

Chapter One

# Minnesota in Profile

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Hundreds of supporters met for women’s suffrage in Rice Park in St. Paul, April 1914, as part of a coordinated demonstration in the principal cities across the country.

## MINNESOTA IN PROFILE

**Nicknames:** "Land of 10,000 Lakes," "The Gopher State," "The North Star State"

**Organized as territory:** March 3, 1849

**Entered Union:** May 11, 1858 (32nd state)

**Motto:** L' Étoile du Nord (The North Star)

**Area:** 86,938.87 square miles (12th largest state)  
Land area: 79,610.08 square miles  
Inland waters: 7,328.79 square miles

**Width:** 348 miles

**Length:** 406 miles

**Highest point:** Eagle Mountain (Cook County) 2,301 feet above sea level

**Lowest point:** Surface of Lake Superior, 602 feet above sea level

**Major river systems:** Mississippi, Minnesota, and Red River of the North; Minnesota water flows in three directions: north to Hudson Bay, east to the Atlantic Ocean, and south to the Gulf of Mexico; no water flows into the state.

**Number of lakes:** 11,842 that are larger than 10 acres

**Number of rivers and streams:** 6,564 (69,200 miles)

**Population:** 5,332,246 (2011 estimate from Minnesota State Demographic Center)

**Population density per square mile:** 66.97 (Minnesota State Demographic Center/Minnesota Department of Natural Resources)

**Largest cities:** (2011 population estimates) Minneapolis 387,873; St. Paul 286,367; Rochester 107,630; Duluth 86,256; Bloomington 83,671; Brooklyn Park 76,238; Plymouth 71,263

**Urban population:** approximately 73 percent (Urban population includes those counties with core urban areas of 50,000 or more people and those counties with a high degree of social and economic integration, as defined by the Office of Management and Budget.)

**Rural population:** approximately 27 percent

**Income:**

**Per capita personal income estimate:** \$44,560 (2011 Bureau of Economic Analysis estimate)

**2011 Median household income:** \$56,869 (US Census Annual Social and Economic Supplement Three-Year Average)

**2011 Median family income:** \$71,826 (2011 American Community Survey Three-Year Average)

CLIMATE					
CLIMATE (Airport Weather Stations)	DULUTH	INTERNATIONAL FALLS	MINNEAPOLIS/ ST. PAUL	ROCHESTER	ST. CLOUD
Annual precipitation (inches)	30.96	24.22	30.61	33.02	27.73
Annual snowfall (inches)	86.1	71	54.4	51.9	45.7
Annual temperature (°F)	39.7	37.5	46.3	45.4	42.9
January temperature (°F)	10.2	4.4	15.6	15.7	11.6
July temperature (°F)	65.8	65.2	73.8	71.4	70.3
Growing season (days)*	125	112	161	151	138

\*Days between median last spring freeze and median first fall freeze (1948-2005)

Sources: State Climatology Office, Department of Natural Resources, State Demographer's Office, U.S. Census Bureau, National Weather Service, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

~ *Voting in Minnesota* ~

**The Meaning of Suffrage**

From the Latin *suffragium*, suffrage means more than simply the right to vote; it refers to obtaining the right to vote through the democratic process. The history of the United States has witnessed decades of struggle to ensure the right to vote regardless of race, gender, religious preference or wealth. While the states each define voting eligibility, the right to vote is addressed in the 14th, 15th, 23rd, 24th and 26th amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

## MINNESOTA VITAL STATISTICAL TRENDS

<b>SINGLE BIRTHS</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Number of Births	70,920	73,515	73,675	72,382	70,617	68,407
Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	13.8	14.2	14.2	13.9	13.4	12.9
Low Birth Weight (less than 2,500 grams)	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%	4.8%	4.8%
Low Birth Weight (less than 2,500 grams)	3,339	3,470	3,543	3,272	3,294	3,165
Premature Births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	8.6%	8.5%	8.3%	7.9%	7.8%	8.1%
Premature Births (less than 37 weeks gestation)	5,264	5,283	5,132	4,866	4,764	4,896
Receiving Prenatal Care in the 1st Trimester	86.2%	86.5%	85.8%	85.6%	85.9%	86.3%
Cesarean Section Births	25.5%	25.5%	26.4%	26.7%	27.7%	27.5%
Births to Unmarried Women	29.7%	31.7%	32.7%	33.4%	33.5%	33.1%
Number of Infant Deaths	325	370	404	429	324	309
Infant Death Rate per 1,000 Population	4.6	5	5.5	5.9	4.5	4.5
<b>RACE/ETHNICITY OF MOTHER</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
White	77.2	76.2	75.1	74.6	74.5	74.8
African American	8.3	8.8	9	9.4	9.4	9.6
American Indian	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1	2
Asian	6.2	6.3	6.7	6.9	6.9	7.2
Latina**	7.8	8.3	8.1	8	8	7.5
<b>TEEN BIRTH RATE PER 1,000</b>	<b>1996-1998</b>	<b>1999-2001</b>	<b>2002-2004</b>	<b>2005-2007</b>	<b>2008-2010</b>	
15-19 year old females	31.7	28.8	26.9	27.5	24.6	
<b>MORTALITY</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Number of Deaths	37,498	36,963	37,086	38,431	37,801	38,857
Crude Death Rate per 100,000 Population	730.4	715.4	713.5	736.2	717.8	732.6
Age Adjusted Death Rate per 100,000 Population	681.4	671.6	660.4	674.4	650.9	659.3
Age Adjusted Death Rate - Males	816.1	803.4	799.1	800.5	789	782
Age Adjusted Death Rate - Females	577.2	570.7	554.3	577.4	545.8	561.5
<b>Leading Causes of Death</b>						
Cancer	8,822	9,065	9,168	9,439	9,570	9,599
Heart Disease	7,915	7,506	7,565	7,453	7,225	7,144
Stroke	2,372	2,215	2,081	2,087	2,029	2,154
Unintentional Injury	1,915	1,914	2,063	2,002	2,034	2,087
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	1,961	1,770	1,755	2,071	1,961	2,012
Alzheimer's Disease	1,319	1,298	1,181	1,344	1,374	1,450
Diabetes	1,259	1,153	1,083	1,086	1,022	1,036
<b>NUMBER OF DEATHS BY RACE/ETHNICITY</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
White	35,753	35,085	35,158	36,379	35,550	36,793
African American	843	871	955	1021	926	921
American Indian	394	391	422	387	442	439
Asian	372	404	384	404	456	530
Latino**	279	295	312	329	320	313

\*\*Latina/Latino can be any race

Source: Minnesota Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics

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#### POPULATION

County	TOTAL		ONE RACE					ETHNICITY		AGE	
	Total Population (2011 Estimate)	White (2010)	Black/ African American (2010)	American Indian / Alaskan Native (2010)	Asian/ Pacific Islander (2010)	Other (2010)	Two or More Races (2010)	Hispanic/Latino/ Any Race (2010)	Under 18 (2010)	65 or Older (2010)	
Aitkin	16,220	15,494	57	390	31	21	209	151	2,918	4,413	
Anoka	333,140	287,802	14,503	2,257	12,972	4,789	8,521	12,020	86,031	32,232	
Becker	32,778	28,720	138	2,455	132	87	972	398	7,998	5,637	
Beltrami	45,264	33,359	262	9,004	327	113	1,377	676	11,108	5,754	
Benton	38,671	36,348	749	159	429	151	615	632	9,500	4,558	
Big Stone	5,238	5,175	11	22	4	15	42	41	1,105	1,324	
Blue Earth	64,384	59,400	1,741	178	1,271	398	1,025	1,586	12,381	7,562	
Brown	25,734	25,245	61	21	155	228	183	860	5,698	4,899	
Carlton	35,455	31,727	498	2,086	164	56	855	484	8,364	5,317	
Carver	92,638	84,450	1,124	208	2,493	1,331	1,436	3,515	27,205	7,707	
Cass	28,390	24,534	61	3,196	91	58	627	340	6,203	6,029	
Chippewa	12,319	11,632	65	119	154	317	154	611	2,914	2,400	
Chisago	53,916	51,621	645	324	488	139	670	835	13,847	6,247	
Clay	59,803	54,684	842	803	867	528	1,275	2,056	13,744	7,078	
Clearwater	8,774	7,579	30	782	22	17	265	120	2,170	1,621	
Cook	5,218	4,559	17	446	30	13	111	58	871	1,051	
Cottonwood	11,686	10,773	87	27	334	318	148	720	2,791	2,482	
Crow Wing	62,763	60,368	813	526	248	137	908	652	14,372	11,564	
Dakota	402,006	339,499	18,709	1,647	17,667	9,556	11,474	23,966	105,060	39,816	
Dodge	20,243	19,294	60	54	94	312	273	915	5,824	2,460	
Douglas	36,172	35,186	150	105	168	73	327	341	7,876	7,069	
Faribault	14,508	14,042	47	62	43	225	134	817	3,199	3,179	
Fillmore	20,876	20,497	49	22	71	54	173	207	5,065	4,000	
Freeborn	31,173	29,121	231	68	256	1,061	518	2,750	6,872	6,309	
Goodhue	46,217	43,684	445	533	291	511	719	1,342	10,950	7,594	
Grant	5,989	5,864	19	9	15	42	69	94	1,287	1,334	
Hennepin	1,168,431	856,834	136,262	10,591	72,411	38,878	37,449	77,676	261,345	130,814	
Houston	18,916	18,570	101	33	91	12	220	132	4,403	3,307	
Hubbard	20,303	19,314	48	557	52	92	365	327	4,464	4,245	
Isanti	38,283	36,319	245	174	328	134	616	582	9,805	4,680	
Itasca	45,034	42,195	144	1,568	154	74	923	417	9,836	8,574	
Jackson	10,202	9,830	47	24	141	120	104	277	2,320	2,044	
Kanabec	16,169	15,754	55	90	56	34	250	214	3,896	2,659	
Kandiyohi	42,173	39,206	984	130	191	1,221	507	4,710	10,157	6,832	
Kittson	4,515	4,484	11	4	16	12	25	69	984	1,029	
Koochiching	13,213	12,593	78	311	47	25	257	147	2,782	2,604	
Lac Qui Parle	7,193	7,087	17	17	32	45	61	108	1,534	1,726	
Lake	10,824	10,616	16	51	31	15	137	80	2,067	2,428	
Lake of the Woods	4,007	3,874	14	28	33	13	83	35	814	821	
Le Sueur	27,656	26,443	94	81	166	610	309	1,444	7,052	3,976	
Lincoln	5,820	5,777	8	9	14	43	45	72	1,316	1,444	
Lyon	25,891	23,360	587	114	686	708	402	1,541	6,265	3,519	
McLeod	36,432	35,159	199	101	284	547	361	1,811	9,265	5,603	
Mahnomen	5,456	2,713	11	2,215	4	3	467	99	1,586	855	
Marshall	9,481	9,119	26	43	22	148	81	337	2,226	1,816	
Martin	20,689	20,142	64	59	110	277	188	744	4,632	4,317	
Meeke	23,265	22,663	77	44	72	272	172	767	5,920	3,835	
Millie Lacs	25,979	23,778	97	1,571	90	78	483	377	6,615	4,206	
Morrison	33,229	32,426	131	66	112	104	359	402	8,165	5,325	
Mower	39,349	35,495	818	97	689	1,336	728	4,138	9,883	6,818	
Murray	8,630	8,435	25	11	80	103	71	242	1,934	1,951	
Nicollet	32,820	30,666	667	99	432	397	466	1,226	7,383	3,917	
Nobles	21,397	16,206	743	111	1,178	2,746	394	4,820	5,483	3,420	
Norman	6,869	6,455	13	109	25	92	158	276	1,666	1,465	
Olmsted	145,769	123,605	6,870	353	7,871	2,368	3,181	6,081	36,440	18,133	
Otter Tail	57,252	55,080	430	279	305	510	699	1,490	12,457	12,032	
Pennington	14,072	13,067	192	213	88	121	249	380	3,311	2,212	
Pine	29,604	27,347	597	921	139	188	558	723	6,599	4,856	
Pipestone	9,501	8,975	56	100	69	216	180	355	2,391	1,901	
Polk	31,456	29,495	270	453	220	497	665	1,720	7,521	5,220	
Pope	10,894	10,766	38	24	41	29	97	95	2,337	2,338	
Ramsey	514,696	356,547	56,170	4,043	59,548	14,776	17,556	36,483	118,493	61,181	
Red Lake	4,105	3,934	8	52	8	27	60	101	1,007	701	
Redwood	15,972	14,305	75	796	509	59	315	335	4,017	3,164	
Renville	15,500	15,014	44	91	60	356	165	1,046	3,656	3,045	
Rice	64,409	57,275	2,072	300	1,354	1,978	1,163	5,122	15,163	7,881	
Rock	9,614	9,365	59	34	54	56	119	197	2,503	1,835	
Roseau	15,540	14,767	39	201	395	17	210	116	4,104	2,250	
St. Louis	200,255	186,212	2,739	4,477	1,838	445	4,515	2,409	39,559	31,816	
Scott	132,556	112,212	3,376	1,072	7,444	2,886	2,938	5,771	39,228	10,016	
Sherburne	89,319	83,211	1,689	439	1,149	511	1,500	1,941	25,777	7,307	
Sibley	15,173	14,430	48	30	37	451	180	1,098	3,903	2,479	
Stearns	151,343	138,262	4,658	473	3,043	1,871	2,335	4,190	34,900	18,228	
Steele	36,534	34,038	1,013	86	289	640	510	2,282	9,650	5,270	
Stevens	9,685	9,110	76	89	151	129	171	337	2,037	1,597	
Swift	9,640	9,453	49	36	24	129	92	350	2,183	1,966	
Todd	24,836	23,727	94	87	147	516	324	1,288	6,210	4,327	
Traverse	3,523	3,352	13	139	5	9	40	50	778	937	
Wabasha	21,600	21,000	80	38	98	245	215	592	5,053	3,692	
Wadena	13,749	13,380	111	65	36	40	211	176	3,326	2,918	
Waseca	19,273	17,933	380	148	133	250	292	985	4,523	2,819	
Washington	241,280	209,012	8,579	1,088	12,148	2,300	5,009	8,127	63,598	24,984	
Watsonwan	11,201	9,740	82	48	91	1,118	132	2,338	2,808	2,125	
Wilkin	6,592	6,381	15	64	18	27	71	130	1,574	1,169	
Winona	51,778	48,573	650	133	1,103	401	601	1,244	9,969	6,889	
Wright	126,437	118,518	1,328	419	1,522	1,007	1,906	3,052	37,361	11,934	
Yellow Medicine	10,307	9,806	16	314	39	138	125	397	2,475	2,031	
Minnesota	5,344,861	4,524,062	274,412	60,916	216,390	103,000	125,145	250,258	1,284,063	683,121	

