



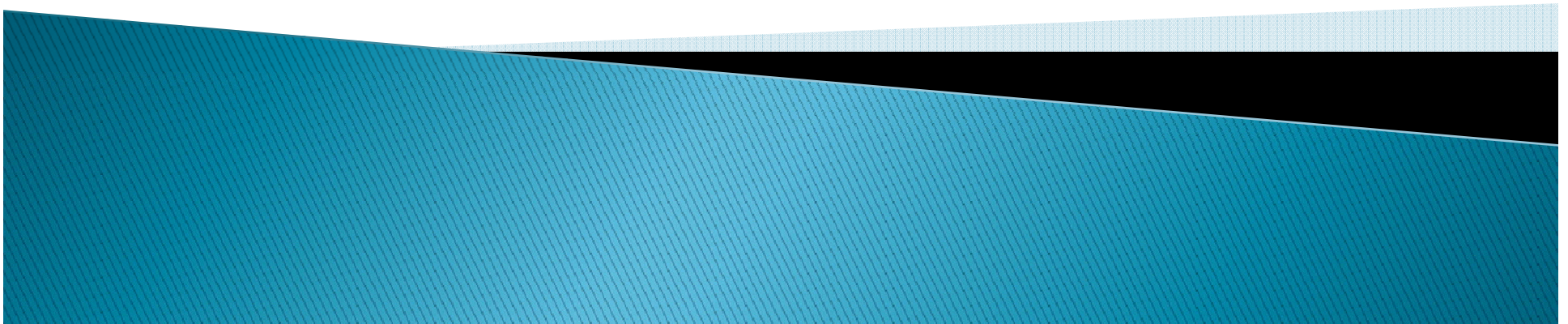
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State of Rural MN Report

