



Board Workshop / Discussion Agenda

15 West Kellogg Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55102
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November 9, 2021 - 10:30 a.m.

Virtual meeting

WORKSHOP

1. **Redistricting in 2022**

[2021-617](#)

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Attachment

1. Presentation
2. Presentation - Minnesota State Demographic Center

Redistricting in 2022

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Agenda

- Introductions and purpose of workshop.
Deputy County Manager, Karen Francois
County Auditor-Treasurer, Heather Bestler
- Presentation from the State's Demographic Center.
Senior Demographer, Megan Dayton, MN Demographic Center
- Redistricting information.
Elections Manager, David Triplett
 - Review redistricting timeline and our responsibilities.
 - Implications of redistricting.
 - Discuss role of a consultant and internal committee.
 - Legislative and judicial updates.

Purpose of this workshop

- Gain a better understanding of the current demographics in Ramsey County.
- Provide information on the redistricting process.
- Review the county's responsibilities.



Presentation by Megan Dayton, Senior Demographer

Background Information

What is redistricting?

It's the process of redrawing the boundaries of election districts to ensure that the people of each district are equally represented.

When does it happen?

It is typically done in the United States every ten years, after the completion of the Census. In Minnesota, redistricting must be completed before the state primary in August and generally is completed in the winter or spring.

Who is responsible?

Each level of government is responsible for completing these duties. The Minnesota Legislature, cities, school districts, and counties all have redistricting responsibilities.

Responsibilities

- The Minnesota Legislature will first draw the state's congressional and legislative districts.
- Cities and townships will then draw their ward and precinct boundaries.
- Using the precinct boundaries established by the cities and townships, the counties and school districts will draw their districts.

County Responsibilities

- Duties of the county auditor:
 - Provide state legislative plans to cities.
 - Update the city and commissioner plans into the Statewide Voter Registration System and ensure voters are in the correct precincts.
 - Send notice to voters of these changes.
- Duties of the county board:
 - Re-establish or redistrict commissioner districts using the municipal precinct boundaries.

Implications of Redistricting

- The county has a limited role in the redistricting process since we are the last political subdivision to redistrict.
- The new boundaries will be used to represent the county's residents for the next decade.
- The five percent rule for county commissioners. Special election if district changes by more than five percent. *M.S. 375.025 subd. 4*

Redistricting Principles

- 1965 Voting Rights Act – prohibits redistricting plans that discriminate on the basis of race or membership in a minority group.
- Districts must be equally populated, as best as possible.
- Districts should be compact, contiguous, and preserve Communities of Interest.
- Avoid districts that favor or disfavor an incumbent, candidate or political party.

Tentative Timeline

- Legislative and congressional boundaries completed by **2/15/2022** or at least 25 weeks before August primary.
- Municipal precincts and wards completed by **3/29/2022** or within 60 days of legislative boundaries being passed.
- Other districts need to be completed by **4/26/2022** or within 80 days of legislative boundaries being passed.
- No elections held on the uniform dates in April/May 2022.
 - February is only time for special elections before August 2022.

Role of a Consultant

- Act as a non-biased agent to help manage the redistricting project for the county.
- Will engage board members and receive feedback about expectations for the new commissioner districts.
- Conduct a public input process.
- Draft potential redistricting plans for the board to consider.
- Ensure process is completed in a timely manner.

Role of Internal Redistricting Committee

- Cross-department team created to support administrative redistricting duties.
- Provide technical support for county board members, county board staff, and redistricting consultant.
- Act as an information resource to, and assist the work of, the county board and redistricting consultant.
- Verify the final county commissioner redistricting plan meets statutory requirements.

Legislative, Judicial, and State Actions

- MN House and Senate Redistricting Committees have been holding hearings.
- Redistricting panel appointed by MN Supreme Court.
 - Held many public hearings.
 - Prepared to draw legislative & congressional plans.
- MN Office of the Secretary of State is holding trainings for county auditors' offices around the state.

