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Takeaways

- Minnesota's housing supply is not meeting demand
- Inadequate supply to meet demand increases the cost of housing and decreases affordability, especially for first-time and first-generation buyers
- Removing barriers to building more homes, particularly at the most affordable prices points, to increase supply and affordability needs to be a top priority this Session

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Supply

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Housing Supply Metrics

- **Months Supply of Inventory** – inventory of homes for sale at the end of a given month divided by average monthly pending sales for 12 months
- **Inventory of Homes for Sale** – number of properties for sale at the end of a given month

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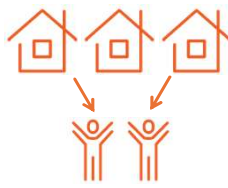
Understanding Months Supply of Inventory

(a.k.a. Absorption Rate)



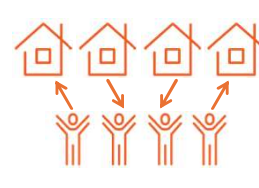
Seller's market
(less than 5 MSI)

- Low supply, high demand
- Seller at relative advantage
- Shorter market times
- More robust price appreciation
- Multiple offers common
- Sale prices closer to/above asking price



Buyer's market
(More than 6 MSI)

- High supply, low demand
- Buyer at relative advantage
- Longer market times
- Relatively slower price appreciation or declines
- Buyer has more price negotiation power

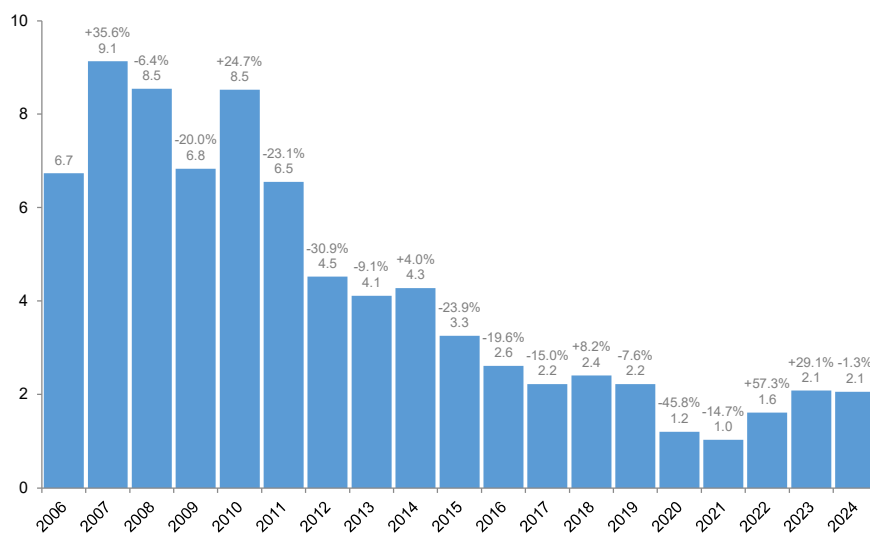


Balanced market
(5-6 MSI)

- Neither side has market advantage
- Price growth and market times in line with steady, historical norms

