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This report, the second in a series analyzing data from the 2000 census, provides information on household composition in Minnesota. It is taken from the Demographic Profile released by the Census Bureau in May. More census information, including information for other states, and smaller, sub-county areas, is available at <http://factfinder.census.gov>.



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Minnesota KIDS COUNT, a joint project of the Children's Defense Fund-Minnesota and Congregations Concerned for Children, is funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and provides county-by-county assessment of the condition of Minnesota's children. Minnesota KIDS COUNT releases periodic reports and an annual databook to provide a statistical profile of Minnesota's children and suggestions for action on their behalf. This report is available on the CDF-MN web site at <http://www.cdf-mn.org> or by calling 612/870-3670.

# Minnesota Children in the 2000 Census: Household Composition

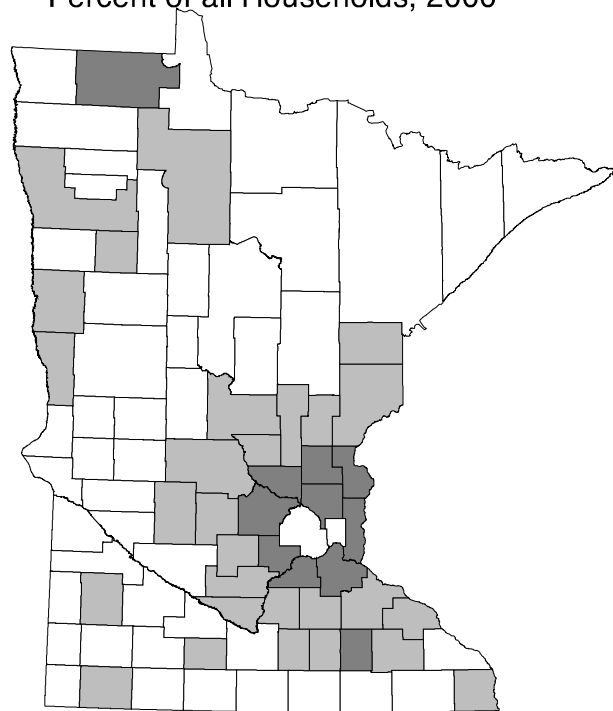
In May 2001, the US Census Bureau released its Demographic Profiles from the 2000 Census. Included in this data is basic information about households and families, including types of households and whether or not they include children. More detailed information about family composition will be available in future releases from the Bureau.<sup>1</sup>

## Households With Children

The 2000 Census counted about 659,000 households with children in Minnesota, or 35% of all households. This is a 4% decrease from the 1990 Census. (See maps.) There were counties in Minnesota where as few as 25% of households have children (Aitkin and Cook counties) and counties where 47%

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Households With Children as a Percent of all Households, 2000

