

# Minnesota State Demographic Center

## Demographic Overview Of Minnesota

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# What is the role of the Minnesota (MN) State Demographic Center?

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- Serve as a liaison to the Census Bureau and assist with the decennial census counts
- Create MN population estimates and projections
- Analyze, interpret and distribute data from the state, U.S. Census Bureau and other sources
- Offer data and technical assistance to legislators, all levels of government, organizations and citizens across the state
- Monitor trends and help MN to make data-informed decisions—via reports, online content and presentations

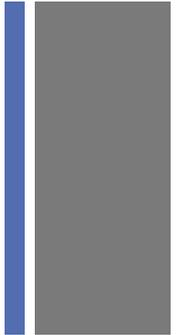


About Minnesota (MN)



# Minnesota, population overview (2014)

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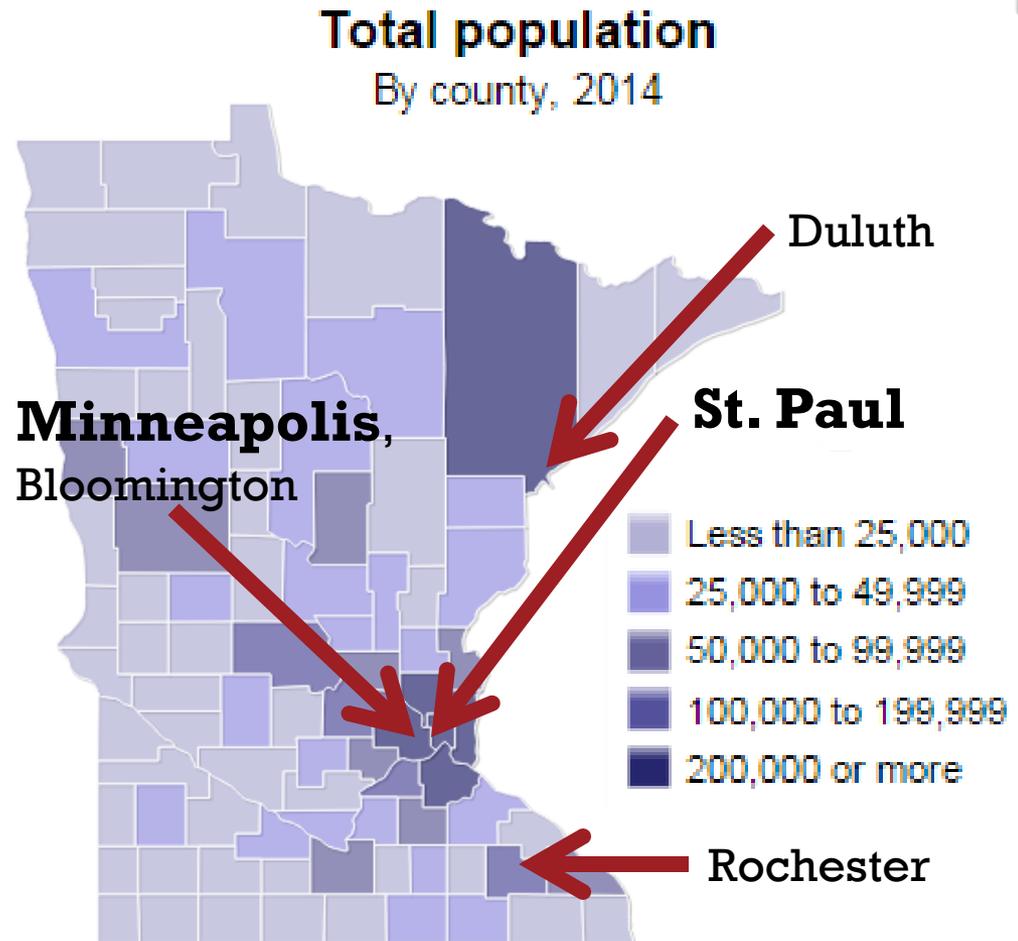


- 21<sup>st</sup> largest (most populous) state among the 50 United States
- Home to 5.46 million people
- 5 largest Minnesota cities by population:
  - Minneapolis (411,000 residents)
  - St. Paul (300,000 residents)
  - Rochester (111,000, home of the world-renowned Mayo Clinic)
  - Bloomington (87,000)
  - Duluth (86,000).



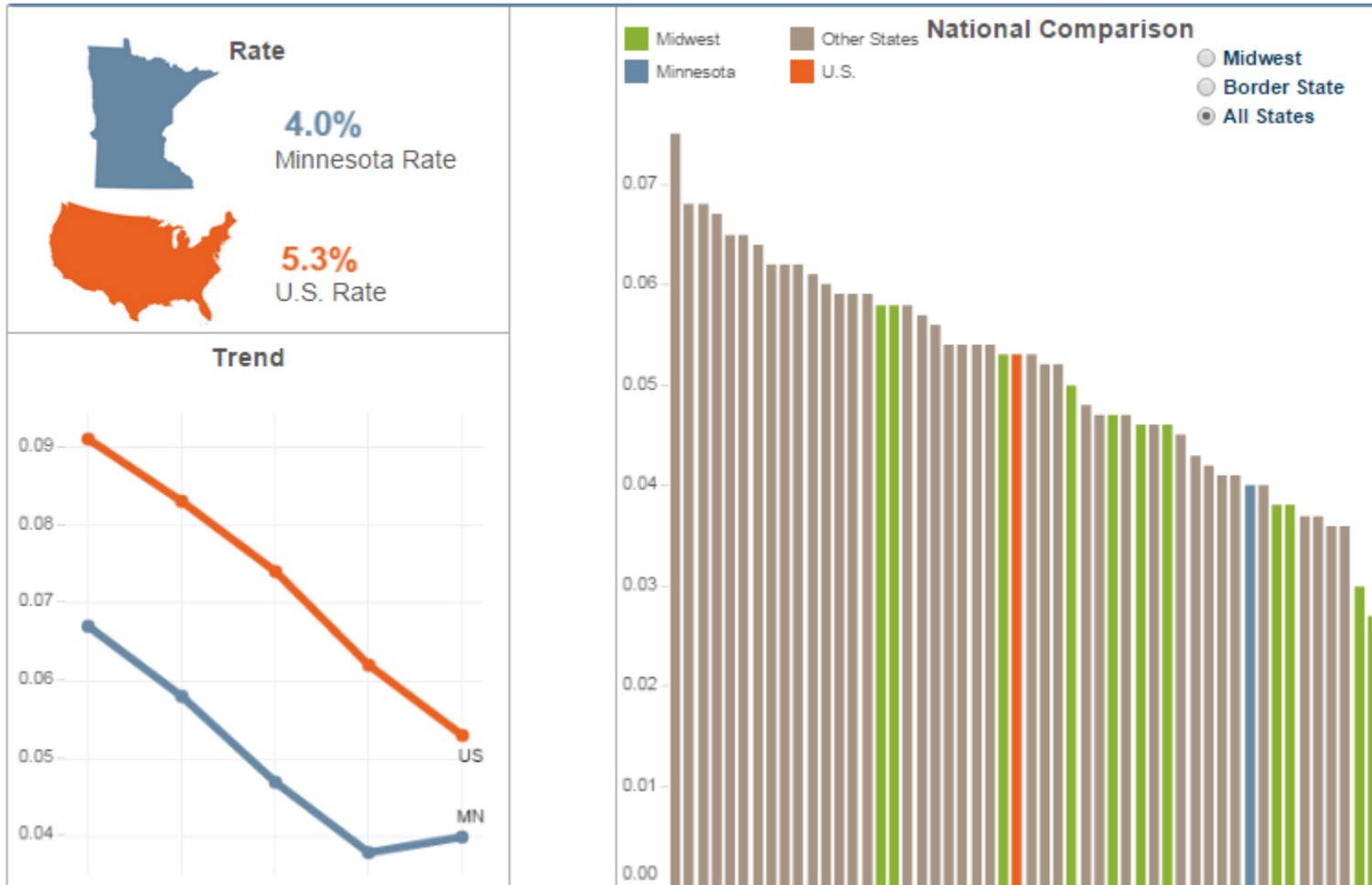
# Minnesota, population distribution in 2014

- Organized into 87 counties, which administer law enforcement, human services programs, etc.
- Half of the state's population lives in 1 of 5 counties home to, or adjacent to, Minneapolis and St. Paul (state capital), the "Twin Cities"





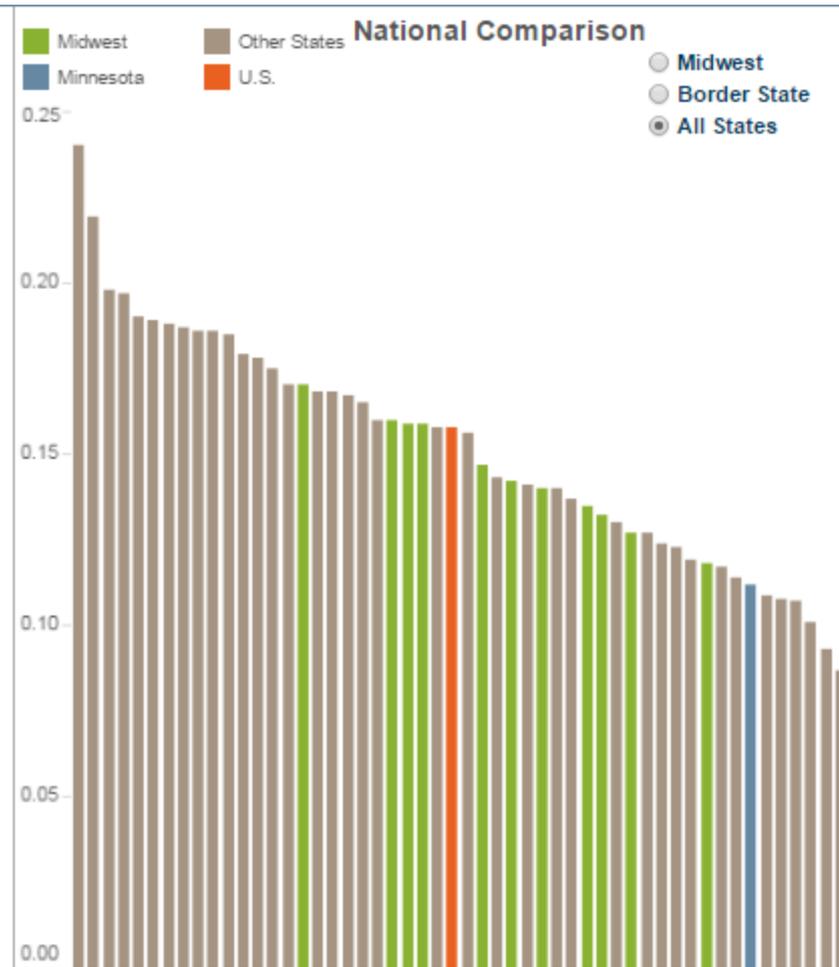
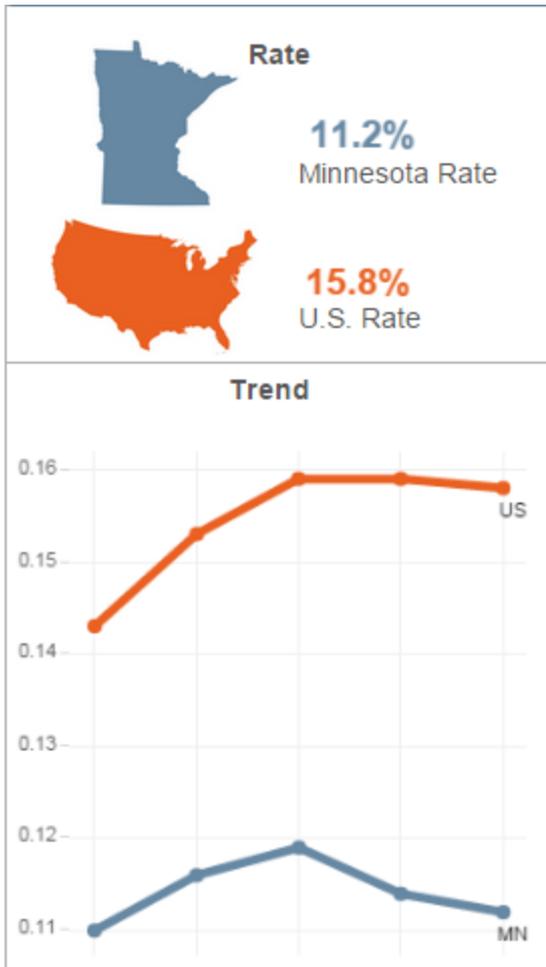
# Minnesota's unemployment rate is 9<sup>th</sup> lowest among states (July 2015)