# Minnesota in Profile Chapter One EDUCATION

K-12 STUDENTS							
ENROLLMENT 2011-2012				FOUR-YEAR GRADUATION RATES 2010-2011 (%)			
DEMOGRAPHIC GROUP	PRE-K-12 STUDENTS	% OF TOTAL	GRADUATE	CONTINUING	DROPOUT	UNKNOWN	
White, not of Hispanic origin	619,092	73.8	83.5	9.6	3.3	3.5	
Black, not of Hispanic origin	85,844	10.2	49.1	32.3	8.7	9.9	
Hispanic	59,625	7.1	50.5	24.8	13.5	11.1	
Asian/Pacific Islander	56,076	6.7	72.5	17.1	4.3	6.1	
American Indian/Alaskan Native	18,789	2.2	42.4	28.3	18.8	10.5	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>839,426</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>4.9</b>	
SPECIAL POPULATIONS							
Free/Reduced Priced Lunch	311,871	37.2	58.3	23.8	10.1	7.8	
Limited English Proficient	64,623	7.7	52.1	26.8	10.2	10.9	
Special Education	125,132	14.9	55.8	30.2	8.9	5.1	

K-12 PRIMARY HOME LANGUAGE 2011		
LANGUAGE	STUDENTS K-12	% OF TOTAL
English	719,895	87.3
Spanish	39,187	4.7
Hmong	20,208	2.4
Somali	13,095	1.6
Vietnamese	3,965	0.5
Russian	2,543	0.3
Chinese, Mandarin	2,190	0.3
Arabic	1,922	0.2
Lao, Laotian	1,678	0.2
Karen	1,579	0.2
Khmer, Cambodian	1,507	0.2
199 Other Languages	17,308	2.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>825,077</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### KEY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION TABLE BELOW

- \* Enrollment numbers as reported by Office of Higher Education (some totals may not match).
- \*\* Private online schools based in Minnesota are Capella University and Walden University. Most of their enrolled students are non-residents.
- \*\*\* Private online and professional schools do not have separate data because they mostly enroll students in graduate programs.
- + Four-year nonprofit colleges only
- ++ Two-year for profit colleges only

HIGHER EDUCATION										
	Community & Technical Colleges	State Universities	University of Minnesota	Total Public	Private Colleges & Universities	Private Career Schools	Private Online Schools**	Private Graduate & Professional	Total Private	Total
<b>2011 Enrollment*</b>										
White	97,405	55,904	48,982	202,291	48,861	18,938	34,258	2,108	104,165	306,456
Black	14,341	3,068	2,161	19,570	2,880	2,963	29,822	71	35,736	56,035
Hispanic	6,477	1,727	1,595	9,799	1,828	833	3,850	50	6,561	16,360
Asian & Pacific Islander	6,662	2,152	4,271	13,085	2,803	1,404	1,607	99	5,913	18,998
American Indian	1,481	364	531	2,376	348	625	763	11	1,747	4,123
Two or More Races	5,422	1,634	1,345	8,401	1,097	581	725	38	2,441	10,842
International Students	892	2,839	6,432	10,163	2,115	94	3,283	63	5,555	15,718
No Race Reported	2,475	2,128	3,903	8,506	5,466	3,989	11,047	3,82	20,884	29,390
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,155</b>	<b>69,816</b>	<b>69,220</b>	<b>274,191</b>	<b>65,457</b>	<b>29,445</b>	<b>85,355</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>183,074</b>	<b>457,265</b>
<b>Graduation Rates (First-time full-time undergraduate students; 4 &amp; 6 year: 2005 cohort; 3 year &amp; transfer: 2008 cohort)</b>										
Transfer Rate	28%	NA	NA		NA	69%	**	**		
3-Year Graduation Rate	27%	NA	NA		NA	67%	**	**		
4-Year Graduation Rate	NA	22%	41%		63%	26%	**	**		
6-Year Graduation Rate	NA	48%	65%		73%	33%	**	**		
<b>Financial Aid (First-time full-time undergraduate students, 2010-11)</b>										
Average Full-Time Undergraduate Tuition (2011-2012)	\$5,173	\$7,323	\$13,062		\$31,862	NA	**	**		
% Students Receiving Any Student Aid	80%	84%	94%		95%	90%	**	**		87%
% Students Receiving Any Student Aid	60%	56%	91%		94%	74%	**	**		74%
Average Grant Amount Received	\$4,266	\$4,604	\$5,693		\$17,417	\$4,709	**	**		\$8,310
% Students Receiving Student Loan	58%	71%	58%		70%	77%	**	**		64%
Average Loan Amount Received	\$5,669	\$7,608	\$6,736		\$7,913	\$10,209	**	**		\$7,274

Sources: Minnesota Department of Education, Minnesota Office of Higher Education and U.S. Department of Education, IPEDS Survey.

## EMPLOYMENT

### EMPLOYMENT BY REGION—2nd Quarter 2012

Sector	Minnesota	Seven County Mpls-St Paul, Minnesota	Central Minnesota	Southeast Minnesota	Northwest Minnesota	Southwest Minnesota	Northeast Minnesota
Education and Health Services	659,662	359,614	70,088	79,136	59,654	46,423	44,747
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	501,330	299,621	53,768	41,836	45,825	34,935	25,345
Professional and Business Services	323,887	264,831	16,368	15,314	9,450	9,690	8,234
Manufacturing	304,629	161,907	38,207	36,618	27,130	31,766	9,001
Leisure and Hospitality	265,227	156,951	27,054	22,376	25,751	14,883	18,212
Financial Activities	171,391	135,221	8,444	7,543	7,191	7,094	5,898
Public Administration	122,629	65,553	12,258	10,150	14,560	9,517	10,591
Construction	100,832	54,071	14,303	8,141	10,317	7,947	6,053
Other Services	83,573	54,027	7,759	6,291	6,172	4,998	4,326
Information	53,678	40,782	3,542	3,356	3,058	2,940	NA
Natural Resources and Mining	27,440	4,754	4,716	3,071	4,760	5,007	5,132
Unclassified	331	207	60	38	21	5	NA
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>2,616,265</b>	<b>1,597,543</b>	<b>256,571</b>	<b>233,872</b>	<b>213,893</b>	<b>175,209</b>	<b>139,177</b>

### WAGE DISTRIBUTION BY REGION —2nd Quarter 2012

Wage Distribution (wages per hour)

Percentile	Minnesota	Seven County Mpls-St Paul, MN	Central Minnesota	Southeast Minnesota	Northwest Minnesota	Southwest Minnesota	Northeast Minnesota
90th	\$41.64	\$45.68	\$33.99	\$37.82	\$30.72	\$29.73	\$34.27
75th	\$27.89	\$30.93	\$23.08	\$25.41	\$21.63	\$21.27	\$24.68
Median	\$17.86	\$19.51	\$15.90	\$16.92	\$14.93	\$14.54	\$15.84
25th	\$11.71	\$12.64	\$10.96	\$11.23	\$10.43	\$10.46	\$10.44
10th	\$8.98	\$9.28	\$8.73	\$8.83	\$8.58	\$8.61	\$8.56

### MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY REGION—October 2012

	Minnesota	Seven County Mpls-St Paul, MN	Central Minnesota	Southeast Minnesota	Northwest Minnesota	Southwest Minnesota	Northeast Minnesota
Unemployment Rate	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	4.8%	5.0%	4.7%	6.1%