Available Resources

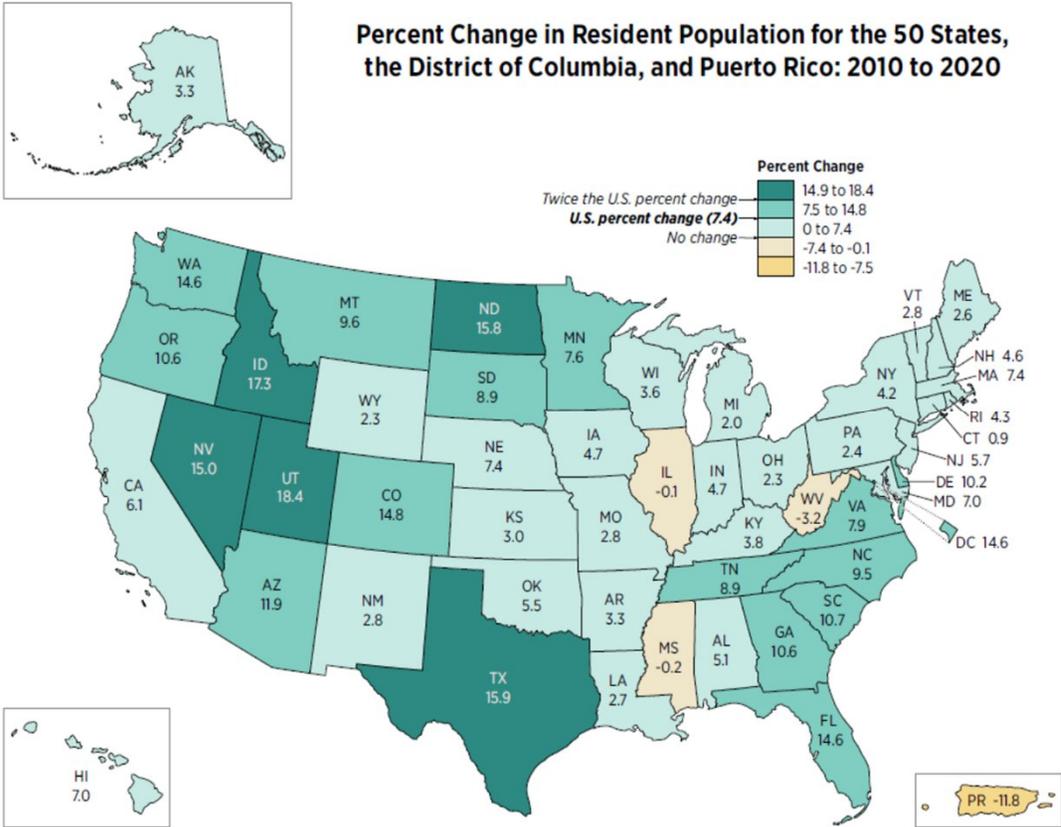
- [Ramsey County's Redistricting Webpage](#)
- [Information and Data from the MN OSS](#)
- [Minnesota Judicial Branch Special Redistricting Panel](#)



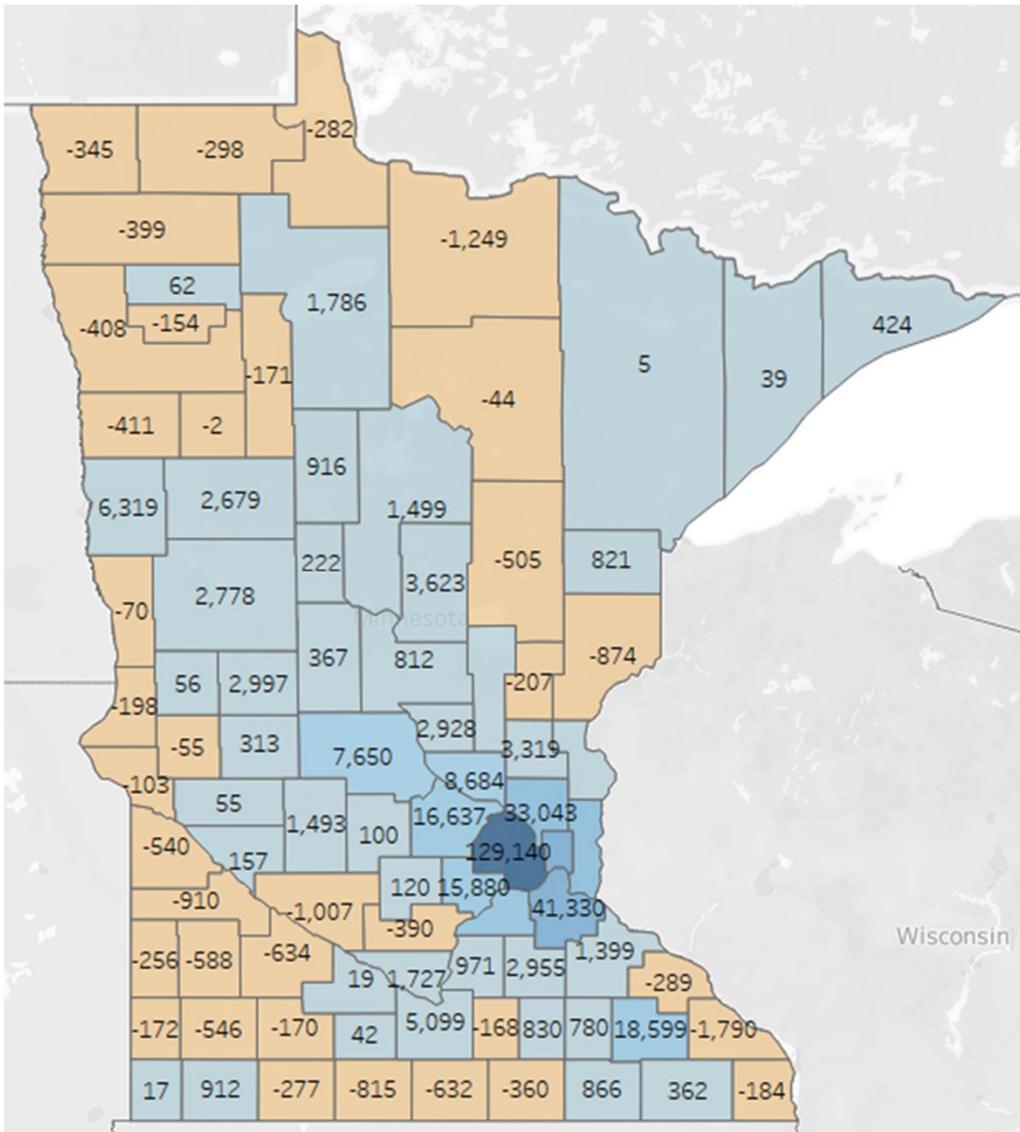
Demographic Change in Ramsey County

Megan Dayton | Senior Demographer
November 09, 2021

From the 2020 Census:



Numeric Change, Total Population, 2010-2020



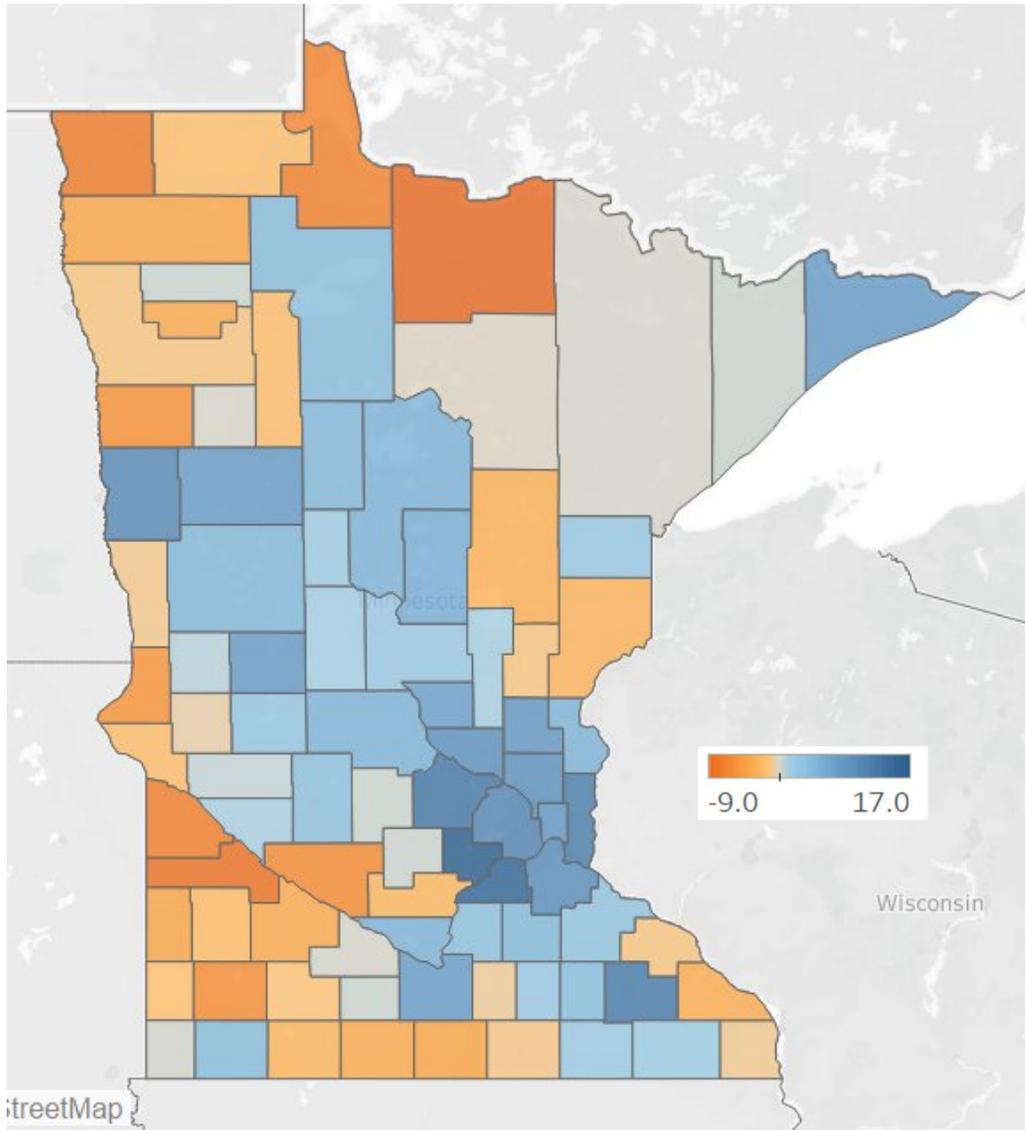
Largest Gains (Numeric)

Rank	County	Numeric change	Percentage Change
1	Hennepin	129,140	11.2%
2	Ramsey	43,712	8.6%
3	Dakota	41,330	10.4%
4	Anoka	33,043	10.0%
5	Washington	29,432	12.4%

Largest Losses (Numeric)

83	Pine	(874)	-2.9%
84	Yellow Medicine	(910)	-8.7%
85	Renville	(1,007)	-6.4%
86	Koochiching	(1,249)	-9.4%
87	Winona	(1,790)	-3.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses



Percent Change, Total Population, 2010-2020

Largest Gains (Percentage)