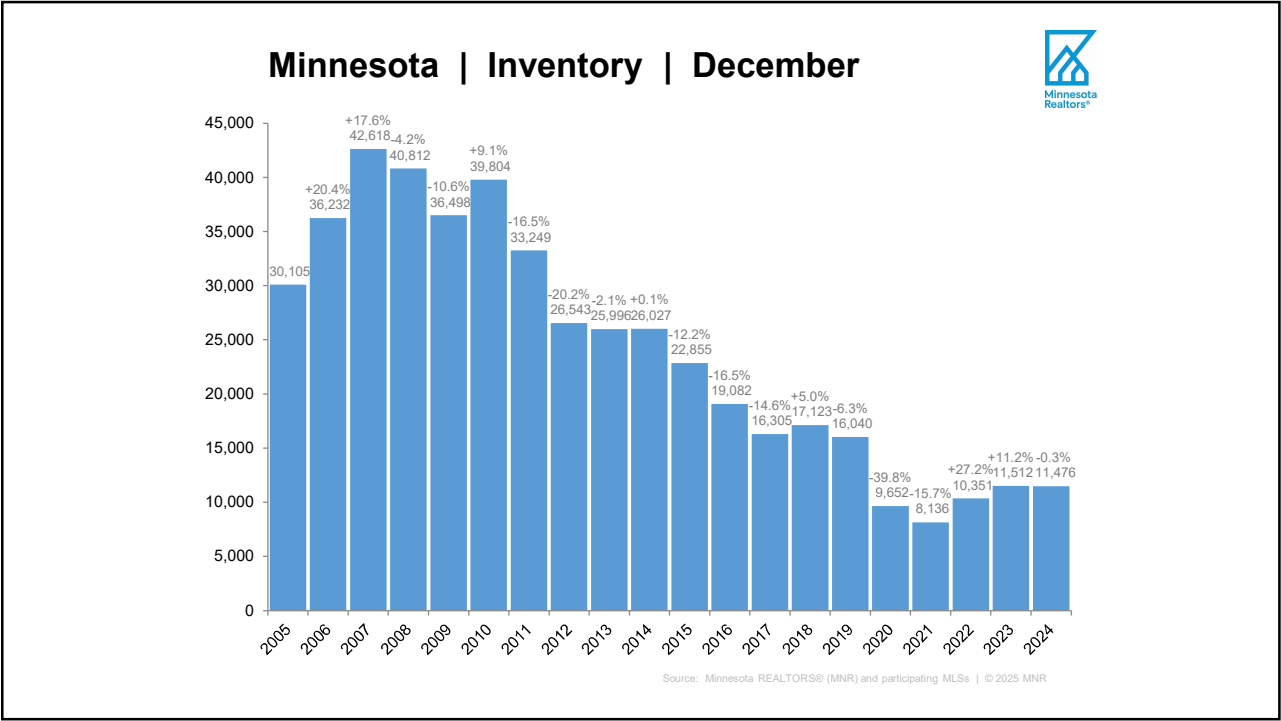
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Minnesota | Months Supply of Inventory | December

