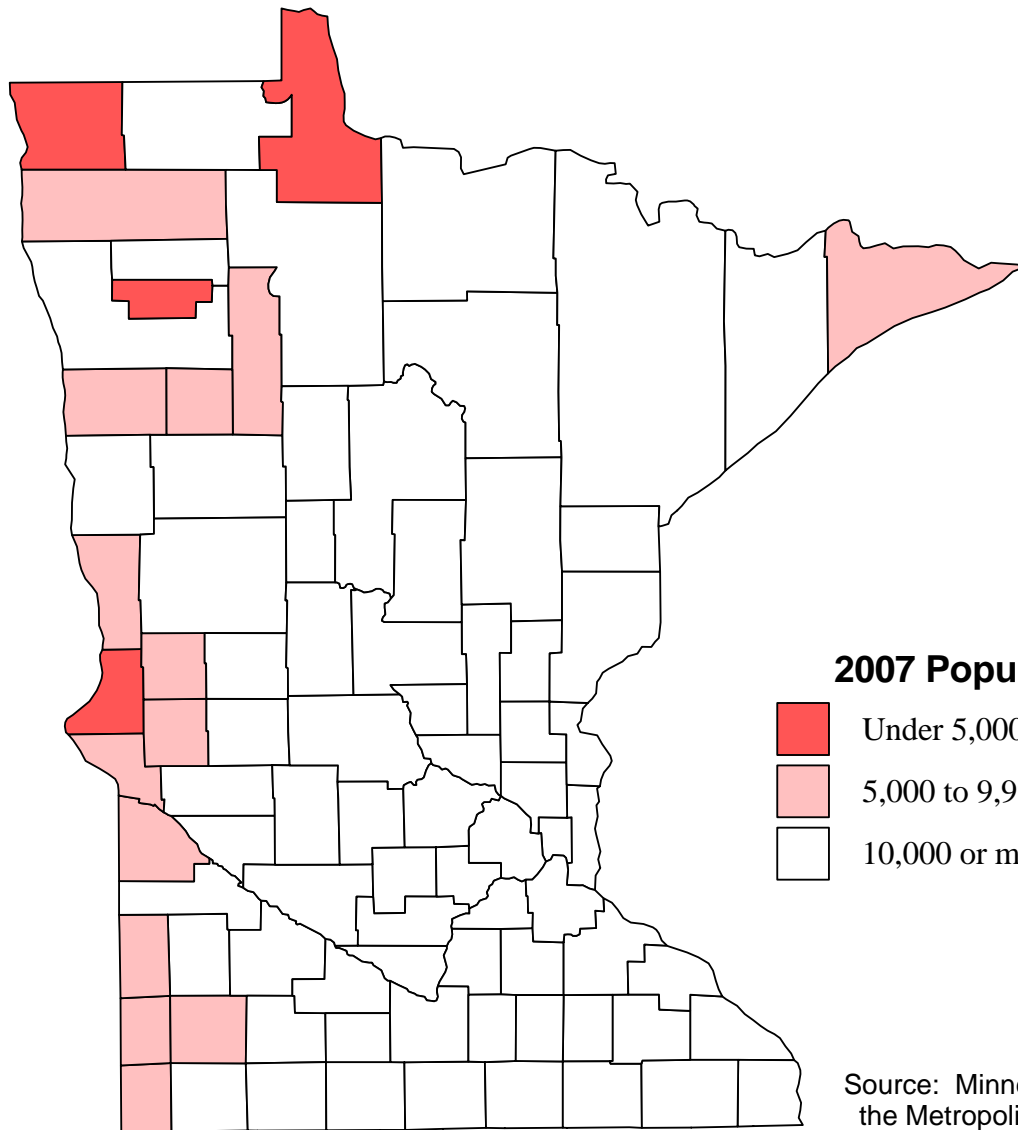


## Minnesota has 18 counties with more than 50,000 residents




<b>2007 rank</b>	<b>2000 rank</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>2007 population</b>	<b>2000 population</b>	<b>2000-2007 numeric change</b>	<b>2000-2007 percent change</b>
1	1	Hennepin	1,157,283	1,116,039	41,244	3.7%
2	2	Ramsey	517,074	511,202	5,872	1.1%
3	3	Dakota	398,177	355,904	42,273	11.9%
4	4	Anoka	331,246	298,084	33,162	11.1%
5	5	Washington	233,104	201,130	31,974	15.9%
6	6	St. Louis	196,108	200,528	-4,420	-2.2%
7	7	Stearns	145,877	133,167	12,710	9.5%
8	8	Olmsted	139,418	124,277	15,141	12.2%
9	10	Scott	123,735	89,498	34,237	38.3%