Source: MN Department of Employment and Economic Development: <http://mn.gov/deed/data/current-econ-highlights/monthly-snapshot.jsp>



# Minnesota's poverty rate is 7<sup>th</sup> lowest among states (2013 annual)



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# Migration & diversity

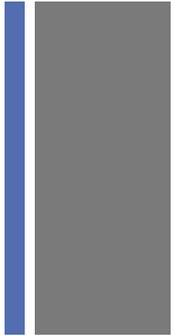


1858:  
Minnesota gained statehood



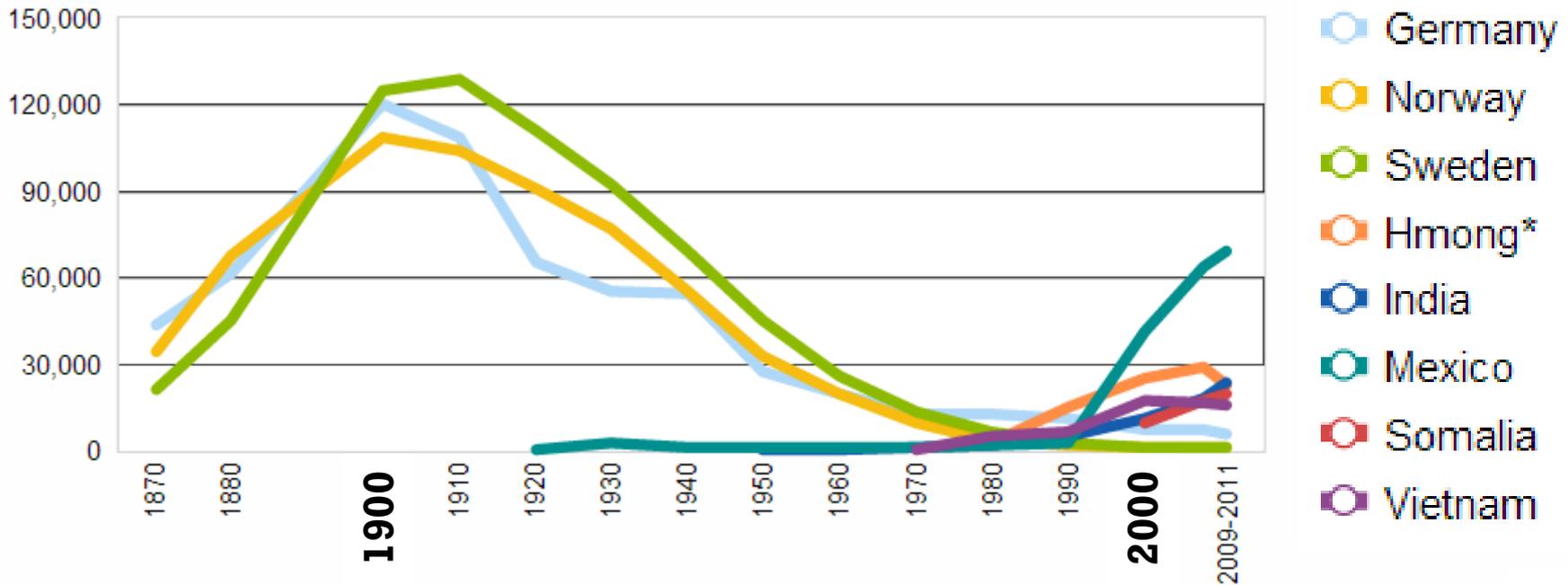


# Minnesota residents by race in 1860



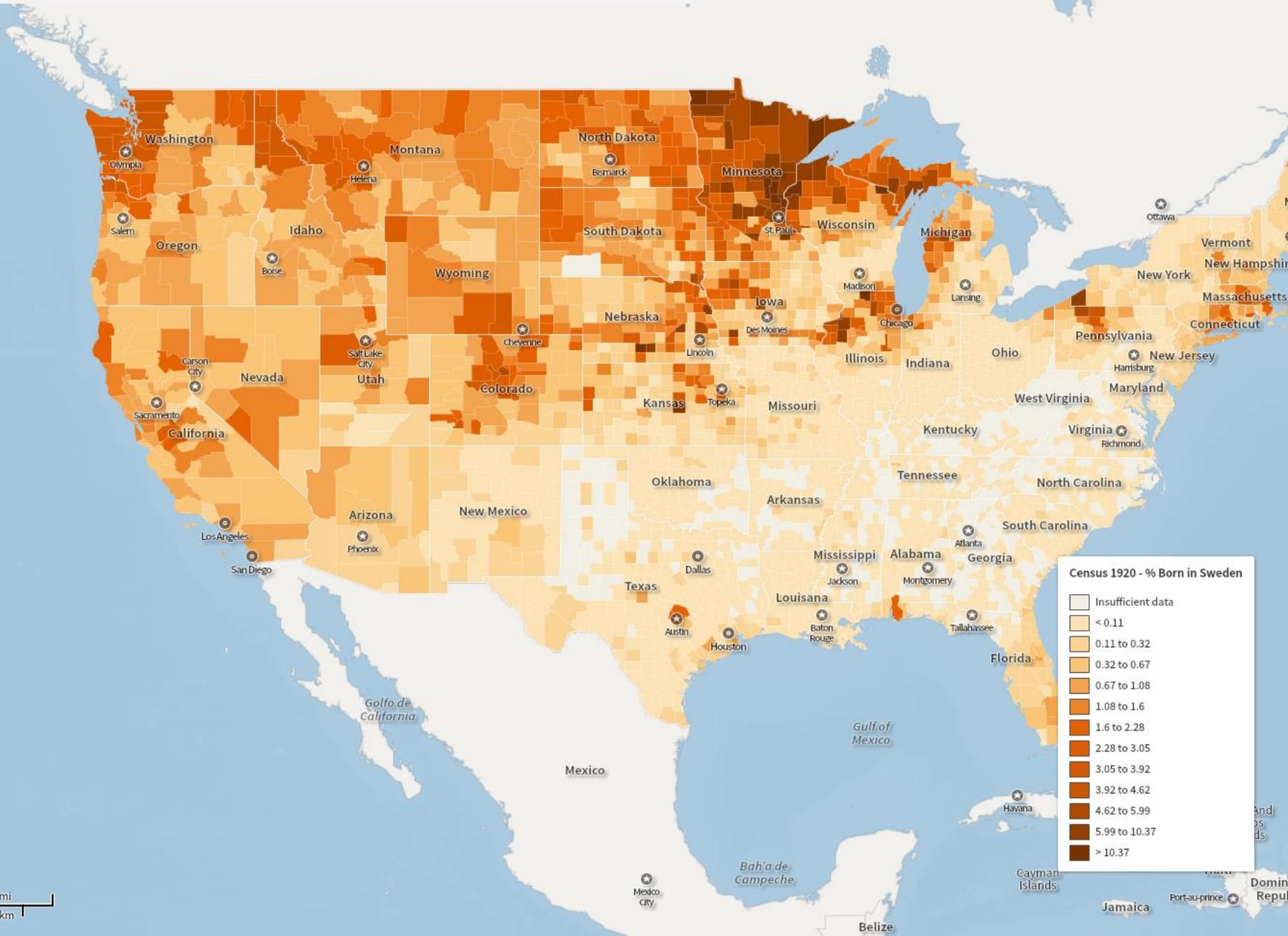
# + By late 1800s, German, Norwegian and Swedish immigrants began to arrive in MN in great numbers

Foreign born population by birthplace  
Minnesota, 1870-2011



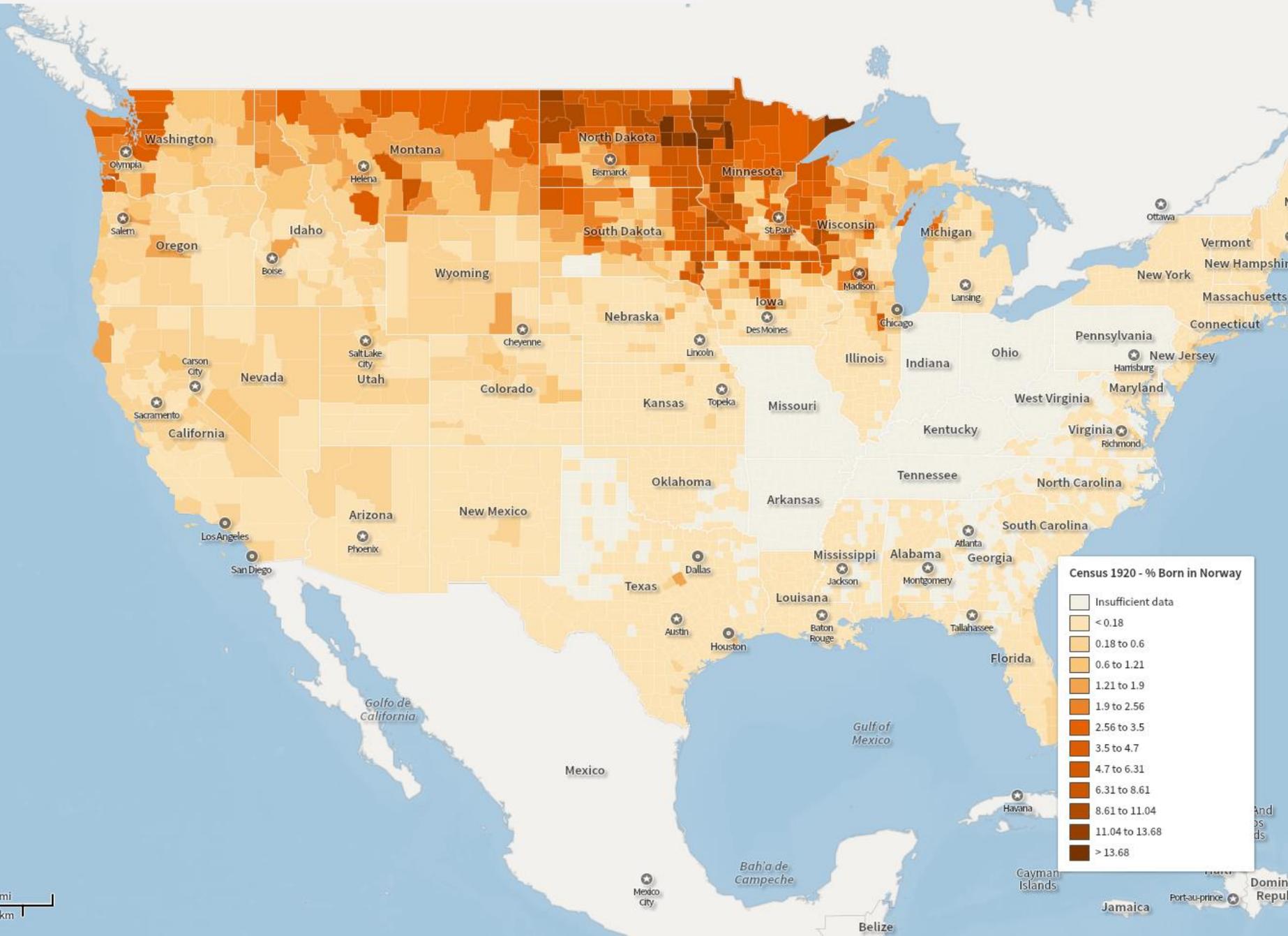
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# Percentage of the population born in Sweden, 1920



