



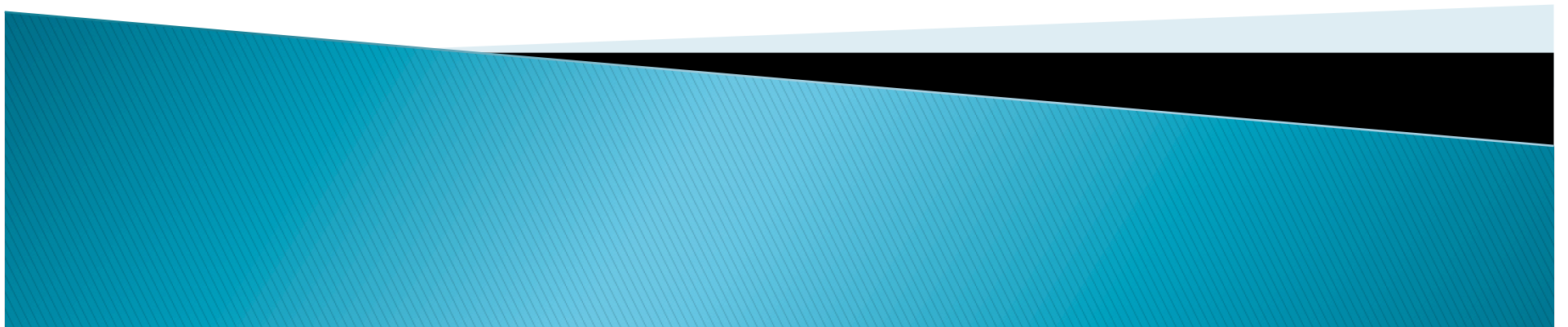
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Rural Caucus Report

An overview of rural Minnesota

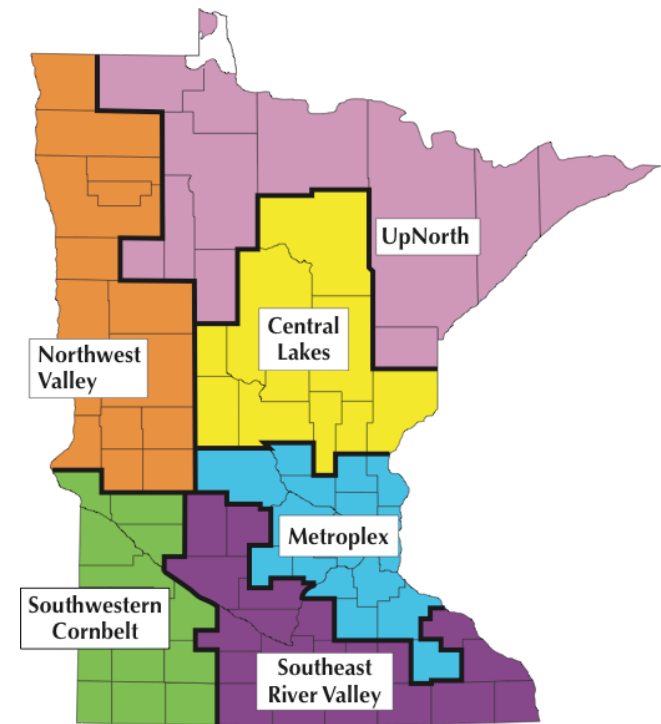
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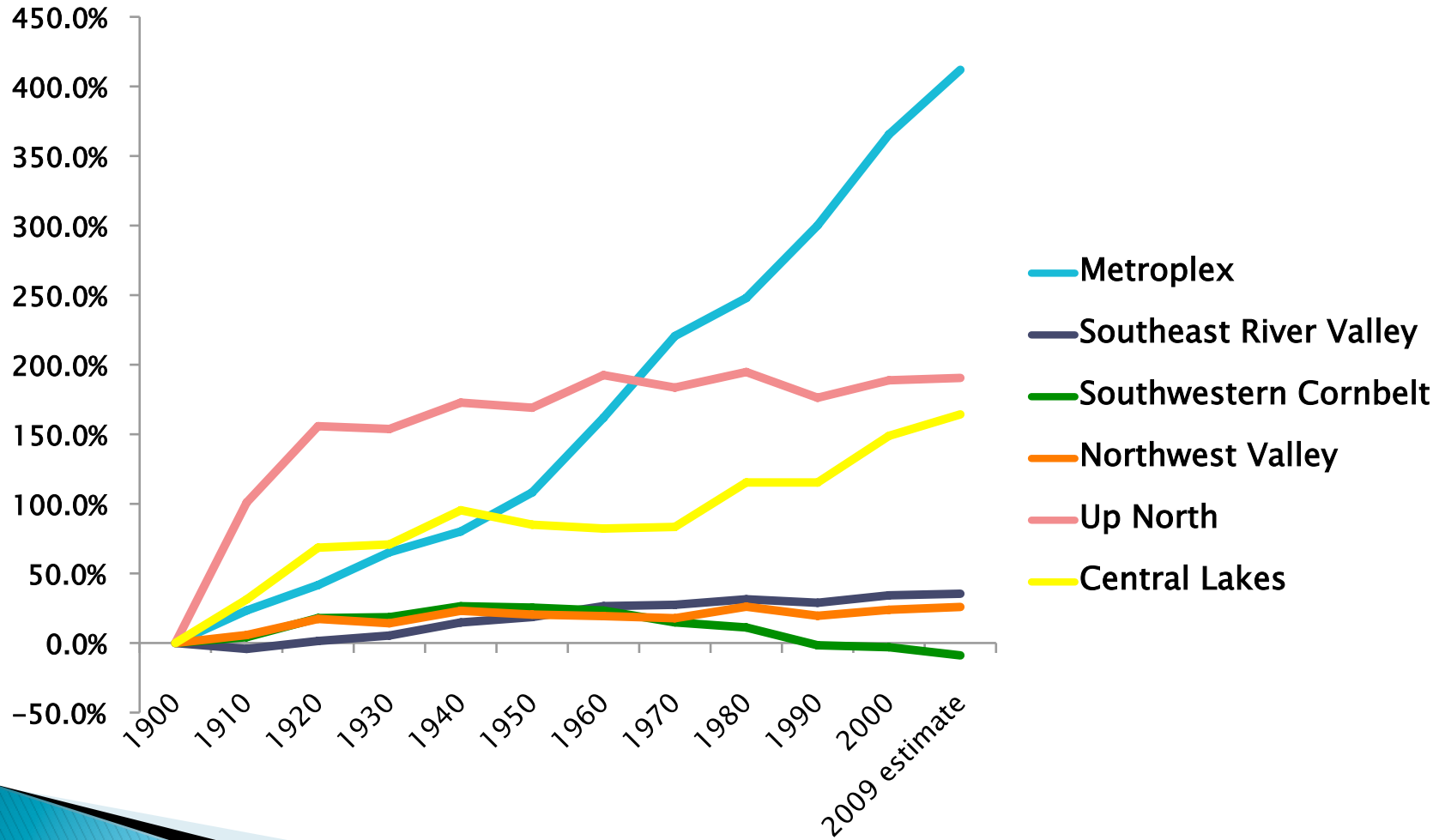
Introduction