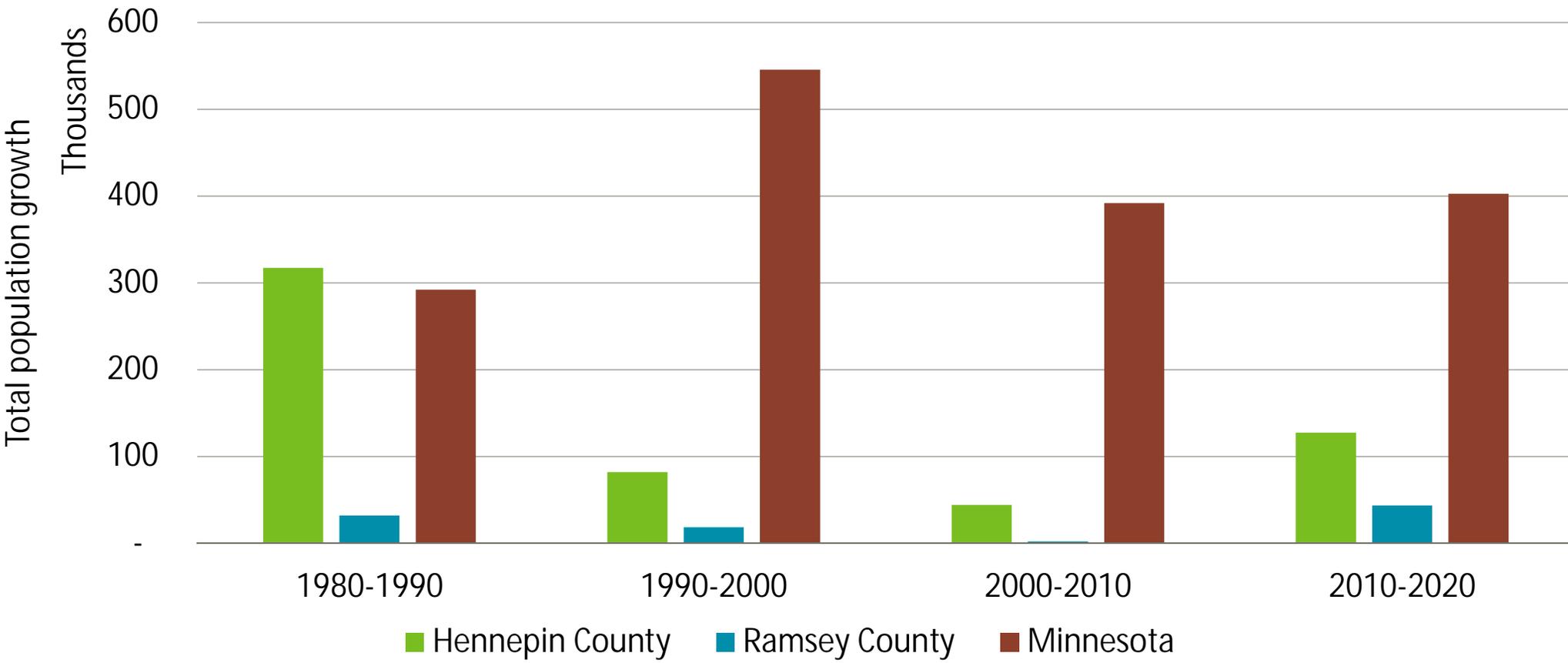
Rank	County	Numeric change	Percentage Change
1	Carver	15,880	17.4%
2	Scott	21,000	16.2%
3	Wright	16,637	13.3%
4	Olmsted	18,599	12.9%
5	Washington	29,432	12.4%

Largest Losses (Percentage)

82	Renville	(1,007)	-6.4%
83	Lake of the Woods	(282)	-7.0%
84	Lac qui Parle	(540)	-7.4%
85	Kittson	(345)	-7.6%
86	Yellow Medicine	(910)	-8.7%
87	Koochiching	(1,249)	-9.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

Population change over time



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 1980, 1990, 2000, and 2020 Census

Minnesota's fastest growing cities, 2010-2020

Rank	City	Population added 2010-2020
1	Minneapolis	47,376
2	St. Paul	26,459
3	Rochester	14,626
4	Lakeville	13,536
5	Woodbury	13,141
6	Blaine	13,036
7	Brooklyn Park	10,697
8	Plymouth	10,450
9	Maple Grove	8,686
10	Apple Valley	7,290
11	Bloomington	7,094
12	Shakopee	6,622
13	Moorhead	6,440
14	Otsego	6,395
15	Savage	5,554
16	Edina	5,553
17	Mankato	5,179
18	Prior Lake	4,821
19	St. Louis Park	4,760
20	Rogers	4,698