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

ENERGY - MINNESOTA ENERGY SUPPLY

ENERGY PRODUCTION			
Total Energy Production (trillion Btu)	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
	429	0.6%	2010
<b>Capacity</b>	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
Crude Oil Refinery Capacity as of Jan. 1 (barrels/calendar day)	351,200	2.0%	2012
Electric Power Industry Net Summer Capability (MWh)	15,162	1.4%	2011
<b>Net Electricity Generation (thousand MWh)</b>	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
Total Net Electricity Generation	4,607	1.2%	Aug-12
Coal-Fired	2,283	1.5%	Aug-12
Nuclear	990	1.4%	Aug-12
Natural Gas-Fired	691	0.5%	Aug-12
Other Renewables	550	3.6%	Aug-12
Petroleum-Fired	2	0.1%	Aug-12
Hydroelectric	NM	NA	Aug-12
<b>Stocks (thousand barrels unless otherwise noted)</b>	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
Motor Gasoline (Excludes Pipelines)	991	2.9%	Aug-12
Distillate Fuel Oil (Excludes Pipelines)	1,616	1.6%	Aug-12
Natural Gas in Underground Storage (million cu ft)	6,217	0.1%	Aug-12
Petroleum Stocks at Electric Power Producers	163	0.5%	Aug-12
Coal Stocks at Electric Power Producers (thousand tons)	2,668	1.5%	Aug-12
<b>Production Facilities</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>Net Summer Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>Period</b>
Nuclear Power Plants	Prairie Island (Xcel Energy)	1,040	2010
	Monticello (Xcel Energy)	554	2010
Major Coal Electricity Generating Plants:	Sherburne County, Becker (Xcel Energy)	2,275	2010
	Clay Boswell, Cohasset (Minnesota Power Inc)	924	2010
	Allen S King, Oak Park Heights (Xcel Energy)	510	2010
	Black Dog, Burnsville (Xcel Energy)	484	2010
Major Gas Electricity Generating Plants:	Lakefield Junction, Trimont (Great River Energy)	517	2010
	High Bridge, St Paul (Xcel Energy)	566	2010
	Riverside, Minneapolis (Xcel Energy)	473	2010
	Blue Lake, Shakopee (Xcel Energy)	467	2010
	Pleasant Valley, Dexter (Xcel Energy)	436	2010
	Mankato Energy Center (Calpine Central LP)	300	2010
Petroleum Refineries:	Pine Bend Refinery: Rosemount (Flint Hills Resources LP);		
	St. Paul Park Refinery (Marathon Petroleum Co LLC)		
Major Coal Mines: None			
<b>Electric Power Industry Emissions (metric tons)</b>	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
Carbon Dioxide	32,946,107	1.4%	2010
Sulfur Dioxide	56,597	1.0%	2010
Nitrogen Oxide	44,268	1.8%	2010

ENERGY CONSUMPTION			
Total Energy Consumed (trillion Btu)	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
	1,867	1.9%	2010
<b>By Source</b>	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
Total Petroleum (million barrels)	117.4	1.7%	2010
Motor Gasoline	61.2	1.9%	2010
Distillate Fuel	25.9	1.9%	2010
Liquefied Petroleum Gases	8.1	1.0%	2010
Jet Fuel	9.4	1.8%	2011
Natural Gas (million cu ft)	422,969	1.8%	2010
Coal	17,846	1.8%	2011
<b>By End-Use Sector (billion Btu)</b>	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
Residential	395,788	1.8%	2010
Commercial	339,909	1.9%	2010
Industrial	648,642	2.1%	2010
Transportation	482,969	1.8%	2010
<b>For Electricity Generation</b>	Minnesota	Share of U.S.	Period
Petroleum (thousand barrels)	3	0.1%	Aug-12
Natural Gas (million cu ft)	5,638	0.5%	Aug-12
Coal (thousand short tons)	1,370	1.7%	Aug-12
<b>For Home Heating (share of households)</b>	Minnesota	U.S. Avg.	Period
Natural Gas	66.7%	49.5%	2011
Fuel Oil	2.9%	6.5%	2011
Electricity	16.0%	35.4%	2011
Liquefied Petroleum Gases	10.0%	5.0%	2011
Other/None	4.4%	3.6%	2011

NA = Not Available  
 NM = Not meaningful  
 W = Withheld to avoid disclosure of individual company data  
 Source: Energy Information Administration

## TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION FUELS			
FUELING STATIONS	MINNESOTA	SHARE OF U.S. PERCENTAGE (%)	PERIOD
Motor Gasoline	3,080	1.9%	2008
Liquefied Petroleum Gases	27	1.1%	2010
Compressed Natural Gas	1	0.1%	2010
Ethanol	354	17.3%	2010
Other Alternative Fuels	2	0.2%	2010
ALTERNATIVE FUELS	MINNESOTA	SHARE OF U.S. (%)	PERIOD
Alternative-Fueled Vehicles in Use	15,136	1.6%	2010
Ethanol Plants	23	11.0%	2012
Ethanol Plant Capacity (million gal./year)	1,119	8.3%	2011
Ethanol Consumption (thousand barrels)	6,075	2.0%	2010

Source: Energy Information Administration

MOTOR VEHICLES 2011	
ROADWAYS/AUTOMOBILES	Number of Vehicles
Registered Motor Vehicles	4.98 million
Registered Motorcycles	232,274
Registered Trucks (1 ton+)	216,532
Licensed Drivers	4.01 million
Lane Miles, all roadways	292,599
Vehicle Miles Traveled	56.68 billion

OTHER TRANSPORTATION 2011	
Bridges (over 10 ft long)	20,237
Railroad Track (miles)	4,460
Railroad Crossings	4,222
Registered Aircraft	6,190
Publicly Owned Airports	136

Source: Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

	2009		2010	
	Total Cost (millions) \$	Total Rides	Total Cost (millions) \$	Total Rides
Greater Minnesota	55.10	11,059,297	58.52	11,115,340
Urbanized	21.73	7,201,296	22.90	7,142,360
Rural	4.34	221,301	4.48	222,528
Small Urban	4.03	985,528	4.32	997,611
Elderly and Disabled	25.00	2,648,708	26.83	2,752,841
Twin Cities Metropolitan Area	360.86	88,923,928	376.50	90,972,943
Metro Transit – Regular Route Bus	235.19	65,688,954	236.84	66,040,533
Metro Transit - Light Rail Transit	25.00	9,863,042	25.74	10,455,860
Metro Transit - Commuter Rail	5.73*	209,272*	15.59	710,426
Metro Mobility	31.92	1,237,570	36.60	1,410,369
Metropolitan Council Contracted Services	15.51	2,678,152	21.31	3,384,037
Suburban Transit Providers	31.91	4,772,910	33.03	4,772,240
University of Minnesota Transit	4.66	3,873,151	4.89	4,199,478
Other Services/Providers	10.94	600,877	2.51	155,286
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>415.96</b>	<b>99,983,225</b>	<b>435.03</b>	<b>102,088,283</b>

\* Northstar Commuter Rail service began November 2009. 2009 numbers include Northstar Link Commuter Bus Service  
Source: Minnesota Department of Transportation

### ~ Voting in Minnesota ~

#### Highest and Lowest Voter Turnouts Since 1950

The highest voter turnout in a Minnesota general election was in 1956 at 83 percent; the highest voter turnout in a primary election was in 1966 at 39 percent.

The lowest voter turnout in a general election was in 1986 at 48 percent; the lowest voter turnout in a primary election was in 2004 at 7.7 percent.

AGRICULTURE

<b>OVERVIEW</b>				
Number of Farms — 80,992				
Land in Farms — 26,917,962 acres (53% of MN land area)				
Average Size of Farm — 332 acres				
<b>COMMODITY GROUPS</b>	<b>FARMS</b>	<b>SALES (in \$1,000s)</b>	<b>% OF MN SALES</b>	<b>U.S. RANK</b>
Totals for all agricultural products sold	80,992	13,180,466	100	7
<b>Top Farmed Commodities</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Sales (in \$1000s)</b>	<b>Percent of MN Sales</b>	<b>U.S. Rank</b>
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	36,298	5,936,153	45	4
Hogs and pigs	4,748	2,139,877	16	3
Milk and other dairy products from cows	5,258	1,475,929	11	6
Cattle and calves	22,122	1,385,740	11	10
Other crops and hay	16,042	573,994	4	5
Vegetables, melons, potatoes and sweet potatoes	2,720	275,912	2	14
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	918	239,354	2	21
Poultry and eggs	4,392	145,674	8	10
Other animals and other animal products	1,193	41,692	0	5
Sheep, goats, and their products	2,944	18,725	0	11
Fruits, tree nuts and berries	934	18,517	0	29
Aquaculture	104	12,492	0	22
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	2,238	114,24	0	31
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	280	4,984	<.1	15
<b>LIVESTOCK</b>	<b>FARMS</b>	<b>SALES (in \$1,000s)</b>	<b>% OF MN SALES</b>	<b>U.S. RANK</b>
Totals for all livestock, poultry, and their products	31,511	6,131,554	47	8
<b>Top Livestock Inventory Items</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Number in Inventory</b>		<b>U.S. Rank</b>
Turkeys	601	18,298,316	-	1
Layers	3,760	10,596,573	-	11
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	1,195	8,649,569	-	21
Hogs and pigs	4,382	7,652,284	-	3
Pullets for laying flock replacement	523	3,178,990	-	12
<b>CROPS</b>	<b>FARMS</b>	<b>SALES (in \$1,000s)</b>	<b>% OF MN SALES</b>	<b>U.S. RANK</b>
Total value of crops including nursery and greenhouse	46,189	748,913	54	4
<b>Top Crop Items</b>	<b>Farms</b>	<b>Acres</b>		<b>U.S. Rank</b>
Corn for grain	30,976	7,801,001	-	4
Soybeans for beans	27,040	6,273,919	-	3
Wheat for grain, all	6,727	1,718,565	-	10
Forage-land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage and green chop	29,844	1,7166,93	-	15
Sugarbeets for sugar	1,247	485,650	-	1

Source: USDA 2007 Census of Agriculture

# Chapter One Minnesota in Profile

## EXPORTS

MINNESOTA EXPORTS								
Rank 2010	Rank 2011	COUNTRY	Exports, 2011 (millions \$)	MN Value Change 2010-2011 (millions \$)	MN (%) Change 2010-2011	US (%) Change 2010-2011	Distribution (%)	MN as (%) of the U.S.
1	1	Canada	5,826	397	75	13	29	2.1
2	2	China (incl. Hong Kong)	2,319	360	185	19	11	1.7
3	3	Japan	1,303	170	155	95	6	2.0
4	4	Mexico	1,216	238	245	215	6	0.6
5	5	Germany	734	-48	-6	25	4	1.5
6	6	South Korea	702	73	12	125	3	1.6
7	7	Belgium	623	32	5	175	3	2.1
8	8	United Kingdom	557	-32	-5	165	3	1.0
9	9	Singapore	\$547	48	10	85	3	1.7
10	10	Philippines	524	61	13	4	3	6.8
REST OF THE WORLD			5,924	69	7	NA	29	NA

MINNESOTA'S FASTEST GROWING INTERNATIONAL MARKETS (at least \$50 million in exports)					
RANK 2011	Country	Exports, 2011 (millions \$)	MN Value Change (millions \$)	MN (%) Growth	U.S. (%) Growth
26	Austria	91	38	73	19
23	UAE	141	49	54	36
33	Indonesia	80	27	51	7
30	Vietnam	84	28	50	17
24	Finland	116	34	41	45
27	Argentina	89	20	28	34
35	South Africa	73	16	28	30
4	Mexico	1,216	238	24	21
31	Colombia	81	13	20	19
2	China	2,319	360	18	19