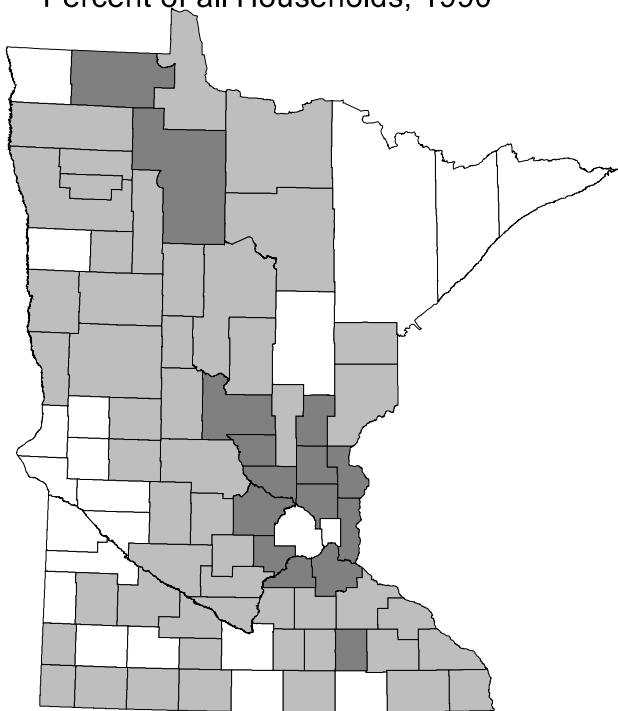


Households w/Children, 2000  
 24 - 33%  
 34 - 39%  
 40 - 47%

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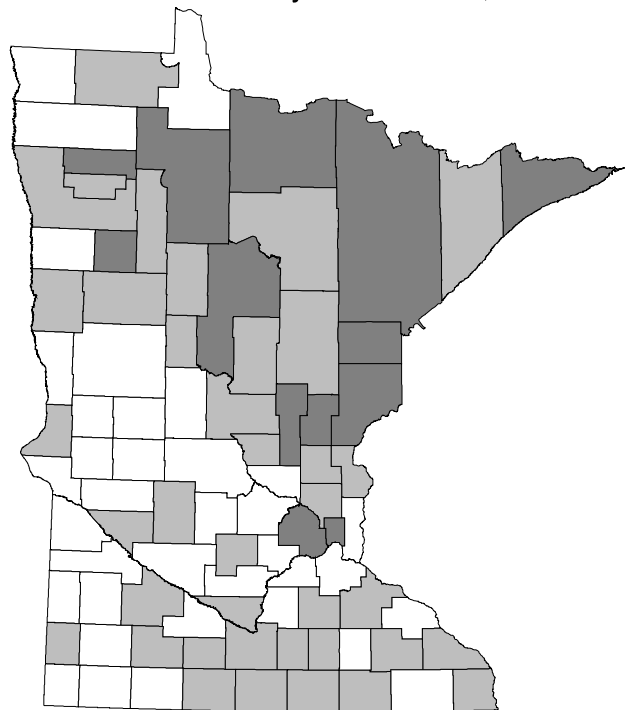
Households With Children as a Percent of all Households, 1990



Households w/Children, 1990  
 29 - 33%  
 34 - 39%  
 40 - 47%

Census 2000 Demographic Profile Data

Single Parent Households as a Percent of All Family Households, 2000



Single Parent Households, 2000  
 15 - 20%  
 21 - 26%  
 27% - 37%

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of households have children (Carver, Scott and Sherburne.)

Almost all counties have seen the percentage of households with children decline in the last 10 years. The northern counties of Cook, Itasca, and Kootchiching saw the sharpest decreases (over 16%) while Wilkin, Watonwan and Carver counties had seen small increases (1% to 4%).

## Families With Children

Family households with children in the 2000 Census are comprised of married couples with children, or a single parent, male or female, with children. In Minnesota, 76% or 469,093 family households were married couples and 24% or 119,848 were headed by single parents. Single mothers comprised 80% of single parent households.

The percentage of households headed by single parents varied widely by county and region. Many western and suburban counties had fewer than 20% single parent households, while in Hennepin, Ramsey and several northern Minnesota counties, at least one in four families were headed by a single parent. (See map.)

Single parent households increased by 17% since 1990 in Minnesota as a whole, and for every county in the state. These increases have been more pronounced in some smaller counties; sixteen counties had increases greater than 50%. Many counties with the smallest increases were in the metro area.

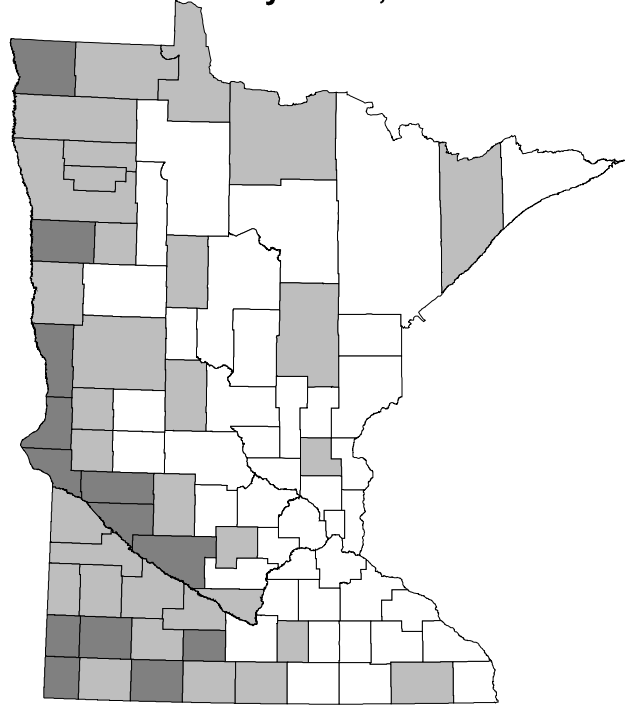
1. The Demographic Profiles also include information about sex and age (broken into age categories, including, for children, under 5, 5 to 9, 10 to 14, and 15-19); median age; race (including some ethnicity breakouts for Asian and Hispanic/Latino persons); and people living in group quarters.

