

COMPASS POINTS 2015

Minnesota Compass looks at key measures in 13 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

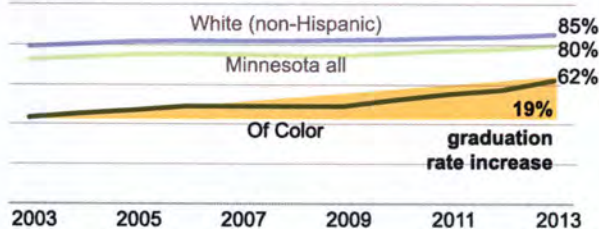
EDUCATION: GRADUATION RATES ROSE AMONG STUDENTS OF COLOR, BUT GAPS REMAIN LARGE

The graduation rate among students of color has increased 19 percentage points over the last decade, narrowing the racial gap from 36 percentage points in 2003 to 23 percentage points in 2013.

The flip side of this good news is that the racial gap is still wide, and closing it won't necessarily get easier. Looking along the educational pipeline we see big racial and economic gaps that need attention.

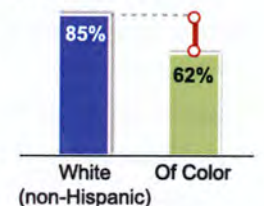
GOOD NEWS ★

Minnesota high school students graduating on time by race



BAD NEWS ⚠

Minnesota high school students graduating on time, 2013



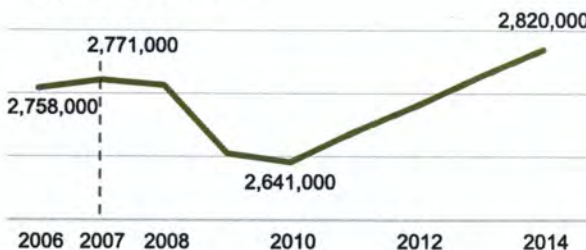
ECONOMY: JOBS HAVE RECOVERED, BUT THE BENEFITS HAVE YET TO REACH EVERYONE

At the close of 2014, the number of jobs in Minnesota reached about 100,000 more than the pre-recession peak in 2007!

Despite the broader economic recovery, overall poverty remains near a 20 year high, with the highest rates among people of color.

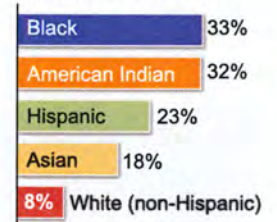
GOOD NEWS ★

Total jobs in Minnesota



BAD NEWS ⚠

Poverty rate, Minnesota 2013



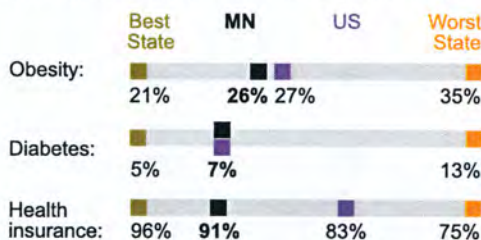
HEALTH: HIGH STANDINGS OVERALL, BUT FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IS ELUSIVE

A look at our Compass key measures shows Minnesota has some of the lowest diabetes and obesity rates in the nation. We also rank high for insurance coverage.

The bad news here is that Minnesota's diabetes trend continues its slow climb, and our obesity rate appears stuck at 25 percent of our adult population.

GOOD NEWS ★

Health: How Minnesota stacks up nationally



BAD NEWS ⚠

OBESITY rate stuck at

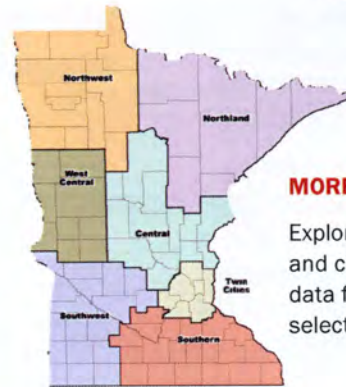
1 in 4 adults



Minnesota's population at a glance

	2000	2013
Overall population	4.9 million	5.4 million
Twin Cities	2.6 million	3.0 million
Greater Minnesota	2.3 million	2.5 million
Children and youth (0-17)	1.3 million	1.3 million
Twin Cities	698,000	707,000
Greater Minnesota	589,360	572,000
Working age residents (18-64)	3.0 million	3.4 million
Twin Cities	1.7 million	1.9 million
Greater Minnesota	1.3 million	1.5 million
Older adults (65+)	594,000	756,000
Twin Cities	255,000	351,000
Greater Minnesota	339,000	405,000
Foreign-born residents	260,000	404,000
Twin Cities	206,000	325,000
Greater Minnesota	54,000	78,000
People of color	582,000	979,000
Twin Cities	444,000	736,000
Greater Minnesota	138,000	243,000

Numbers may not add up to totals due to rounding.



NEW! MORE DATA AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

Explore data for all regions, counties, and cities of 1000+. Find trends and data for Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and select Duluth neighborhoods.