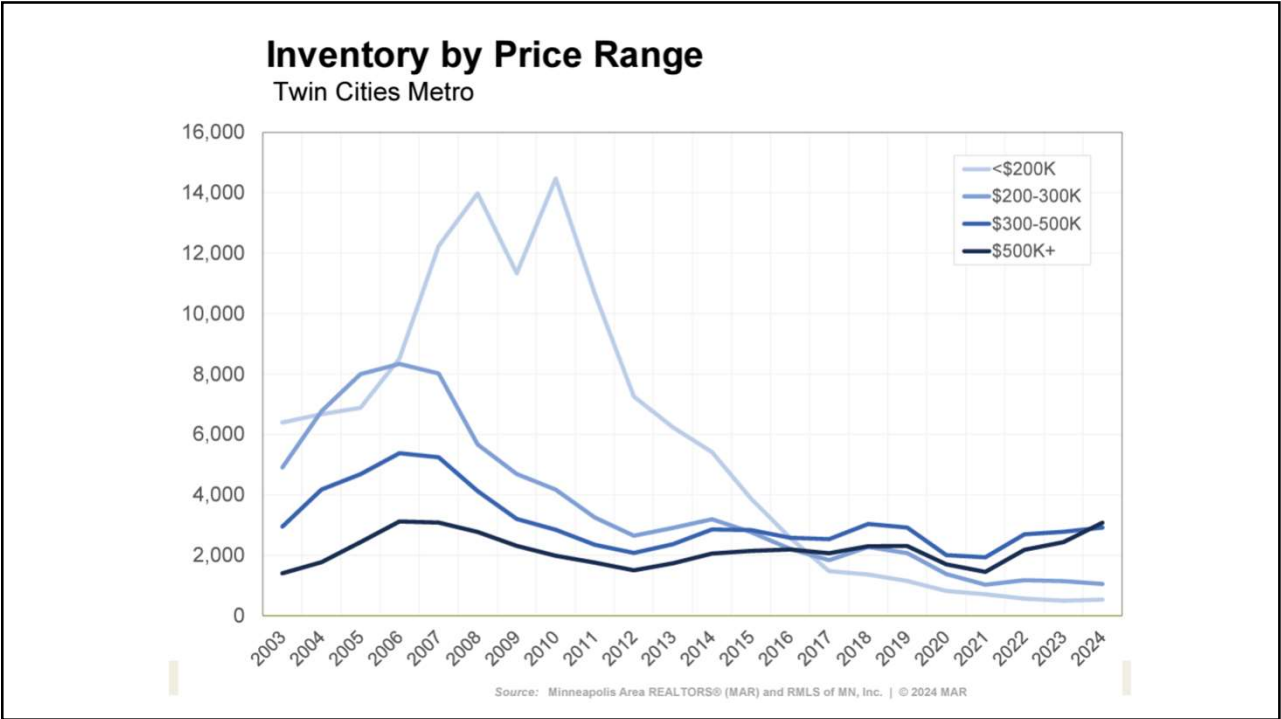


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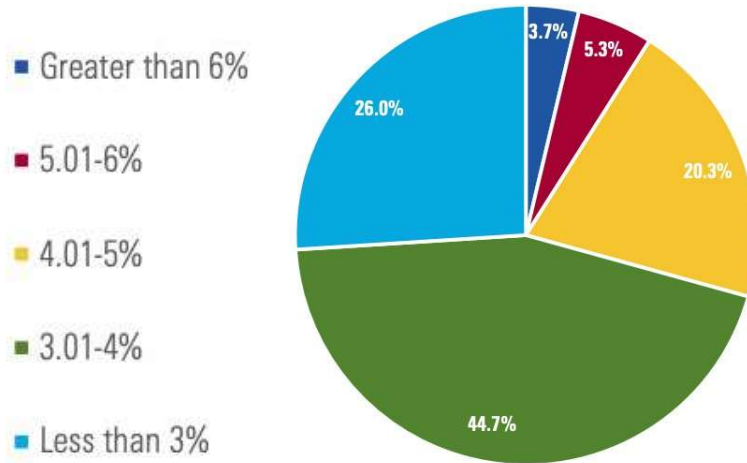


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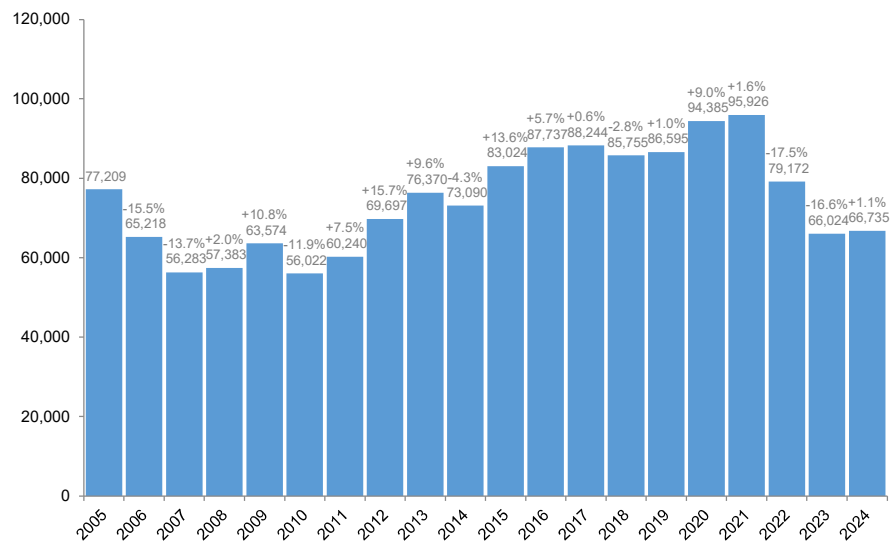
Exhibit 6 Most Outstanding Mortgages Have a Rate Below 5%
Percentage share of outstanding mortgages by interest rate.



Source: Federal Housing Finance Agency, Morningstar.

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Minnesota | Closed Sales | Annual