- ▶ In 1997, a group of rural Minnesota advocates came together to create a rural policy “think tank” that would provide policy makers, rural advocates and concerned citizens an objective, unbiased and politically “unspun” examination of contemporary rural issues.
- ▶ The Center for Rural Policy and Development, based in St. Peter, was founded as a non-partisan, non-profit policy research organization dedicated to providing Minnesota’s policy makers with an unbiased evaluation of issues from a rural perspective. Today the Center is recognized as a leading resource for rural policy research and development.
- ▶ The Center’s board of directors come from all over the state, representing a variety of interests. Fifteen are appointed by the Governor and represent different aspects of rural Minnesota, while Five are at-large positions that are nominated and voted on by the directors themselves.

- ▶ This presentation is an overview of some of the major characteristics and trends of Minnesota's people and economy using data on population, the economy, housing, education and health.
- ▶ We divided the state into regions using a map developed for the Center by State Demographer Tom Gillaspay and State Economist Tom Stinson for the January 2006 issue of the *Rural Minnesota Journal*.
- ▶ Known as “plexes,” these regions are based on not just geography, but on economic and landscape characteristics.
- ▶ The following tables, maps and charts (with data drawn largely from the Center's *Atlas of Minnesota Online*) outline a broad picture of Minnesota and its variations from region to region.