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

2020 Census Demographic Data Map Viewer

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Population

Race alone

Race alone or in combination

Hispanic Origin

Housing

Group Quarters

Population Density

Population Change

Population Age 18 and Over

Persons per square mile by census tract

10,000.0 or more

5,000.0 to 9,999.9

2,000.0 to 4,999.9

1,000.0 to 1,999.9

500.0 to 999.9

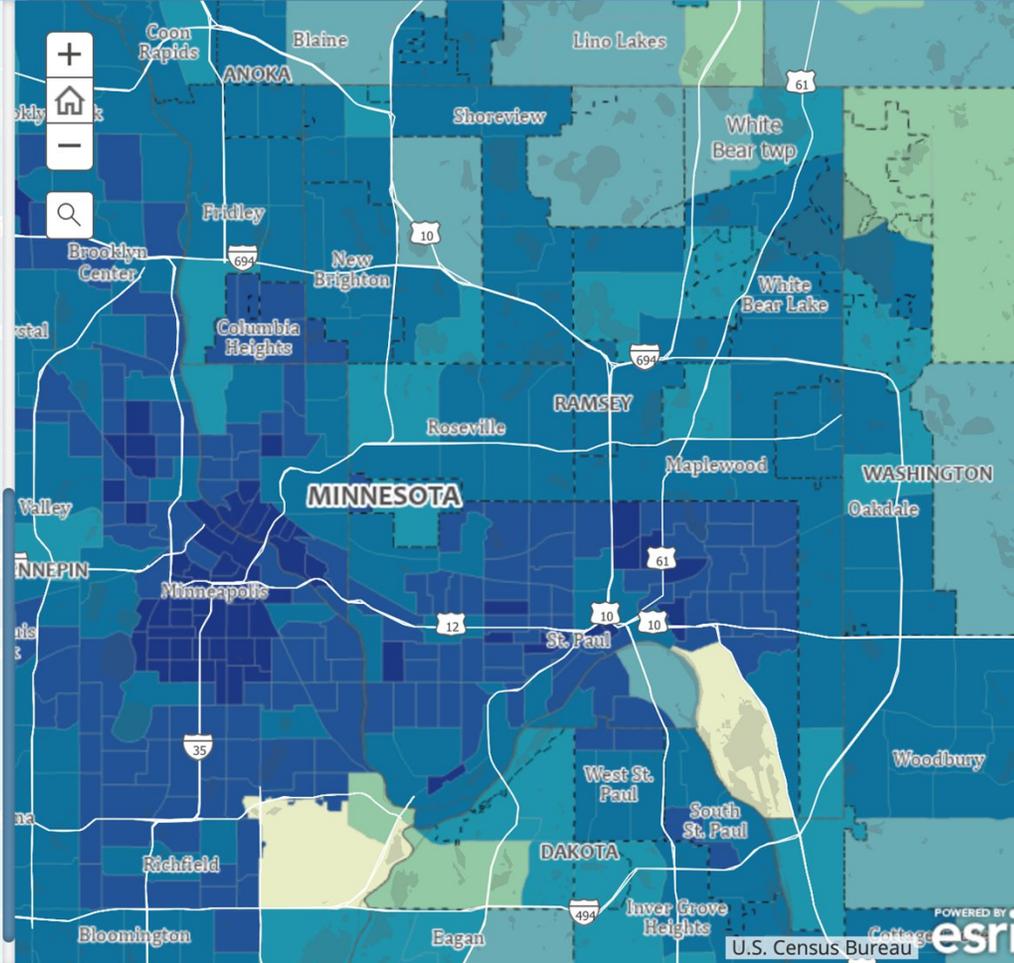
100.0 to 499.9

50.0 to 99.9

Less than 50.0

Water only

U.S. density = 93.7



U.S. Census Bureau **esri**

MN population growth fully attributable to BIPOC groups

Population Change by Major Race Groups in Minnesota, 2010-2020			
	Minnesota		
	2010	2020	Change 2010-2020
Total population	5,303,925	5,706,494	402,569
White non-Hispanic	4,405,142	4,353,880	(51,262)
American Indian non-Hispanic	55,421	57,046	1,625
Asian/Pacific Islander non-Hispanic	214,856	300,081	85,225
Black/African American non-Hispanic	269,141	392,850	123,709
Hispanic/Latino (any race)	250,258	345,640	95,382
Other race non-Hispanic	5,947	20,963	15,016
Two or more races non-Hispanic	103,160	236,034	132,874

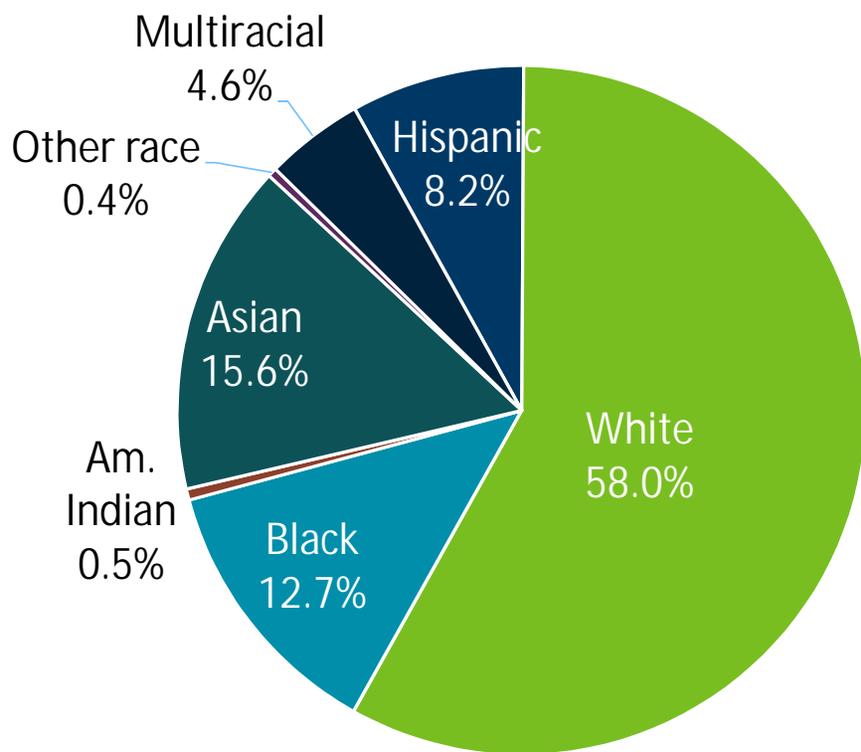
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Ramsey County population growth fully attributable to BIPOC groups

