



Minnesota's Nonwhite and Latino Populations, 2007

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- Minnesota's nonwhite and Latino populations have increased 28 percent since 2000.
- Thirty-six percent of the minority population is foreign born, compared to 2 percent of the white, not Latino population.
- Suburban counties have experienced the most rapid growth in the nonwhite and Latino population.

Minnesota's population continues to become more racially and ethnically diverse. Between 2000 and 2007, the Latino, Asian and Black populations all increased at a much faster pace than the white, not Latino population.

Minnesota remains considerably less diverse than the national average. In 2007, 34 percent of the United States population was nonwhite or Latino, compared to 14 percent in Minnesota. The total minority population has grown faster in Minnesota, 28 percent compared to 19 percent nationally. The gain in the white, not Latino population was similar in the U.S. and in Minnesota, about 2 percent.

Minnesota Population by Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin, Including Some Other Race

| | 2000 | 2007 | Margin of Error | Change, 2000 to 2007 | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|
| | | | | Number | Percent |
| Total Population | 4,919,479 | 5,197,621 | ***** | 278,142 | 5.7 |
| Not Hispanic or Latino: | 4,776,097 | 4,992,832 | +/-856 | 216,735 | 4.5 |
| White alone | 4,337,143 | 4,451,045 | 2,021 | 113,902 | 2.6 |
| Black or African American alone | 168,813 | 222,752 | 3,978 | 53,939 | 32.0 |
| American Indian and Alaska Native alone | 52,009 | 48,468 | 2,785 | -3,541 | -6.8 |
| Asian alone | 141,083 | 180,264 | 3,020 | 39,181 | 27.8 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander alone | 1,714 | 1,380 | +/-722 | -334 | -19.5 |
| Some other race alone | 5,031 | 6,514 | 1,748 | 1,483 | 29.5 |
| Population of two or more races: | 70,304 | 82,409 | 5,767 | 12,105 | 17.2 |
| Hispanic or Latino, all races | 143,382 | 204,789 | +/-856 | 61,407 | 42.8 |
| Total Nonwhite and/or Latino population | 582,336 | 746,576 | | 164,240 | 28.2 |

Sources: 2000 Census, 2007 American Community Survey
Census data is for April 1; American Community Survey averaged over the year

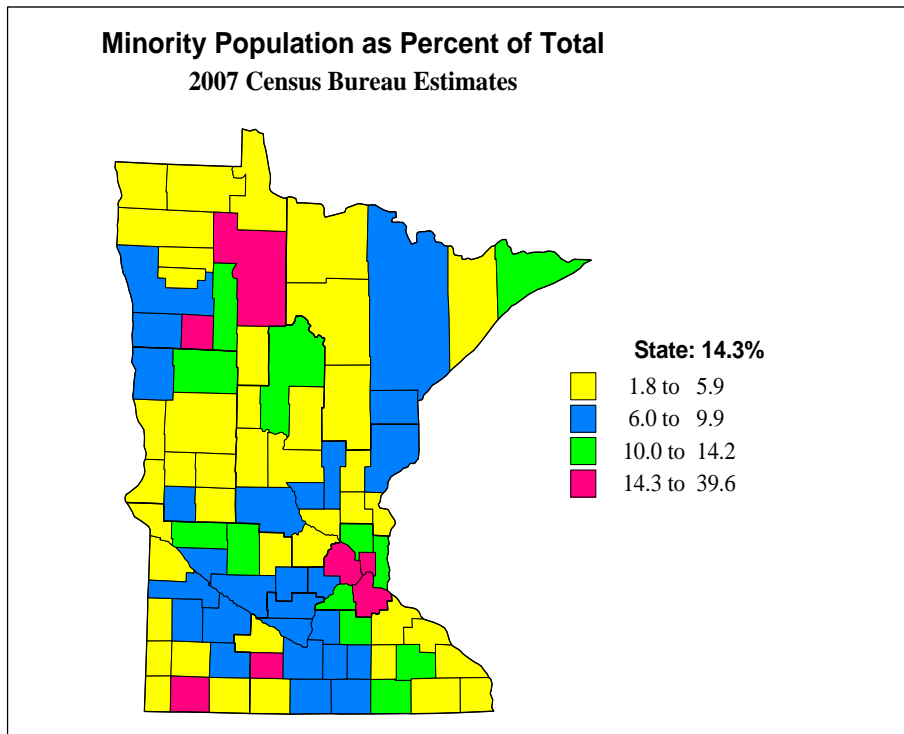
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| | 2000 | 2007 | Change, 2000 to 2007 | |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------------------|---------|
| | | | Number | Percent |
| Total Population | 4,934,185 | 5,197,621 | 263,436 | 5.3 |
| Not Hispanic or Latino: | 4,789,185 | 4,991,725 | 202,540 | 4.2 |
| White Alone | 4,355,475 | 4,455,850 | 100,375 | 2.3 |
| Black Alone | 175,712 | 224,568 | 48,856 | 27.8 |
| American Indian & Alaska Native Alone | 52,578 | 56,397 | 3,819 | 7.3 |
| Asian Alone | 145,872 | 180,112 | 34,240 | 23.5 |
| Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander alone | 1,788 | 2,312 | 524 | 29.3 |
| Two or More Races | 57,760 | 72,486 | 14,726 | 25.5 |
| Hispanic or Latino, all races | 145,000 | 205,896 | 60,896 | 42.0 |
| Total Nonwhite and/or Latino population | 578,710 | 741,771 | 163,061 | 28.2 |