Growth of Minnesota's regions, 1900 to 2009

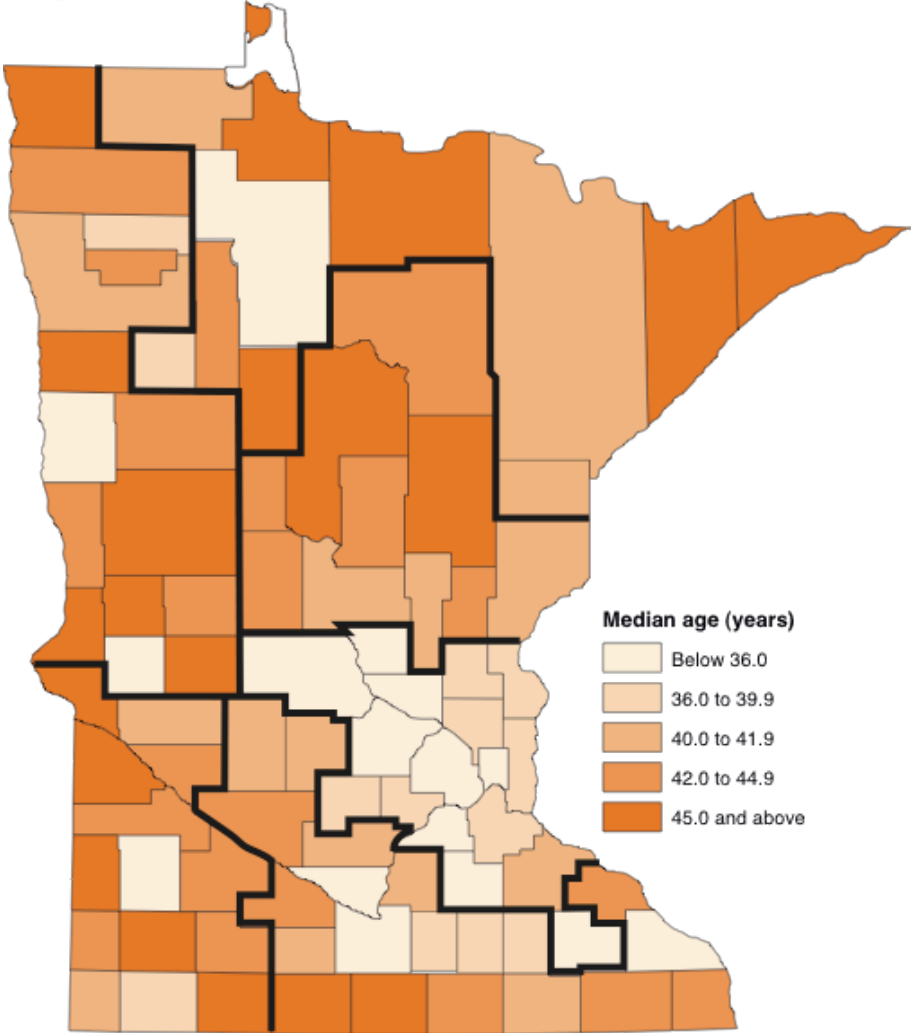


Demographics

Table 1: Population change, 1960–2009 (U.S. Census)

Region	Population, 1960	Population, 2009 (estimated)	Percent change
Metroplex	1,854,630	3,624,990	95.5%
Southeast River Valley	507,663	543,416	7.0%
Southwestern Cornbelt	218,331	161,345	-26.1%
Northwest Valley	271,849	286,806	5.5%
Up North	359,839	357,356	-0.7%
Central Lakes	201,552	292,301	45.0%
Minnesota	3,413,864	5,266,214	54.3%

Median Age, 2009



Data source:
U.S. Census Bureau
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Table 2: Projected population change, 2009–2035 (Minn. State Demographic Center)

Region	Population, 2009 (estimated)	Projected population, 2035	Percent change
Metroplex	3,624,990	4,569,350	26.1%
Southeast River Valley	543,416	613,890	13.0%
Southwestern Cornbelt	161,345	160,740	-0.4%
Northwest Valley	286,806	333,790	16.4%
Up North	357,356	398,300	11.5%
Central Lakes	292,301	369,420	26.4%
Minnesota	5,266,214	6,446,270	22.4%

Table 3: Number of incorporated cities by population (U.S. Census)

Cities with population of:	1990 Census	2000 Census	2005 Estimate	2009 Estimate
100,000 and over	2	2	2	3
50,000–99,999	7	12	14	15
20,000–49,999	29	32	34	34
10,000–19,999	35	37	41	41
5,000–9,999	41	43	49	50
1,000–4,999	203	205	205	206
500–999	157	145	140	137
Under 500	388	374	370	369
Total inc. cities	862	850	855	855

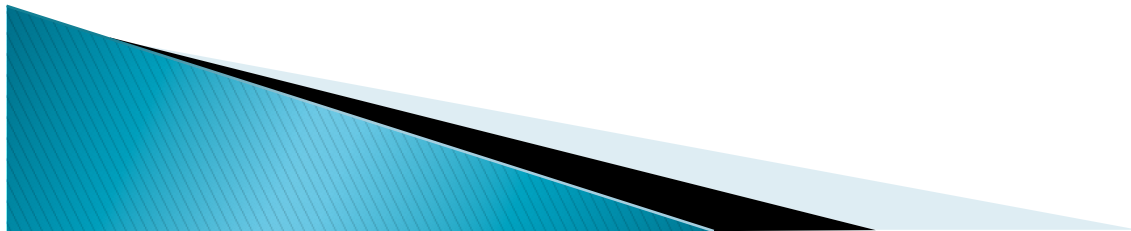


Table 4: Non-white population (U.S. Census Bureau)