200 mi  
200 km

# Percentage of the population born in Norway, 1920

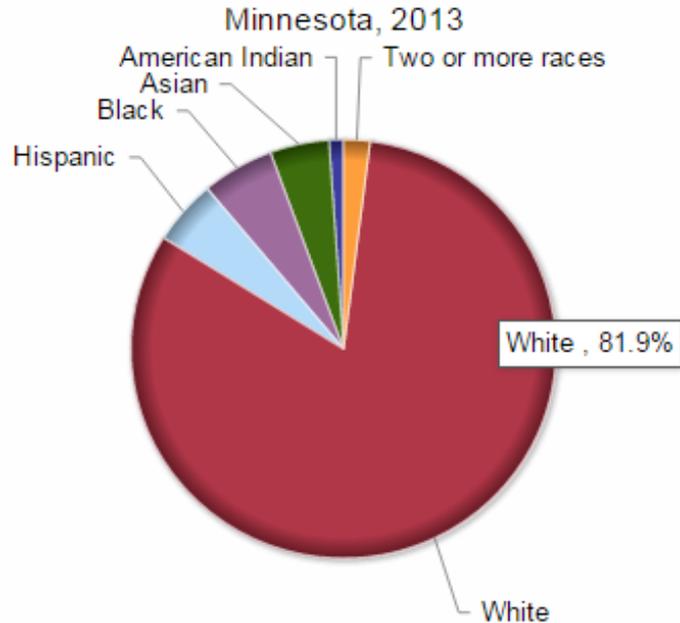


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# MN today by race/ethnicity (Hispanics removed from all other race groups)

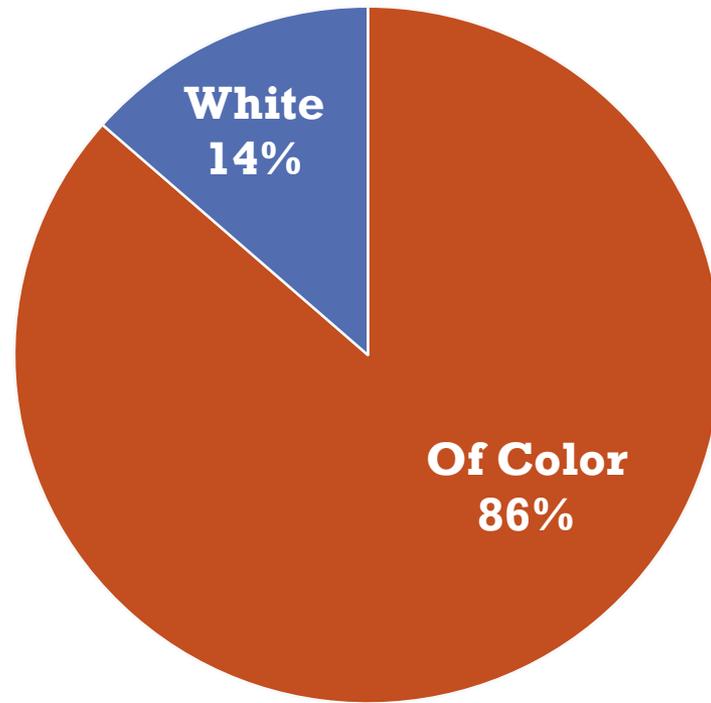
## Population by racial and ethnic group



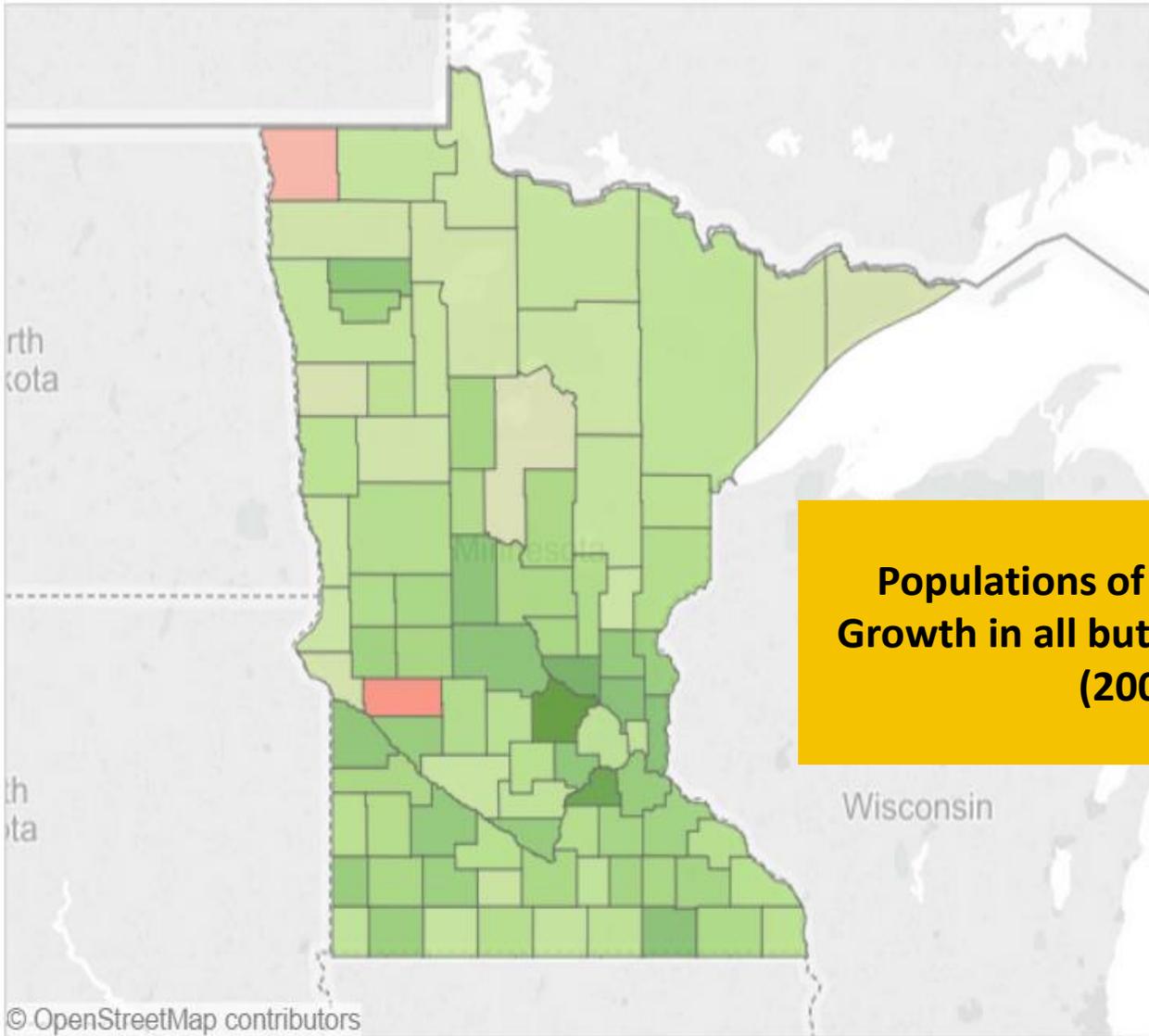
- 82% White
- 6% Black
- 5% Hispanic
- 5% Asian
- 2% Multiracial
- 1% American Indian



# Between 2000 and 2010 most of MN's growth was from "populations of Color"



**350,000  
more  
Minnesota  
residents  
in 2010  
than in  
2000**



**Populations of Color (non-White):  
Growth in all but 2 counties statewide  
(2000-2010)**





# Percent of MN young people who are “children of immigrants”



Under age 20, it's 1 in 6



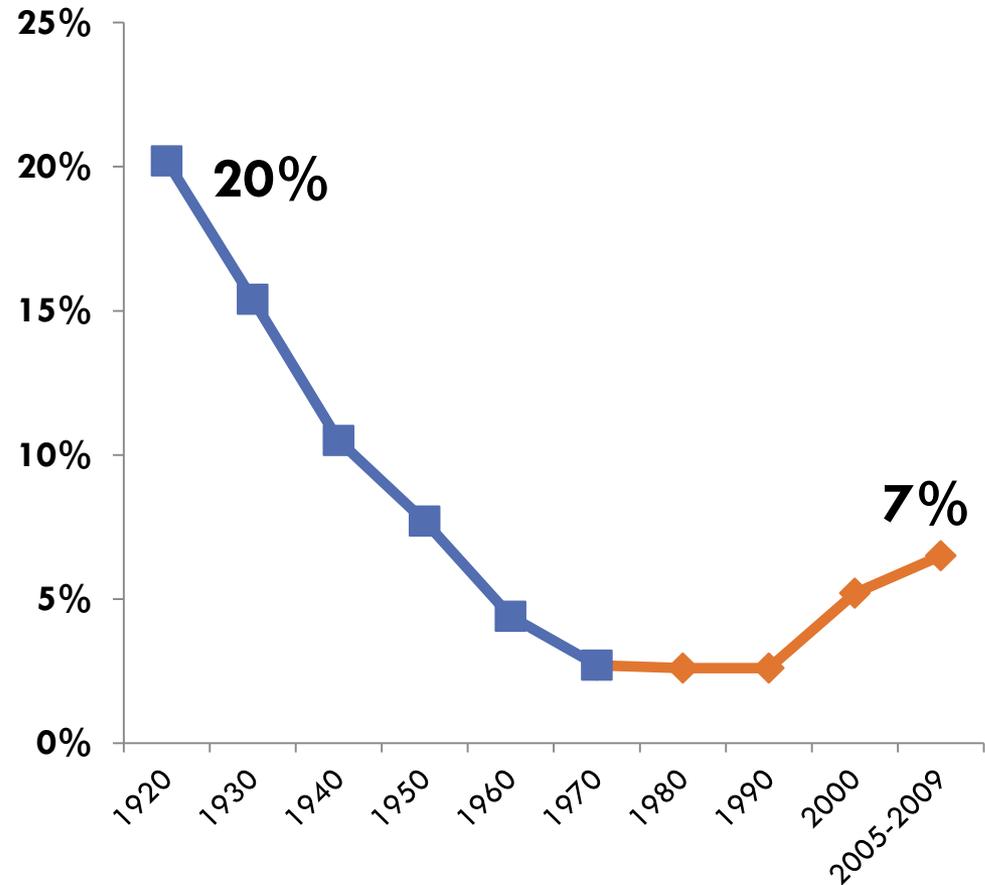
Under age 5, it's 1 in 5

“Children of immigrants” are foreign-born themselves, or have one or two foreign-born parents



International immigration has increased in recent years, but pales in comparison to the early 1900s

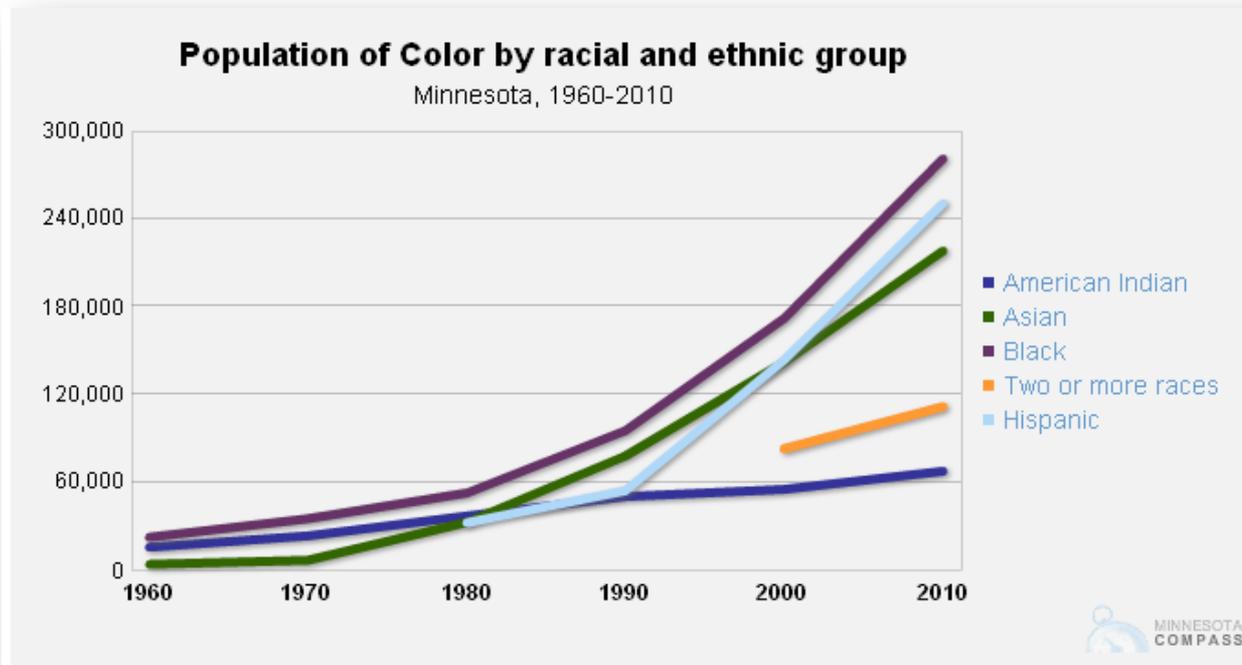
## Percent Foreign-Born, Minnesota, 1920-2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau