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Affordability Challenges

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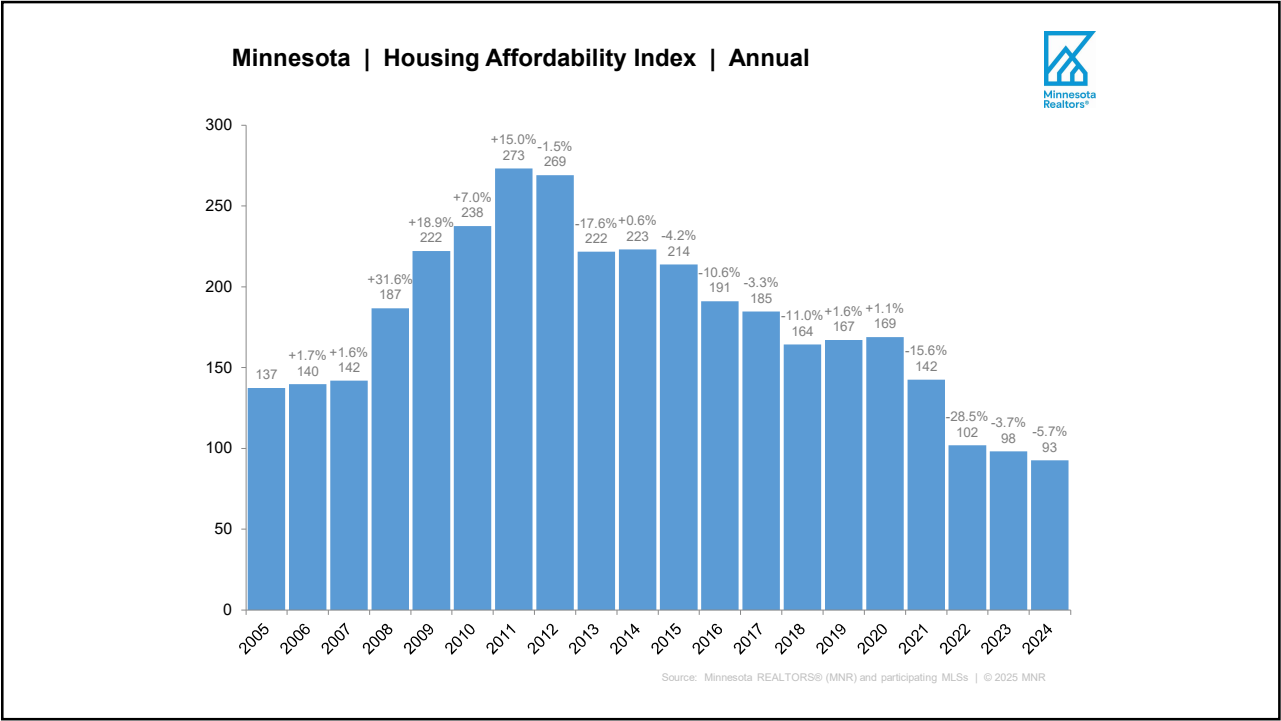