An overview of rural Minnesota

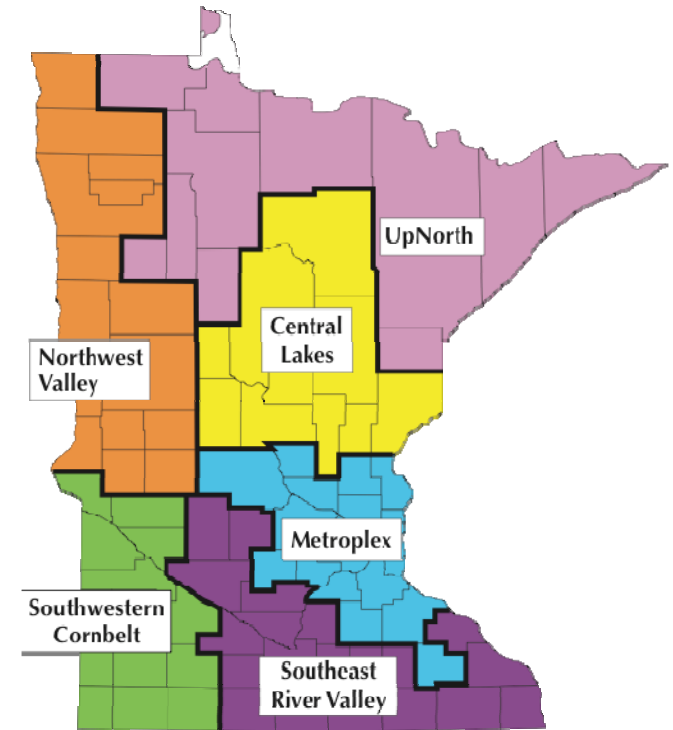
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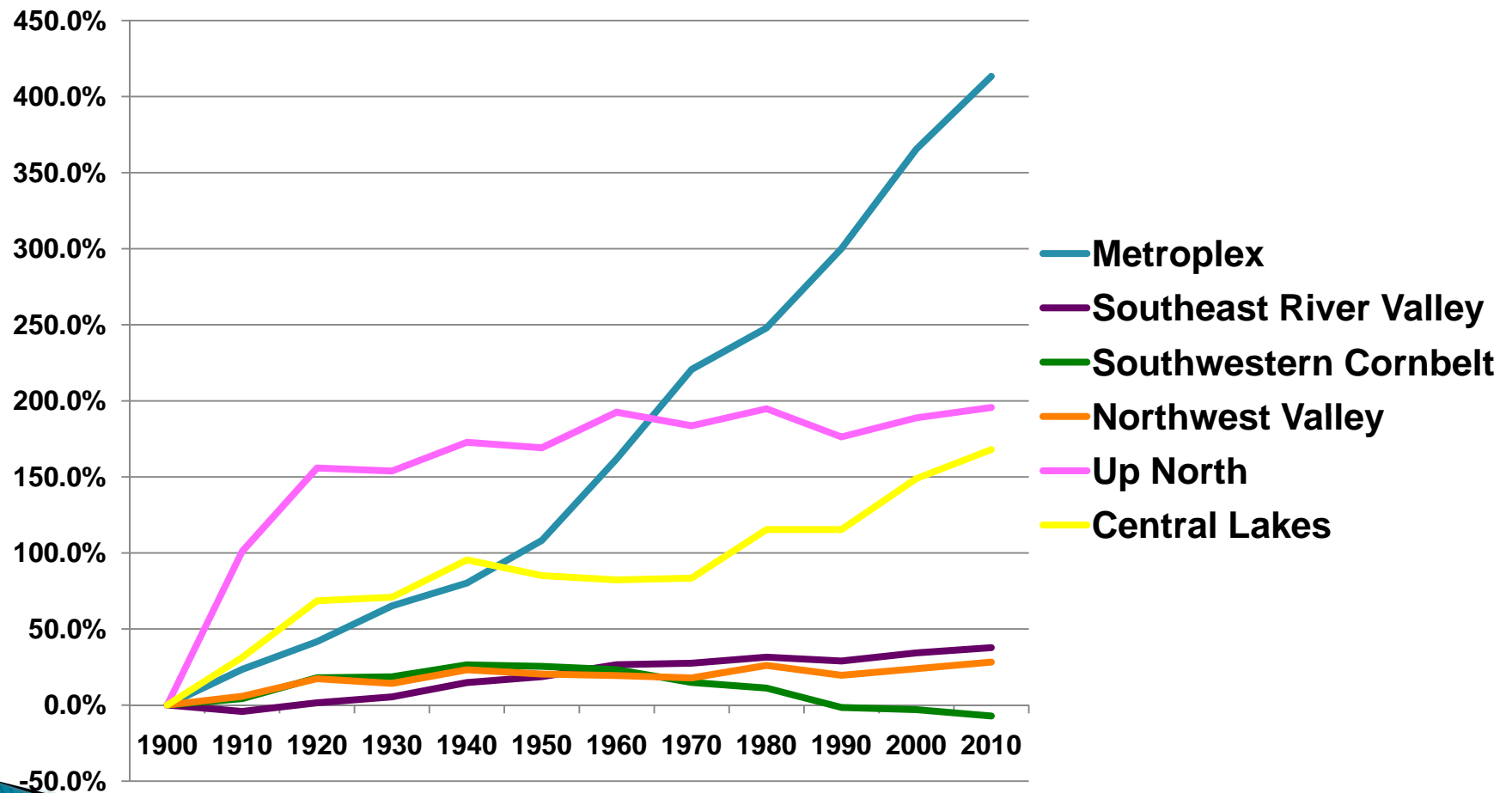
Introduction

- ▶ 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 members of 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 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 Gillaspy 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 2010