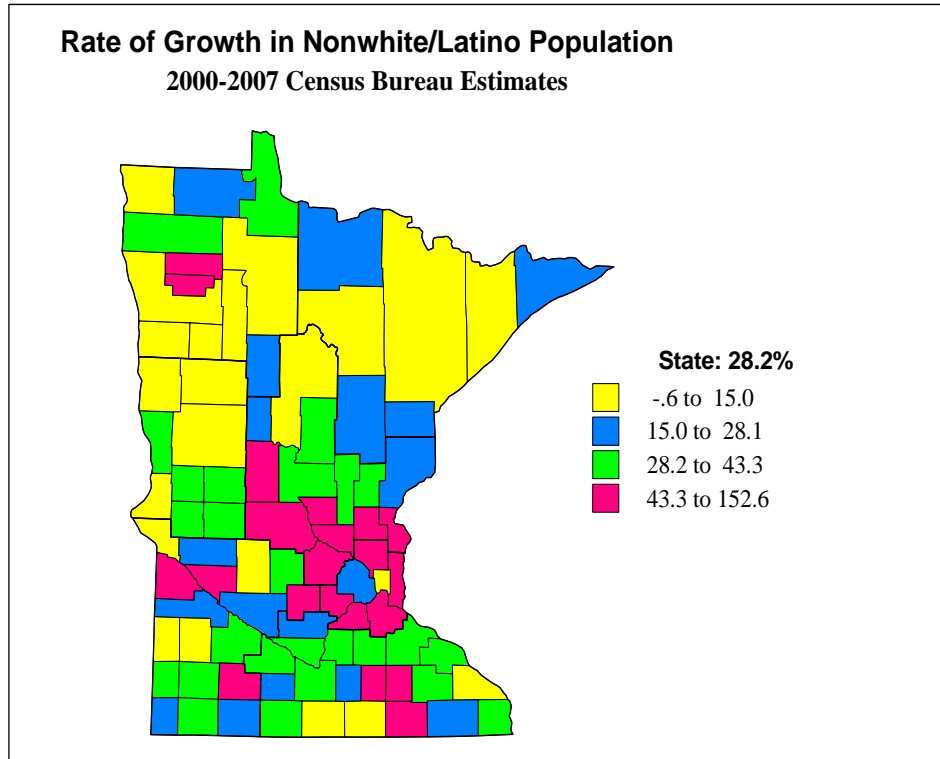
Source: U.S. Census Bureau estimates for July 1 each year.