INDUSTRIES 2011						
INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION	Exports, 2011 (millions \$)	Distribution, 2011	Value Change, 2010-2011 (millions \$)	MN (%) Change 2010-2011	U.S. (%) Change 2010-2011	MN as (%) of the U.S.
Machinery	3,955	19.5	41	1.0	12.20	1.9
Optics, Medical Instr.	2,842	14.0	-67	-2.3	6.90	3.6
Electrical Machinery	2,735	13.5	316	13.1	4.70	1.7
Vehicles	1,713	8.4	155	10.0	20.80	1.4
Plastic	1,107	5.5	36	3.4	9.40	1.9
Aircraft, Spacecraft	502	2.5	44	9.6	9.80	0.6
Food Waste, Animal Feed	483	2.4	30	6.6	2.40	5.7
Cereals	433	2.1	124	40.1	41.20	1.5
Mineral Fuel, Oil	427	2.1	217	103.6	58.80	0.3
Ores, Slag, Ash	397	2.0	-172	-30.3	37.70	5.2
Other Products	5,682	28.0	649	13.0	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,276</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$1,372</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>15.80%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>

**MINNESOTA STATE PARKS**

For more information on Minnesota State Parks, visit: [www.mndnr.gov/stateparks](http://www.mndnr.gov/stateparks)

Open year-round, Minnesota State Parks and recreation areas showcase the diverse and abundant natural resources of the "Land of 10,000 Lakes." State parks offer a variety of educational and recreational programs, and activities such as camping, swimming, fishing, hiking, picnicking, birdwatching, canoeing, kayaking, biking and cross-country skiing. (Region of state where park is located: NW-Northwest; NE-Northeast; S-South; Metro-Twin Cities Metro Area)

**MINNESOTA STATE PARKS CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Afton** (Metro) - 6959 Peller Ave. S., Hastings, MN 55033 **Phone:** (651) 436-5391
- Banning** (NE) - 611101 Banning Park Road, Sandstone, MN 55072 **Phone:** (320) 245-2668
- Bear Head Lake** (NE) - 9301 Bear Head State Park Rd, Ely, MN 55731 **Phone:** (218) 365-7229
- Beaver Creek Valley** (S) - 15954 County Road 1, Caledonia, MN 55921 **Phone:** (507) 724- 2107
- Big Bog State Recreation Area** (NW) - 55716 Hwy 72, NE, Waskish, MN 56685 **Phone:** (218) 647-8592
- Big Stone Lake** (S) - 35889 Meadowbrook State Park Rd, Ortonville, MN 56278 **Phone:** (320) 839-3663
- Blue Mounds** (S) - 1410 161st St, Luverne, MN 56156 **Phone:** (507) 283-1307
- Buffalo River** (NW) - 565-155 St South - Hwy 10, Glyndon, MN 56547 **Phone:** (218) 498-2124
- Camden** (S) - 1897 Camden Park Rd, Lynd, MN 56157 **Phone:** (507) 865-4530
- Carley** (S) - c/o Whitewater State Park, 19041 Hwy 74, Altura, MN 55910 **Phone:** (507) 932-3007
- Cascade River** (NE) - 3481 West Hwy 61, Lutsen, MN 55612 **Phone:** (218) 387-3053
- Charles A Lindbergh** (NW) - P.O. Box 364, 1615 Lindbergh Drive S., Little Falls, MN 56345 **Phone:** (320) 616-2525
- Crow Wing** (NW) - 3124 State Park Rd, Brainerd, MN 56401 **Phone:** (218) 825-3075
- Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area** (NW) - 307 Third St, P.O. Box 404, Ironton, MN 56455 **Phone:** (218) 546-5926
- Father Hennepin** (NE) - 41294 Father Hennepin Park Rd, Isle, MN 56342 **Phone:** (320) 676-8763
- Flandrau** (S) - 1300 Summit Ave, New Ulm, MN 56073 **Phone:** (507) 233-9800
- Forestville/Mystery Cave** (S) - 21071 Co 118, Preston, MN 55965 **Phone:** Main Park- (507) 352-5111, Mystery Cave-(507) 937-3251
- Fort Ridgely** (S) - 72158 County Rd 30, Fairfax, MN 55332 **Phone:** (507) 426-7840
- Fort Snelling** (Metro) - 101 Snelling Lake Rd, St. Paul, MN 55111 **Phone:** (612) 725-2389 **Visitor Center:** (612) 725-2724
- Franz Jevne** (NE) - State Hwy 11, Birchdale, MN 56629; c/o Zippel Bay State Park, 3684 - 54th Ave. NW, Williams, MN 56686 **Phone:** (218) 783-6252
- Frontenac** (S) - 29223 Co 28 Blvd, Frontenac, MN 55026 **Phone:** (651) 345-3401
- Garden Island State Recreation Area** (NW) - c/o Zippel Bay State Park, 3684 - 54th Ave. NW, Williams, MN 56686 **Phone:** (218) 783-6252
- George H. Crosby Manitou** (NE) - c/o Tettegouche State Park, 5702 Hwy 61, Silver Bay, MN 55614 **Phone:** (218) 226-6365
- Glacial Lakes** (NW) - 25022 County Rd 41, Starbuck, MN 56381 **Phone:** (320) 239-2860
- Glendalough** (NW) - 25287 Whitetail Lane, Battle Lake, MN 56515 **Phone:** (218) 864-0110
- Gooseberry Falls** (NE) - 3206 Hwy 61 E., Two Harbors, MN 55616 **Phone:** (218) 834-3855
- Grand Portage** (NE) - 9393 E. Hwy 61, Grand Portage, MN 55605-3000 **Phone:** (218) 475-2360
- Great River Bluffs** (S) - 43605 Kipp Drive, Winona, MN 55987 **Phone:** (507) 643-6849
- Greenleaf Lake State Recreation Area** (S) - c/o DNR Parks and Trails Division Hutchinsonson Area Office, 20596 Hwy 7, Hutchinson , MN 55350 **Phone:** 320-234-2564 (open for day use only while under development)
- Hayes Lake** (NW) - 48990 County Rd 4, Roseau, MN 56751-8745 **Phone:** (218) 425-7504
- Hill Annex Mine** (NE) - c/o Scenic State Park, 56956 Hwy 7, Big Fork, MN 56628. **Phone:** (218) 247-7215
- Interstate** (Metro) - 307 Milltown Rd, P. O. Box 254, Taylors Falls, MN 55084 **Phone:** (651) 465-5711
- Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle State Recreation Area** (NE), 7196 Pettit Road, Gilbert, MN 55741 **Phone:** (218) 748-2207
- Itasca** (NW) - 36750 Main Park Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470 **Phone:** (218) 699-7251
- Jay Cooke** (NE) - 780 Hwy 210, Carlton, MN 55718 **Phone:** (218) 384-4610
- John A. Latsch** (S) - c/o Great River Bluffs State Park, 43605 Kipp Drive, Winona, MN 55987 **Phone:** (507) 643-6849
- Judge C.R. Magney** (NE) - 4051 E. Hwy 61, Grand Marais, MN 55604 **Phone:** (218) 387-3039
- Kilen Woods** (S) - 50200 860th St., Lakefield, MN 56150 **Phone:** (507) 662-6258
- La Salle Lake State Recreation Area** (NW) - c/o Itasca State Park, 36750 Main Park Drive, Park Rapids, MN 56470 **Phone:** (218) 699-7251
- Lac qui Parle** (S) - 14047 20th Street NW, Watson, MN 56295 **Phone:** (320) 734-4450
- Lake Bemidji** (NW) - 3401 State Park Rd. NE, Bemidji, MN 56601 **Phone:** (218) 308-2300
- Lake Bronson** (NW) - 3793 230th St. Box 9, Lake Bronson, MN 56734 **Phone:** (218) 754-2200
- Lake Carlos** (NW) - 2601 County Rd 38 NE, Carlos, MN 56319 **Phone:** (320) 852-7200
- Lake Louise** (S) - c/o Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park, 21071 Co 118, Preston, MN 55965; 12385 766th Ave., LeRoy, MN 55951 **Phone:** (507) 352-5111
- Lake Maria** (Metro) - 11411 Clementa Ave NW, Monticello, MN 55362 **Phone:** (763) 878-2325
- Lake Shetek** (S) - 163 State Park Rd, Currie, MN 56123 **Phone:** (507) 763-3256