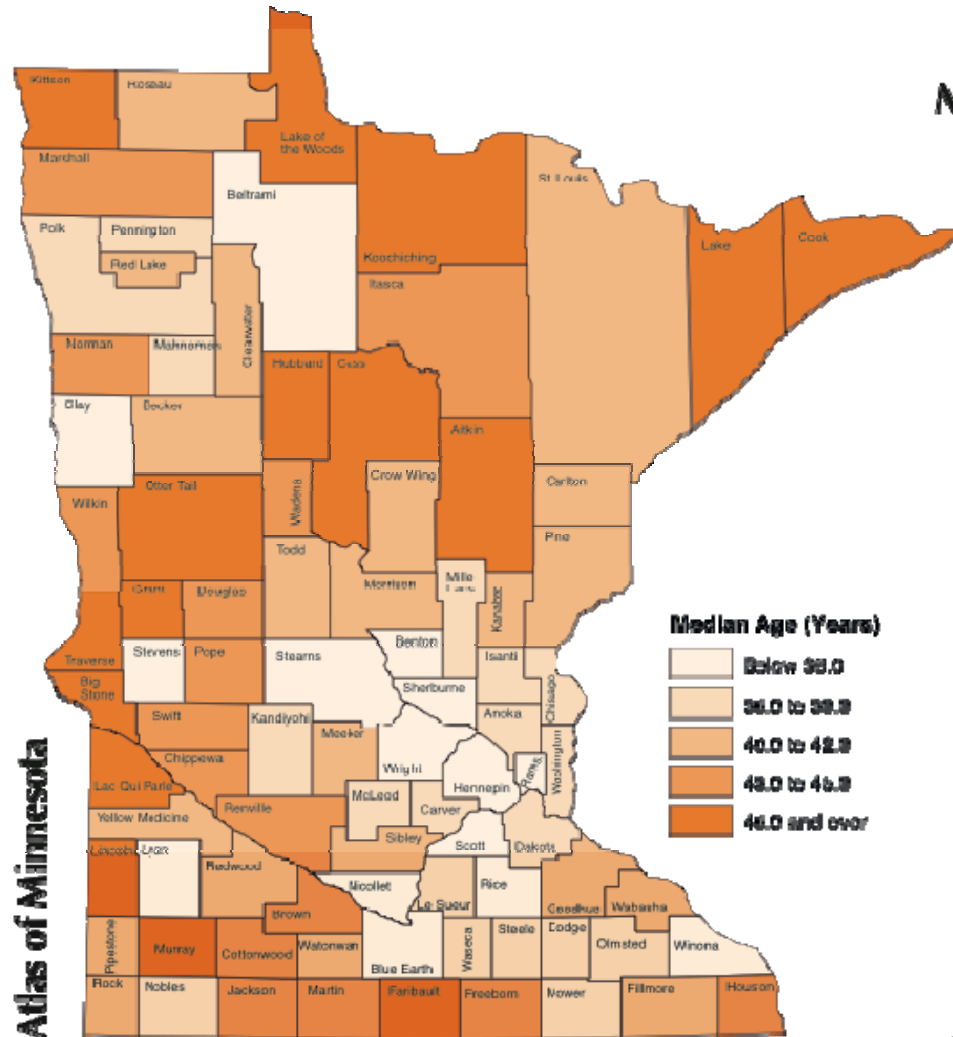


Demographics

Table 1: Population change, 1960-2010 (U.S. Census)

Region	Population, 1960	Population, 2010	Percent change
Metroplex	1,854,630	3,634,786	96.0%
Southeast River Valley	507,663	552,682	8.9%
Southwestern Cornbelt	218,331	164,341	-24.7%
Northwest Valley	271,849	292,150	7.5%
Up North	359,839	363,617	1.0%
Central Lakes	201,552	296,349	47.0%
Minnesota	3,413,864	5,303,925	55.4%

Median Age, 2010



Median age, 2010

Atlas of Minnesota

Data source:
U.S. Census Bureau
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Table 2: Projected population change, 2010-2035 (Minn. State Demographic Center)

Region	Population, 2010	Projected population, 2035	Percent change
Metroplex	3,634,786	4,569,350	25.7%
Southeast River Valley	552,682	613,890	11.1%
Southwestern Cornbelt	164,341	160,740	-2.2%
Northwest Valley	292,150	333,790	14.3%
Up North	363,617	398,300	9.5%
Central Lakes	296,349	369,420	24.7%
Minnesota	5,303,925	6,446,270	21.5%

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

Cities with population of:	1990 Census	2000 Census	2005 Estimate	2009 Estimate	2010 Estimate
100,000 and over	2	2	2	3	3
50,000-99,999	7	12	14	15	13
20,000-49,999	29	32	34	34	39
10,000-19,999	35	37	41	41	40
5,000-9,999	41	43	49	50	46
1,000-4,999	203	205	205	206	214
500-999	157	145	140	137	139
Under 500	388	374	370	369	360
Total inc. cities	862	850	855	855	854

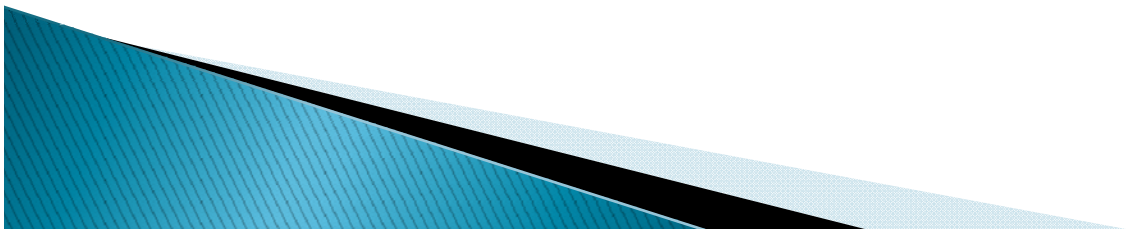


Table 4: Non-white population (U.S. Census Bureau)

Region	Total population, 2010	White Alone	Minority	Percent minority
Metroplex	3,634,786	2,883,257	751,529	20.7%
Southeast River Valley	552,682	503,696	48,986	8.9%
Southwestern Cornbelt	164,341	145,860	18,481	11.2%
Northwest Valley	292,150	271,211	20,939	7.2%
Up North	363,617	324,807	38,810	10.7%
Central Lakes	296,349	276,311	20,038	6.8%
Minnesota	5,303,925	4,405,142	898,783	16.9%

Table 5: 15 counties that experienced population growth between 1990 and 2010 due to growth in their minority populations (U.S. Census Bureau).

