

Minnesota

BASIC INFORMATION

2010 Census Population:	5,303,925 (21 st)
Land Area:	79,626.7 square miles (14 th)
Density:	66.6 persons per square mile (31 st)
Capital:	St. Paul
Became a State:	May 11, 1858 (32 nd)
Bordering States:	Iowa, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin
International Border:	Canada
Abbreviation:	MN
ANSI/FIPS Code:	27

HISTORY

The area of Minnesota was partially included in the original territory of the United States, being part of lands ceded by four states to the United States and designated in 1787 as the "Territory northwest of the River Ohio." The United States acquired the remainder of the area from France in 1803 as part of the Louisiana Purchase and by a convention signed with Great Britain in 1818 that extended the northern boundary along the 49th parallel westward from a line drawn due north from the source of the Mississippi River. Minnesota Territory was organized on March 3, 1849, from unorganized area formerly within Iowa and Wisconsin territories. The territory included all of the present-day state of Minnesota, the eastern part of North Dakota and South Dakota, and a small part of Nebraska. Minnesota Territory was reduced in size in 1854 when the portion in present-day Nebraska was included in Nebraska Territory. Minnesota was admitted to the Union on May 11, 1858, as the 32nd state, with generally the same boundary as the present state. The remaining part of Minnesota Territory was not assigned until the organization of Dakota Territory in 1861; in 1860 census reports, the area was identified as "unorganized Dakota."

Census data for Minnesota are available beginning with the 1850 census. The 1850 population is for the entire area of Minnesota Territory, including population in area not in the present state.

Data for the legally established state of Minnesota are available beginning with the 1860 census.

AMERICAN INDIAN AREAS

Minnesota has 13 federally recognized American Indian areas. There are 11 federally recognized American Indian area reservations, 8 with off-reservation trust land. There is one trust land. In addition, there is one off-reservation trust land associated with a reservation in a neighboring state.

METROPOLITAN AND MICROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS AND RELATED STATISTICAL AREAS

Minnesota has 8 metropolitan statistical areas, 17 micropolitan statistical areas, and 2 combined statistical areas.

COUNTIES

There are 87 counties in Minnesota. All counties are functioning governmental units, each governed by a county board of commissioners.

COUNTY SUBDIVISIONS

Minnesota has 2,760 county subdivisions which are recognized as minor civil divisions (MCDs). There are 1,785 active townships and 23 inactive townships. There are 845 incorporated places which are independent of any county subdivision creating 893 county subdivisions that serve as MCDs. There are 56 unorganized territories. There are also three areas county subdivisions not defined which encompass water area. Each township is governed by a board of supervisors.

Koochiching County is covered entirely by unorganized territories and independent places. Lake of the Woods County is shown as having 23 nonfunctioning townships as part of an agreement between the county and the Census Bureau.

PLACES

Minnesota has 906 places; 854 incorporated places and 52 census designated places (CDPs). The incorporated places are all cities. Nine cities – Aurora, Beardsley, Calumet, Johnson, Kinney, Marble, Nashwauk, Ortonville, and Taconite – are dependent within county subdivision. There are 845 cities that are independent of any township or unorganized territory.

CENSUS TRACTS/BLOCK GROUPS/BLOCKS

Minnesota has 1,338 census tracts, 4,111 block groups, and 259,777 blocks.

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

For the 111th Congress (January 2009 – January 2011), Minnesota had eight congressional districts. For the 113th Congress (January 2013-January 2015), Minnesota continues to have eight congressional districts as a result of reapportionment based on the 2010 Census.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS

Minnesota has 339 unified school districts.

STATE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS

There are 67 state senate districts and 134 state house districts in Minnesota.

URBAN AREAS

Minnesota has 111 urban areas; 8 urbanized areas and 103 urban clusters.

ZIP CODE TABULATION AREAS

There are 890 ZIP Code tabulation areas (ZCTAs) in Minnesota.

HISTORICAL CENTERS OF POPULATION

http://www.census.gov/geo/reference/centersofpop/histstate/historical_cenpop_27.html

Year	North Latitude	West Longitude
2010 ⁶	45° 12' 13"	93° 34' 19"
2000 ⁶	45° 12' 39"	93° 34' 59"
1990 ⁵	45° 13' 18"	93° 36' 31"

Year	North Latitude	West Longitude
1980 ⁴	45° 15' 16"	93° 38' 56"
1970 ³	45° 14' 12"	93° 39' 01"
1960 ³	45° 16' 36"	93° 42' 24"
1950 ³	45° 20' 24"	93° 45' 59"
1940 ²	45° 25' 50"	93° 53' 13"
1930 ²	45° 25' 44"	93° 52' 58"
1920 ¹	45° 25' 26"	93° 51' 01"
1910 ¹	45° 22' 23"	93° 51' 29"
1900 ¹	45° 15' 29"	93° 59' 24"
1890 ¹	45° 05' 42"	93° 50' 36"
1880 ¹	44° 47' 33"	93° 44' 41"

¹ Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Fourteenth Census of the United States, 1923

² Source: U.S. Census Bureau, recomputation for historical county level data which relied upon aggregate county level population data with an estimated county centroid resulting in a possible error of up to one mile.

³ Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Centers of Population for States and Counties, 1974

⁴ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group/enumeration area data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.

⁵ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Geography Division, recomputation from archived national block group data resulting in a possible error of up to 1,000 feet.

⁶ Source: U.S. Census Bureau, computation from national block-level data

MOST POPULOUS, LARGEST IN AREA, AND MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREAS

	Population		Land Area (square miles)		Population Density (Persons per square mile)	
	Name	Population	Name	Area	Name	Density
County	Hennepin County	1,152,425	St. Louis County	6247.40	Ramsey County	3,341.6
Place						
- Inc Place	Minneapolis city	382,578	Hibbing city	181.83	Landfall city	9,233.9
- CDP	Arnold CDP	2,960	The Lake CDP	33.72	Riverland CDP	1,652.6
Township	White Bear township, Ramsey County	10,949	Stony River township, Lake County	550.56	White Bear township, Ramsey County	1499.9

LISTS OF ENTITIES

See the [Gazetteer Files](#) for a list of geographic entities. See the [Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas](#) page for a list of metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas and related statistical areas.