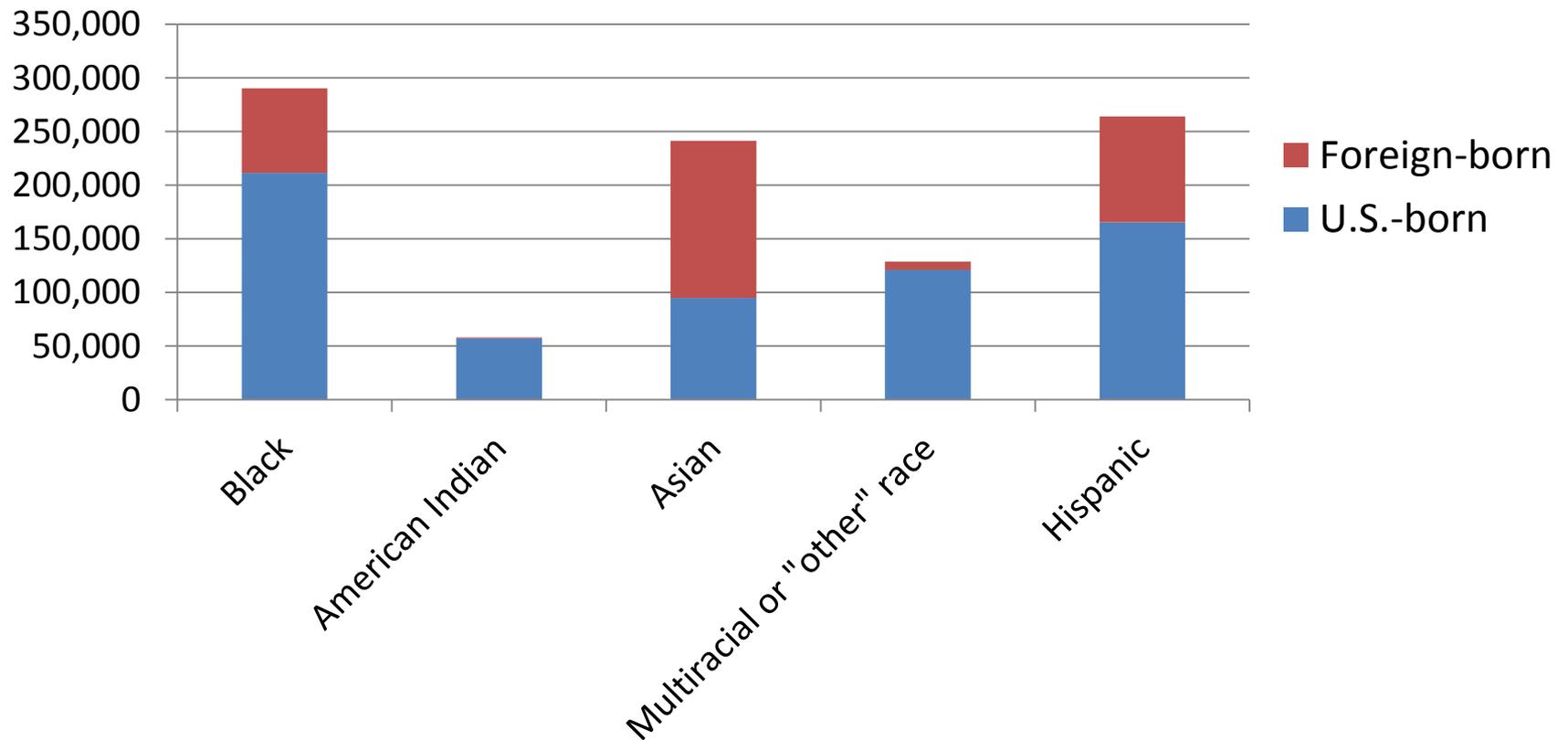
# Populations of Color have grown dramatically since 1990



- **Since 1990, Asian and Black residents tripled, and Hispanic residents quadrupled in MN**

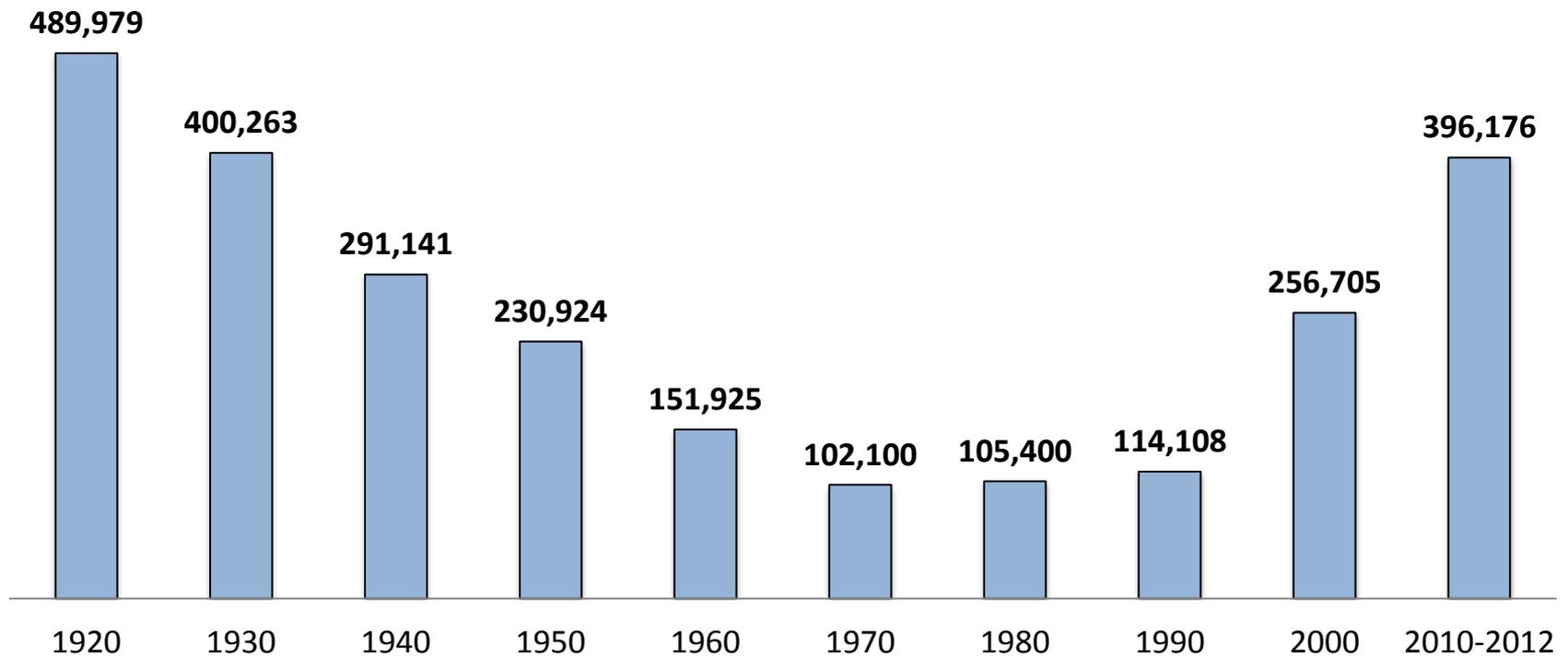
# Many of our populations of Color are immigrants

Minnesota populations of Color, by birthplace, 2013

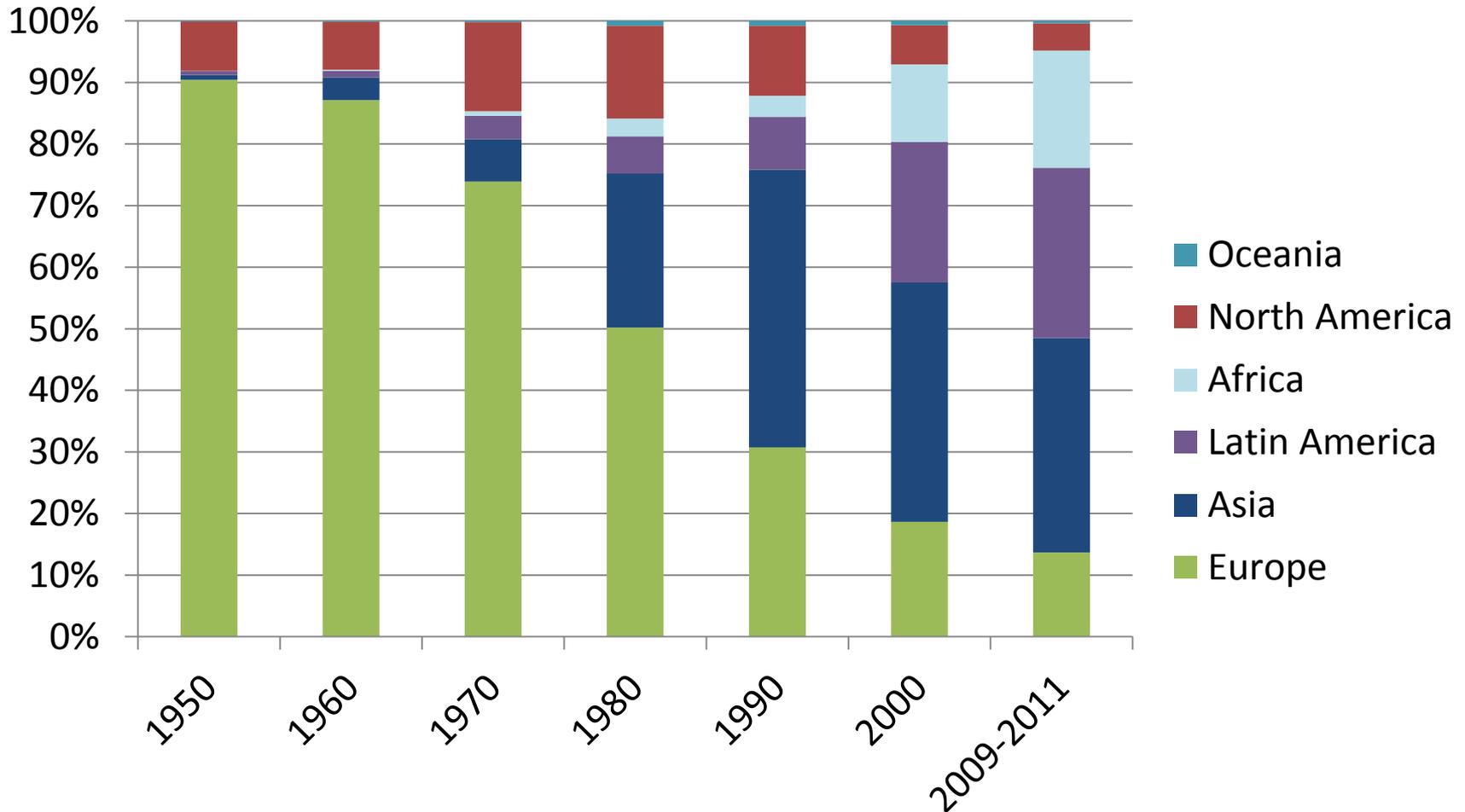


Source: IPUMS version of U.S. Census Bureau's 2013 American Community Survey, Tabulated by MN State Demographic Center.

