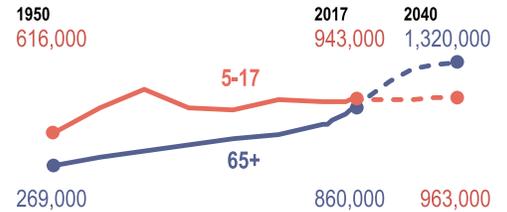# COMPASS POINTS 2019

Minnesota Compass looks at key measures in a number of topic areas to promote cradle-to-career success for all of Minnesota's youth, a strong and vibrant economy and workforce, and healthy communities throughout the state.

Notable Trends

MINNESOTA'S OLDER ADULT POPULATION POISED TO OUTNUMBER SCHOOL-AGED KIDS

We've almost reached the inflection point: Sometime over the next year, there will be more older Minnesotans (65+) than school-aged kids (5-17). Moreover, while our school-aged population is projected to remain largely level over the coming decades, the number of older adults will continue to grow.
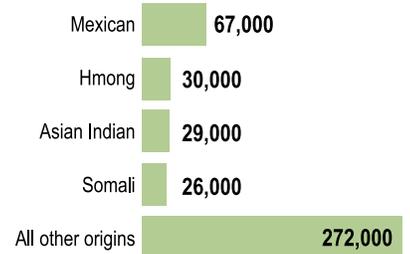
Population by select age groups, Minnesota

	1950	2017	2040
5-17	616,000	943,000	1,320,000
65+	269,000	860,000	963,000

MEXICANS MAKE UP THE LARGEST IMMIGRANT GROUP IN MINNESOTA, BY FAR

Immigration patterns shift over time, but right now our Mexican foreign-born population, at 67,000, is more than double all other foreign-born communities in the state. Hmong (30,000), Asian Indian (29,000), and Somali (26,000) residents bring up the next three spots. Did you know that about a third of the Mexican population lives in greater Minnesota?
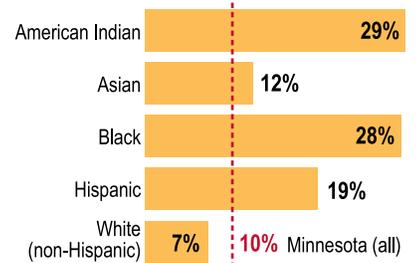
Foreign-born residents by origin, Minnesota, 2012-2016

Mexican	67,000
Hmong	30,000
Asian Indian	29,000
Somali	26,000
All other origins	272,000

JOBS REACH RECORD HIGH, BUT POVERTY PERSISTS

In 2017, Minnesota employers were just shy of breaking the 3 million job mark. This is a historic high, and it continues a steady trend upward since the end of the Great Recession, when the number of jobs dipped to 2.6 million. Yet, despite the abundance of jobs, the poverty rate – which sits at 10 percent for the state – remains disproportionately high for some population subgroups. For example, 28 percent of black residents and 29 percent of American Indian residents live below the poverty line.
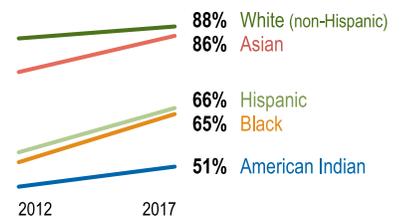
Poverty rates by race and ethnicity, Minnesota, 2017

American Indian	29%
Asian	12%
Black	28%
Hispanic	19%
White (non-Hispanic)	7%
Minnesota (all)	10%

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATES UP, THOUGH GAPS REMAIN

Minnesota's high school graduation rate has steadily marched upward, improving to 83 percent in 2017. **Rates improved across all races and ethnicities, and that's certainly good news.** But disparities by race remain an acute problem for Minnesota.

High school students graduating on time by race, Minnesota, 2012-2017

	2012	2017
White (non-Hispanic)		88%
Asian		86%
Hispanic		66%
Black		65%
American Indian		51%

Check out *more trends* at www.mncompass.org/trends/featured-trends

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Minnesota's population at a glance

	2000	2017		2000	2017
Overall population	**4.9 million**	**5.6 million**	**Older adults (age 65+)**	**594,000**	**860,000**
Twin Cities	2.6 million	3.1 million	Twin Cities	255,000	417,000
Greater Minnesota	2.3 million	2.5 million	Greater Minnesota	339,000	443,000
Children and youth (age 0-17)	**1.3 million**	**1.3 million**	**Foreign-born residents**	**260,000**	**486,000**
Twin Cities	698,000	723,000	Twin Cities	206,000	383,000
Greater Minnesota	589,000	576,000	Greater Minnesota	54,000	103,000
Working-age residents (age 18-64)	**3.0 million**	**3.4 million**	**People of color**	**582,000**	**1.1 million**
Twin Cities	1.7 million	1.9 million	Twin Cities	444,000	838,000
Greater Minnesota	1.3 million	1.5 million	Greater Minnesota	138,000	283,000

Numbers may not add up to totals due to rounding.