# Housing

Just over 8% of all housing units in Minnesota were vacant in the 2000 census. Sixty-two percent of those vacant units were seasonal or recreational dwellings. About 4% of all rental units and less than 1% of all home-owner units were vacant. Seventy-five percent of all housing in Minnesota was owner-occupied.

These figures varied greatly by county. Rental vacancy rates range from 1.7% in Anoka County to over 20% in Big Stone County. Home-owner vacancy rates were as low as .5% for many metro area counties and over 4% in the western counties of Norman, Traverse and Big Stone.

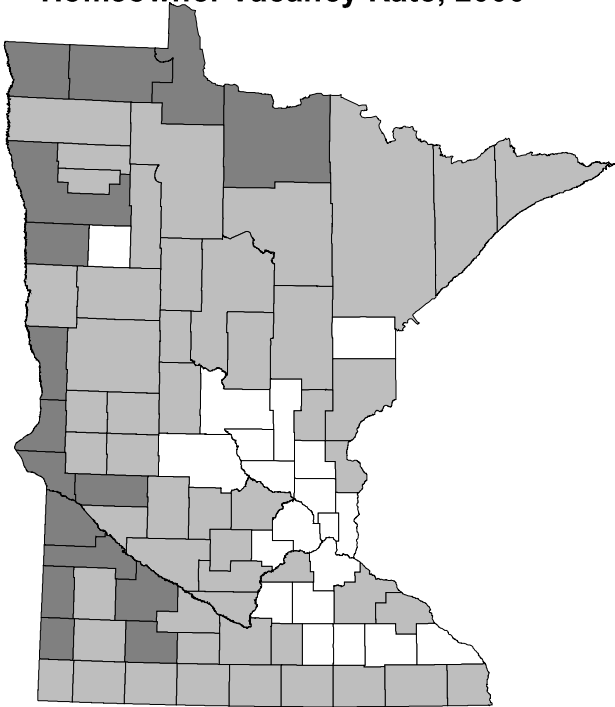
## Rental Vacancy Rates, 2000



Rental Vacancy Rates  
 2 - 6%  
 7 - 11%  
 12 - 20%

Census 2000 Demographic Profile Data

## Homeowner Vacancy Rate, 2000



Homeowner Vacancy Rates  
 Less than 1%  
 1 - 2%  
 3 - 5%

Census 2000 Demographic Profile Data

## Definitions

**Family Household (Family)** – a family includes a householder and one or more people living in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption. All people in a household who are related to the householder are regarded as members of his or her family ... Not all households contain families since a household may comprise a group of unrelated people or one person living alone.

**Household** – a household includes all of the people who occupy a housing unit. People not living in households are classified as living in group quarters.