# Number of foreign-born in Minnesota, 1920-2012



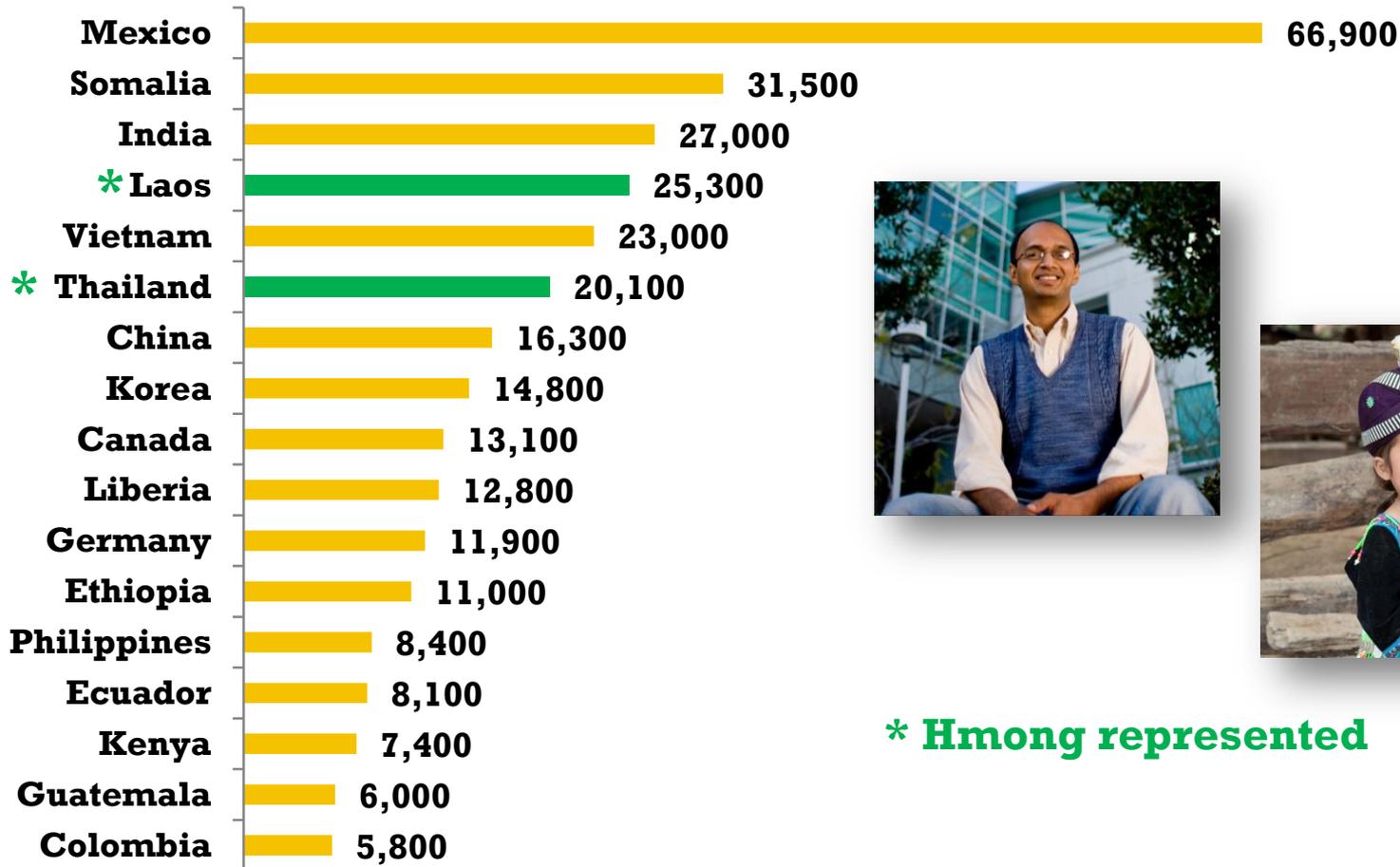
# + Our foreign-born population is becoming increasingly diverse



Source: IPUMS version of U.S. Census Bureau's decennial censuses and 2010-2012 American Community Survey, Tabulated by MN State Demographic Center.

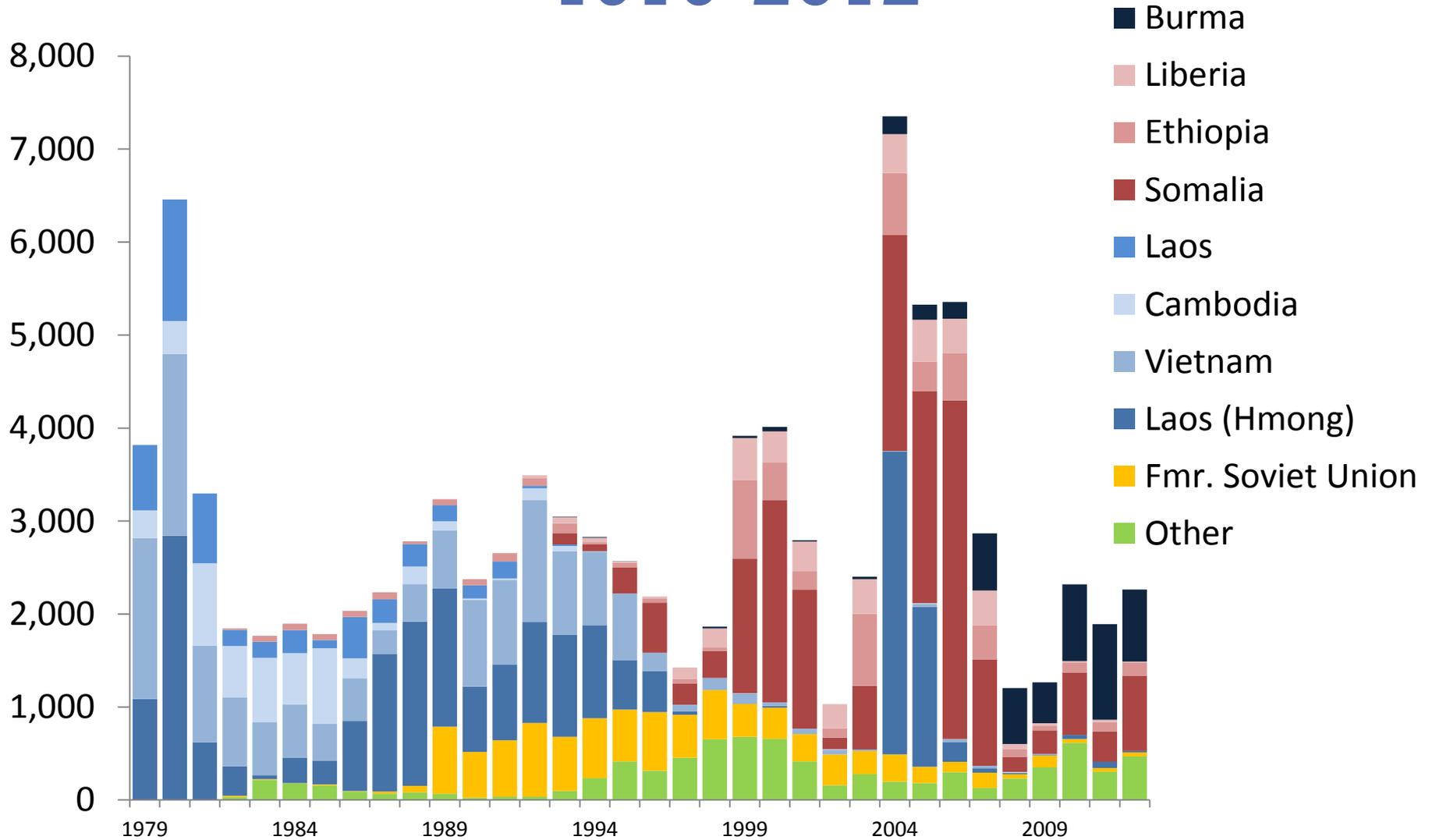


# MN foreign-born populations: Largest groups by country of birth, 2013



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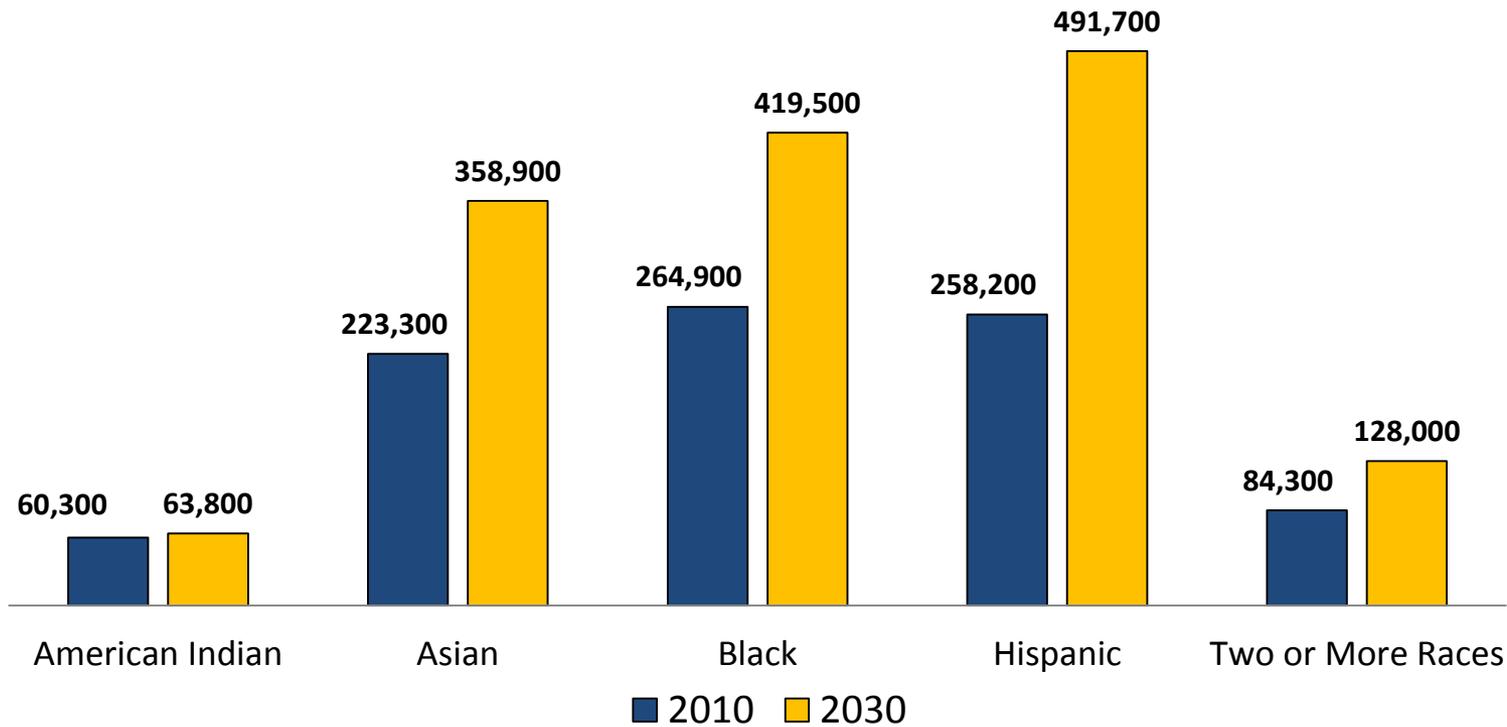
# Primary Refugee Arrivals to MN 1979-2012



Source: Department of Homeland Security, Primary Refugee Arrivals to MN.