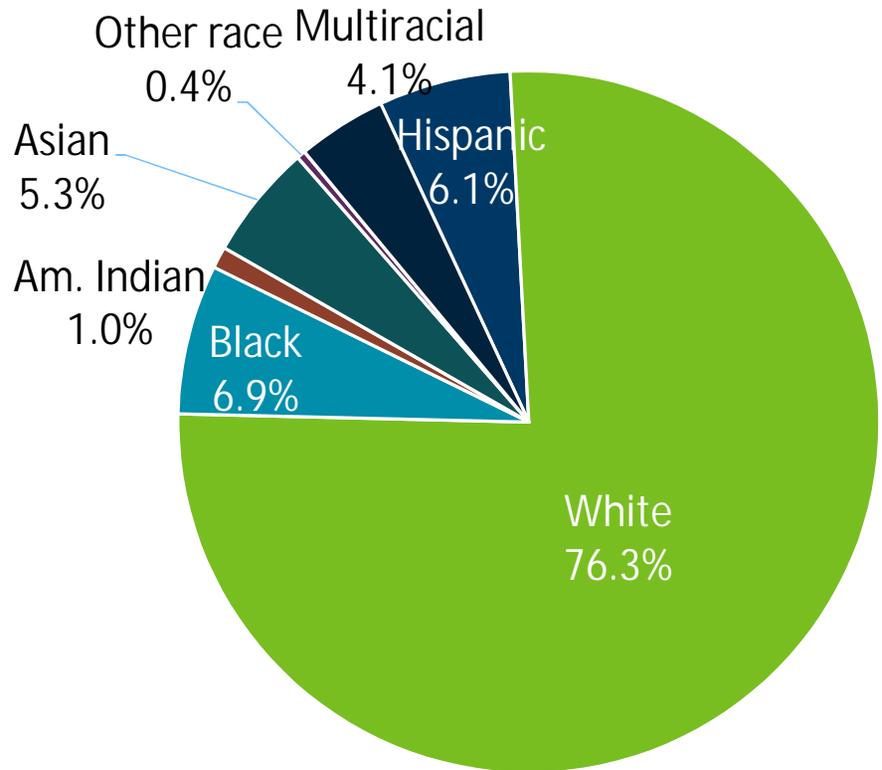
Population Change by Major Race Groups in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties, 2010-2020						
	Hennepin			Ramsey		
	2010	2020	Change 2010-2020	2010	2020	Change 2010-2020
Total population	1,152,425	1,281,565	129,140	508,640	552,352	43,712
White non-Hispanic	826,670	840,845	14,175	340,194	320,477	(19,717)
American Indian non-Hispanic	8,848	8,016	(832)	3,143	2,914	(229)
Asian/Pacific Islander non-Hispanic	71,966	97,736	25,770	59,228	85,989	26,761
Black/African American non-Hispanic	134,240	169,603	35,363	54,835	70,101	15,266
Hispanic/Latino (any race)	77,676	98,250	20,574	36,483	45,034	8,551
Other race non-Hispanic	2,321	6,127	3,806	737	2,339	1,602
Two or more races non-Hispanic	30,704	60,988	30,284	14,020	25,498	11,478

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

Minnesota residents belonging to BIPOC race groups are a growing share of the population



Ramsey County, 2020



Minnesota, 2020

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020 Census

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Population

Race alone

Race alone or in combination

Hispanic Origin

Housing

Group Quarters

White

Black or African American

American Indian and Alaska Native

Asian

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Minor civil
division
boundary