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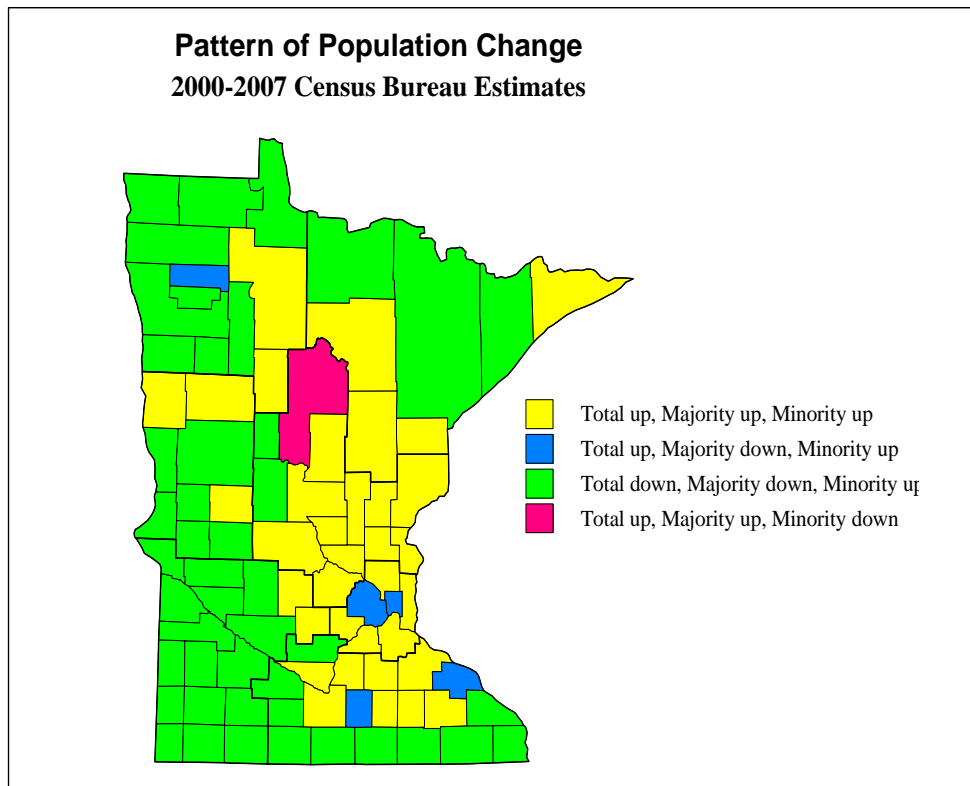
Forty percent of the population in Mahnomen County is nonwhite or Latino, the largest percentage in any county. Ramsey County ranks second with 27 percent, followed by Hennepin County (25 percent) and Beltrami and Nobles counties (23 percent). The minority population in Mahnomen and Beltrami counties is mainly American Indian; in Nobles County Latinos are the largest group; in Hennepin and Ramsey counties there is a more varied population.



Outer-ring suburbs in the Twin Cities region saw the fastest rates of growth in the total minority population between 2000 and 2007. Estimates show the number more than doubled in Wright, Scott and Sherburne counties. The largest numerical gains occurred in Hennepin, Dakota, Anoka and Washington counties.



Nonwhites and Latinos accounted for 62 percent of Minnesota’s population growth between 2000 and 2007. The total minority population grew in 86 of 87 counties, while the majority population increased in only 36 counties. Minority growth has become increasingly important to maintaining population growth or moderating population decline.



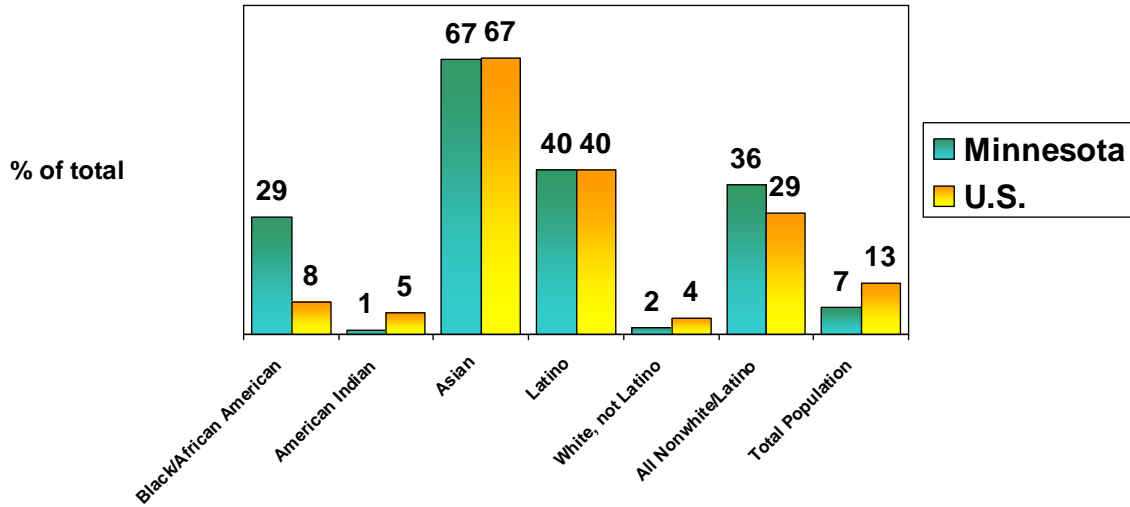
Black or African American Alone, Not Latino Population

Census Bureau estimates show almost 225,000 black alone, not Latino people living in Minnesota in 2007, or 4 percent of the total population. The black population increased 28 percent since 2000, higher than the national gain of 8 percent.