**Minnesota, projected**

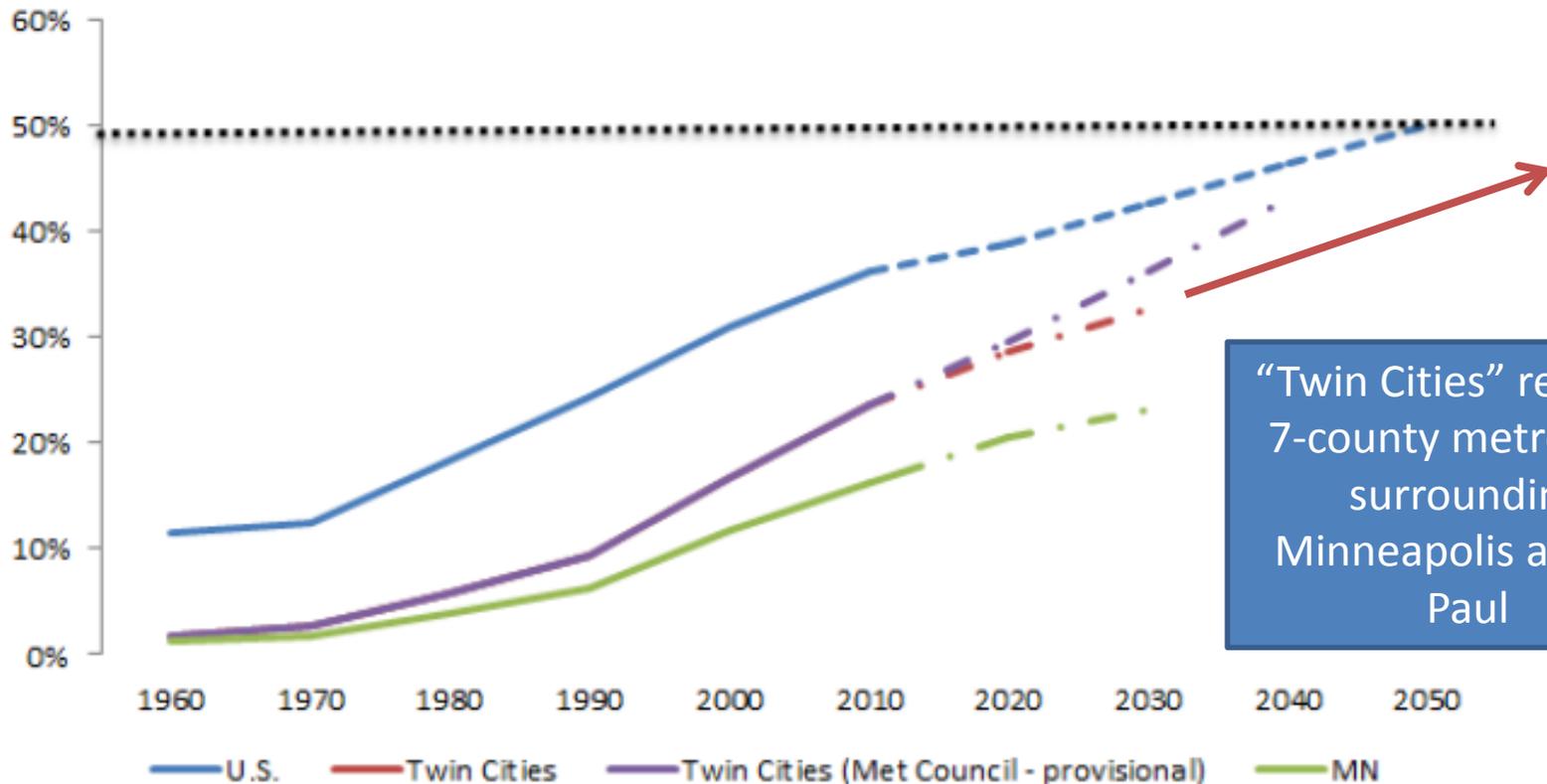
# MN: Largest population growth among Asian, Black and Hispanic groups by 2030



# By mid-to-late century, the Twin Cities will not have a racial majority

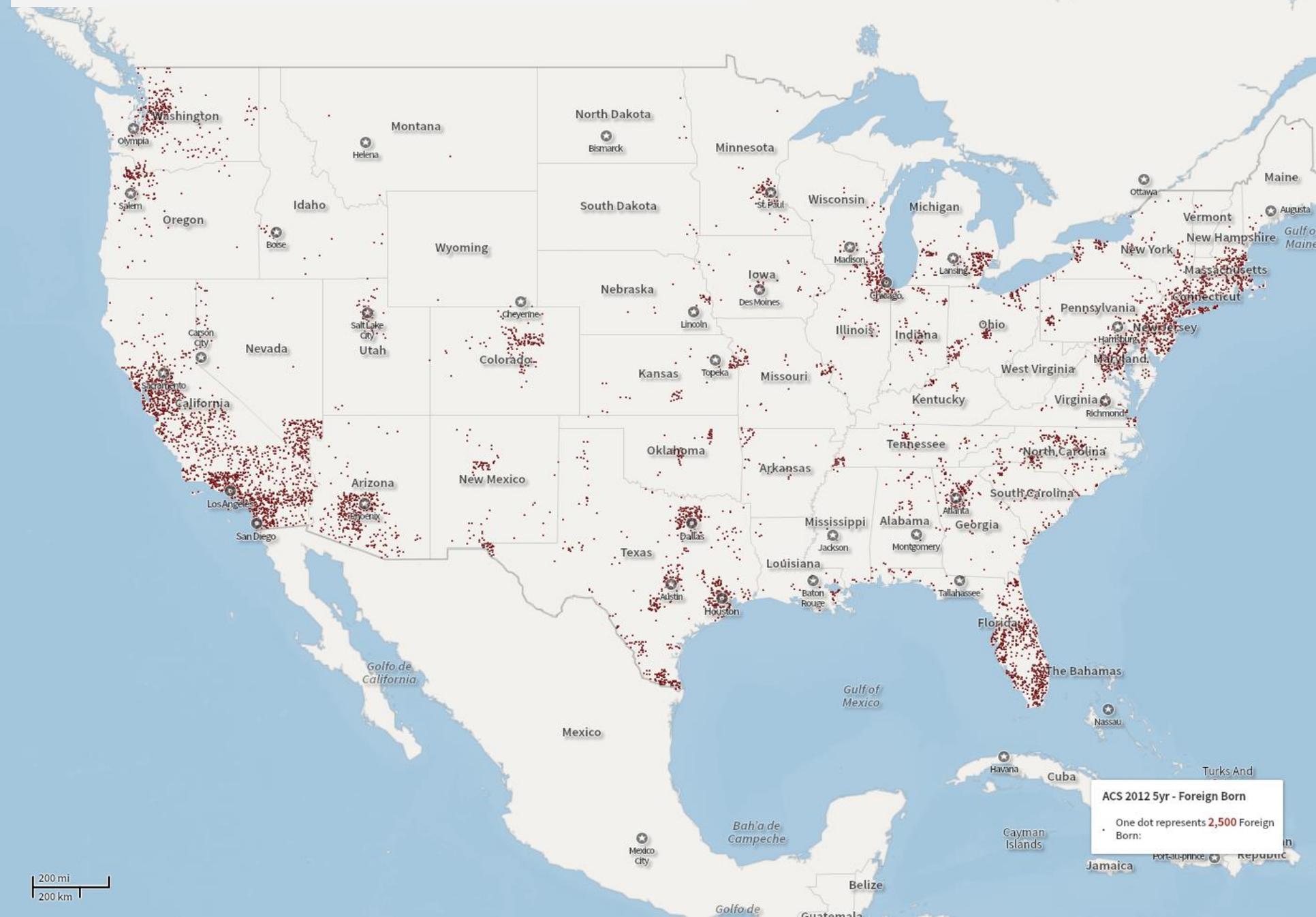


## Population of Color, 1960-2050



“Twin Cities” refers to 7-county metro area surrounding Minneapolis and St. Paul

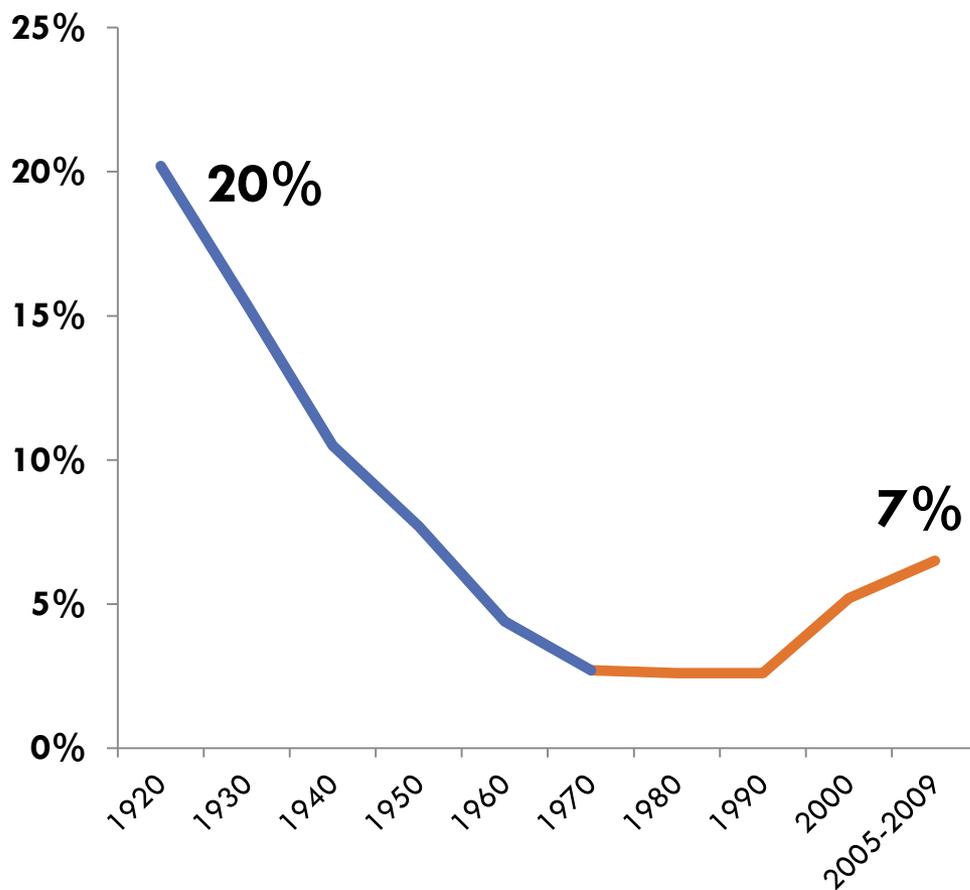
# Foreign-born population in the U.S., 2008-2012





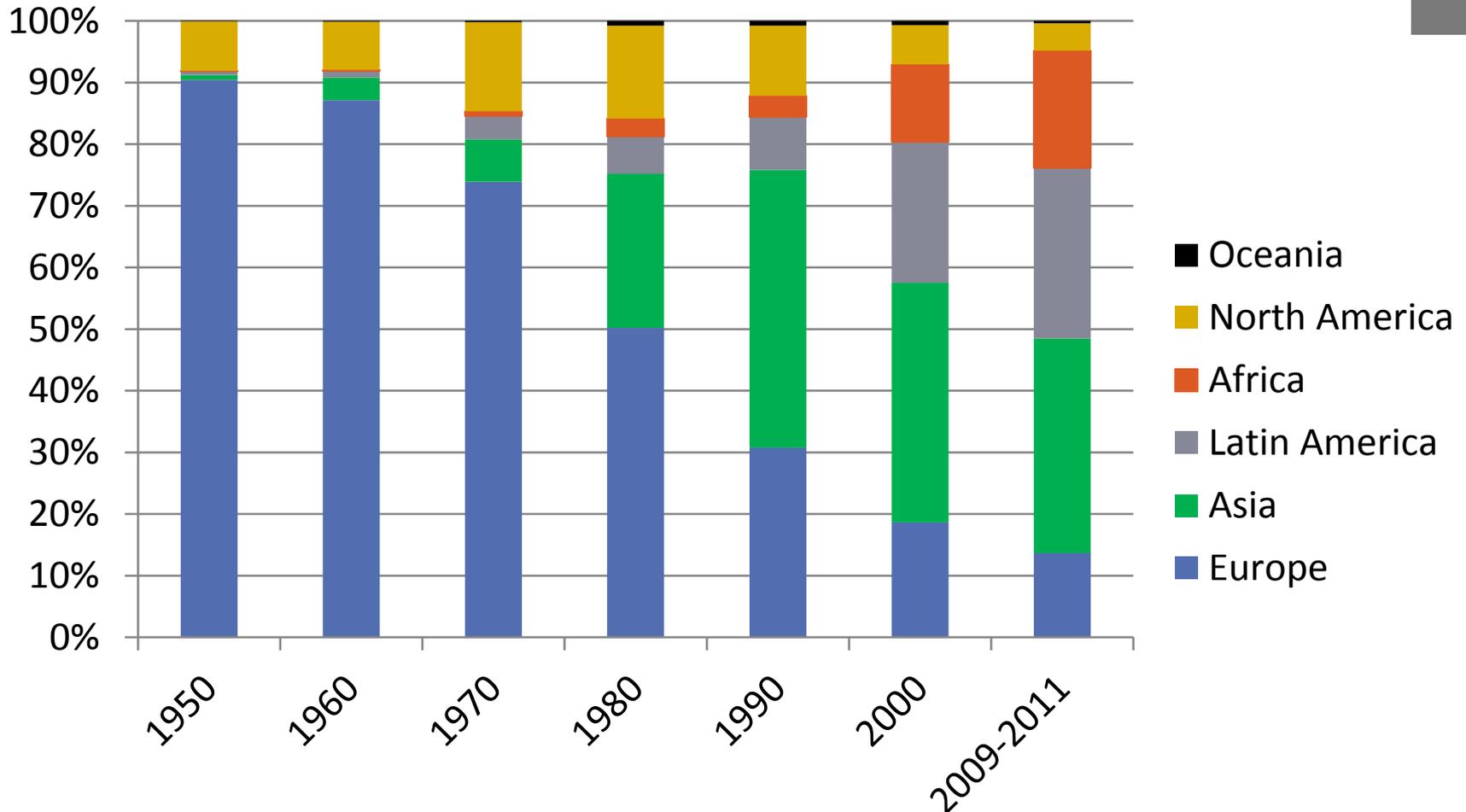
Immigration is  
not a new  
phenomenon  
in MN