	CURRENT		RECENT TREND	NATIONAL RANK (1=BEST)
ARTS & CULTURE	55%	Adults age 18+ who attended a cultural event in the past year	SAME	5
	45%	Adults age 18+ who created or performed art in the past year	SAME	13
	86%	Families whose children participated in arts in the past year	--	14
CHILDREN & YOUTH	60%	Students who are connected to a caring adult	--	--
	65%	Students participating in enrichment activities 3x/wk	--	--
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	64%	Voted in midterm election	BETTER	1
	47%	Residents age 16+ who volunteer	--	2
	62%	Adult neighbors who help neighbors	--	6
EARLY CHILDHOOD	81%	Kindergarteners screened before age 5	SAME	--
	7%	Low-weight births	SAME	6
ECONOMY	$54,800	Per-capita GDP (2009 chained dollars)	BETTER	13
	2.9 million	Number of jobs	BETTER	18
	$68,400	Median household income (2017 dollars)	BETTER	12
	10%	Poverty rate	BETTER	4

	CURRENT		RECENT TREND	NATIONAL RANK (1=BEST)
EDUCATION	56%	3rd-graders who are proficient in reading	SAME	--
	57%	8th-graders who are proficient in math	SAME	--
	83%	Students who graduate high school on time	BETTER	36
ENVIRONMENT	48%	Days air quality was rated "good" (Twin Cities)	WORSE	13*
	29	Tons of green house gas emissions per person	SAME	--
HEALTH	28%	Adults age 18+ who are obese	WORSE	15
	5%	Residents under age 65 who are uninsured	SAME	3
	8%	Adults age 18+ with diabetes	SAME	4
	7	Psychiatric hospital admissions per 1,000 residents age 14+	SAME	--
HOUSING	9,300	People experiencing homelessness	SAME	--
	26%	Households who pay 30% or more of income for housing	BETTER	11
	36%	Homeownership gap (white, of color)	SAME	46
PUBLIC SAFETY	24	Serious crimes committed per 1,000 residents	BETTER	--
	534	Traffic injuries and fatalities per 100,000 residents	SAME	--
TRANSPORTATION	3%	Highway miles rated in poor condition	BETTER	--
	23%	Household income spent on transportation for median income family	SAME	--
	47	Annual hours of delay per auto commuter (Twin Cities)	SAME	8*
	18,000	Average number of jobs reachable within a 30-minute commute by foot or transit (Twin Cities)	SAME	11*
WORKFORCE	79%	Proportion of adults working	SAME	3
	36%	Adults age 25+ with a bachelor's degree	BETTER	9
	64%	Graduation rate at 4-year institutions (within 6 years)	BETTER	15
	53%	Graduation + transfer rate at 2-year institutions (within 3 years)	SAME	12

* 25 largest U.S. metros

You asked, we listened! New on Minnesota Compass

STATEWIDE BUILD YOUR OWN DATA TOOL

We launched a powerful new tool that lets you build, compare, and draw custom data profiles for anywhere in Minnesota! Draw your own geography, or use the "build" option to view and compare standard types of information specific to cities and townships, school districts, communities and neighborhoods, counties, zip codes, or census tracts.

ENHANCED GEOGRAPHIC PROFILES

We enhanced the profiles for Minnesota's regions, counties, and cities with data on cost of living, median wages by industry, child care costs, broadband access, and transportation barriers. We also improved the search and design functionality to help you find the data you need, and added **downloadable graphs** on some of our most requested topics, which can be used in reports or for presentations.

UPDATED INDICATORS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT IN MINNESOTA

Results from the 2018 Minnesota Early Childhood Risk, Reach, and Resilience project are now on Minnesota Compass. Explore county-level data on 12 economic, family stability, and health measures of risks to the well-being of young children, and coverage of 11 publicly funded programs serving the early learning, health, and basic needs of young children.

COMING SOON IN 2019: MINNESOTA'S CULTURAL COMMUNITIES AT-A-GLANCE

New pages are being launched this year with at-a-glance information about Minnesota residents from Mexican, Hmong, Somali, Asian Indian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Ethiopian, Filipino, Lao, Liberian, and Puerto Rican cultural communities. Based on a combination of race, ancestry, birthplace, and parental characteristics, cultural community affiliation not only provides more demographic precision than the five aggregated racial and ethnic categories released by the U.S. Census Bureau but also captures the population of foreign- and native-born residents who identify as part of a specific community. With clearer information on cultural identification, we can better understand the composition of people who make Minnesota their home and the different contributions they make to our state's workforce, economy, and social fabric.

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