<http://www.census.gov/prod/cen2000/doc/ProfilesTD.pdf>

## Composition of Households, 2000 Census

COUNTY	Households with children under 18	% of households with children	% change, households with children, 1990-2000	Married Couple Families with Children	% of Family Households	% change, married couple families, 1990-2000	Single Parent Families with Children	% of Family Households	% change, single parent families, 1990-2000
Aitkin	1,633	25%	-14%	1,125	75%	-9%	378	25%	42%
Anoka	44,979	42%	-11%	33,290	78%	-4%	9,203	22%	15%
Becker	3,926	33%	-10%	2,762	75%	-5%	943	25%	16%
Beltrami	5,482	38%	-6%	3,128	63%	-11%	1,837	37%	27%
Benton	4,829	37%	-9%	3,452	75%	-8%	1,163	25%	33%
Big Stone	699	29%	-4%	564	82%	-7%	125	18%	55%
Blue Earth	6,377	30%	-6%	4,645	76%	-6%	1,491	24%	25%
Brown	3,446	33%	-7%	2,664	80%	-7%	676	20%	40%
Carlton	4,191	35%	-9%	2,881	73%	-8%	1,049	27%	29%
Carver	11,342	47%	4%	9,308	84%	-2%	1,713	16%	14%
Cass	3,294	30%	-11%	2,135	71%	-7%	886	29%	21%
Chippewa	1,723	32%	-3%	1,307	78%	-9%	365	22%	59%
Chisago	6,239	43%	-3%	4,665	79%	-6%	1,257	21%	29%
Clay	6,565	35%	-4%	4,781	76%	-4%	1,538	24%	16%
Clearwater	1,098	33%	-10%	770	76%	-5%	249	24%	22%
Cook	594	25%	-17%	416	72%	-13%	158	28%	64%
Cottonwood	1,475	30%	-6%	1,107	79%	-10%	301	21%	67%
Crow Wing	7,125	32%	-7%	4,990	74%	-5%	1,738	26%	16%
Dakota	54,508	42%	-6%	41,833	80%	-3%	10,638	20%	14%
Dodge	2,717	42%	-3%	2,116	81%	-6%	499	19%	39%
Douglas	4,103	31%	-11%	3,201	81%	-4%	765	19%	23%
Faribault	1,970	30%	-9%	1,497	79%	-6%	402	21%	33%
Fillmore	2,650	32%	-7%	2,090	82%	-5%	454	18%	29%
Freeborn	4,131	31%	-9%	2,952	76%	-8%	939	24%	36%
Goodhue	6,000	35%	-5%	4,526	79%	-6%	1,215	21%	30%
Grant	774	31%	0%	591	80%	-8%	150	20%	51%
Hennepin	139,134	31%	-1%	95,469	73%	-2%	35,793	27%	5%
Houston	2,726	36%	-7%	2,072	79%	-6%	550	21%	32%
Hubbard	2,325	31%	-9%	1,653	76%	-8%	523	24%	36%
Isanti	4,574	41%	-9%	3,311	77%	-7%	974	23%	36%
Itasca	5,519	31%	-16%	3,886	75%	-6%	1,304	25%	22%
Jackson	1,408	31%	-8%	1,101	81%	-5%	255	19%	28%
Kanabec	2,087	36%	-9%	1,437	73%	-8%	527	27%	34%
Kandiyohi	5,485	34%	-8%	4,081	77%	-8%	1,194	23%	40%
Kittson	653	30%	-7%	522	83%	-5%	110	17%	33%
Koochiching	1,809	30%	-16%	1,247	73%	-6%	469	27%	21%
Lac qui Parle	963	29%	-8%	784	85%	-7%	141	15%	74%
Lake	1,319	28%	-6%	960	76%	-6%	300	24%	27%
Lake...Woods	581	31%	-13%	448	81%	-5%	108	19%	28%
LeSueur	3,479	36%	-7%	2,694	81%	-4%	617	19%	24%
Lincoln	733	28%	-11%	607	85%	-4%	110	15%	28%
Lyon	3,322	34%	-7%	2,560	80%	-5%	649	20%	28%
MacLeod	4,902	36%	-7%	3,731	79%	-7%	966	21%	43%
Mahnomen	704	36%	-8%	413	65%	-18%	225	35%	69%
Marshall	1,273	31%	-14%	1,020	82%	-7%	218	18%	51%