10	9	Wright	116,780	89,993	26,787	29.8%
11	11	Carver	88,384	70,205	18,179	25.9%
12	12	Sherburne	86,308	64,415	21,893	34.0%
13	14	Rice	63,034	56,665	6,369	11.2%
14	16	Crow Wing	61,390	55,099	6,291	11.4%
15	15	Blue Earth	59,723	55,941	3,782	6.8%
16	13	Otter Tail	58,437	57,159	1,278	2.2%
17	17	Clay	55,441	51,229	4,212	8.2%
18	22	Chisago	50,433	41,101	9,332	22.7%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

# Minnesota's Smallest Counties in 2007



## 2007 Population

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

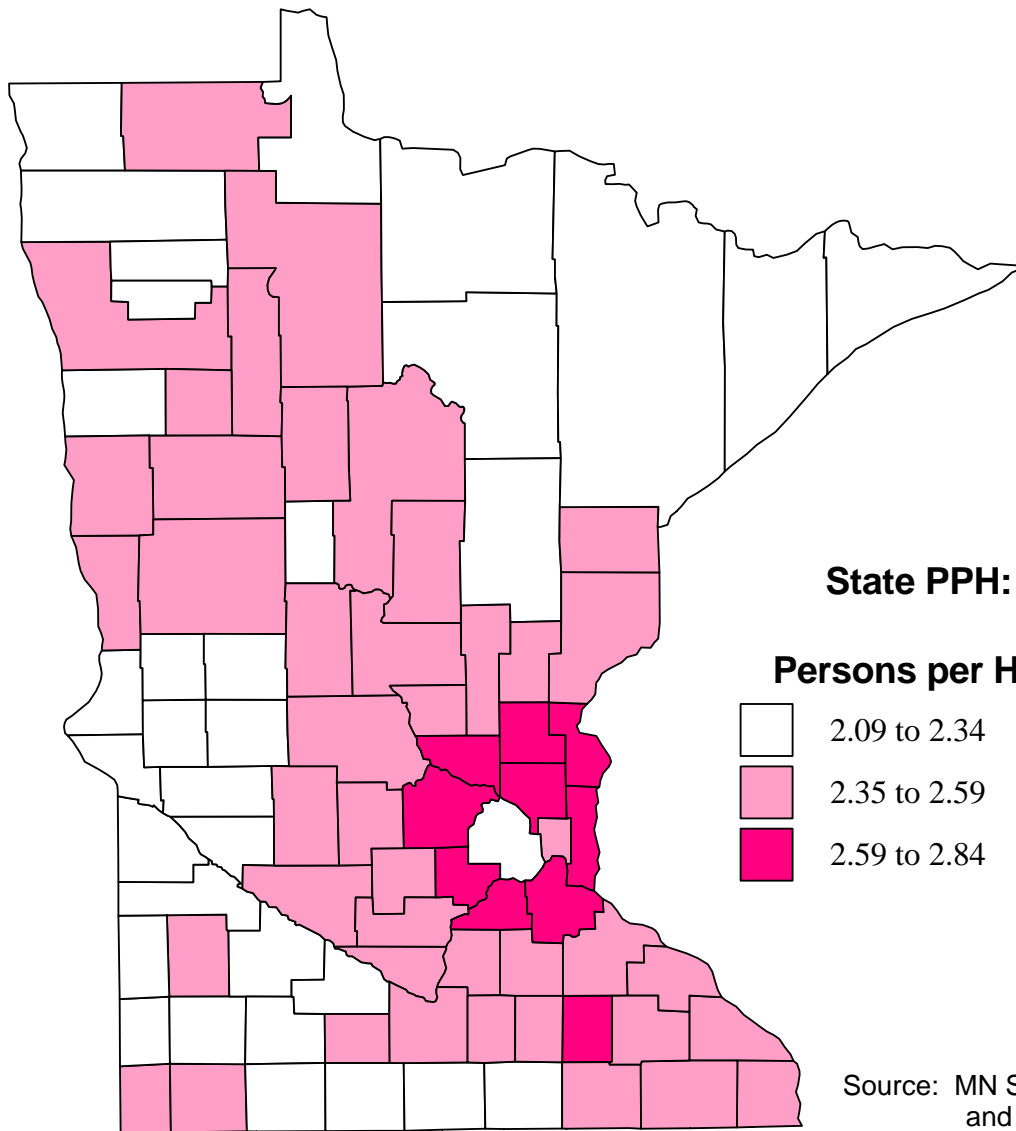
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## Minnesota has 18 counties with fewer than 10,000 residents