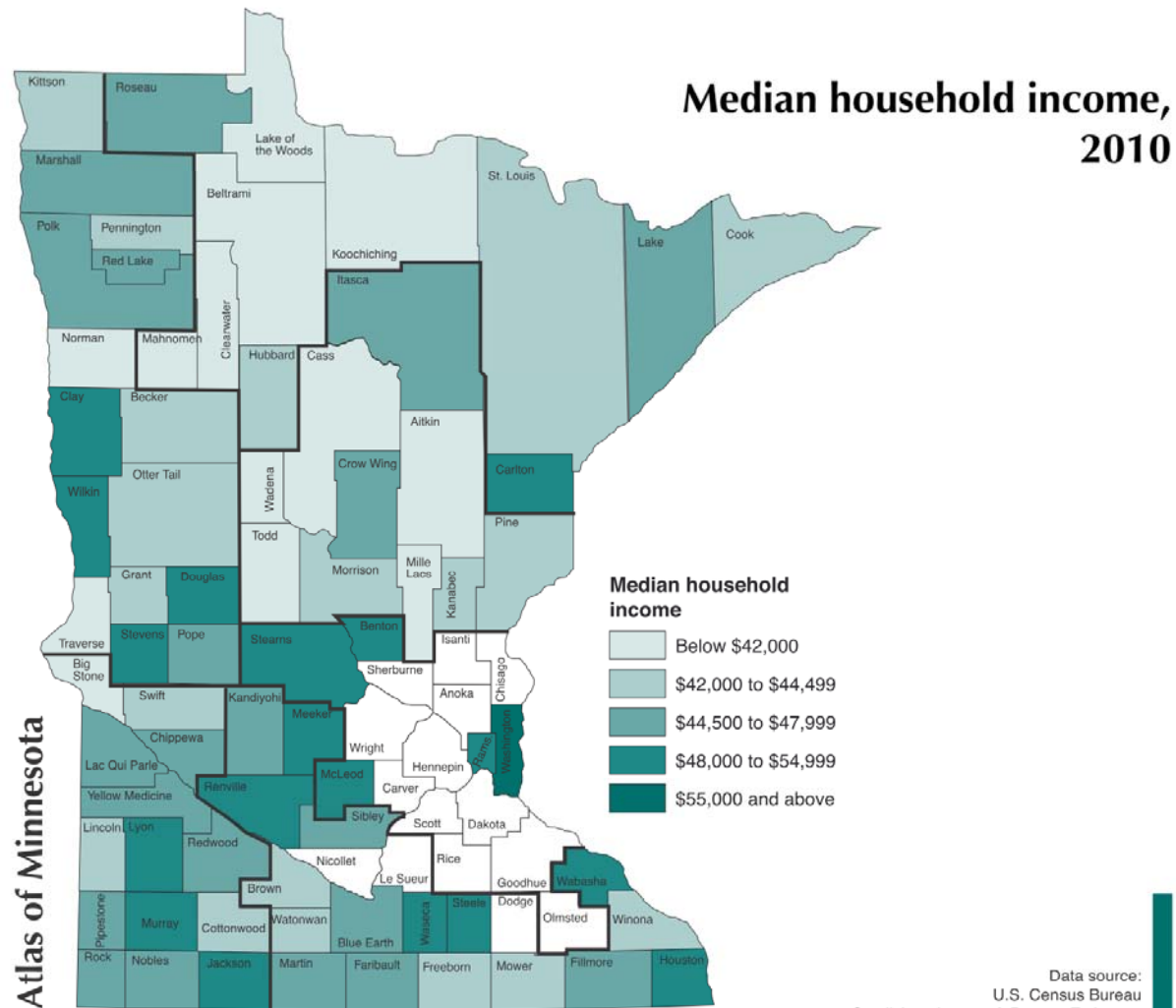
County	Decrease in white population	Increase in minority population	Change in total population
Clearwater	-116	502	386
Fillmore	-243	332	89
Hennepin	-88,200	208,194	119,994
Kandiyohi	-1,093	4,571	3,478
Lyon	-1,691	2,759	1,068
Mahnomen	-1,129	1,498	369
Mower	-3,753	5,531	1,778
Nobles	-4,953	6,233	1,280
Pennington	-175	799	624
Ramsey	-80,755	103,630	22,875
Roseau	-59	662	603
Sibley	-352	1,212	860
St. Louis	-6,678	8,691	2,013
Todd	-137	1,669	1,532
Waseca	-506	1,563	1,057