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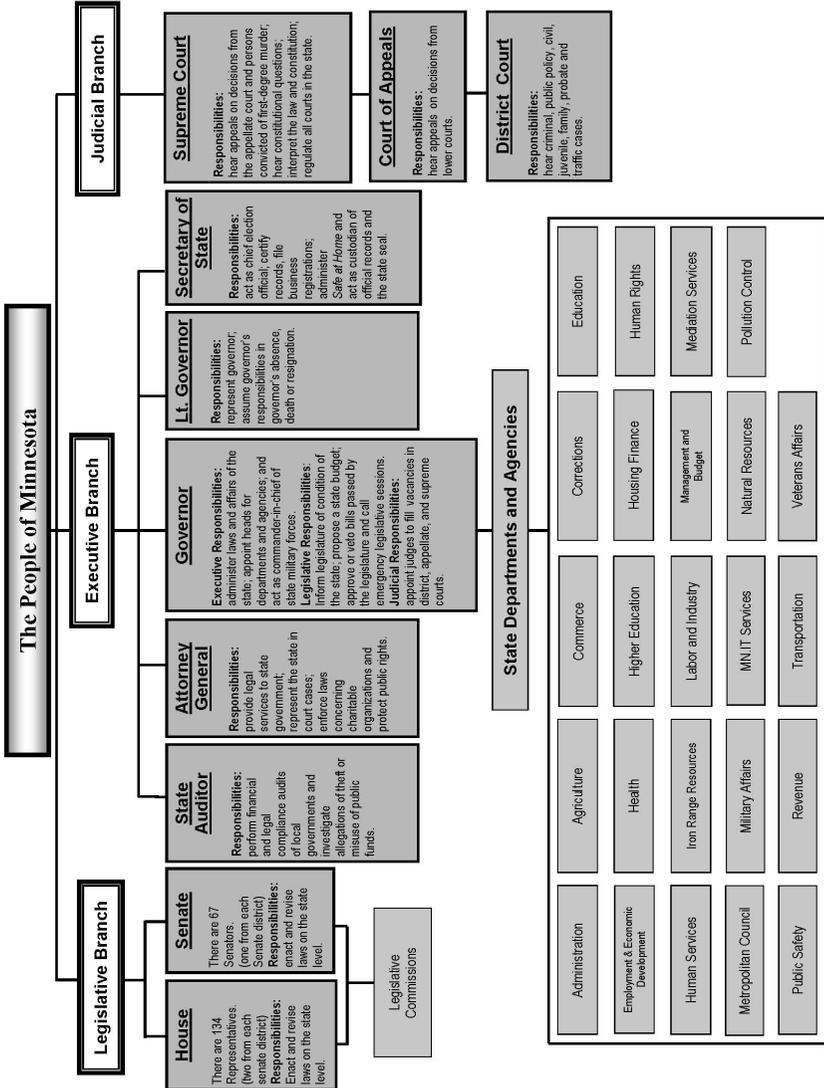
- Lake Vermillion** (NE) - adjacent to Soudan Underground Mine State Park **Phone:** (218) 753-2245
- Maplewood** (NW) - 39721 Park Entrance Rd, Pelican Rapids, MN 56572 **Phone:** (218) 863-8383
- McCarthy Beach** (NE) - 7622 McCarthy Beach Rd, Side Lake, MN 55781 **Phone:** (218) 254-7979
- Mille Lacs Kathio** (NW) - 15066 Kathio State Park Rd, Onamia, MN 56359 **Phone:** (320) 532-3523
- Minneopa** (S) - 54497 Gadowall Rd, Mankato, MN 56001 **Phone:** (507) 389-5464
- Minnesota Valley State Recreation Area** (Metro) - 19825 Park Blvd, Jordan, MN 55352 **Phone:** (952) 492-6400
- Monson Lake** (NE) - 1690 15th St. NE, Sunburg, MN 56289 **Phone:** (320) 366-3797
- Moose Lake** (NE) - 4252 County Rd 137, Moose Lake, MN 55767 **Phone:** (218) 485-5420
- Myre-Big Island** (S) - 19499 780th Ave., Albert Lea, MN 56007 **Phone:** (507) 379-3403
- Nerstrand Big Woods** (S) - 9700 170 St E., Nerstrand, MN 55053 **Phone:** (507) 333-4840
- Old Mill** (NW) - 33489 240th Ave. NW, Argyle, MN 56713 **Phone:** (218) 437-8174
- Red River State Recreation Area** (NW) - 515 2nd St NW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721 **Phone:** (218) 773-4950
- Rice Lake** (S) - 8485 Rose St, Owatonna, MN 55060 **Phone:** (507) 455-5871
- St. Croix Islands State Recreation Area** (Metro) - c/o William O'Brien State Park, 16821 O'Brien Trail North, Marine-on-St. Croix, MN 55047 **Phone:** (651) 433-0500
- St. Croix** (NE) - 30065 St. Croix Park Rd, Hinckley, MN 55037 **Phone:** (320) 384-6591
- Sakatah Lake** (S) - 50499 Sakatah Lake State Park Rd, Waterville, MN 56096 **Phone:** (507) 362-4438
- Savanna Portage** (NE) - 55626 Lake Place, McGregor, MN 55760 **Phone:** (218) 426-3271
- Scenic** (NE) - 56956 Scenic Hwy 7, Bigfork, MN 56628 **Phone:** (218) 743-3362
- Schoolcraft** (S) - 9042 Schoolcraft Ln NE, Deer River, MN 56636; Mailing address: c/o Scenic State Park, 56956 Scenic Hwy 7, Bigfork, MN 56628 **Phone:** (218) 743-3362
- Sibley** (S) - 800 Sibley Park Rd NE, New London, MN 56273 **Phone:** (320) 354-2055
- Soudan Underground Mine** (NE) - 1302 McKinley Park Rd., P.O. Box 335, Soudan, MN 55782 **Phone:** (218) 753-2245
- Split Rock Creek** (S) - 336 50th Ave, Jasper, MN 56144 **Phone:** (507) 348-7908
- Split Rock Lighthouse** (NE) - 3755 Split Rock Lighthouse Rd, Two Harbors, MN 55616 **Phone:** (218) 226-6377
- Temperance River** (NE) - 7620 W. Hwy 61, Box 33, Schroeder, MN 55613 **Phone:** (218) 663-7476
- Tettegouche** (NE) - 5702 Hwy 61, Silver Bay, MN 55614 **Phone:** (218) 226-6365
- Upper Sioux Agency** (S) - 5908 Hwy 67, Granite Falls, MN 56241 **Phone:** (320) 564-4777
- Whitewater** (S) - 19041 Hwy 74, Altura, MN 55910 **Phone:** (507) 932-3007
- Wild River** (Metro) - 39797 Park Trail, Center City, MN 55012 **Phone:** (651) 583-2125 **Park Naturalist:** (651) 583-2925
- William O'Brien** (Metro) - 16821 O'Brien Trail North, Marine-on-St. Croix, MN 55047 **Phone:** (651) 433-0500
- Zippel Bay** (NW) - 3684 54th Ave NW, Williams, MN 56686 **Phone:** (218) 783-6252

## NATIONAL PARKS, MONUMENTS AND RECREATION AREAS

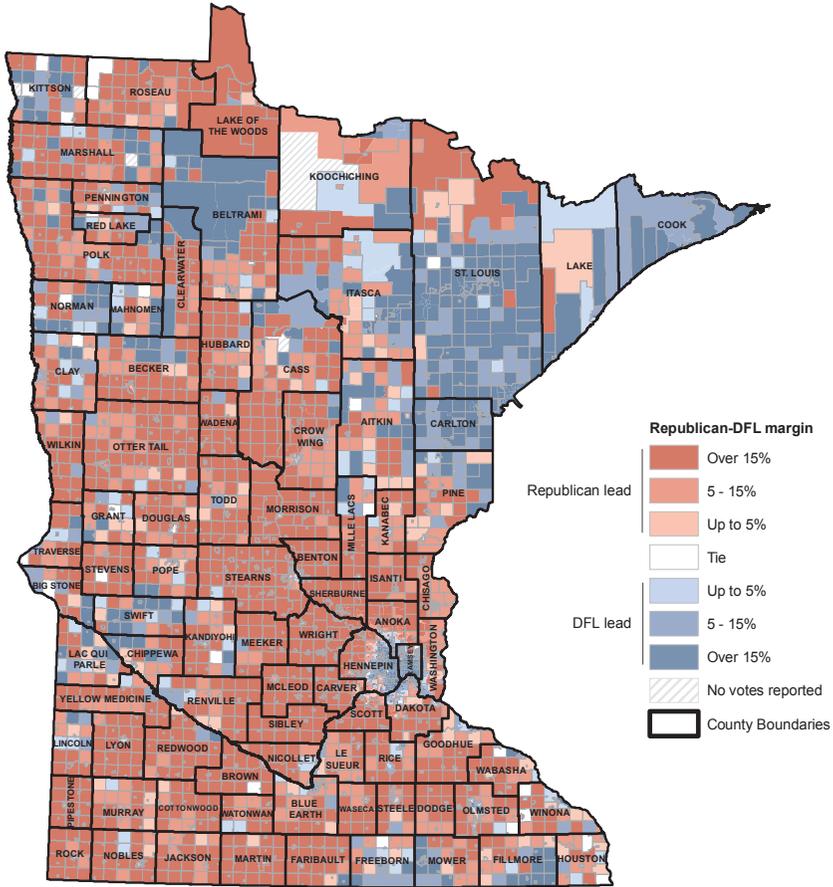
For more information on national parks in Minnesota, visit [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

- Grand Portage National Monument** - P.O. Box 426, 170 Mile Creek Rd, Grand Portage, MN 55605 **Phone:** (218) 475-0123
- Mississippi National River and Recreation Area** - 111 East Kellogg Blvd, Suite 105, St Paul, MN 55101  
**Headquarters Phone:** (651) 290-4160 **Visitor Center Phone:** (651) 293-0200
- North Country National Scenic Trail** (runs through several states including Minnesota) - 700 Rayovac Dr, Suite 100, Madison, WI 53711 **Phone:** (608) 441-5610
- Pipestone National Monument** - 36 Reservation Ave, Pipestone, MN 56164 **Phone:** (507) 825-5464
- Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway** (runs through Minnesota and Wisconsin) - 401 North Hamilton St., Saint Croix Falls, WI 54024 **Phone:** (715) 483-2274
- Voyageurs National Park** - 360 Highway 11 East, International Falls, MN 56649 **Phone:** (218) 283-6600,  
**Rainy Lake Visitor Center:** (218) 286-5258