2007 rank	2000 rank	County	2007 population	2000 population	2000-2007 numeric change	2000-2007 percent change
70	70	Marshall	9,781	10,155	-374	-3.7%
71	71	Stevens	9,742	10,053	-311	-3.1%
72	73	Rock	9,474	9,721	-247	-2.5%
73	72	Pipestone	9,342	9,895	-553	-5.6%
74	74	Murray	8,657	9,165	-508	-5.5%
75	75	Clearwater	8,314	8,423	-109	-1.3%
76	76	Lac qui Parle	7,414	8,067	-653	-8.1%
77	77	Norman	6,822	7,442	-620	-8.3%
78	78	Wilkin	6,709	7,138	-429	-6.0%
79	80	Grant	6,020	6,289	-269	-4.3%
80	79	Lincoln	5,943	6,429	-486	-7.6%
81	81	Big Stone	5,473	5,820	-347	-6.0%
82	84	Cook	5,356	5,168	188	3.6%
83	83	Mahnomen	5,074	5,190	-116	-2.2%
84	82	Kittson	4,678	5,285	-607	-11.5%
85	85	Lake of the Woods	4,279	4,522	-243	-5.4%
86	86	Red Lake	4,122	4,299	-177	-4.1%
87	87	Traverse	3,793	4,134	-341	-8.2%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

# Average Household Size in 2007



Source: MN State Demographic Center  
and the Metropolitan Council

## Counties with the largest and smallest average household size

2007 Rank	2000 Rank	County	Persons per Household in	
			2007	2000
1	1	Sherburne	2.85	2.91
2	2	Scott	2.79	2.89
3	3	Carver	2.75	2.84
4	5	Chisago	2.74	2.79
5	6	Anoka	2.73	2.77
6	4	Wright	2.71	2.83
7	7	Washington	2.68	2.77
8	8	Isanti	2.67	2.74
9	9	Dodge	2.65	2.73
10	10	Dakota	2.63	2.70
76	77	Lac qui Parle	2.27	2.37
77	68	Red Lake	2.27	2.39
78	75	Pipestone	2.27	2.38
79	79	Martin	2.25	2.35
80	82	Traverse	2.25	2.34
81	84	Lake	2.24	2.32
82	80	Lake of the Woods	2.23	2.35
83	81	Lincoln	2.23	2.35
84	85	St. Louis	2.21	2.32
85	86	Aitkin	2.20	2.28
86	83	Koochiching	2.20	2.33
87	87	Cook	2.09	2.17

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

# City Highlights

- In 2007, Minnesota had 854 cities ranging in size from 4 persons (Tenney) to 388,020 (Minneapolis)
- There are 17 cities with populations exceeding 50,000
- There are 24 cities with fewer than 50 residents
- The population of Rochester passed 100,000 in 2007
- Rochester has added over 15,000 residents since 2000, more than any other city in the state; 5 other cities added over 10,000 residents
- With the exception of Rochester and St. Cloud, the largest population increases are in cities in the Twin Cities metro area
- Over half of the cities in Minnesota (427) have lost population since 2000
- The largest population losers have been inner ring suburbs of the Twin Cities and cities in northeastern Minnesota
- Among cities with at least 1,000 residents in 2007, Elko New Market was the fastest-growing with an increase of 371% between 2000 and 2007
- Most of the fastest-growing cities are on the periphery of the Twin Cities area