Region	Total population, 2009 (estimated)	White Alone	Minority	Percent minority
Metroplex	3,624,990	3,110,491	514,499	14.2%
Southeast River Valley	543,416	524,440	18,976	3.5%
Southwestern Cornbelt	161,345	152,706	8,639	5.4%
Northwest Valley	286,806	274,429	12,377	4.3%
Up North	357,356	325,238	32,118	9.0%
Central Lakes	292,301	277,399	14,902	5.1%
Minnesota	5,266,214	4,664,703	601,511	11.4%

Table 5: 16 counties that experienced population growth between 1990 and 2009 due to growth in their minority populations (U.S. Census Bureau).

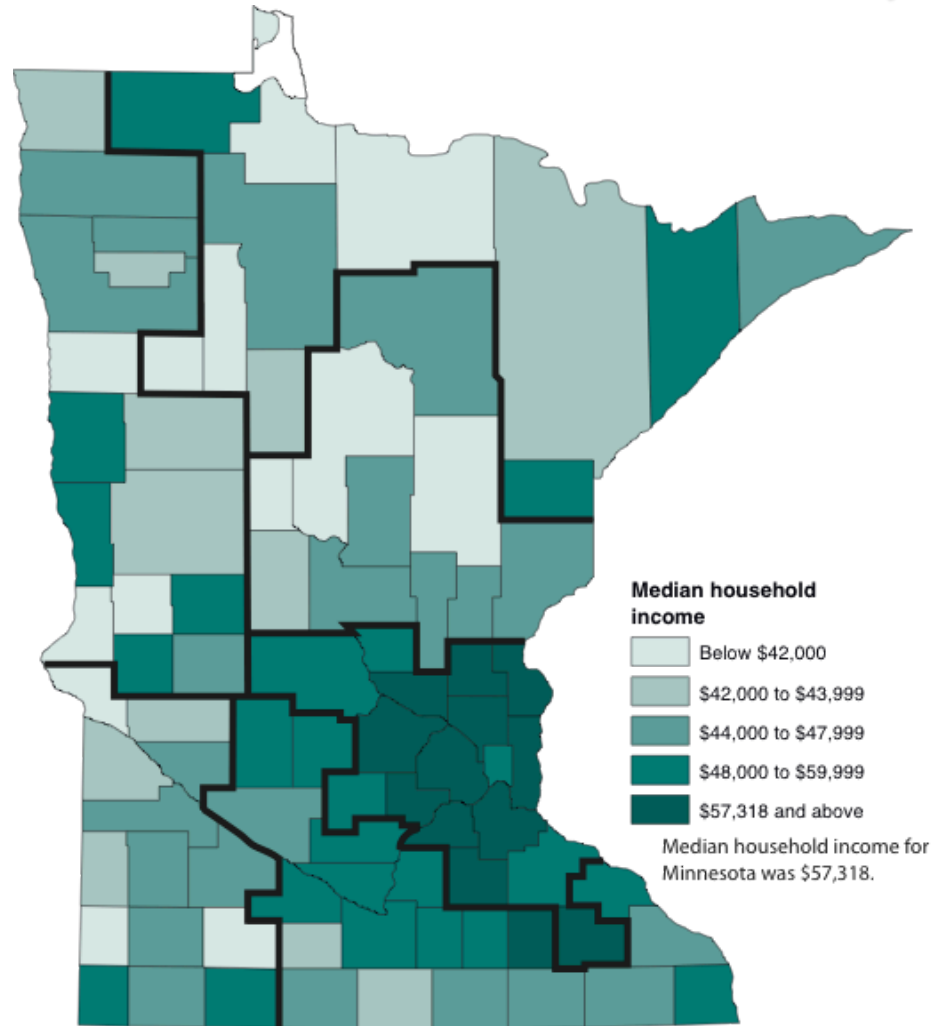
County	Decrease in white population	Increase in minority population	Net change in total population
Fillmore	-71	260	189
<i>Hennepin</i>	-63,220	167,013	103,793
Kandiyohi	-1,060	3,249	2,189
Lake	-12	348	336
Lyon	-1,951	2,072	121
Mahnomen	-939	946	7
Mower	-3,223	3,957	734
Nobles	-3,995	4,175	180
Pennington	-68	512	444
<i>Ramsey</i>	-60,946	75,617	14,671
Sibley	-574	1,209	635
Swift	-594	760	166
Todd	-639	1,244	605
Wadena	-170	359	189
Waseca	-139	1,301	1,162
Winona	-102	1,832	1,730