Housing Affordability Index

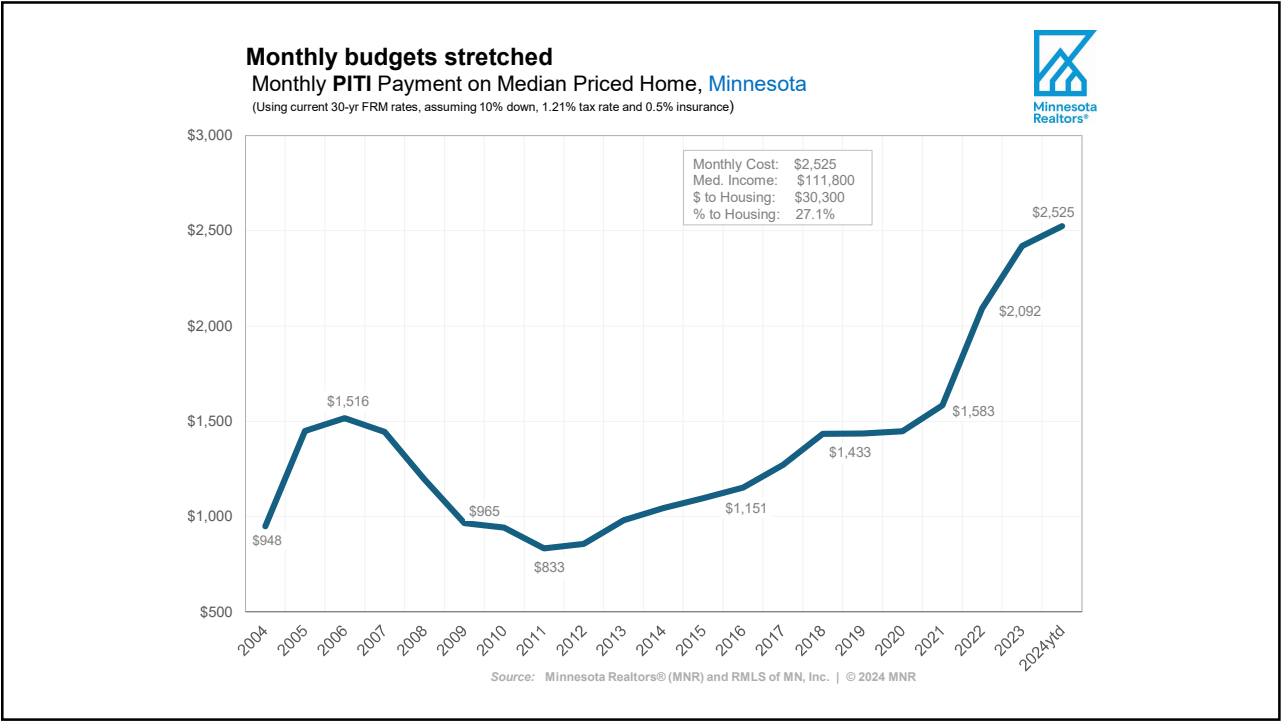
Interpreting the Index

- **A value of 100 means that a family with the median income has exactly enough income to qualify for a mortgage based on a median-priced home**– It's important to note that this calculation assumes a down payment of 20% (most first-time buyers today can't afford a 20% DP).
- **A value below 100 indicates that a family earning the median area income does not have enough income to qualify for a mortgage on a median-priced home**

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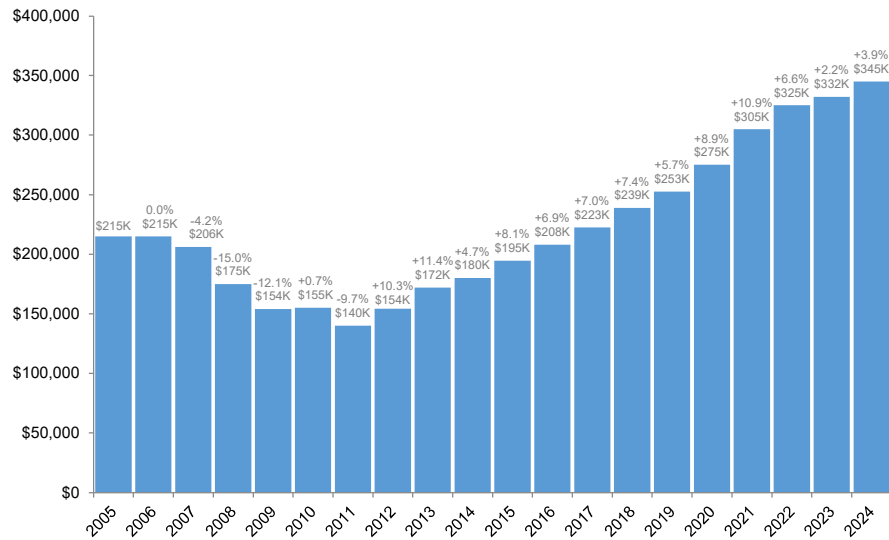


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Minnesota | Median Sales Price | Annual

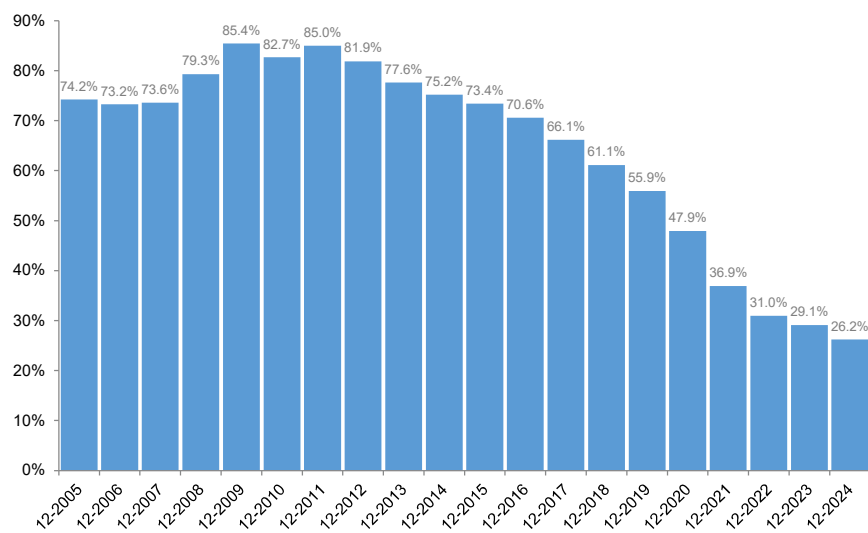


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Percent of Sales Under \$300K