### Cities by size of place: 2007

<b>Size Category</b>	<b>No. of Cities</b>	<b>2007 Population</b>	<b>2000 Population</b>	<b>Population Change 2000-2007</b>	<b>Percent Change 2000-2007</b>	<b>Number Losing Population 2000-2007</b>
100,000 or more	3	776,534	755,393	21,141	2.8%	0
50,000-99,999	14	912,370	840,241	72,129	8.6%	1
25,000-49,999	19	634,169	592,221	41,948	7.1%	4
10,000-24,999	57	947,842	836,486	111,356	13.3%	14
5,000-9,999	49	346,528	298,238	48,290	16.2%	5
2,500-4,999	81	284,889	252,609	32,280	12.8%	21
1,000-2,499	126	201,907	191,598	10,309	5.4%	51
500-999	136	95,963	93,734	2,229	2.4%	71
250-499	124	46,181	45,937	244	0.5%	67
Less than 250	245	32,299	34,230	-1,931	-5.6%	193
<b>Total</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>4,278,682</b>	<b>3,940,687</b>	<b>337,995</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>427</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

## Minnesota has 17 cities with more than 50,000 residents

<b>2007 rank</b>	<b>2000 rank</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>2007 population</b>	<b>2000 population</b>	<b>2007-2000 numeric change</b>	<b>2007-2000 percent change</b>
1	1	Minneapolis	388,020	382,747	5,273	1.4%
2	2	St. Paul	287,669	286,840	829	0.3%
3	4	Rochester	100,845	85,806	15,039	17.5%
4	5	Bloomington	85,504	85,172	332	0.4%
5	3	Duluth	85,439	86,319	-880	-1.0%
6	6	Brooklyn Park	72,724	67,388	5,336	7.9%
7	7	Plymouth	71,147	65,894	5,253	8.0%
8	8	Eagan	67,106	63,557	3,549	5.6%
9	11	St. Cloud	65,246	59,111	6,135	10.4%
10	9	Coon Rapids	63,081	61,607	1,474	2.4%
11	12	Eden Prairie	62,090	54,901	7,189	13.1%
12	10	Burnsville	61,393	60,220	1,173	1.9%
13	14	Maple Grove	59,458	50,365	9,093	18.1%
14	16	Woodbury	57,279	46,463	10,816	23.3%
15	18	Blaine	56,575	45,014	11,561	25.7%
16	20	Lakeville	53,829	43,128	10,701	24.8%
17	13	Minnetonka	51,499	51,102	397	0.8%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

### **Fifteen cities added over 6,000 residents since 2000**

<b>Rank</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>2007 population</b>	<b>2000 population</b>	<b>2000-2007 change</b>
1	Rochester	100,845	85,806	15,039
2	Shakopee	32,567	20,568	11,999
3	Blaine	56,575	45,014	11,561
4	Woodbury	57,279	46,463	10,816
5	Lakeville	53,829	43,128	10,701
6	Forest Lake	17,494	6,798	10,696
7	Maple Grove	59,458	50,365	9,093
8	Eden Prairie	62,090	54,901	7,189
9	Elk River	23,187	16,447	6,740
10	Chaska	23,775	17,449	6,326
11	Rosemount	20,917	14,619	6,298
12	Farmington	18,589	12,365	6,224
13	Prior Lake	22,111	15,917	6,194
14	St. Cloud	65,246	59,111	6,135
15	Otsego	12,499	6,389	6,110