## Percent Foreign-Born in Minnesota, 1970-2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

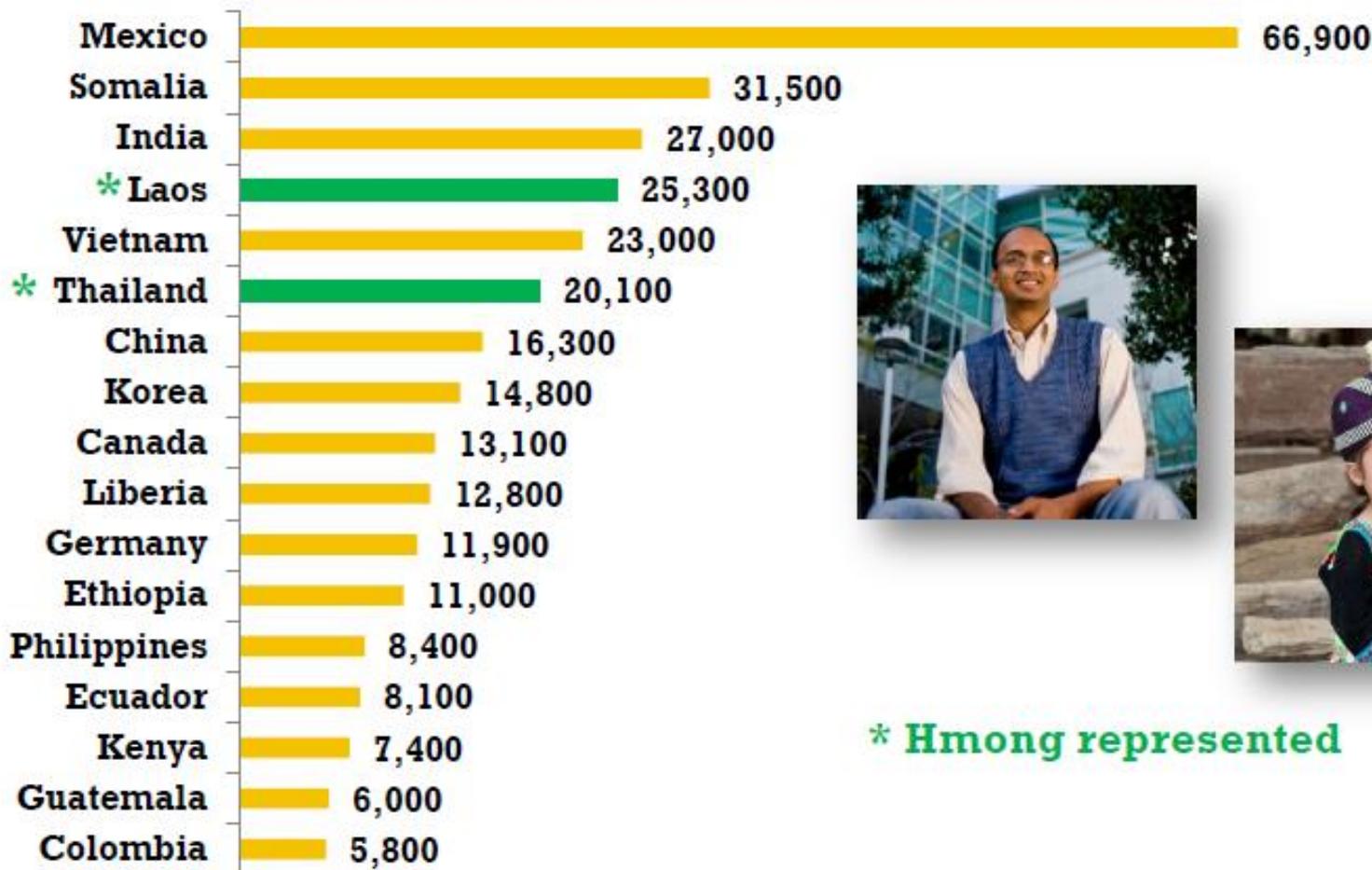
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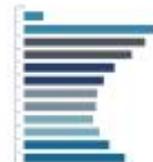
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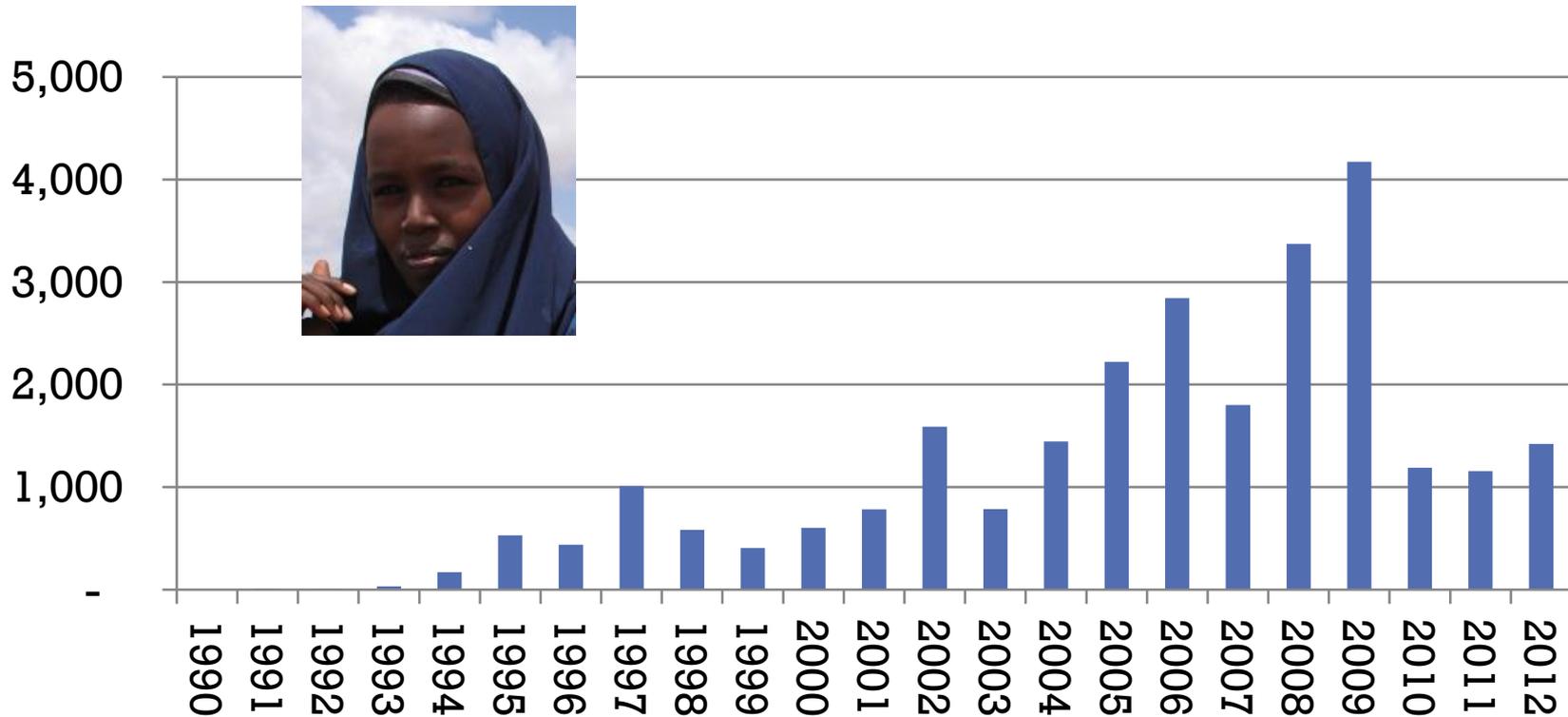
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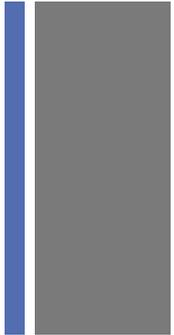
# + Legal Permanent Resident Arrivals From Somalia To Minnesota, 1990-2010



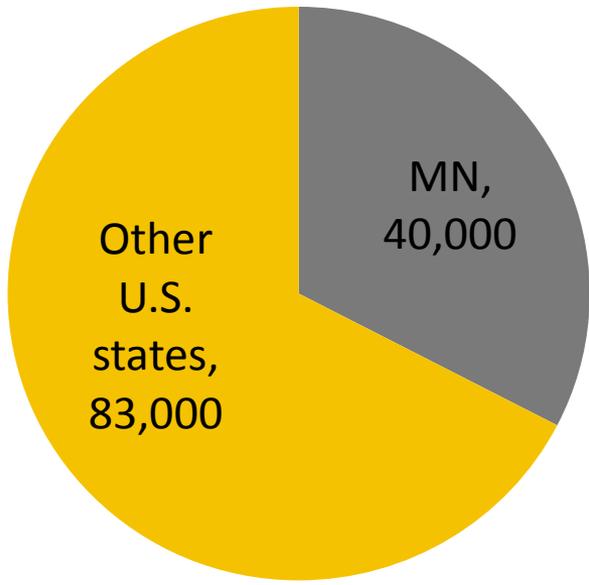
Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Legal Permanent Resident Arrivals



