

Snapshot of a Changing Minnesota

“Minnesota is changing, though we are still less diverse than the nation.”

— *Tom Gillaspay, State Demographer*

In 2000, 9% of Minnesotans identified as “nonwhite.”

The State Demographic Center projects that between 2005 and 2015, this population will grow 35%, compared to 11% for the white population.

Projections indicate that people of color will be 13% of the population by 2015 and 16% by 2030.

- The black/African American population is projected to increase 64% between 2000 and 2015 and 115% by 2030.
- The American Indian population is projected to increase by 32% by 2015.
- The Latino population is projected to grow by 98% between 2000 and 2015, and to almost triple over 30 years.

People who identify as bi- or multi-racial are projected to increase their numbers by 243% by 2030.

Between 2005 and 2010, projections show a total state population gain of 255,000. About 38 percent of the total gain will occur among the nonwhite population.

Minnesota has the largest Hmong, Somali, and Liberian communities in the U.S. and the second-largest Tibetan population.

And Minnesota’s black population is growing five times faster than the nation’s black population.

Nonwhites and Latinos are younger than white Minnesotans, and this trend will continue. Projections show that in 2015, 19 percent of children under age 15 will be nonwhite, compared to only 5 percent of people over age 65.

Minnesota’s foreign-born population more than doubled during the 1990s, and then increased by another 36.3% between 2000 and 2006. [Federation for Immigrant Reform]

In Minneapolis, Latinos and Mexican Americans make up almost 10% of the population. Nearly 20% of Minneapolis residents are African American; and Minneapolis has one of the largest urban Native American populations in the United States.

In the 7-county Twin Cities metro area, the immigrant population increased by about 270 percent between 1980 and 2005 [Brookings Institution Report].

For the full report of the Minnesota State Demographic Center, go to:

<http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/resource.html?Id=10959>