Census tract
boundary

Percent White
alone by
census tract

80.0 or
more

60.0 to
79.9

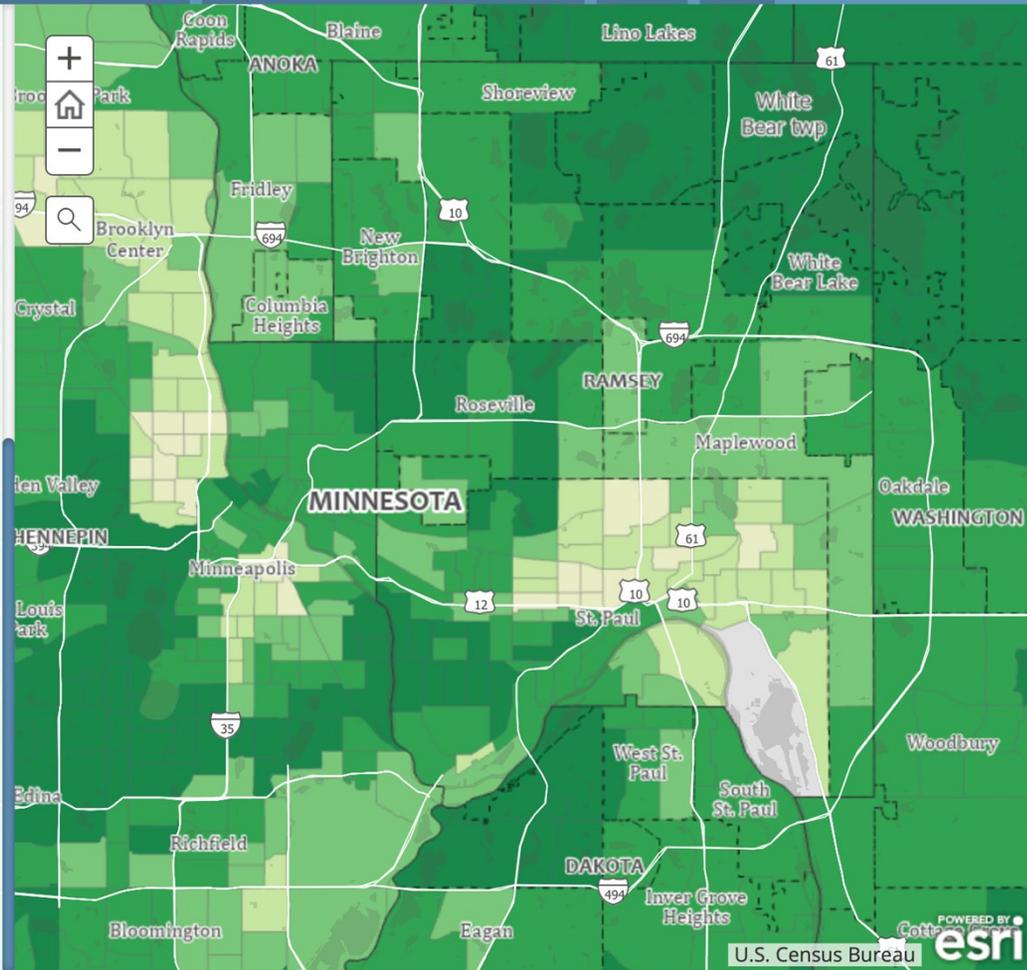
40.0 to
59.9

20.0 to
39.9

Less than
20.0

No
population

U.S. percent =
61.6



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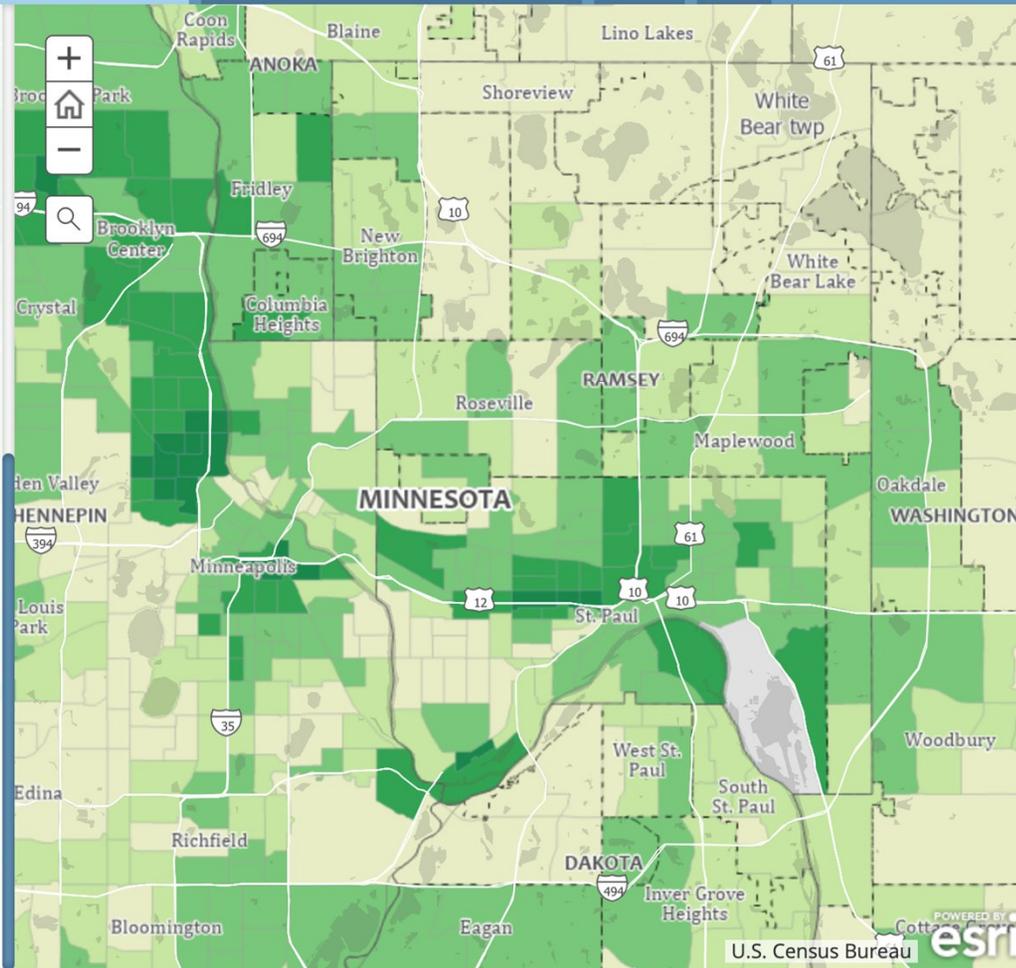
Minor civil
division
boundary