# Estimated size of Somali population in Minnesota and U.S. (2012)

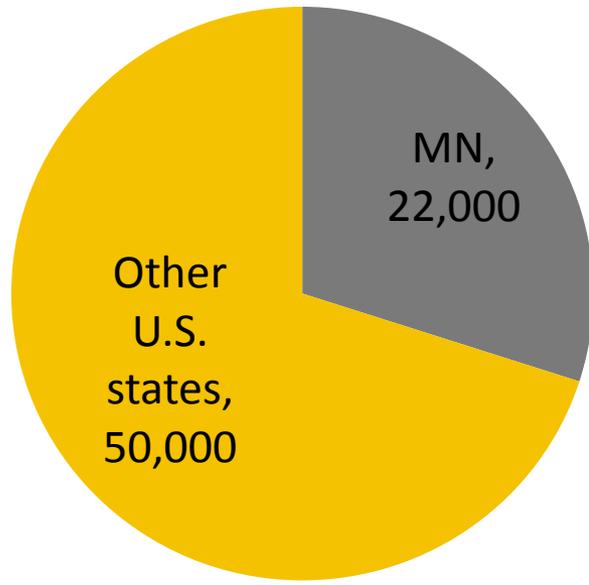


**U.S. residents who speak Somali at home, 2012**



U.S. Total = 123,000

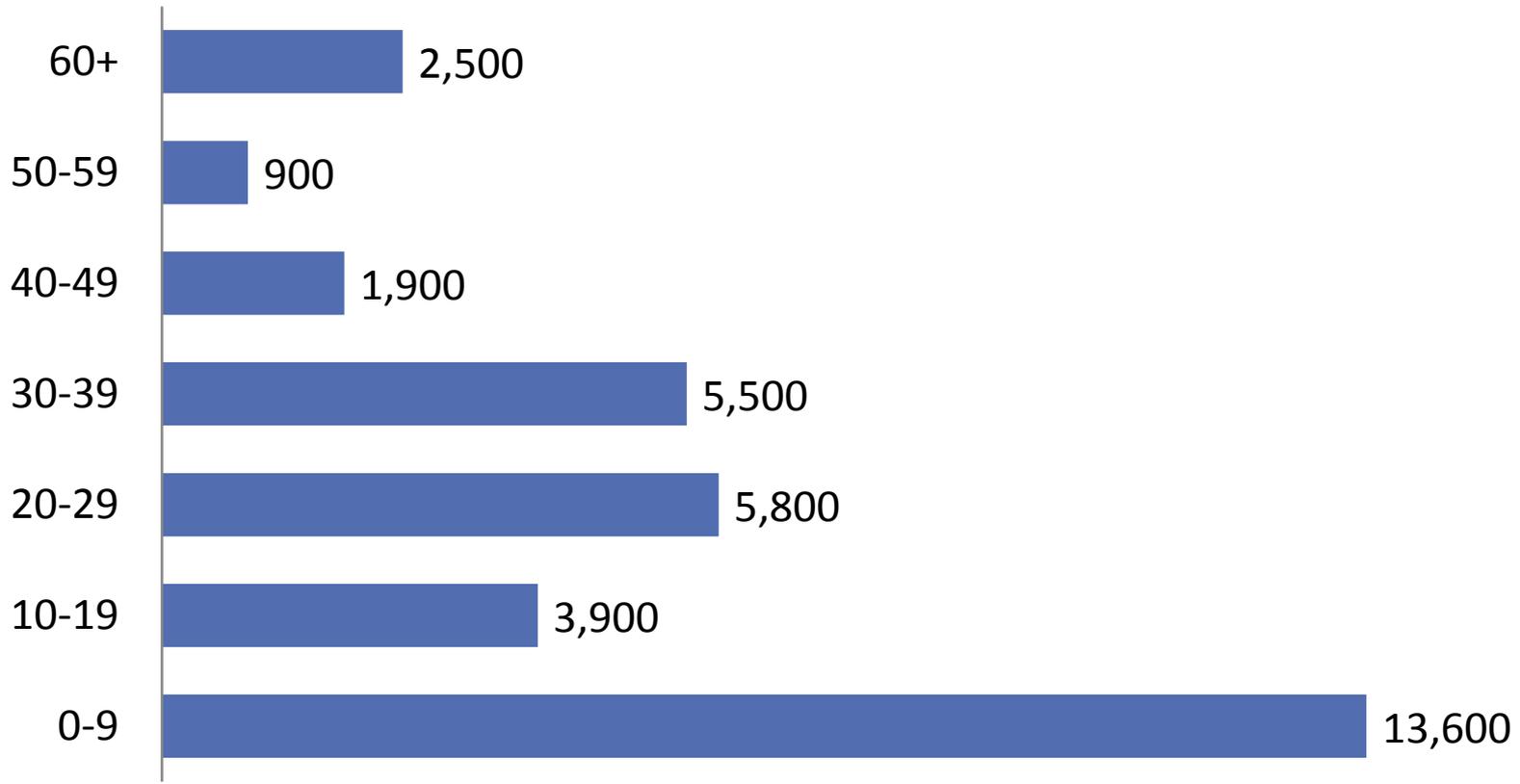
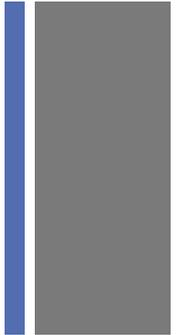
**U.S. residents who were born in Somalia, 2012**



U.S. Total = 72,000

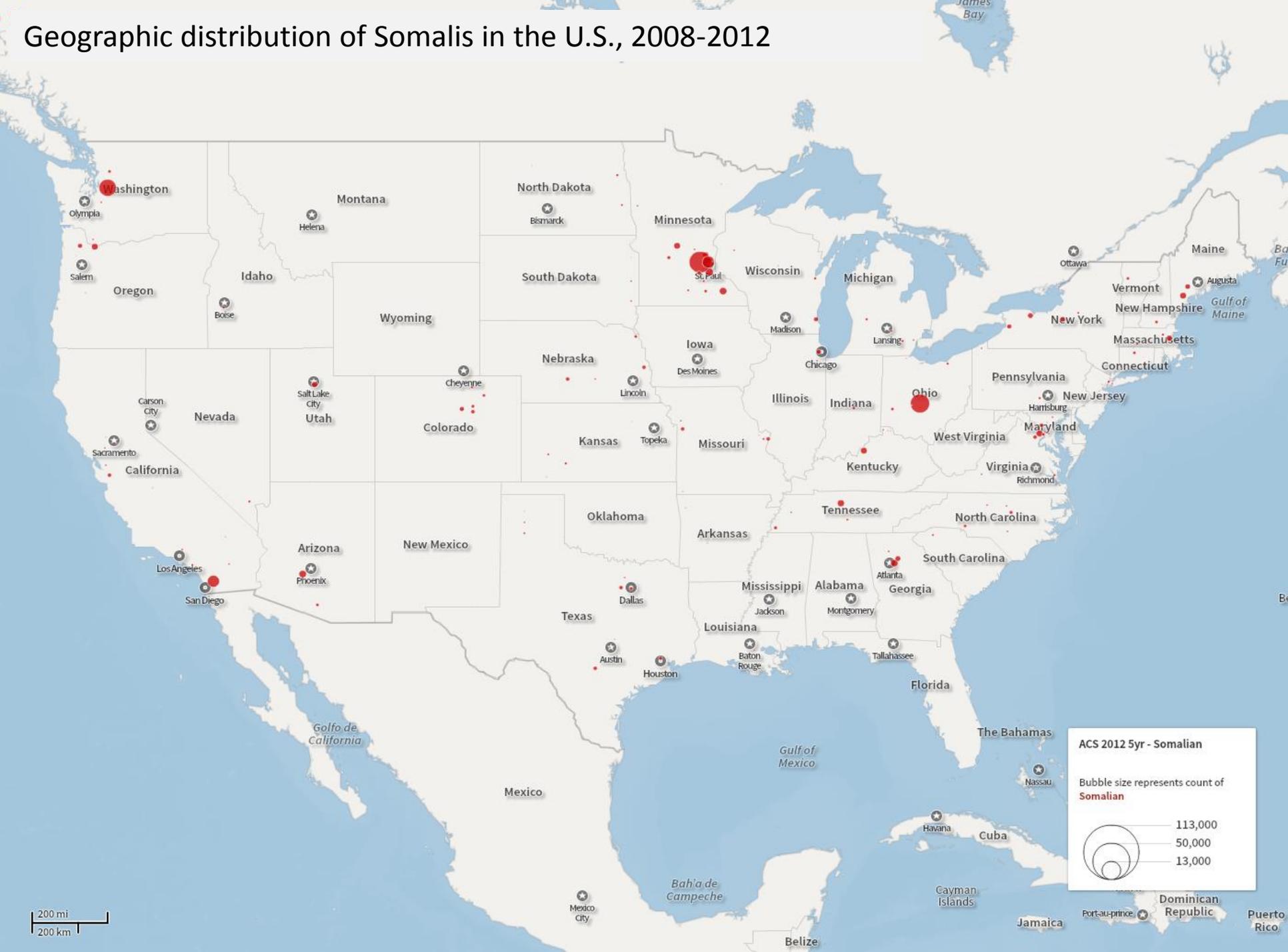


# Somalis in Minnesota by age, 2008-2012 average

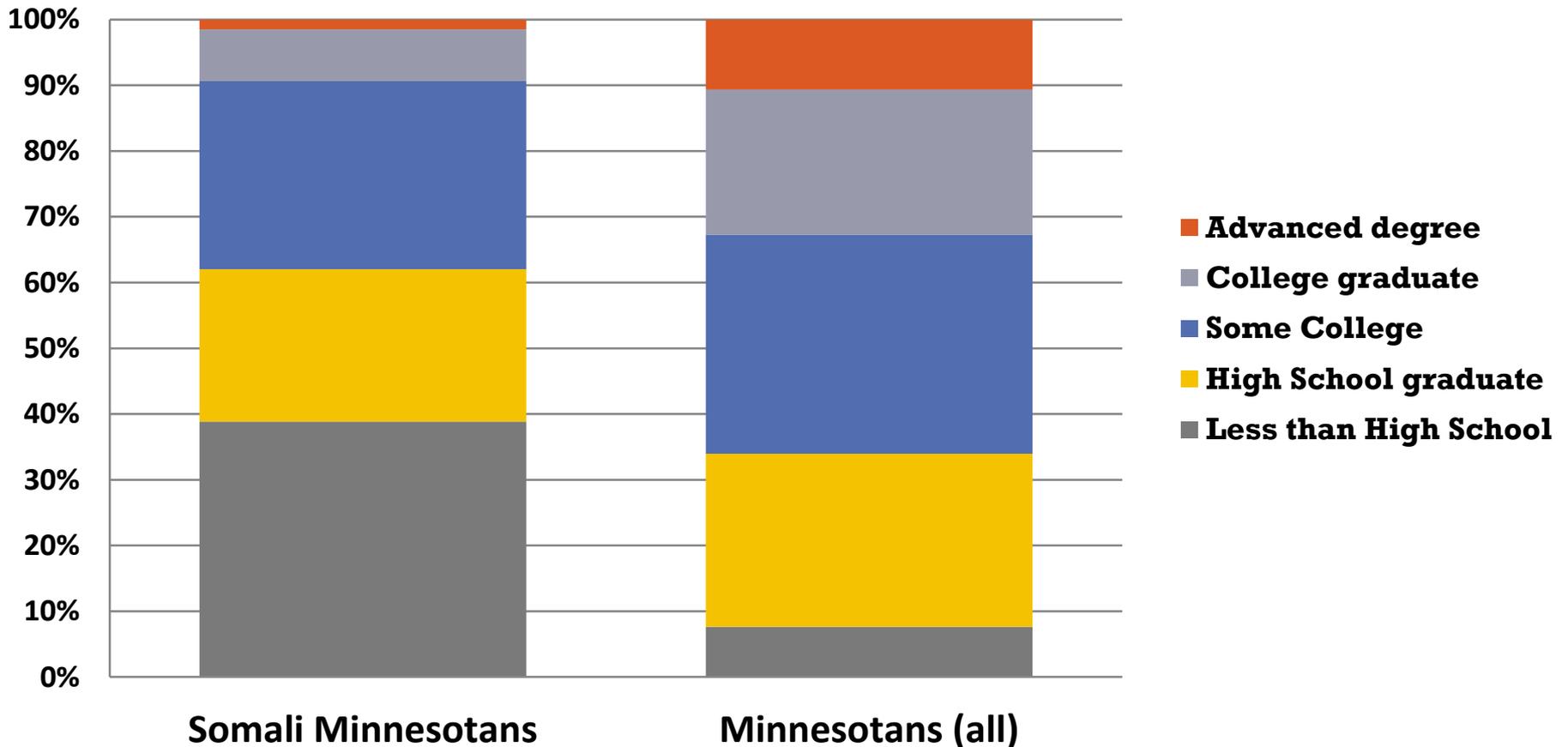


Source: Integrated Public Use Microdata Series from U.S. Census Bureau data. Somali's identified by language spoken in the home.

# Geographic distribution of Somalis in the U.S., 2008-2012



# Educational attainment of Minnesotans (age 25+), 2008-2012 average



# FROM THE HEARTLAND TO JIHAD



How a group of young men from Minnesota were drawn into ISIL's campaign of terror

Story by Paul McEnroe, Abby Simons, Libor Jany Star Tribune staff writers

Illustration by Michael Hogue for the Star Tribune

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The FBI finally came for Guled Omar on a Sunday morning.

A squad of agents crashed through the front door of the house on Columbus Avenue in south Minneapolis, raced up the stairs and burst into the room where the 20-year-old Omar slept. Guns drawn, they screamed for his phone, demanding that he give it up before he could alert his friends.



G. Omar  
The Idealist

In last Sunday's  
*StarTribune*  
newspaper  
(largest in state)



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