Economics

Table 6: Per-capita earned income (Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2009)

Region	Per-capita earnings
Metroplex	\$36,047
Southeast River Valley	\$22,364
Southwestern Cornbelt	\$25,881
Northwest Valley	\$19,949
Up North	\$22,784
Central Lakes	\$15,855
Minnesota	\$31,426

Median Household Income, 2010



Data source:
U.S. Census Bureau
Small Area Income & Poverty Estimates
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Table 7: Workforce and earnings in the manufacturing sector (Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2009)

Region	Manufacturing workforce	Percent of total workforce	Per-capita earnings from manufacturing
Metroplex	214,364	8.8%	\$76,761
Southeast River Valley	46,589	14.1%	\$51,924
Southwestern Cornbelt	12,938	11.8%	\$45,915
Northwest Valley	13,840	7.9%	\$47,978
Up North	15,007	7.2%	\$55,347
Central Lakes	9,842	6.5%	\$43,412
Minnesota	312,837	9.1%	\$68,401

Table 8: Workforce and earnings in farming (Bureau of Economic

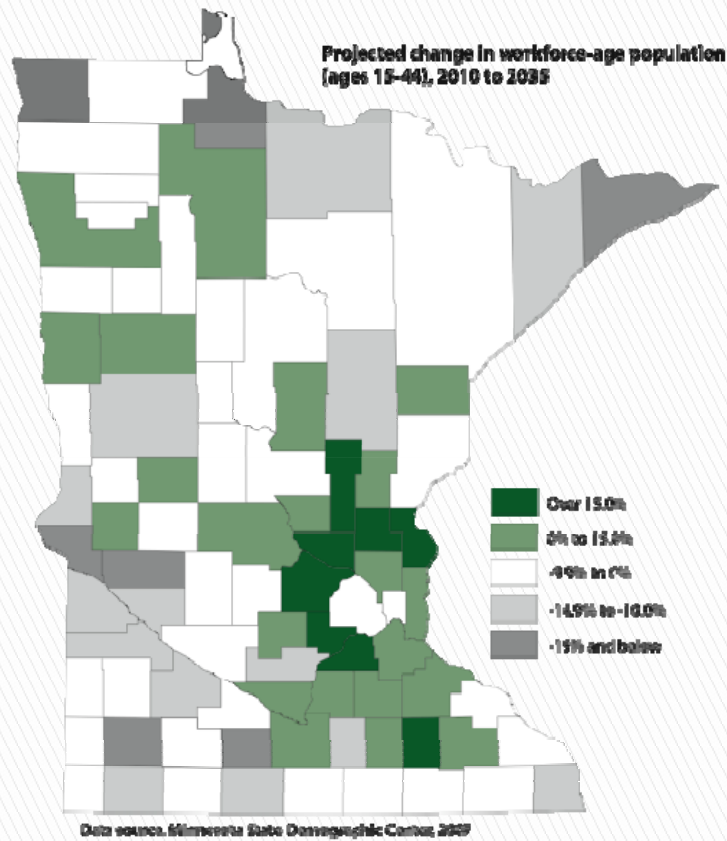
Analysis, 2000)

Region	Farming Workforce	Percent of total workforce	Per-capita earnings from farming
Metroplex	20,607	0.8%	\$25,761
Southeast River Valley	23,541	7.1%	\$43,854
Southwestern Cornbelt	12,792	11.6%	\$67,062
Northwest Valley	15,985	9.1%	\$30,231
Up North	4,659	2.2%	\$7,091
Central Lakes	9,122	6.0%	\$13,682
Minnesota	86,706	2.5%	\$35,317