Economics

Table 6: Per-capita earned income (Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2008)

Region	Per-capita earnings
Metroplex	\$47,053
Southeast River Valley	\$32,683
Southwestern Cornbelt	\$29,917
Northwest Valley	\$31,002
Up North	\$34,686
Central Lakes	\$29,636
Minnesota	\$42,328

Median Household Income, 2008



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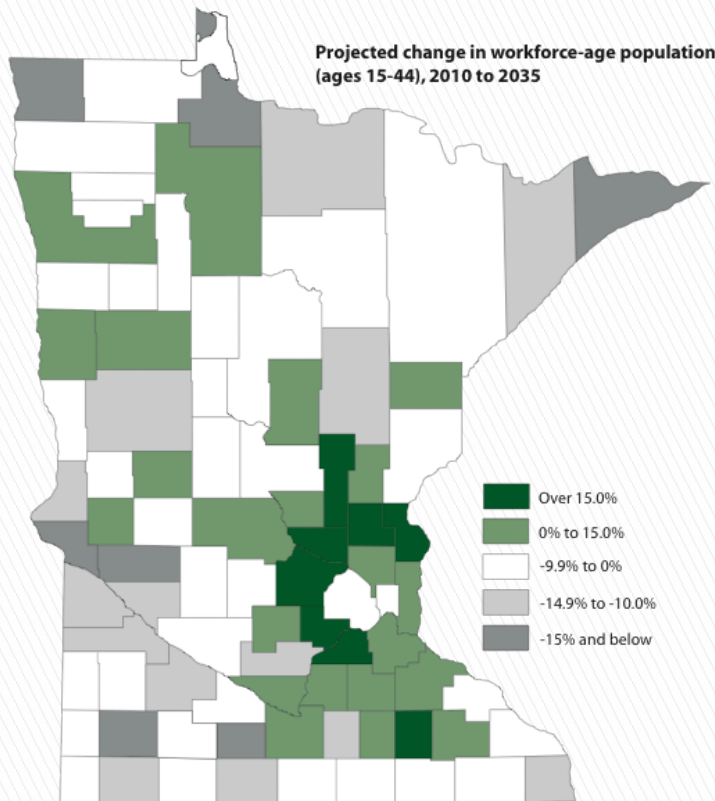
Table 7: Workforce and earnings in the manufacturing sector (Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2008)

Region	Manufacturing workforce	Percent of total workforce	Per-capita earnings from manufacturing
Metroplex	244,908	9.6%	\$78,101
Southeast River Valley	53,261	15.4%	\$50,164
Southwestern Cornbelt	13,288	11.8%	\$44,682
Northwest Valley	15,588	8.7%	\$45,932
Up North	17,864	8.2%	\$54,603
Central Lakes	11,760	7.4%	\$43,850
Minnesota	356,671	10.0%	\$68,980

Table 8: Workforce and earnings in farming (Bureau of Economic analysis, 2008)

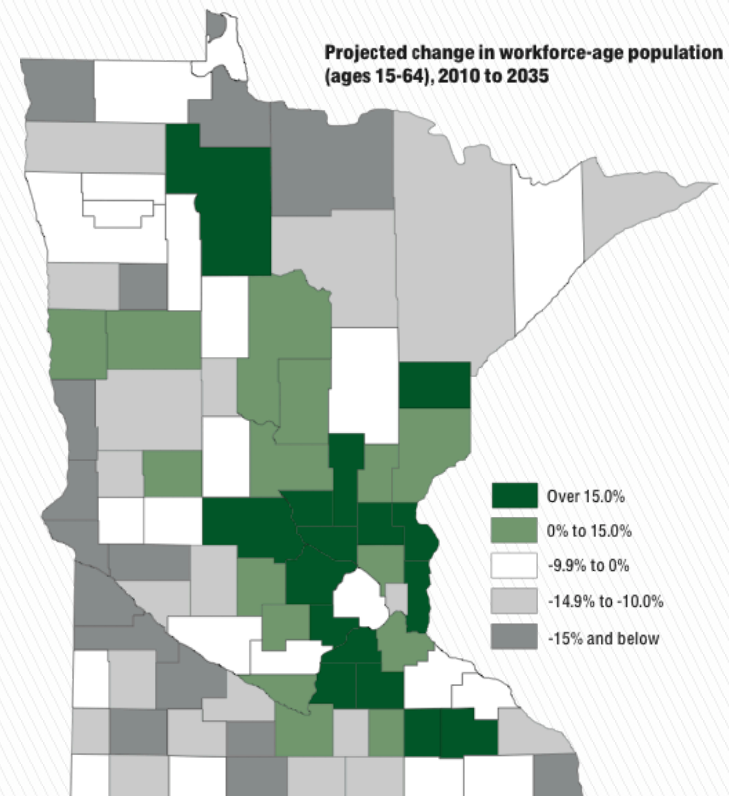
Region	Farming Workforce	Percent of total workforce	Per-capita earnings from farming
Metroplex	22,478	0.9%	\$13,930
Southeast River Valley	26,277	7.6%	\$32,178
Southwestern Cornbelt	14,529	12.9%	\$38,449
Northwest Valley	17,246	9.6%	\$23,626
Up North	5,756	2.6%	\$12,644
Central Lakes	10,726	6.8%	\$5,457
Minnesota	96,349	2.7%	\$23,415