Immigrants have played an important role in the growth of Minnesota’s black and African American population. Twenty-nine percent of black Minnesotans are foreign born, American Community Survey data show, substantially higher than the national average of 8 percent. Between 2000 and 2007, the native born black population in Minnesota went up 17 percent, while the foreign born black population rose 119 percent.

Percent of Minnesotans Who Are Foreign Born by Race and Ethnicity

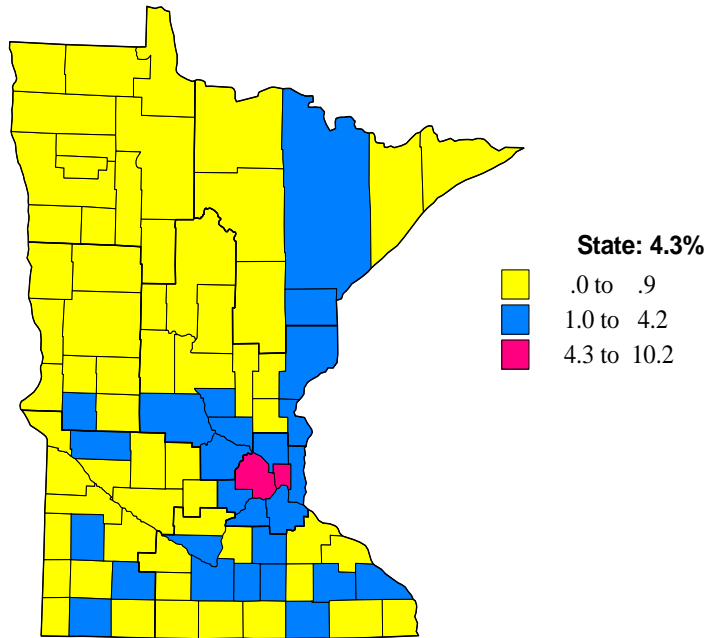
2007 American Community Survey Data



Race alone data

Hennepin and Ramsey County have the highest percentages of population who are black or African American, 10 percent and 9 percent respectively. Few African Americans live in the north central or northwest parts of the state.

Black Population as Percent of Total
 2007 Census Bureau Estimates, Race Alone Data

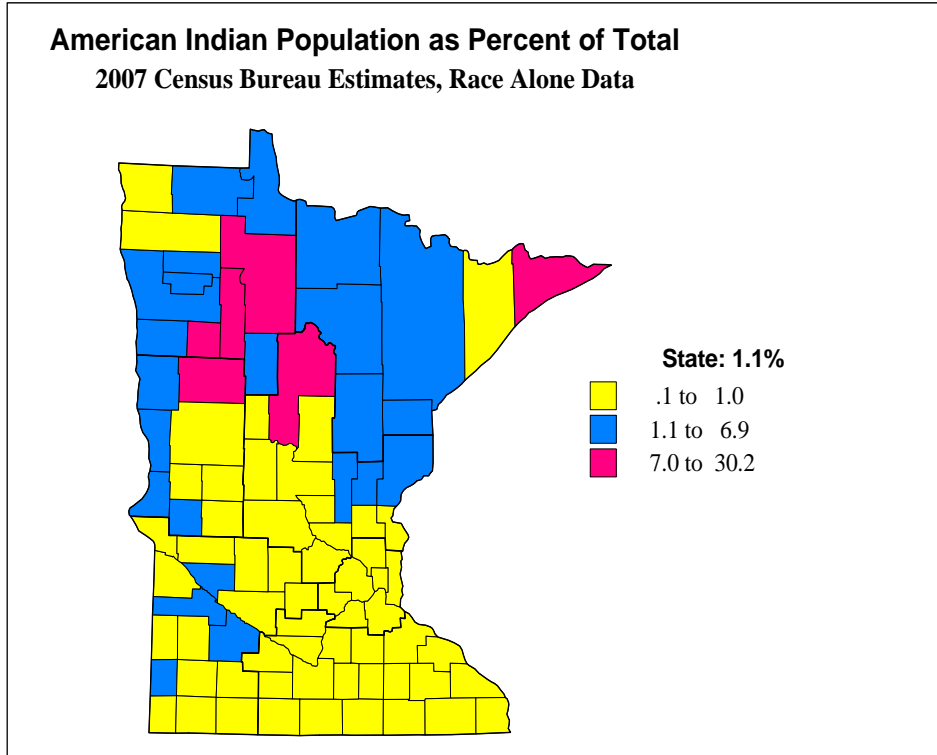


American Indian and Alaska Native Alone, Not Latino Population

The Native American population has shown modest growth of 7 percent, according to Census Bureau estimates.