Census tract
boundary

Percent Black
or African
American
alone by
census tract

- 50.0 or more
- 25.0 to 49.9
- 10.0 to 24.9
- 5.0 to 9.9
- Less than 5.0
- No population

U.S. percent =
12.4



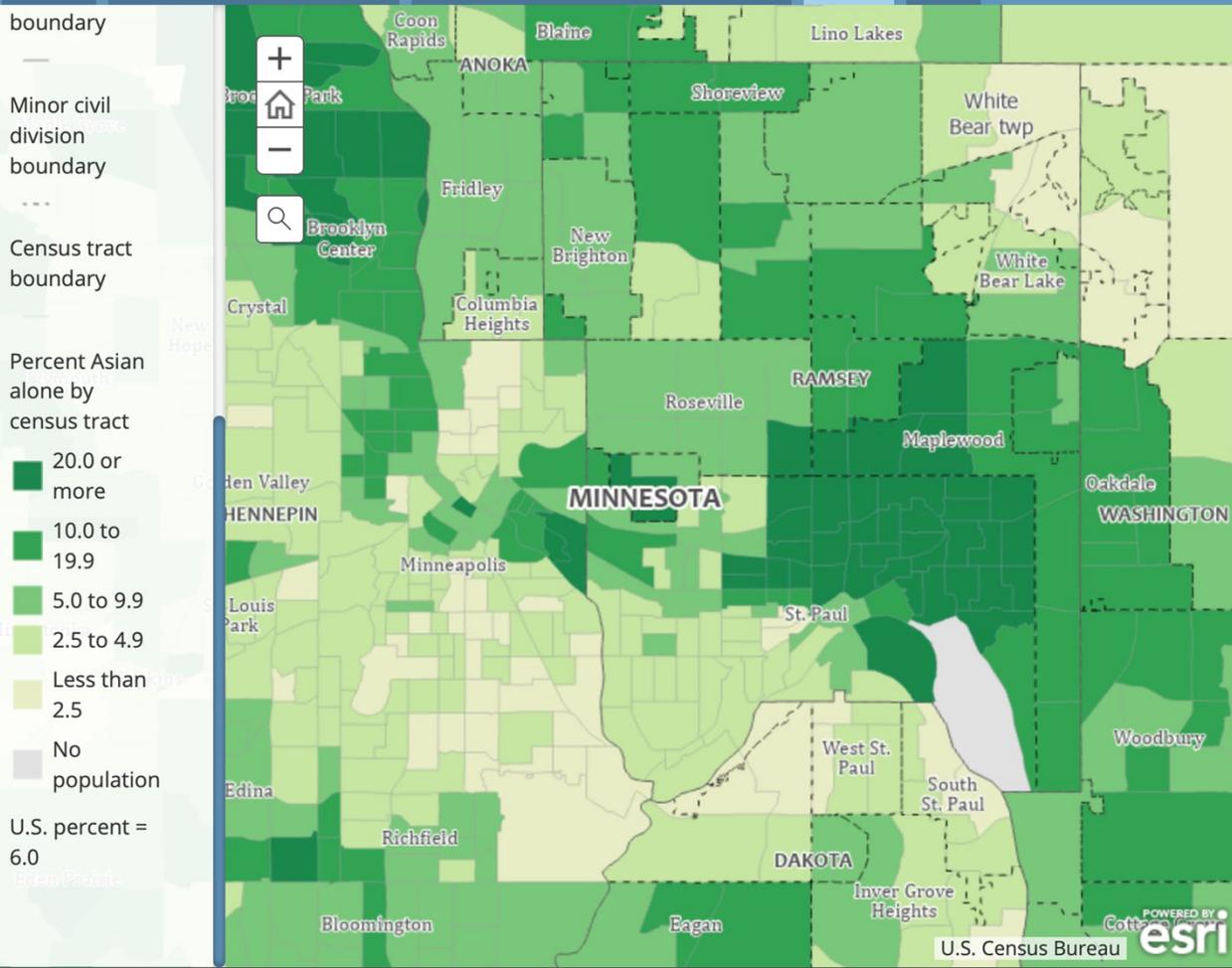
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- White**
- Black or African American
- American Indian and Alaska Native
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino



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