Projected change in workforce-age population, 2010–2035



Data source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2007

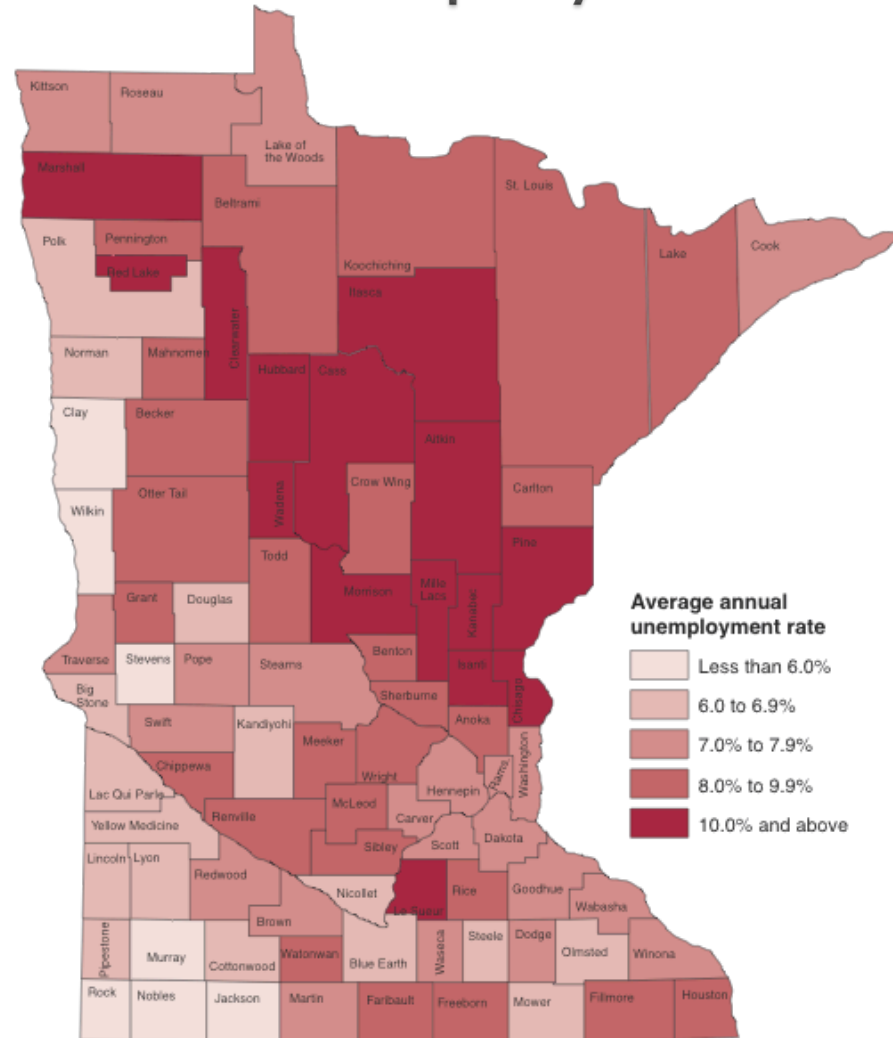
Population age 15–44



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