The national growth rate was about 9 percent. In 2007, one percent of Minnesota residents were American Indians and Alaska Natives.

American Indians are most strongly represented in northern Minnesota. The counties with the highest percentages of American Indians are Mahnomon (30 percent), Beltrami (19 percent) and Cass (10 percent).

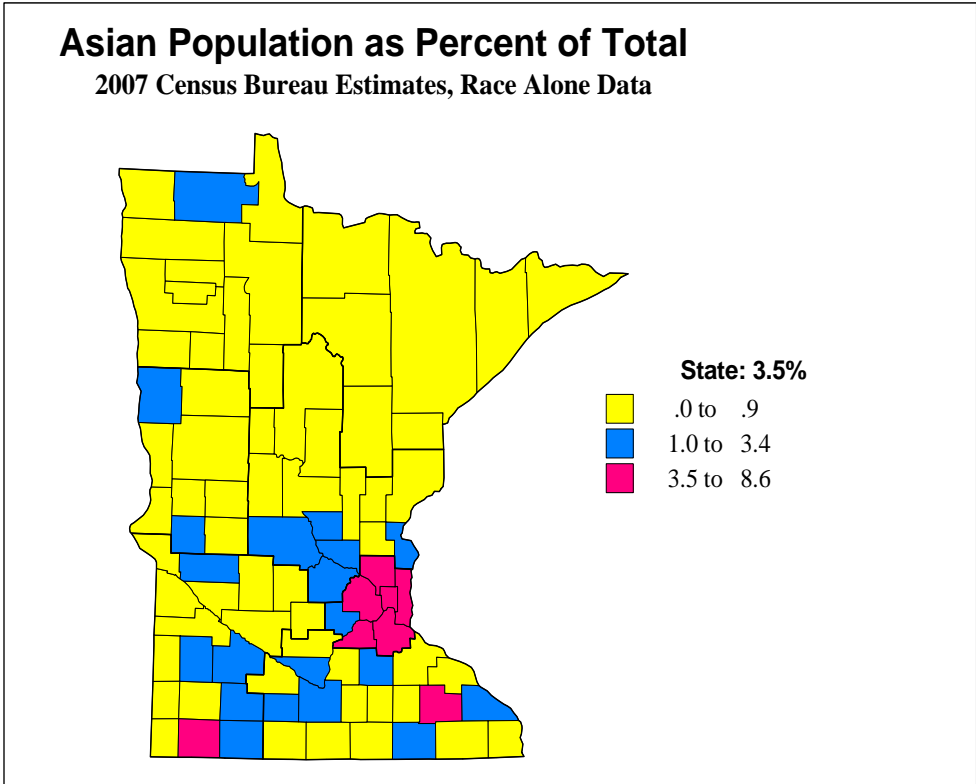


Asian, Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Alone, Not Latino Population

In 2007 there were about 180,000 Asian Minnesotans, 3 percent of the state’s total population. An additional small number, a thousand or two thousand, identified as Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.

The Asian population grew 24 percent between 2000 and 2007, almost identical to the national average of 25 percent. Two-thirds of Asians are foreign born, a figure also very close to the national average. Both the native born and foreign born Asian populations have grown rapidly since 2000.

The Asian population is most heavily represented in the Twin Cities area. Almost 9 percent of Ramsey County residents are Asian. Hennepin, Scott and Olmsted counties (5 percent) also have substantial Asian populations. Relatively few Asians live in the northern half of the state.



Two or More Races, Not Latino Population

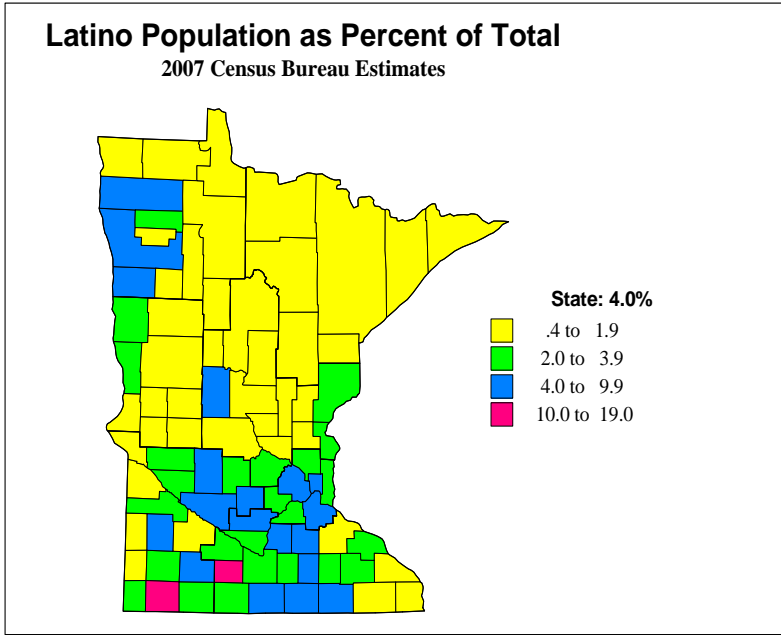
About 72,000 Minnesotans identified with more than one race, the 2007 estimates show. This group has grown by 25 percent since 2000, a figure close to the national average.