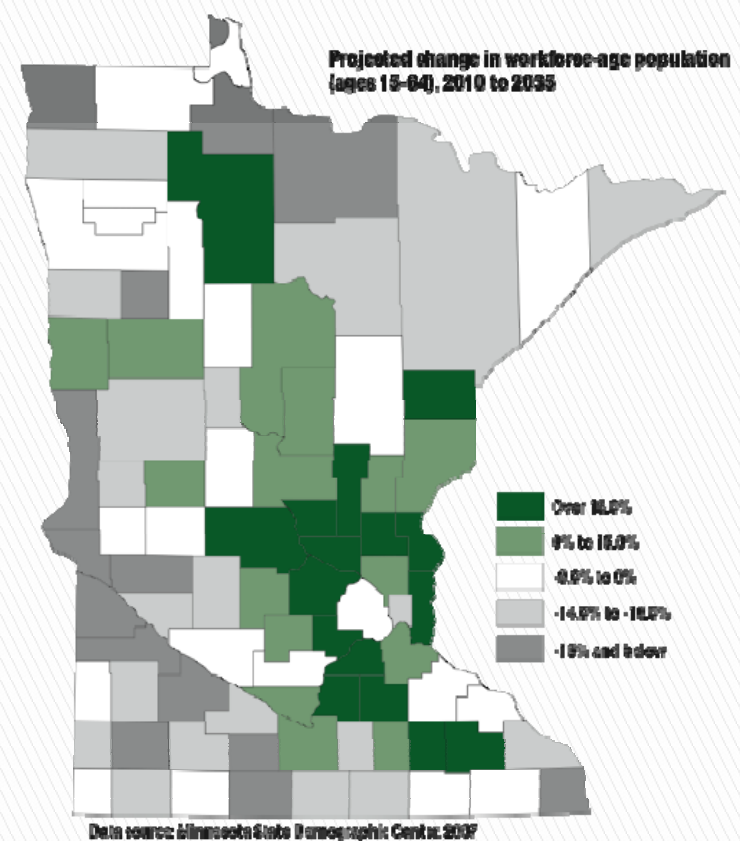
Table 9: Workforce and earnings in farming (Bureau of Economic Analysis, 2009)

Region	Farming Workforce		Per-capita earnings from farming	
	2008	2009	2008	2009
Metroplex	22,478	20,607	\$13,930	\$25,761
Southeast River Valley	26,277	23,541	\$32,178	\$43,854
Southwestern Cornbelt	14,529	12,792	\$38,449	\$67,062
Northwest Valley	17,246	15,985	\$23,626	\$30,231
Up North	5,756	4,659	\$12,644	\$7,091
Central Lakes	10,726	9,122	\$5,457	\$13,682
Minnesota	96,349	86,706	\$23,415	\$35,317