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

## Most of the fastest-growing cities are on the periphery of the Twin Cities area

Rank	City	County	2007 population	2000 population	2000-2007 numeric change	2000-2007 percent change
1	Elko New Market	Scott	3,788	804	2,984	371.1%
2	Rockville	Stearns	2,663	749	1,914	255.5%
3	Mayer	Carver	1,842	554	1,288	232.5%
4	Forest Lake	Washington	17,494	6,798	10,696	157.3%
5	Isanti	Isanti	5,485	2,324	3,161	136.0%
6	Carver	Carver	2,807	1,266	1,541	121.7%
7	Montrose	Wright	2,438	1,143	1,295	113.3%
8	Pequot Lakes	Crow Wing	1,994	947	1,047	110.6%
9	Otsego	Wright	12,499	6,389	6,110	95.6%
10	Rogers	Hennepin	6,971	3,588	3,383	94.3%
11	Hanover	Hennepin, Wright	2,582	1,355	1,227	90.6%
12	Lonsdale	Rice	2,819	1,491	1,328	89.1%
13	Hugo	Washington	12,022	6,363	5,659	88.9%
14	Rice	Benton	1,310	711	599	84.2%
15	Belle Plaine	Scott	6,744	3,789	2,955	78.0%
16	Zimmerman	Sherburne	4,877	2,851	2,026	71.1%
17	Breezy Point	Crow Wing	1,664	979	685	70.0%
18	Chisago City	Chisago	4,363	2,622	1,741	66.4%
19	Clearwater	Stearns, Wright	1,418	858	560	65.3%
20	Albertville	Wright	5,942	3,621	2,321	64.1%
21	St. Michael	Wright	14,883	9,099	5,784	63.6%
22	Shakopee	Scott	32,567	20,568	11,999	58.3%
23	Victoria	Carver	6,330	4,025	2,305	57.3%
24	Becker	Sherburne	4,173	2,673	1,500	56.1%
25	New Prague	Le Sueur, Scott	7,003	4,559	2,444	53.6%
26	Big Lake	Sherburne	9,277	6,063	3,214	53.0%
27	St. Francis	Anoka	7,473	4,910	2,563	52.2%
28	Farmington	Dakota	18,589	12,365	6,224	50.3%

Note: Includes only cities with at least 1,000 residents in 2007

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

# Township Highlights

- Minnesota had 1,788 townships in 2007
- Seventy percent of these townships have fewer than 500 residents
- Sixty percent of Minnesota's townships have lost population since 2000
- Six townships have more than 5,000 residents
- With 11,802 residents, White Bear township in Ramsey County is the largest township in the state
- Four of the ten largest townships are in Sherburne County
- Baldwin township in Sherburne County led all townships with a population increase of 1,886 since the 2000 Census
- All of the top ten townships for population growth are located in the Twin Cities metropolitan area
- Six of the top ten townships for population growth are located in Sherburne County

### Townships by size of place: 2007

<b>Size Category</b>	<b>No. of Townships</b>	<b>2007 Population</b>	<b>2000 Population</b>	<b>Population Change 2000-2007</b>	<b>Percent Change 2000-2007</b>	<b>Number Losing Population 2000-2007</b>
10,000-24,999	1	11,802	11,293	509	4.5%	0
5,000-9,999	5	30,346	23,888	6,458	27.0%	0
2,500-4,999	35	120,047	116,246	3,801	3.3%	10
1,000-2,499	179	272,175	260,223	11,952	4.6%	49
500-999	323	226,644	221,755	4,889	2.2%	120
250-499	492	174,526	177,815	-3,289	-1.8%	311
100-249	552	96,961	102,708	-5,747	-5.6%	424
Less than 100	201	12,998	14,300	-1,302	-9.1%	156
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,788</b>	<b>945,499</b>	<b>928,228</b>	<b>17,271</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1,070</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

### Ten largest townships in 2007

2007 rank	2000 rank	Township	County	2007 population	2000 population	2007-2000 numeric change	2007-2000 percent change
1	1	White Bear township	Ramsey	11,802	11,293	509	4.5%
2	3	Big Lake township	Sherburne	7,787	6,785	1,002	14.8%
3	7	Baldwin township	Sherburne	6,509	4,623	1,886	39.3%
4	15	Livonia township	Sherburne	5,613	3,917	1,696	43.3%
5	6	Linwood township	Anoka	5,334	4,668	666	14.3%
6	16	Credit River township	Scott	5,103	3,895	1,208	31.0%
7	9	Thomson township	Carlton	4,878	4,361	517	11.9%
8	4	Marion township	Olmsted	4,800	6,159	-1,359	-22.1%
9	12	La Grand township	Douglas	4,421	4,056	365	9.0%
10	19	Becker township	Sherburne	4,412	3,605	807	22.4%