Latino Population

About 207,000 Minnesotans identified as Latinos in 2007, up 42 percent since 2000. Latinos make up 4 percent of the total state population. Forty percent are foreign born, the same as the national average.

Latinos are widely distributed throughout the Twin Cities region, southern Minnesota, and counties along the western border. Northern Minnesota has few Latinos. The highest concentrations of Latinos are found in

Watonwan (19 percent) and Nobles (17 percent) counties in rural southwestern Minnesota.



Population by Race and Ethnicity by Minnesota County, 2007

| County | Total Population | White Alone, Not Hispanic | Black Alone, Not Hispanic | American Indian Alaska Native Not Hispanic | Asian Alone, Not Hispanic | Hawaiian or Pacific Islander Not Hispanic | Two or More Races, Not Hispanic | Hispanic All Races | Total Minority Population |
|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| State of Minnesota | 5,197,621 | 4,455,850 | 224,568 | 56,397 | 180,112 | 2,312 | 72,486 | 205,896 | 741,771 |
| Aitkin | 15,910 | 15,187 | 47 | 382 | 29 | 3 | 127 | 135 | 723 |
| Anoka | 326,252 | 286,704 | 11,289 | 2,254 | 11,913 | 73 | 5,430 | 8,589 | 39,548 |
| Becker | 31,964 | 28,423 | 131 | 2,336 | 148 | 4 | 592 | 330 | 3,541 |
| Beltrami | 43,609 | 33,532 | 254 | 8,109 | 363 | 17 | 680 | 654 | 10,077 |
| Benton | 39,504 | 37,108 | 550 | 207 | 635 | 34 | 444 | 526 | 2,396 |
| Big Stone | 5,385 | 5,278 | 13 | 32 | 24 | 0 | 14 | 24 | 107 |
| Blue Earth | 59,802 | 55,141 | 1,326 | 174 | 1,367 | 51 | 526 | 1,217 | 4,661 |
| Brown | 26,013 | 24,847 | 43 | 40 | 135 | 2 | 110 | 836 | 1,166 |
| Carlton | 33,893 | 30,697 | 393 | 1,801 | 157 | 2 | 469 | 374 | 3,196 |
| Carver | 88,459 | 81,002 | 1,216 | 223 | 2,051 | 9 | 756 | 3,202 | 7,457 |
| Cass | 28,723 | 24,976 | 102 | 2,920 | 99 | 5 | 343 | 278 | 3,747 |
| Chippewa | 12,465 | 11,625 | 27 | 152 | 42 | 3 | 125 | 491 | 840 |
| Chisago | 50,128 | 47,292 | 522 | 324 | 627 | 6 | 371 | 986 | 2,836 |
| Clay | 54,835 | 50,770 | 333 | 715 | 565 | 19 | 669 | 1,764 | 4,065 |
| Clearwater | 8,245 | 7,291 | 26 | 691 | 29 | 0 | 130 | 78 | 954 |
| Cook | 5,398 | 4,749 | 18 | 426 | 19 | 2 | 99 | 85 | 649 |
| Cottonwood | 11,349 | 10,366 | 129 | 33 | 284 | 7 | 76 | 454 | 983 |
| Crow Wing | 61,648 | 59,496 | 351 | 504 | 304 | 9 | 427 | 557 | 2,152 |