Projected change in workforce-age population, 2010-2035

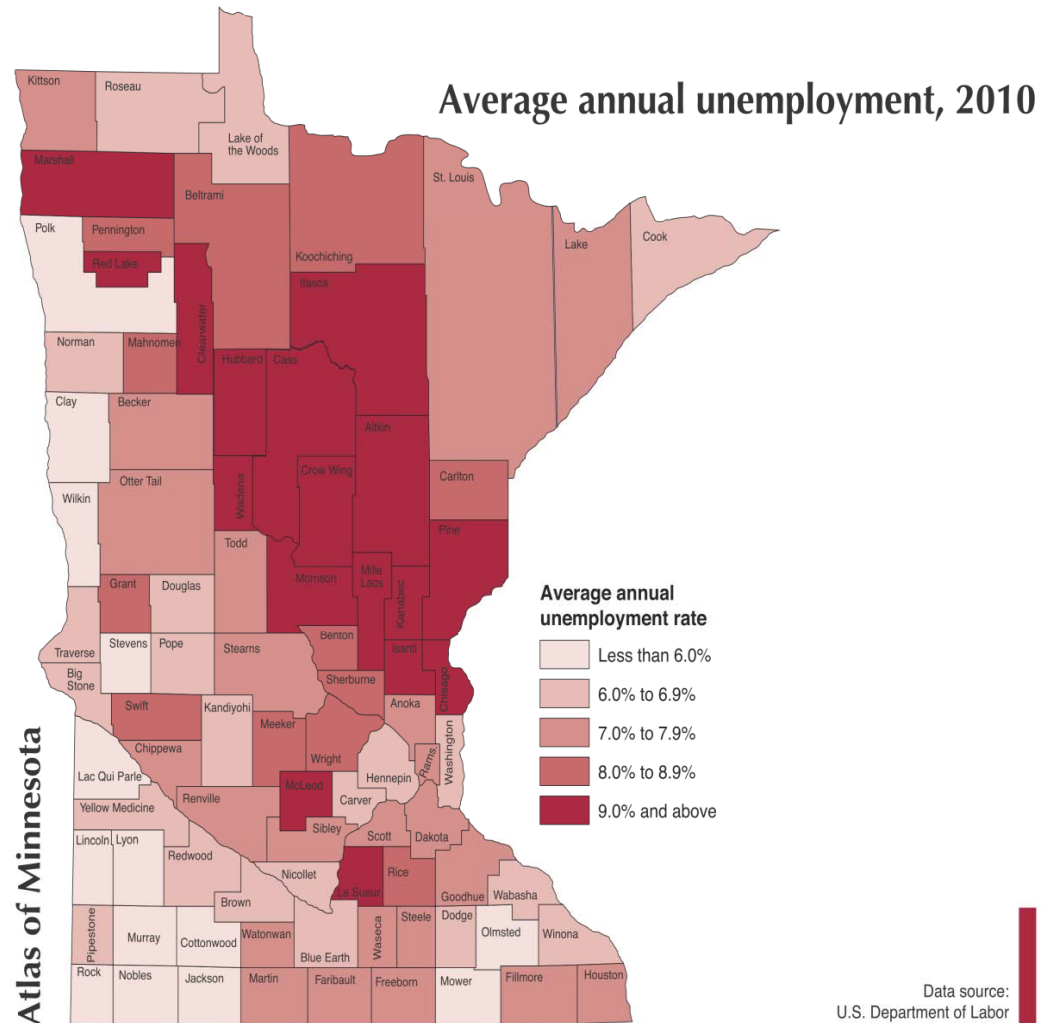


Population age 15-44



Population age 15-64

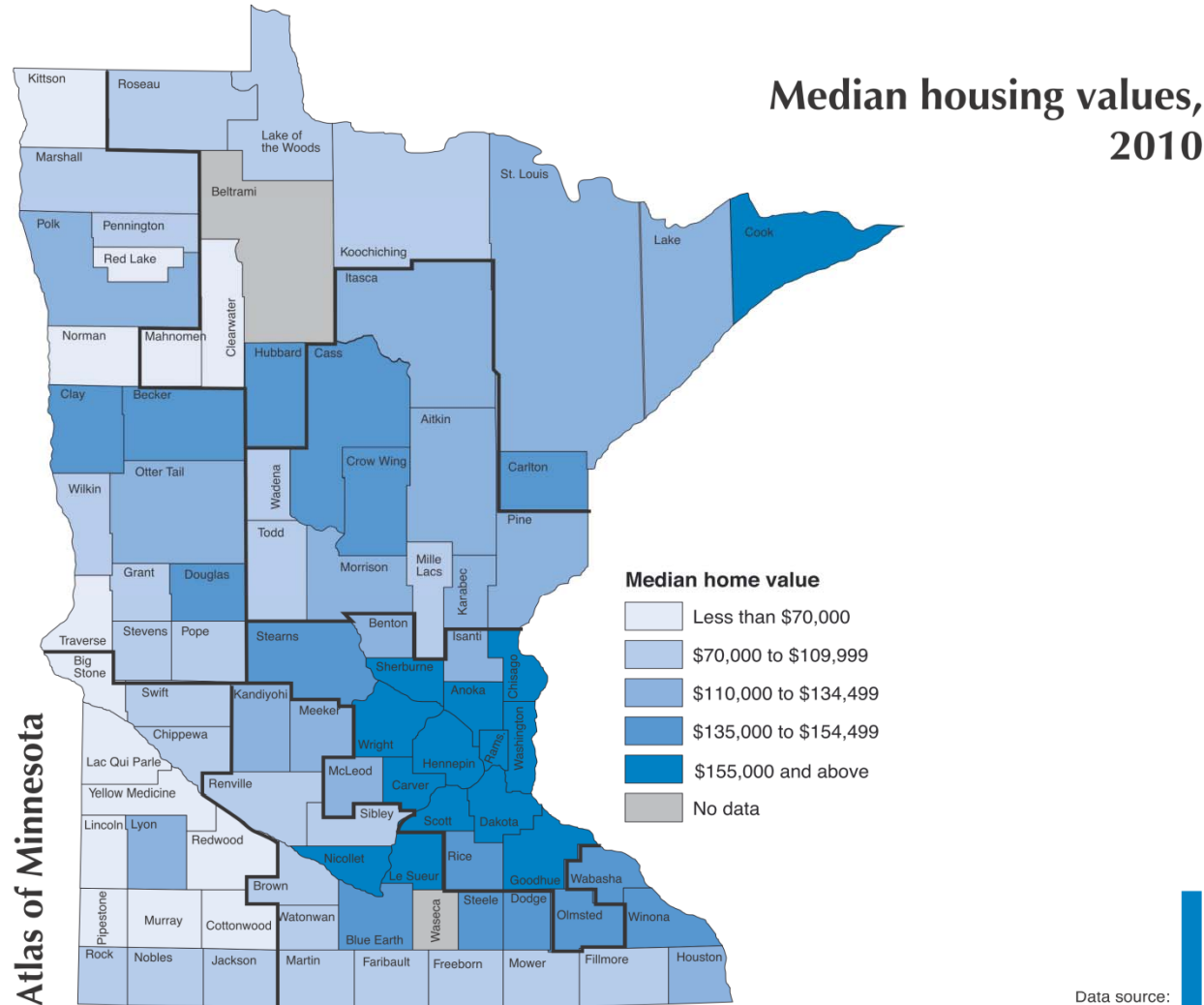
Average Annual Unemployment Rate, 2010



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Median Home Value, 2010



Data source:
Minnesota State Demographic Center
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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, 2011)