	CURRENT	RECENT TREND	NATIONAL RANK (1=BEST)
AGING	32% Percentage of adults age 65+ with a disability	SAME	1
	39% Adults age 65+ who volunteer	SAME	2
	\$38,500 Median household income, head of household 65+	SAME	18
CHILDREN & YOUTH	57% Students connected to a caring adult	-	-
	62% Students participating in enrichment activities (3X/week)	-	-
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT	47% Voted in 2014 election	WORSE	6
	78% Adults who feel able to improve their community	SAME	-
	36% Residents (age 16+) who volunteer	WORSE	5
EARLY CHILDHOOD	80% Children screened before age 5	SAME	-
	7% Low-weight births	SAME	9

	CURRENT	RECENT TREND	NATIONAL RANK (1=BEST)
ECONOMY	3% Annual change in Gross Domestic Product	BETTER	12
	2% Annual change in number of available jobs	BETTER	22
	\$60,700 Median household income	BETTER	9
	11% Poverty rate	SAME	7
EDUCATION	58% 3rd graders who are proficient in reading	SAME	-
	60% 8th graders who are proficient in math	SAME	-
	80% Students graduate high school on time	BETTER	23
ENVIRONMENT	233 Days air quality was rated "good" (Twin Cities)	BETTER	6*
	29 Tons of green house gas emissions per person	BETTER	-
HEALTH	26% Adults (18+) who are obese	SAME	10
	9% Residents who are uninsured	SAME	4
	7% Adults (18+) with diabetes	SAME	3
	8 Psychiatric hospital admissions per 1,000 residents age 14+	SAME	-
HOUSING	14,100 Estimated number of homeless people	WORSE	-
	28% Households pay more than 30% of income for housing	BETTER	12
	35% Homeownership gap (white, of color)	SAME	46
IMMIGRATION	70% Proportion of immigrants (age 16-64) working	SAME	14
PUBLIC SAFETY	26 Serious crimes committed per 1,000 residents	SAME	-
	17% Adults are victims of crime	SAME	-
	87% Adults feel safe on their street after dark	SAME	-
	573 Traffic injuries and fatalities per 100,000 residents	SAME	-
NEW MEASURES! TRANSPORTATION	5% Highway miles rated in poor condition	BETTER	-
	23% Average household income spent on transportation	-	-
	35% Roads congested during peak driving times (Twin Cities)	-	3
	17,650 Average number of jobs reachable within 30-minute commute by foot or transit (Twin Cities)	-	11*
WORKFORCE	77% Proportion of adults working	BETTER	3
	34% Adults age 25+ with bachelor's degree	BETTER	10
	62% Graduation rate at 4-year institutions (in 6 years)	BETTER	16
	55% Graduation rate at 2-year institutions (in 3 years)	BETTER	7

* 25 largest U.S. metros

Notable Trends continued from front

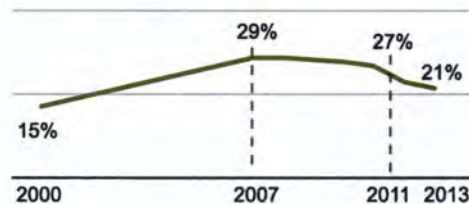
HOUSING: BURDENS ON HOMEOWNERS ARE EASING, BUT HOMELESSNESS PERSISTS

The latest American Community Survey data show a second consecutive year of decline in the prevalence of cost burdened Minnesota homeowners. This is particularly good news as the proportion of Minnesota's homeowners who were housing cost-burdened nearly doubled between 2000 and 2007.

On the very lowest rung of the housing ladder, however, things continue to look rather bleak. The most recent statewide study of homelessness from Wilder Research counted 10,182 homeless people, and estimates that more than 14,000 Minnesotans are homeless on a given night.

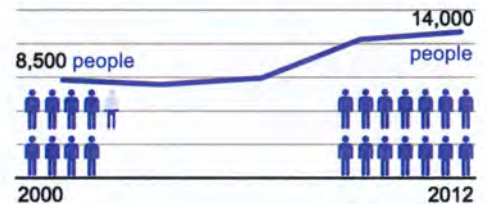
GOOD NEWS

Share of Minnesota homeowners paying 30% or more of their income for housing



BAD NEWS

Estimated number of persons experiencing homelessness in Minnesota



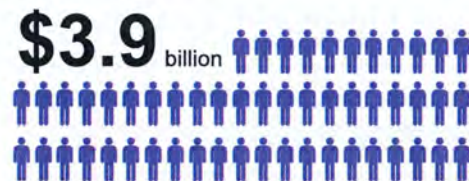
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY: GOOD NEWS

In spite of recently slipping in our national ranking, Minnesota continues to be among the nation's leaders in volunteerism. In fact, the Corporation for National and Community Service places the value of Minnesota's collective volunteering efforts at \$3.9 billion.

Serious crime, which includes reported property and violent crime, has steadily decreased for over two decades. Although the downward trend has recently tapered off, the number of property crimes, which accounts for more than 90 percent of serious crime, has declined by 43 percent, while violent crime has declined by 21 percent since 1990.

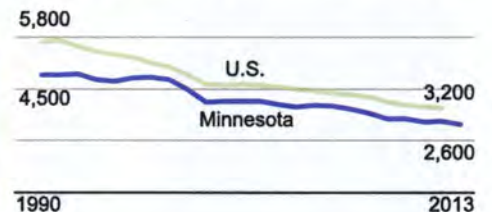
GOOD NEWS

Value of Minnesotans' collective volunteering efforts



GOOD NEWS

Serious crime rate per 100,000 residents



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