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| Dakota | 390,478 | 333,765 | 15,299 | 1,699 | 15,653 | 191 | 6,812 | 17,059 | 56,713 |
| Dodge | 19,552 | 18,448 | 62 | 35 | 120 | 1 | 124 | 762 | 1,104 |
| Douglas | 36,075 | 35,169 | 120 | 115 | 140 | 9 | 217 | 305 | 906 |
| Faribault | 14,869 | 13,977 | 45 | 39 | 56 | 6 | 99 | 647 | 892 |
| Fillmore | 21,037 | 20,662 | 63 | 24 | 44 | 0 | 103 | 141 | 375 |
| Freeborn | 31,257 | 28,434 | 130 | 63 | 198 | 2 | 210 | 2,220 | 2,823 |
| Goodhue | 45,839 | 43,523 | 394 | 465 | 299 | 12 | 354 | 792 | 2,316 |
| Grant | 6,021 | 5,865 | 13 | 18 | 14 | 0 | 43 | 68 | 156 |
| Hennepin | 1,136,599 | 855,828 | 116,084 | 10,409 | 61,780 | 721 | 22,258 | 69,519 | 280,771 |
| Houston | 19,515 | 18,988 | 104 | 38 | 110 | 10 | 113 | 152 | 527 |
| Hubbard | 18,781 | 17,873 | 40 | 410 | 60 | 1 | 182 | 215 | 908 |
| Isanti | 38,921 | 37,314 | 180 | 221 | 283 | 4 | 361 | 558 | 1,607 |
| Itasca | 44,542 | 41,911 | 112 | 1,533 | 146 | 15 | 505 | 320 | 2,631 |
| Jackson | 10,883 | 10,365 | 16 | 13 | 177 | 0 | 50 | 262 | 518 |
| Kanabec | 16,090 | 15,427 | 28 | 176 | 83 | 5 | 186 | 185 | 663 |
| Kandiyohi | 40,784 | 36,212 | 229 | 144 | 180 | 25 | 189 | 3,805 | 4,572 |
| Kittson | 4,505 | 4,355 | 8 | 17 | 17 | 0 | 38 | 70 | 150 |
| Koochiching | 13,459 | 12,747 | 67 | 353 | 24 | 9 | 151 | 108 | 712 |
| Lac qui Parle | 7,258 | 7,081 | 14 | 16 | 28 | 0 | 25 | 94 | 177 |
| Lake | 10,741 | 10,453 | 12 | 89 | 27 | 1 | 93 | 66 | 288 |
| Lake of the Woods | 4,095 | 3,896 | 15 | 96 | 14 | 0 | 44 | 30 | 199 |
| Le Sueur | 28,034 | 26,221 | 79 | 81 | 109 | 10 | 194 | 1,340 | 1,813 |
| Lincoln | 5,877 | 5,766 | 5 | 20 | 16 | 0 | 8 | 62 | 111 |
| Lyon | 24,695 | 22,323 | 381 | 87 | 462 | 4 | 165 | 1,273 | 2,372 |
| McLeod | 37,220 | 34,583 | 209 | 68 | 319 | 17 | 202 | 1,822 | 2,637 |
| Mahnomen | 5,129 | 3,098 | 9 | 1,550 | 9 | 0 | 373 | 90 | 2,031 |

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| Marshall | 9,618 | 9,080 | 12 | 34 | 37 | 0 | 67 | 388 | 538 |
| Martin | 20,462 | 19,561 | 69 | 21 | 113 | 5 | 93 | 600 | 901 |
| Meeker | 23,211 | 22,194 | 56 | 51 | 128 | 0 | 98 | 684 | 1,017 |
| Mille Lacs | 26,354 | 24,366 | 113 | 1,168 | 78 | 3 | 291 | 335 | 1,988 |
| Morrison | 32,733 | 31,891 | 101 | 128 | 119 | 10 | 203 | 281 | 842 |
| Mower | 38,040 | 33,708 | 425 | 65 | 593 | 2 | 292 | 2,955 | 4,332 |
| Murray | 8,511 | 8,183 | 14 | 27 | 29 | 2 | 66 | 190 | 328 |
| Nicollet | 31,680 | 29,713 | 462 | 63 | 441 | 5 | 219 | 777 | 1,967 |
| Nobles | 20,128 | 15,463 | 302 | 49 | 795 | 0 | 205 | 3,314 | 4,665 |
| Norman | 6,685 | 6,154 | 10 | 138 | 26 | 0 | 83 | 274 | 531 |
| Olmsted | 139,747 | 121,376 | 5,201 | 367 | 7,105 | 44 | 1,569 | 4,085 | 18,371 |
| Otter Tail | 57,031 | 54,767 | 249 | 308 | 259 | 18 | 323 | 1,107 | 2,264 |
| Pennington | 13,756 | 12,950 | 87 | 194 | 118 | 8 | 115 | 284 | 806 |
| Pine | 28,164 | 26,020 | 404 | 779 | 115 | 7 | 283 | 556 | 2,144 |
| Pipestone | 9,305 | 8,831 | 22 | 147 | 65 | 1 | 117 | 122 | 474 |
| Polk | 30,708 | 28,171 | 137 | 444 | 133 | 14 | 292 | 1,517 | 2,537 |
| Pope | 11,065 | 10,840 | 31 | 27 | 21 | 1 | 61 | 84 | 225 |
| Ramsey | 499,891 | 364,643 | 45,886 | 3,718 | 43,202 | 310 | 10,725 | 31,407 | 135,248 |
| Red Lake | 4,118 | 3,936 | 10 | 95 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 59 | 182 |
| Redwood | 15,519 | 14,291 | 37 | 563 | 253 | 9 | 120 | 246 | 1,228 |
| Renville | 16,132 | 14,770 | 24 | 142 | 45 | 2 | 96 | 1,053 | 1,362 |
| Rice | 61,955 | 54,770 | 975 | 219 | 1,019 | 77 | 475 | 4,420 | 7,185 |
| Rock | 9,498 | 9,057 | 82 | 46 | 74 | 1 | 49 | 189 | 441 |
| Roseau | 15,946 | 15,103 | 27 | 259 | 310 | 3 | 139 | 105 | 843 |
| St. Louis | 196,694 | 184,649 | 2,197 | 4,078 | 1,529 | 56 | 2,438 | 1,747 | 12,045 |
| Scott | 126,642 | 110,083 | 2,724 | 882 | 6,427 | 20 | 1,640 | 4,866 | 16,559 |
| Sherburne | 86,287 | 81,251 | 1,297 | 341 | 1,045 | 22 | 771 | 1,560 | 5,036 |
| Sibley | 15,007 | 13,756 | 18 | 40 | 72 | 0 | 95 | 1,026 | 1,251 |