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Martin	2,800	31%	-9%	2,094	78%	-7%	607	22%	38%
Meeker	3,016	35%	-6%	2,331	81%	-7%	562	19%	46%
Mille Lacs	2,968	34%	-10%	1,982	71%	-10%	803	29%	40%
Morrison	4,266	36%	-10%	3,164	78%	-8%	918	22%	40%
Mower	4,872	31%	-1%	3,473	75%	-6%	1,156	25%	26%
Murray	1,118	30%	-8%	904	84%	-7%	177	16%	56%
Nicollet	3,876	36%	-7%	2,949	78%	-7%	811	22%	40%
Nobles	2,682	34%	0%	2,039	80%	-7%	511	20%	41%
Norman	934	31%	-6%	751	83%	-5%	154	17%	35%
Olmsted	17,487	37%	-4%	13,365	80%	-5%	3,444	20%	23%
Otter Tail	7,147	32%	-7%	5,521	80%	-6%	1,354	20%	32%
Pennington	1,777	32%	-8%	1,237	73%	-7%	452	27%	28%
Pine	3,344	34%	-10%	2,266	73%	-10%	830	27%	43%
Pipestone	1,308	32%	-5%	995	79%	-8%	268	21%	47%
Polk	4,098	34%	-8%	2,985	77%	-6%	913	23%	24%
Pope	1,381	31%	-9%	1,106	83%	-4%	233	17%	26%
Ramsey	64,113	32%	-2%	40,807	68%	-6%	19,184	32%	15%
Red Lake	548	32%	-11%	420	79%	-11%	110	21%	82%
Redwood	2,176	33%	-4%	1,631	78%	-11%	470	22%	79%
Renville	2,223	33%	-3%	1,752	82%	-7%	385	18%	48%
Rice	7,238	38%	-2%	5,316	77%	-5%	1,584	23%	23%
Rock	1,243	32%	-7%	1,003	84%	-6%	198	16%	46%
Roseau	2,454	40%	-7%	1,872	79%	-7%	504	21%	38%
Saint Louis	24,193	29%	-9%	16,087	70%	-7%	6,743	30%	21%
Scott	14,438	47%	-1%	11,641	83%	-3%	2,306	17%	16%
Sherburne	10,099	47%	-3%	7,944	82%	-4%	1,737	18%	21%
Sibley	2,043	35%	-1%	1,613	83%	-7%	329	17%	55%
Stearns	17,261	36%	-8%	13,335	80%	-5%	3,312	20%	27%
Steele	4,748	37%	-5%	3,586	79%	-8%	971	21%	47%
Stevens	1,119	30%	-4%	905	84%	-2%	168	16%	11%
Swift	1,357	31%	-1%	1,058	81%	-8%	248	19%	54%
Todd	3,117	33%	-11%	2,406	81%	-6%	565	19%	41%
Traverse	498	29%	-6%	384	79%	-9%	102	21%	61%
Wabasha	2,924	35%	-7%	2,238	80%	-7%	559	20%	48%
Wadena	1,721	32%	-10%	1,238	76%	-7%	388	24%	32%
Waseca	2,561	36%	-5%	1,925	79%	-7%	525	21%	41%
Washington	30,897	43%	-8%	24,307	82%	-2%	5,409	18%	10%
Watonwan	1,579	34%	1%	1,144	76%	-10%	359	24%	59%
Wilkin	1,011	37%	1%	803	83%	-2%	165	17%	13%
Winona	5,919	32%	-9%	4,351	77%	-6%	1,304	23%	29%
Wright	13,743	44%	-7%	10,793	82%	-4%	2,448	18%	24%
Yellow Med.	1,402	32%	-1%	1,102	82%	-8%	245	18%	58%
STATE	658,565	35%	-4%	477,615	76%	-4%	148,676	24%	17%

Looking for data about Minnesota children from the 2000 census? Thus far, the Census Bureau has released demographic profiles which contain information on households, median age, and children by age groups (under 5, 5-9, 10-14 and 12-19). Earlier, the Bureau released population figures by race and ethnicity for all ages and for voting age adults (over 18) By subtraction, figures for children under 18 can be obtained.

Here are some places to find census information in easy-to-use formats:

On the CDF-MN web site, at [www.cdf-mn.org/KidsCount.htm](http://www.cdf-mn.org/KidsCount.htm), you can download Excel files of Demographic Profile information for all Minnesota counties. Excel files with race and Hispanic/Latino population figures for all 87 Minnesota counties and county seats are also available. These files

do not have detailed break-outs about multi-racial children.

At the national KIDS COUNT website, [www.kidscount.org](http://www.kidscount.org), you can view, save and print fact sheets for counties, congressional districts, Minneapolis, St. Paul, and the state as a whole, including more detailed information on multi-racial children, and information from the 1990 and 1980 censuses. Large tables of the raw data are also available.

From the Census Bureau (<http://factfinder.gov>), you can use America's Fact Finder to download information, including the complete Demographic Profiles, and information for other geographic areas, such as towns and reservations.

Information about Minnesota school districts is available from Proximity at <http://www.proximity-one.com/plsd.htm>. By registering, you can download a free Excel

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spreadsheet listing every Minnesota school district and its population by race and ethnicity.

If you have questions about census data and children, please feel free to call our KIDS COUNT Director, Diane Benjamin, at (651) 227-6121, or email her at [benjamin@cdf-mn.org](mailto:benjamin@cdf-mn.org).

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