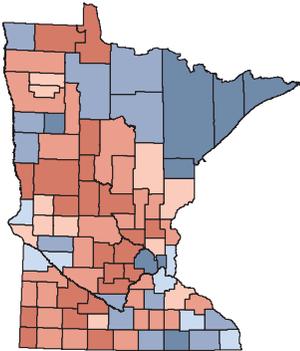
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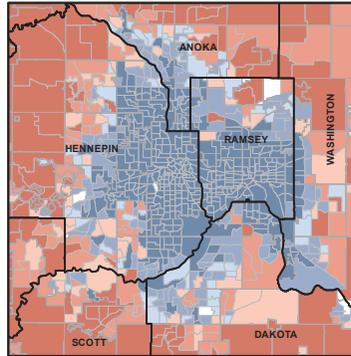
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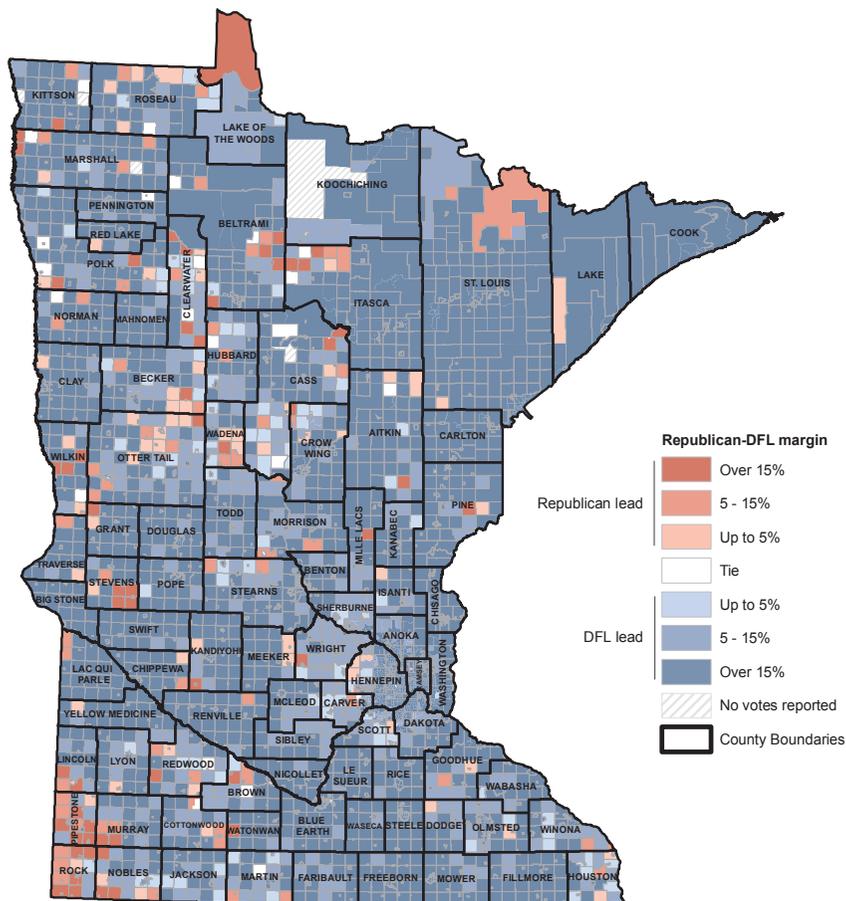
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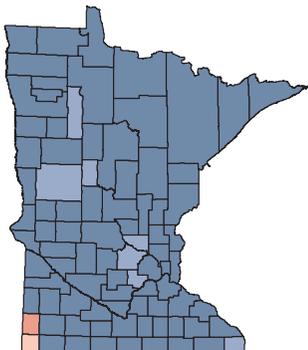
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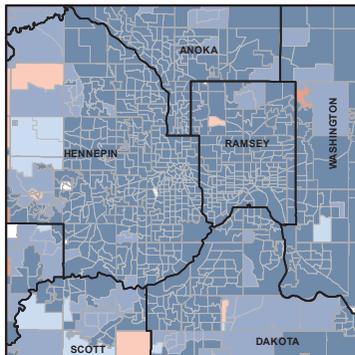
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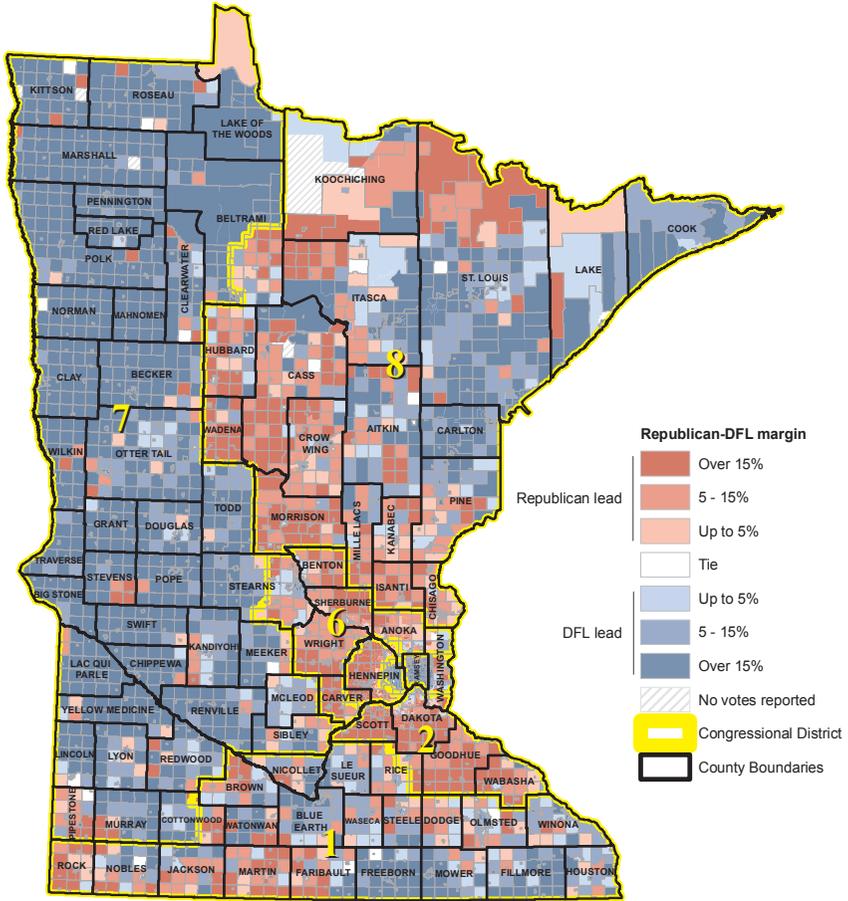
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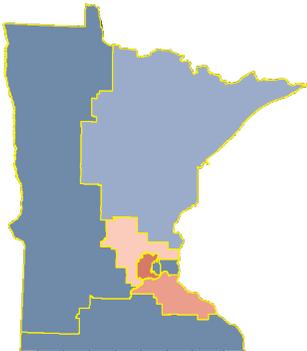
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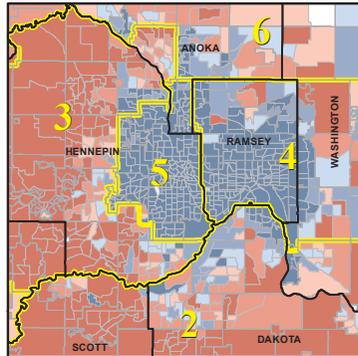
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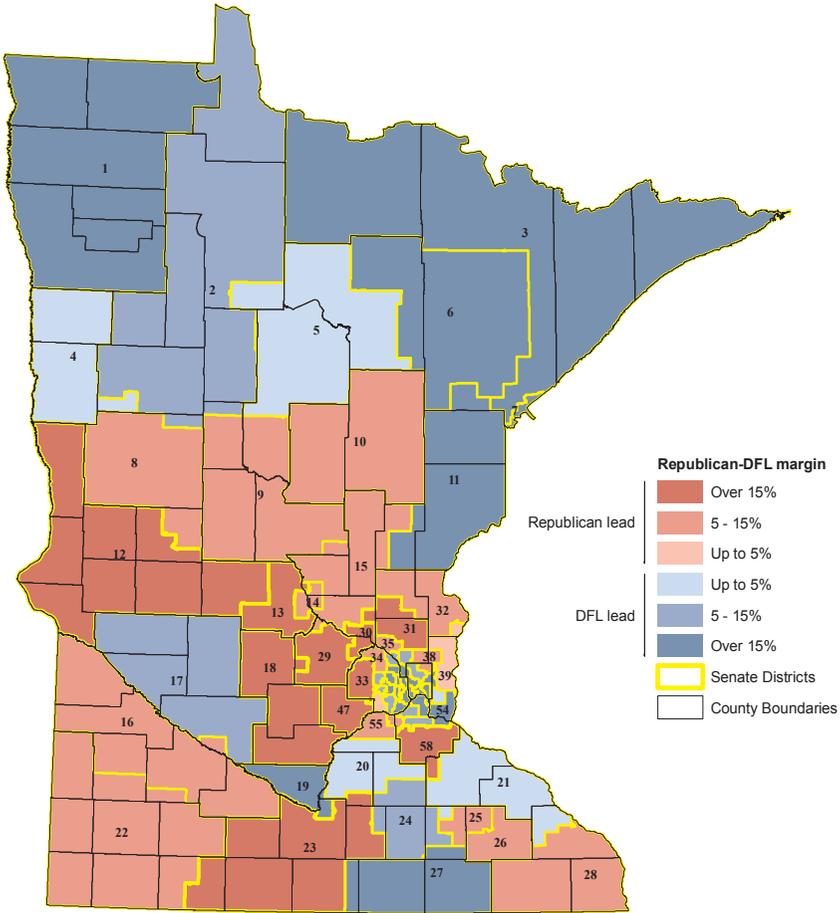
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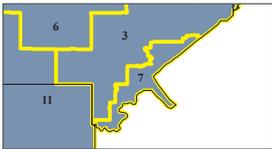
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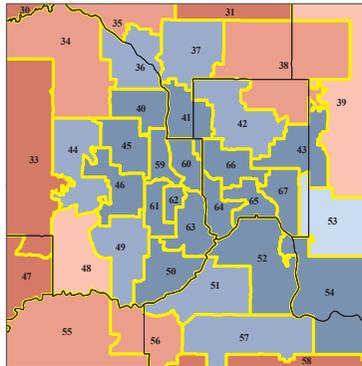
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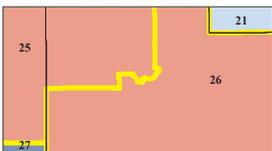
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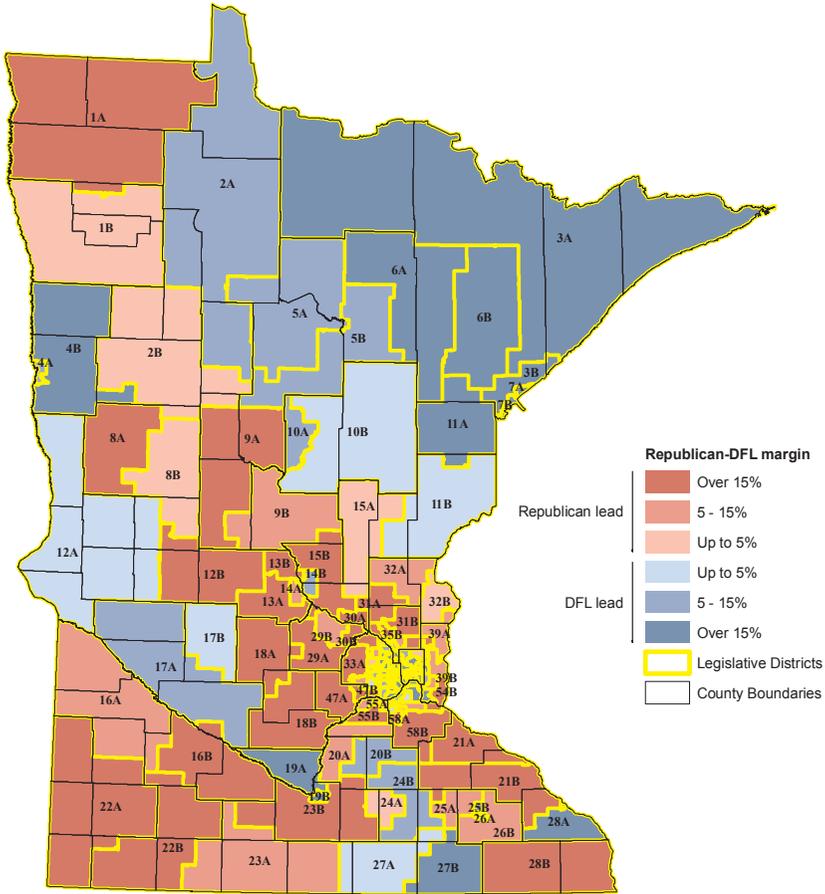
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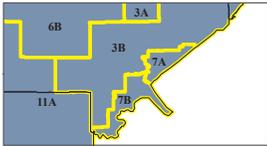
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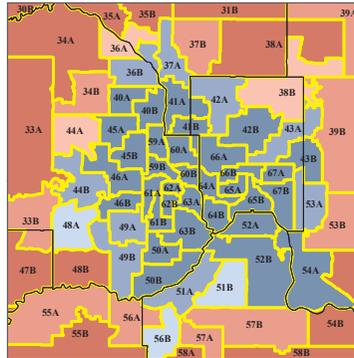
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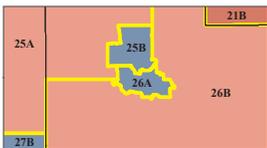
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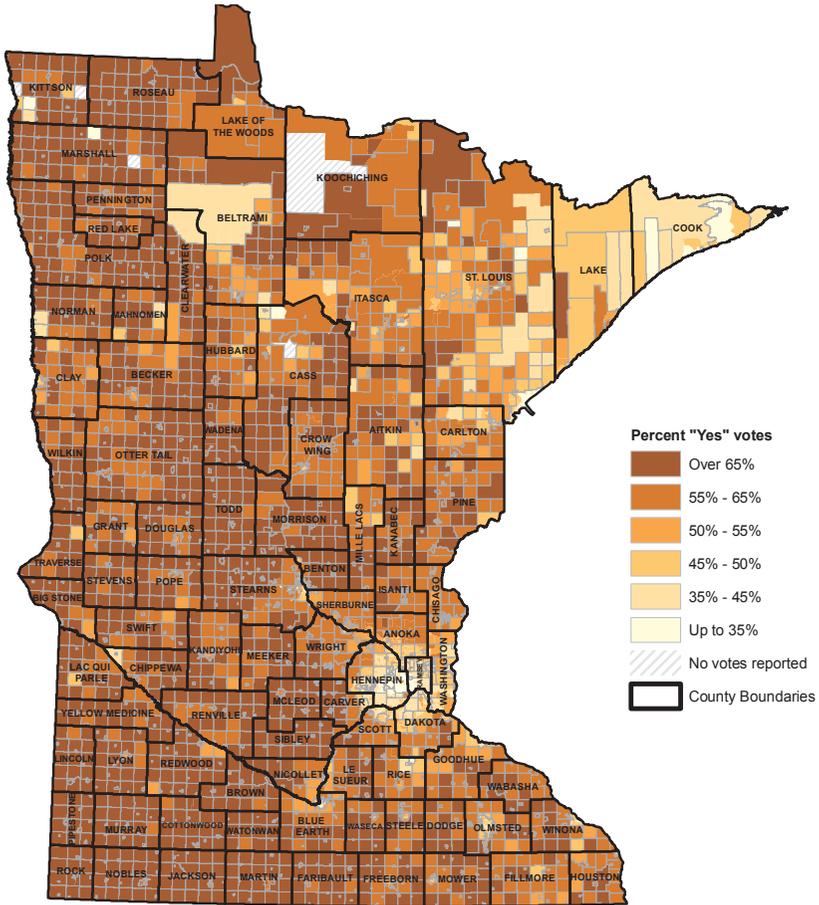