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| Stearns | 146,051 | 136,864 | 2,148 | 397 | 2,628 | 45 | 1,298 | 2,671 | 9,187 |
| Steele | 36,378 | 32,828 | 1,030 | 40 | 340 | 0 | 213 | 1,927 | 3,550 |
| Stevens | 9,624 | 8,916 | 178 | 108 | 141 | 1 | 121 | 159 | 708 |
| Swift | 11,192 | 9,670 | 410 | 72 | 201 | 228 | 245 | 366 | 1,522 |
| Todd | 24,029 | 22,630 | 47 | 82 | 104 | 2 | 205 | 959 | 1,399 |
| Traverse | 3,712 | 3,501 | 1 | 119 | 11 | 2 | 14 | 64 | 211 |
| Wabasha | 21,783 | 20,919 | 98 | 55 | 132 | 0 | 88 | 491 | 864 |
| Wadena | 13,382 | 12,919 | 73 | 86 | 40 | 4 | 91 | 169 | 463 |
| Waseca | 19,528 | 17,941 | 542 | 111 | 119 | 23 | 120 | 672 | 1,587 |
| Washington | 226,475 | 198,891 | 6,834 | 994 | 10,383 | 70 | 3,211 | 6,092 | 27,584 |
| Watonwan | 11,022 | 8,679 | 45 | 31 | 107 | 2 | 64 | 2,094 | 2,343 |
| Wilkin | 6,418 | 6,094 | 15 | 86 | 15 | 1 | 61 | 146 | 324 |
| Winona | 49,802 | 46,939 | 541 | 116 | 1,157 | 8 | 317 | 724 | 2,863 |
| Wright | 117,372 | 111,197 | 1,131 | 352 | 1,406 | 16 | 938 | 2,332 | 6,175 |
| Yellow Medicine | 10,128 | 9,517 | 15 | 253 | 16 | 1 | 72 | 254 | 611 |

Source: U.S. Census Bureau estimates

Notes on data sources

The U.S. Census Bureau provides two sources of data on the racial and ethnic composition of Minnesota's population. The American Community Survey estimates population characteristics based on a large survey. The Census Bureau estimates use administrative records and statistical techniques to update the 2000 Census count.

In addition to methodological differences, there are two major contrasts between the estimates and the survey data. The first is that the American Community Survey, like the 2000 Decennial Census, has a category called "some other race." Examples of "some other race" include responses such as "multiracial" or a Hispanic/Latino group such as Mexican or Puerto Rican. In the estimates data, all those who chose "some other race" in the 2000 Census are assigned to a specific racial category. The second difference is that the estimates provide data for all 87 counties, while the American Community Survey has results only for larger counties.

This report uses the estimates data for county data and to describe population trends and differences by county. The figures on the foreign born population by race and ethnicity come from the American Community Survey.

Both the estimates data and the American Community Survey can be accessed from American FactFinder at <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html>

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