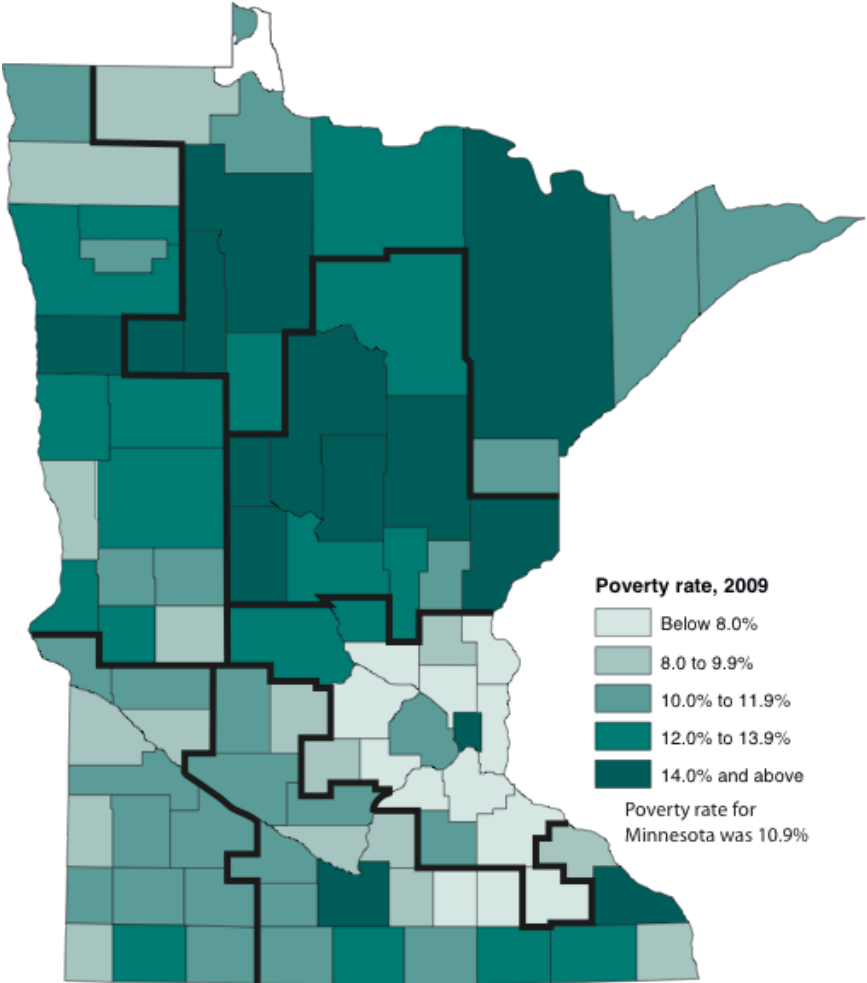
Population age 15–64

Average Annual Unemployment Rate, 2009



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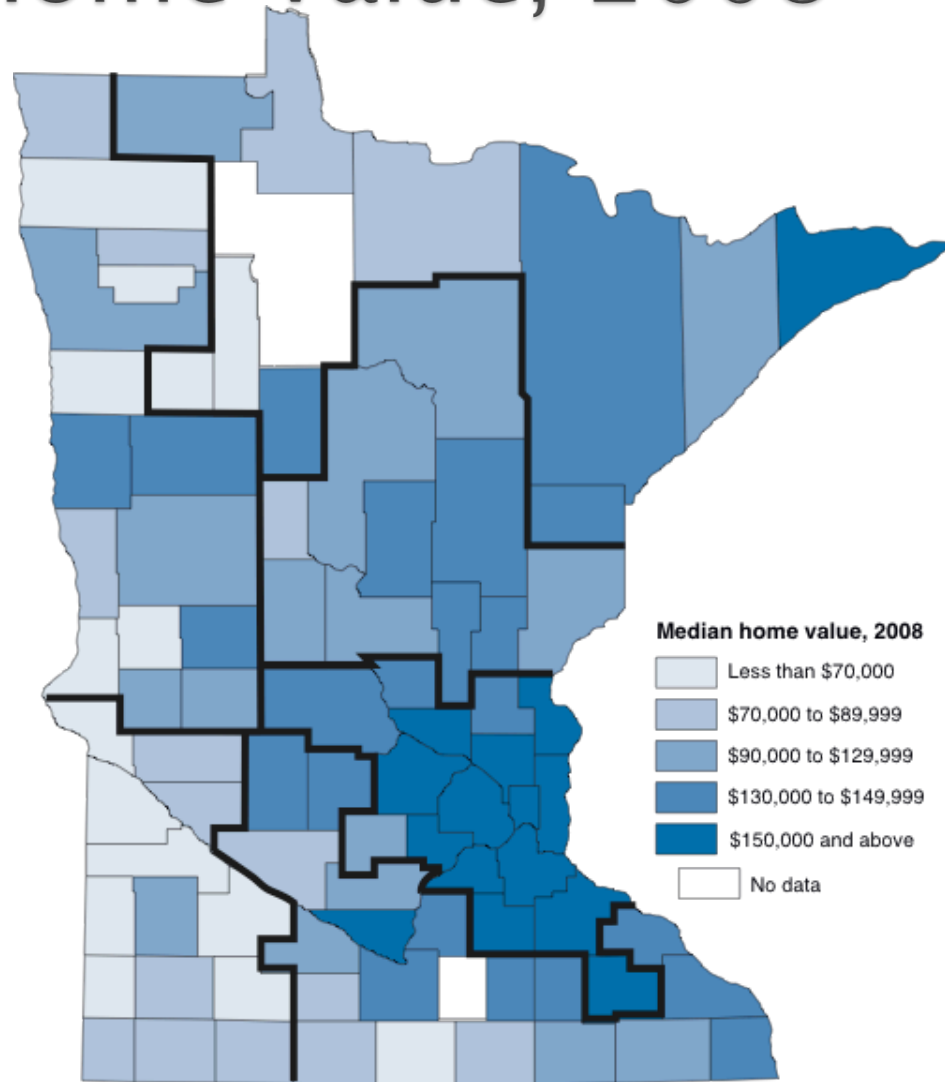
Poverty rate, 2009