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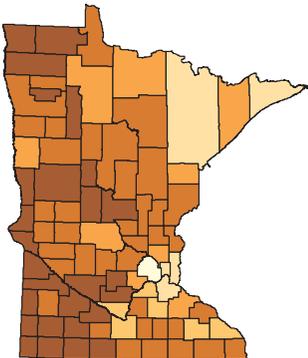


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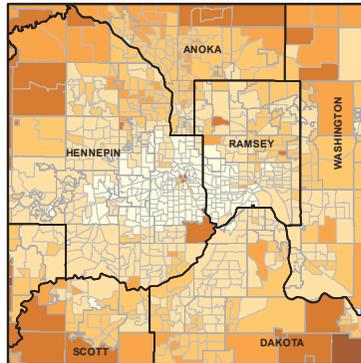
**Ballot Question:** Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to provide that only a union of one man and one woman shall be valid or recognized as a marriage in Minnesota?



Results By County

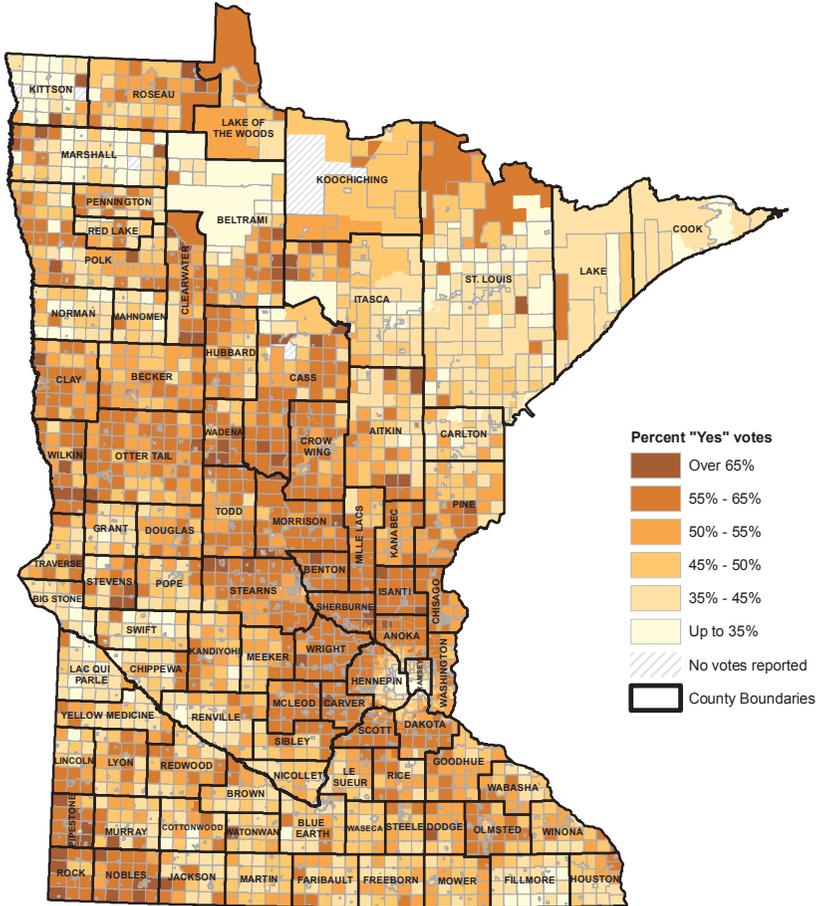


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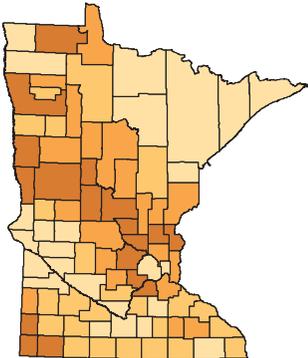


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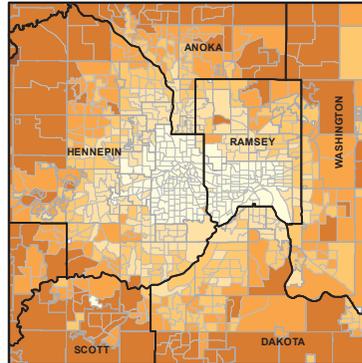
**Ballot Question:** Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to require all voters to present valid photo identification to vote and to require the state to provide free identification to eligible voters, effective July 1, 2013?



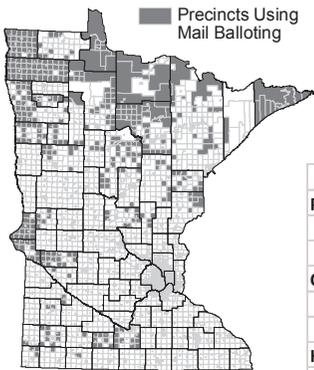
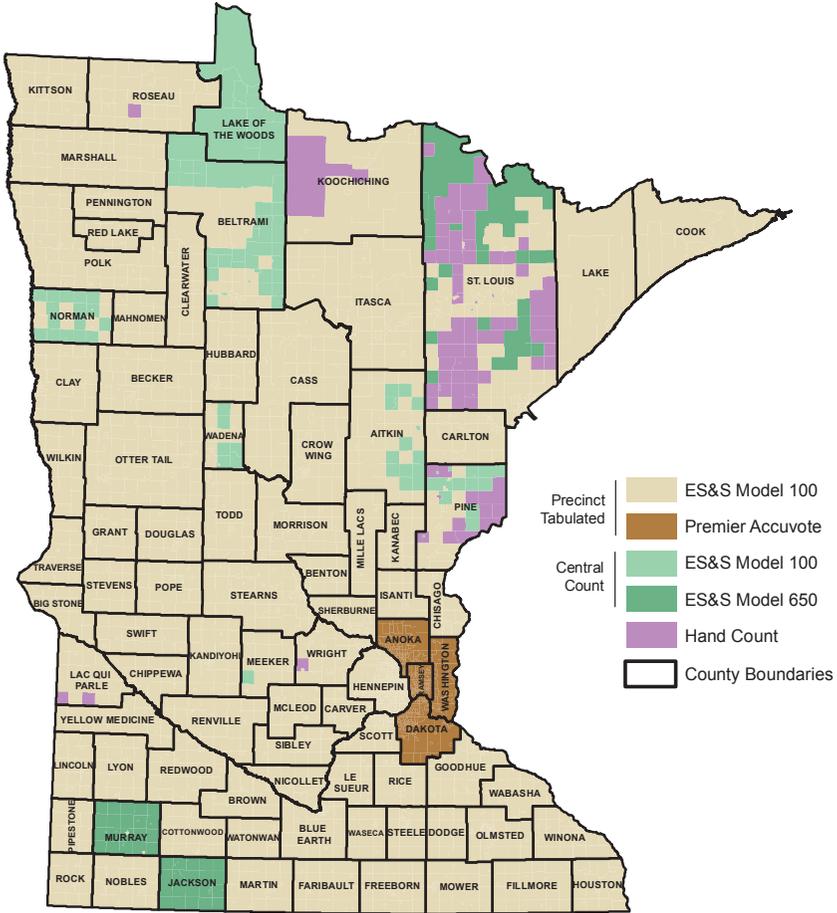
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### VOTING SYSTEMS USED BY PRECINCT GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2012



**Precinct Tabulated:** Precincts where voters in the polling place put their ballots into an optical scanner; instantaneous tabulation after polls close.  
**Central Count:** Precincts where ballots from the polling place are scanned by optical scanners and tabulated at a central location in the county after polls close.  
**Hand Count:** Precincts where ballots from the polling place are counted by hand after the polls close.

	Precincts Using		Voters Using	
<b>Precinct Tabulated</b>	<b>3,836</b>	<b>93.52%</b>	<b>2,921,892</b>	<b>99.02%</b>
ES&S Model 100	3,309	80.67%	2,082,551	70.58%
ES&S Accuvote	527	12.85%	839,341	28.44%
<b>Central Count</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>4.49%</b>	<b>19,688</b>	<b>0.67%</b>
ES&S Model 100	112	2.73%	9,635	0.33%
ES&S Model 650	72	1.76%	10,053	0.34%
<b>Hand Count</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2.00%</b>	<b>9,200</b>	<b>0.31%</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,102</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>2,950,780</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## STATE SYMBOLS

### State Song

"Hail! Minnesota," was written in 1904 by University of Minnesota students Truman E. Rickard and Arthur E. Upson. A second verse was penned in 1905. The University of Minnesota Alumni Association, owner of the copyright to the song, released its copyright to the words and music, and in 1945 the Legislature adopted "Hail Minnesota" as the state song.

### Hail Minnesota

(S. A. T. B.)

Rickard - Benciscutto

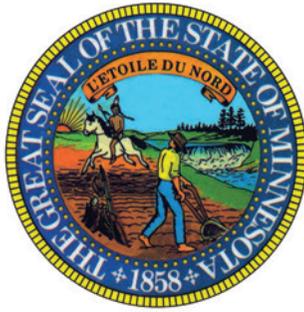
Min-ne so - ta - Hail to Thee! Hail to Thee our Col - lege  
Like the stream that bends to sea, Like the pine that seeks the

dear! blue! Thy light shall ev - er be A be - con bright and  
Min-ne so - ta, still for Thee Thy sons are stong and

clear. true Thy sons and daugh - ters true will pro -  
from their from their woods and daugh - ters fair, from their

claim Thee near and far. They will guard Thy fame and a -  
prar - ies wav - ing far, At Thy call they throng with their

dore Thou shalt be their North - ern Star!  
shout Thy and name, Thou shalt be their North - ern Star!  
and song, Hail - ing Thee their their North - ern Star!



## The Great Seal of the State of Minnesota

The Minnesota secretary of state is the keeper of the Great Seal of the state of Minnesota and affixes the seal to government documents to make them official. Just as people authenticate a document by signing their name to it, the state seal acts as the state's signature.