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

### Top ten townships for population growth

Rank	Township	County	2007 population	2000 population	2000-2007 change
1	Baldwin township	Sherburne	6,509	4,623	1,886
2	Livonia township	Sherburne	5,613	3,917	1,696
3	Credit River township	Scott	5,103	3,895	1,208
4	Big Lake township	Sherburne	7,787	6,785	1,002
5	Blue Hill township	Sherburne	1,662	811	851
6	Orrock township	Sherburne	3,581	2,764	817
7	Burns township*	Anoka	4,367	3,557	810
8	Becker township	Sherburne	4,412	3,605	807
9	Linwood township	Anoka	5,334	4,668	666
10	Empire township	Dakota	2,291	1,638	653

\*--Burns township incorporated as Nowthen city on July 7, 2008

Sources: Minnesota State Demographic Center and Metropolitan Council

## Geographic Changes from 1/1/2000 through 12/31/2007

Area name	County (FIPS code)	MCD FIPS code	Effective Date	Description of change
Camp A Lake UT	St. Louis (137)	09486	11/3/2003	UT no longer exists; entire unorganized territory annexed by Mountain Iron city.
Chaska township	Carver (019)	10990	2/11/2005	Chaska township no longer exists; entire township annexed by Chaska city.
Columbus city	Anoka (003)	12718	9/21/2006	New city created by incorporation of Columbus township
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Crane Lake township	St. Louis (137)	13656	6/18/2002	New township organized from portions of Northeast St. Louis UT and Northwest St. Louis UT.
Elko city	Scott (139)	18656	1/1/2007	Elko city merged with New Market city to form Elko New Market city.
Elko New Market city	Scott (139)	18662	1/1/2007	New city created by the merger of Elko city and New Market city
Forest Lake township	Washington (163)	21788	3/23/2000	Forest Lake township no longer exists; entire township annexed by Forest Lake city.
Kabetogama township	St. Louis (137)	32252	11/16/2004	New township organized from Kabetogama UT.
Kabetogama UT	St. Louis (137)	32252	11/16/2004	UT no longer exists; entire unorganized territory organized as Kabetogama township.

## Geographic Changes from 1/1/2000 through 12/31/2007

Area name	County (FIPS code)	MCD FIPS code	Effective Date	Description of change
Long Lost Lake township	Clearwater (029)	38042	11/8/2005	New township organized from the west half of South Clearwater UT.
New Scandia township	Washington (163)	45952	1/1/2007	New Scandia township no longer exists; entire township incorporated as Scandia city.
North Red River township	Kittson (069)	47176	4/4/2000	North Red River township no longer exists; area is now unorganized territory.
Pleasant Lake city	Stearns (145)	51586	6/1/2002	City no longer exists; merged with Rockville city and Rockville township to form Rockville city.
Rail Prairie township	Morrison (097)	'52954	12/31/2002	Township no longer exists; merged with Scandia Valley township.
Rockville city	Stearns (145)	55078	6/1/2002	Merger/consolidation with Pleasant Lake city and Rockville township; name stays the same.
Rockville township	Stearns (145)	'55096	6/1/2002	Township no longer exists; entire township merged with Pleasant Lake city and Rockville city to form Rockville city.
Scandia city	Washington (163)	58900	1/1/2007	New city created by the incorporation of New Scandia township.
Sibley township	Crow Wing (035)	60106	6/14/2002	Sibley township no longer exists; entire township annexed by Pequot Lakes city.

## Geographic Changes from 1/1/2000 through 12/31/2007

Area name	County (FIPS code)	MCD FIPS code	Effective Date	Description of change
St. Augusta city	Stearns (145)	56724	11/7/2000	Name changed from Ventura city, which was created by the incorporation of St. Augusta township.
St. Augusta township	Stearns (145)	56752	5/2/2000	Township no longer exists; after major annexations by St. Cloud city and Waite Park city, the remainder of the township incorporated as Ventura city; name later changed to St. Augusta city.
St. Francis city	Anoka (003) and Isanti (059)	56950	5/17/2007	Annexed into new county; land annexed from Athens township in Isanti County
Swanville city	Morrison (097) and Todd (153)	63778	5/12/2005	Annexed into new county; land annexed from Burnhamville township in Todd County.
Ventura city	Stearns (145)	66700	5/2/2000	New city created by incorporation of St. Augusta township; name subsequently changed to St. Augusta city.