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Median Home Value, 2008



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Health

Table 9: Percent of population enrolled in MinnesotaCare, based on average monthly enrollment for 2009 (Minnesota Department of Human Services, 2010)

Region	Percent of population enrolled in MinnesotaCare
Metroplex	1.7%
Southeast River Valley	2.1%
Southwestern Cornbelt	2.5%
Northwest Valley	3.1%
Up North	3.2%
Central Lakes	4.4%
Minnesota	2.1%

*Table 10: Nursing homes per 1,000 residents and 1,000 seniors
(Minnesota Department of Health, 2010)*

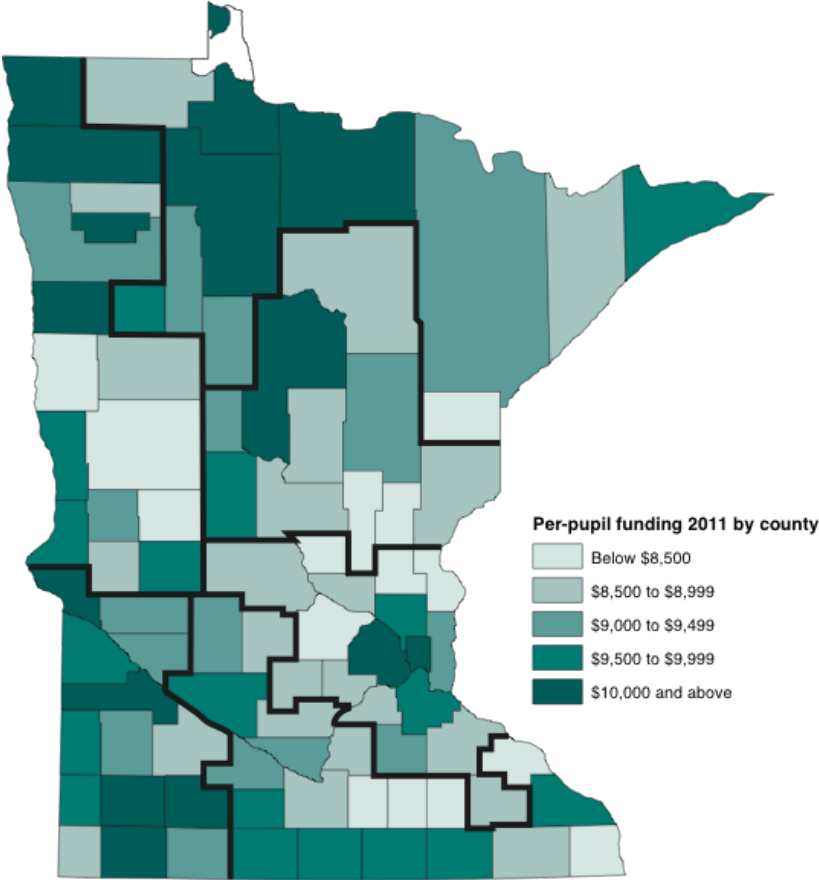
Region	Total nursing home beds	Nursing home beds per 1,000 residents	Nursing home beds per 1,000 seniors (age 65+)
Metroplex	16,783	4.6	42.9
Southeast River Valley	4,921	9.1	57.0
Southwestern Cornbelt	2,336	14.5	75.7
Northwest Valley	3,221	11.2	63.0
Up North	2,871	8.0	49.3
Central Lakes	1,853	6.3	34.6
Minnesota	31,985	6.1	47.7

Education

Table 11: Student-teacher ratio (Minnesota Department of Education, 2009)

Region	Total enrollment	Total teachers or Full-Time Equivalent	Students per teacher
Metroplex	580,264	35,344.5	16.4
Southeast River Valley	83,656	5,668.2	14.8
Southwestern Cornbelt	26,783	2,005.8	13.4
Northwest Valley	43,156	3,025.8	14.3
Up North	52,358	3,534.1	14.8
Central Lakes	47,324	3,106.8	15.2
Minnesota	833,541	52,685.1	15.8

2011 Per-pupil funding



Data source:
Minnesota Department of Education
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