When Minnesota became a state on May 11, 1858, it did not have an official state seal despite a constitutional requirement to have one. Minnesota's first secretary of state, Francis Baasen, wrote to Governor Henry Sibley requesting direction on the matter. Sibley authorized Baasen to use Minnesota's previous territorial government's seal. In the meantime, Sibley began making design changes correcting errors discovered when the seal was cast in metal. He replaced a misspelled Latin motto, "Quo sursum velo videre," which means "I want to see what lies beyond" with a French motto, "L'Étoile du Nord," meaning "the star of the North." He also reversed the picture on the seal to depict the sun setting in the west instead of east. Around the seal design he placed the words, "The Great Seal of the State of Minnesota 1858." In 1861, the Legislature adopted the new design, making it the official state seal. In 1983, the Legislature altered the seal in an attempt to spell out specific design details more clearly in hopes of avoiding the wide variations that occurred in past artistic interpretations.

The Great Seal of the State of Minnesota is rich in symbolism. The sun, visible on the western horizon, signifies the flat plains covering much of the state. The cultivated ground and plow symbolize the importance of agriculture. The Mississippi River and St. Anthony Falls are depicted to note the importance of Minnesota's natural resources for trade and commerce. The three pine trees represent the state tree, the Red or Norway pine, and the three great pine regions of the state including the St. Croix, Mississippi and Lake Superior. The tree stump symbolizes the importance of Minnesota's lumber industry. The American Indian on horseback represents the great American Indian heritage of the state while the horse, spear, axe, rifle and plow represent important tools that were used for hunting and labor.

**Editor's note on the private use of the state seal, from a 1988 attorney general's interpretation of Minnesota Statutes:** *"Private individuals can reproduce the state seal for their own purposes... the private enlargement, reduction, or embossment of the seal by private citizens is not prohibited. There are a number of consumer protection statutes that could conceivably prohibit the use of the state seal if it is used to misrepresent the nature of a business, or if a person in the course of his business, vocation, or occupation engages in any conduct that creates a likelihood of confusion or of misunderstanding..."*

## Chapter One Minnesota in Profile

### State Bird

Minnesota's state bird, the loon (*Gavia immer*), was adopted by the Legislature in 1961. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.145) Loons are large black and white birds with red eyes. They have wingspans up to five feet, body lengths up to three feet, and can dive to depths of 90 feet. Its name comes from a Norwegian word that means "wild, sad cry." Approximately 12,000 loons make their summer homes in Minnesota.



Photograph provided by the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources

### State Butterfly

The monarch butterfly (*Danaus plexippus*), also known as the milkweed butterfly, was adopted as the state's official butterfly in 2000. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.1497) The monarch is one of the few butterfly species that migrates with the change in seasons. Approximately four generations of monarchs are born in Minnesota each summer and live roughly four weeks; the exception is the last generation of the season, which survives for six months. Monarch caterpillars feed almost exclusively on milkweed, which grows throughout Minnesota.



Photograph provided by the Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources

### State Drink and Muffin



Milk was adopted as the official state drink in 1984. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.1495) Our state produces 8.7 billion pounds of milk a year (4.7 percent of the nation's total) and ranks sixth in dairy production among the states.

The blueberry muffin was adopted as the official muffin of the state of Minnesota in 1988. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.1496)

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### State Fish



After being first proposed to be the state fish in 1953, the walleye (*Stizostedion vitreum*) was adopted in 1965. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.146) This popular game fish is found throughout Minnesota in lakes and rivers. The largest walleye ever caught in Minnesota weighed 17 pounds, 8 ounces.

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## State Flag



Photograph provided by  
Rachel Rudy

The Minnesota state flag is royal blue with a gold fringe. In the center of the flag is the state seal. Around the state seal is a wreath of the state flower, the lady slipper. Three dates are woven into the wreath: 1819, the year Fort Snelling was established; 1858, the year Minnesota became a state; and 1893, the year the official flag was adopted. Nineteen stars ring the wreath, symbolizing that Minnesota was the 19th state to enter the Union after the original 13. The largest star represents the North Star and Minnesota. The present state flag was adopted by the Legislature in 1957. (*Minnesota Statutes 1.141*)

## State Flower

From the earliest days, the Legislature wanted the pink and white lady slipper (*Cyprideum reginae*) to be the state flower. However, in 1893, the Legislature passed a resolution mistakenly naming the wild lady slipper as the state flower. In 1967, the Legislature made the pink and white lady slipper a state symbol. (*Minnesota Statutes 1.142*) One of Minnesota's rarest wildflowers, this plant thrives in open swamps, bogs and damp woods. Lady slippers grow slowly, taking four to 16 years to produce their first flowers, which bloom in late June or early July. The plants live for up to 50 years and grow up to four feet tall.



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University of Minnesota, David L. Hansen

## State Fruit

The Honeycrisp™ apple was adopted as the state fruit in 2006. (*Minnesota Statutes 1.1475*) It was produced from a 1960 cross of Macoun and Honeygold apples, as part of a University of Minnesota apple-breeding program to develop a winter-hardy tree with high quality fruit. Honeycrisp apples are about three inches in diameter, have an exceptionally crisp and juicy texture, and are harvested from September 15 to October 10 in east-central Minnesota.

## State Gemstone

The Lake Superior agate was named the official state gemstone in 1969. (*Minnesota Statutes 1.147*) This beautiful quartz stone is banded with rich red and orange colors derived from iron ore in the soil. These agates are normally about the size of a pea, but can be as large as 20 pounds. Dispersed throughout Minnesota by glaciers in the last Ice Age, these agates can be found on the banks of rivers, in gravel pits, or in other places where pebbles and gravel abound.



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Minnesota Dept. of Natural Resources

## State Grain



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Wild rice (*Zizania aquatica*), was adopted as the official state grain in 1977. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.148) This aquatic grass is not related to common rice and was a staple food for Minnesota's American Indian tribes for centuries. Wild rice is still harvested from lakes in the traditional way, by canoe. However, people interested in harvesting wild rice in Minnesota must purchase a wild ricing license, similar to a fishing or hunting license. Today, as in the past, much of the wild rice produced in the world comes from Minnesota.

## State Mushroom

*Morchella esculenta*, commonly known as the morel, sponge mushroom or honeycomb morel, was adopted in 1984 as the official state mushroom. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.149) Morels are edible and considered a rare delicacy. They grow two to six inches high, are creamy tan or shades of brown and gray in color, and boast pitted, spongy heads, smooth stems and hollow interiors. In the spring, morels can often be found in southeastern Minnesota fields and forests.

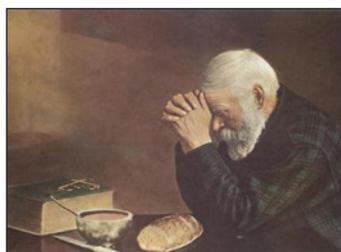


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## State Photograph

The photograph "Grace," depicting an elderly man bowing his head and giving thanks, taken by Eric Enstrom in 1918 in Bovey, Minnesota, was adopted as the official state photograph in 2002. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.1498)

A copy of the photograph, presented to the state by Enstrom's daughter, Rhoda Nyberg, is on display in the secretary of state's office in St. Paul.



Source: [www.gracebyenstrom.com/index.html](http://www.gracebyenstrom.com/index.html)

## State Soil



Photograph provided by Gary Elsner, MAPSS

First proposed in 1939, Lester soil became the official state soil in 2012. (*Minnesota Statutes* 1.485) Lester soils are well-drained, have a dark grayish brown surface with clay loam and loam subsoils. The characteristics of this soil developed from both grasslands and forests. This soil is a valuable resource for forage, corn and soybean production. Lester soil can be found in 16 central and south-central Minnesota counties.



Photograph provided by Jim Rosvold

## State Sport

The 2009 Legislature designated ice hockey as the official state sport of Minnesota. (*Minnesota Statutes 1.1499*)



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## State Tree

The Red or Norway pine (*Pinus resinosa*) became the official state tree in 1953. (*Minnesota Statutes 1.143*) Red pines can live to be 400 years old and can reach heights of nearly 150 feet with a trunk up to five feet in diameter. Its needles are four to six inches long and grow in pairs.

Red pines when small are popular as Christmas trees, and are harvested for use as structural timber and pulpwood when mature. They also make suitable poles, pilings, mining timbers and railroad ties.

## STATE HISTORIC SITES

The following historic sites are maintained and operated by the Minnesota Historical Society. For more information, go to [www.mnhs.org](http://www.mnhs.org) or call (651) 259-3000.

Alexander Ramsey House, St. Paul  
 Birch Coulee Battlefield, Morton  
 Comstock House, Moorhead  
 Forest History Center, Grand Rapids  
 Fort Ridgely, Fairfax  
 Grand Mound, International Falls  
 Harkin Store, New Ulm  
 Historic Forestville, Preston  
 Historic Fort Snelling, St. Paul  
 James J. Hill House, St. Paul  
 Jeffers Petroglyphs, Jeffers  
 Lac qui Parle Mission, Montevideo  
 Lindbergh House, Little Falls

Lower Sioux Agency, Morton  
 Mille Lacs Indian Museum, Onamia  
 Minnehaha Depot, Minneapolis  
 Minnesota State Capitol, St. Paul  
 North West Company Fur Post, Pine City  
 Oliver H. Kelley Farm, Elk River  
 St. Anthony Falls, Minneapolis  
 Sibley Historic Site, Mendota  
 Split Rock Lighthouse, Two Harbors  
 W. H. C. Folsom House, Taylors Falls  
 W. W. Mayo House, Le Sueur  
 William G. LeDuc House, Hastings

## Governor's Residence



The governor's residence, located at 1006 Summit Avenue in Saint Paul, is the official home of the governor's family. The 20-room, 16,000-square-foot English Tudor mansion was donated to the state of Minnesota in 1965. Designed by Minneapolis architect William Channing Whitney, the residence has nine bedrooms, eight bathrooms, nine fireplaces, and sits on 1.5 acres of land. Five people work at the residence: the manager, assistant manager, chef, housekeeper and groundskeeper. Free guided public tours are typically available during the summer months. For more information, visit the Minnesota State Department of Administration website.

### *~ Voting in Minnesota ~*

#### **Lincoln's Letter on Soldiers' Voting to Sherman in the Field**

During the Civil War, the Republican Party encouraged soldiers to vote, either by providing opportunities to travel home or supplying machinery to vote in the field. Even though some states had made strides since the 1862 election to allow absentee or proxy voting, many Union soldiers were unable to vote. Of the approximate one million Union soldiers, only 150,000 or roughly 15 percent were able to vote absentee from the field in 1864. Of Union soldiers able to cast absentee ballots, 78 percent voted for Abraham Lincoln.

To General W. T. Sherman.

Major-General Sherman:

The State election of Indiana occurs on the 11th of October, and the loss of it, to the friends of the Government would go far toward losing the whole Union cause. The bad effect upon the November election, and especially the giving the State government to those who will oppose the war in every possible way, are too much to risk if it can be avoided. The draft proceeds, notwithstanding its strong tendency to lose us the State. Indiana is the only important State voting in October whose soldiers cannot vote in the field. Anything you can safely do to let her soldiers, or any part of them, go home and vote at the State election will be greatly in point. They need not remain for the Presidential election, but may return to you at once. This is in no sense an order, but is merely intended to impress you with the importance to the Army itself of your doing all you safely can, yourself being the judge of what you can safely do.

Yours truly, A. LINCOLN.