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, 2011)

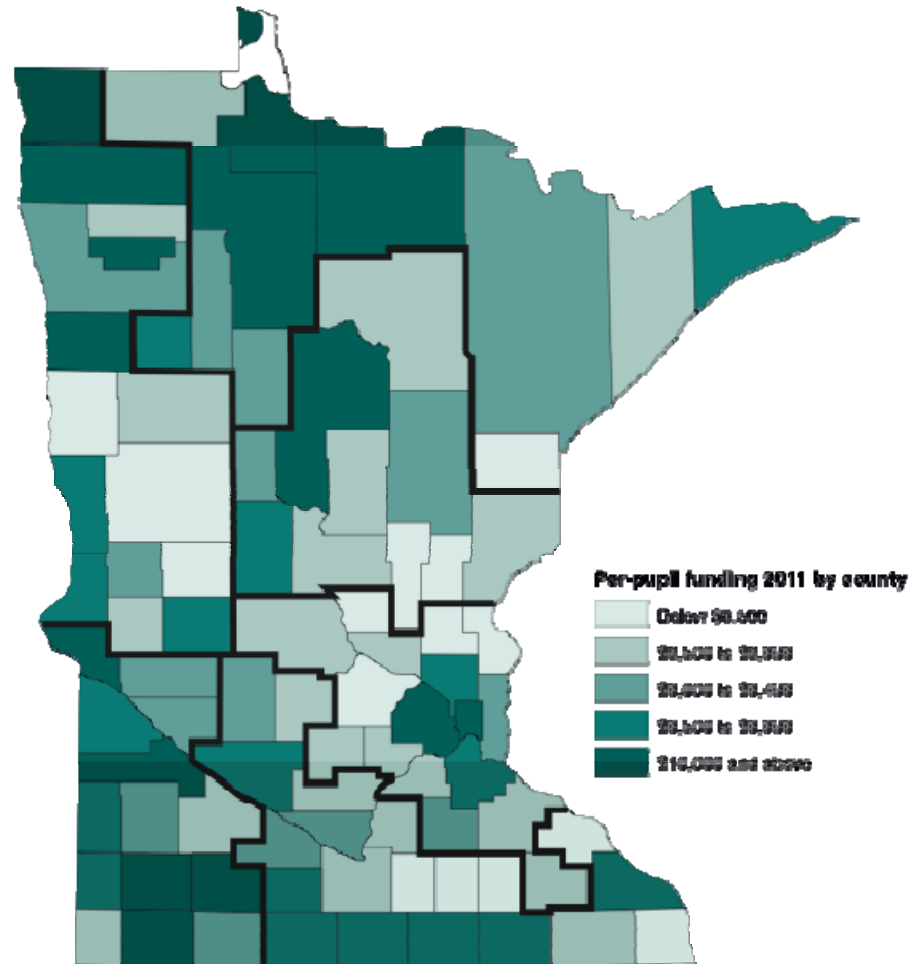
Region	Total nursing home beds	Nursing home beds per 1,000 residents	Nursing home beds per 1,000 seniors (age 65+)
Metroplex	16,451	4.5	41.2
Southeast River Valley	4,882	8.8	55.6
Southwestern Cornbelt	2,252	13.7	72.2
Northwest Valley	3,166	10.8	61.3
Up North	2,799	7.7	47.6
Central Lakes	1,862	6.3	33.9
Minnesota	31,412	5.9	46.0

Education

Table 11: Student-teacher ratio (Minnesota Department of Education, 2010-2011)

Region	Total enrollment	Total teachers or Full-Time Equivalent	Students per teacher
Metroplex	547,272	32,345.7	16.9
Southeast River Valley	79,719	5,288.6	15.1
Southwestern Cornbelt	26,097	1,946.8	13.4
Northwest Valley	42,618	2,948.0	14.5
Up North	49,361	3,235.3	15.3
Central Lakes	46,403	3,025.9	15.3
Minnesota	791,470	48,790.2	16.2

2011 Per-pupil funding



Data source:
Minnesota Department of Education
Office for Equal Policy and Development

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