Twin Cities Region

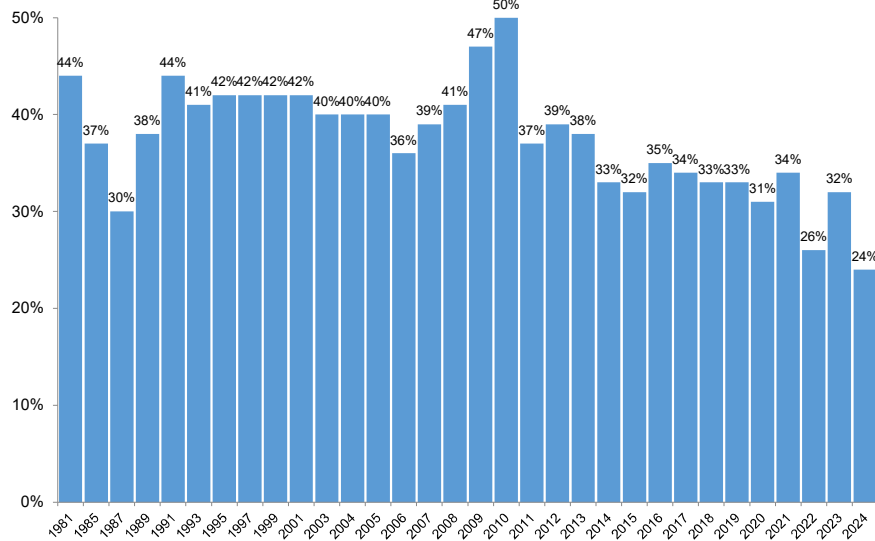


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Percent of all buyers that are first-time buyers | Nationwide

(Source: NAR)

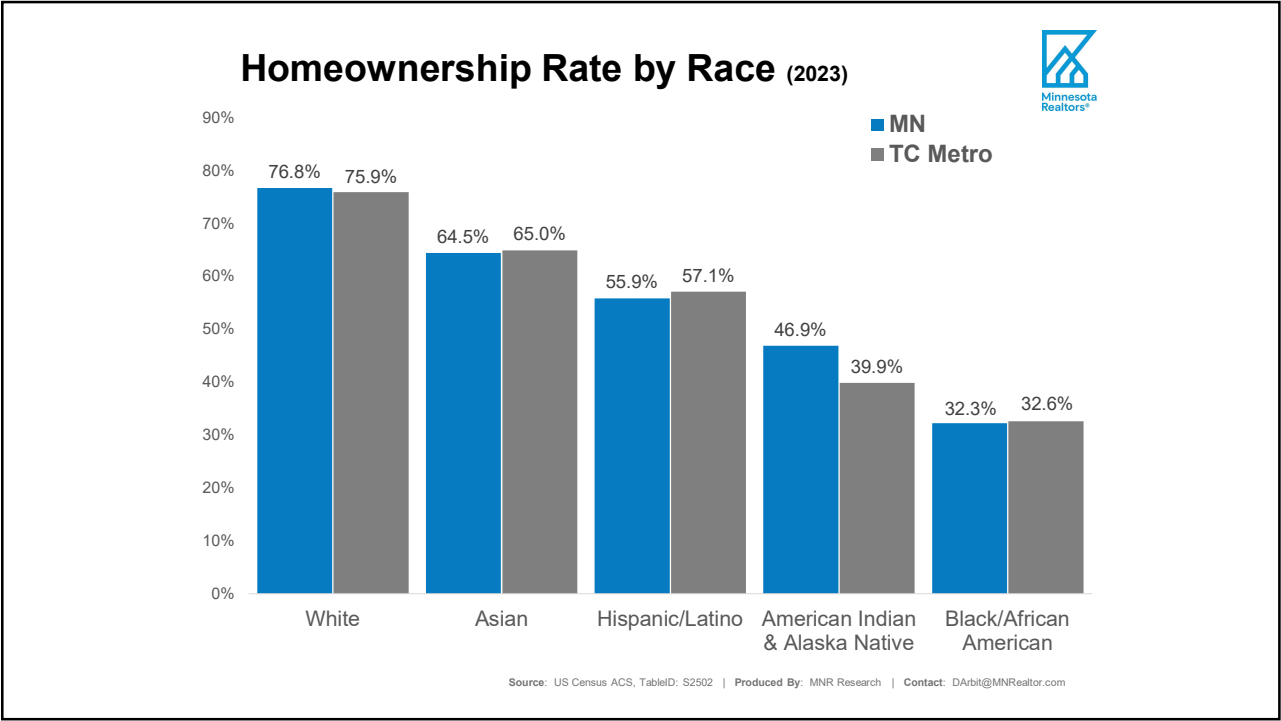


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Homeownership Gap

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