

C E N S U S F A C T S

City of Saint Paul, Minnesota

Population

- 287,151 people lived in the city in 2000.
- Total population grew modestly (5.5%) in the 1990s.
- U.S. Census, 2000

Age profile, 1990-2000

- The number of preschoolers (age 0-4) decreased 5% to 21,747 children.
- The number of school-age children (age 5-17) increased 28% to 56,080.
- The number of working-age adults (age 18-64) increased 7% to 179,677.
- The number of older adults (age 65+) decreased 21% to 29,647.

- U.S. Census, 2000

Race and ethnicity, 1990-2000

- The White population decreased from 81% to 64%.
- The Asian population increased from 7% to 12%.
- The Black population grew from 7% to 11%.
- The Latino population grew from 4% to 8%.
- The American Indian population remained at 1%.
- 3% of residents were multiracial.

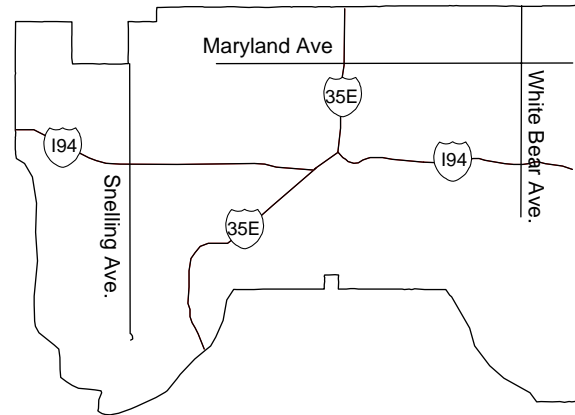
- U.S. Census, 2000

Languages

- 22% spoke a language other than English at home. Asian languages (11%) and Spanish (6%) were the most common.
- 12% of residents did not speak English “very well.”

- U.S. Census, 2000

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Countries of origin

- 14% of city residents were born outside of the United States.
- 7% of residents came to the U.S. in the 1990s.
- Of those born outside the U.S., 57% were born in Asia, 22% in Latin America, 11% in Africa, and 8% in Europe.

- U.S. Census, 2000

Households

- An average of 2.46 persons per household in 2000, up from 2.37 in 1990.
- 29% of households had children, the same as in 1990.
- 59% of children lived in married-couple families, 31% in single-parent families, and 10% in other arrangements (primarily with grandparents and other relatives).

- U.S. Census, 2000

Children and youth

- 68% of Saint Paul public school students in 2002-03 were children of color.
- For every 20 public school students: 6 were White, 6 were Asian, 5 were Black, 2 were Hispanic, and fewer than 1 in 20 were American Indian.
- English was not the primary language spoken at home for 41% of public school students.
- 65% qualified for free or reduced-price school lunch.
- St. Paul School District, 2002-03
- In 62% of families with children under age 6, all parents in the family were in the workforce.
- 9% of children and youth age 5 to 20 had a disability.
- U.S. Census, 2000

Older adults (age 65+)

- The Census counted 29,647 older adults in the city in 2000.
- 36% were living alone, about the same as in 1990.
- 88% were White, 5% were Black, 4% were Asian, 2% were Latino, less than 1% were American Indian, 1% were of another race, and 1% were multiracial.
- 40% had a disability.
- 10% had income below the federal poverty level.
- 4,656 grandparents lived in the same household with their grandchildren, and 1,514 of them were responsible for their grandchildren.
- U.S. Census, 2000
- In 2002, 71% of older adult households were homeowners and 29% were renters.
- 26% (about 4,360 households) had no registered vehicle.
- 55% of older adult households had estimated annual income below \$30,000.
- Excensus, 2002

Housing in 2000

- The U.S. Census counted 112,109 occupied housing units in 2000.
- 55% were owner-occupied (61,437 units) and 45% were rented (50,672 units).
- 45% were built before 1940, 25% between 1940 and 1959, and 30% since 1960.
- 78% of homes were heated with gas and 17% with electricity.
- About 2% of households had no phone service.
- 46% of city residents had lived in the same home for at least five years.
- U.S. Census, 2000

Housing types

	Renter households	Owner households
Condominium or townhome	488	4,234
Small apartment (<6 units)	1,890	1,019
Medium apartment (6-25 units)	12,804	772
Large apartment (>25 units)	21,437	128
Single-family home	2,880	53,606
Duplex, triplex, double dwelling	10,355	2,710
Total	49,854	62,469

Source: Excensus, 2002 (drawn from property records, so numbers differ slightly from U.S. Census 2000)

Housing costs

- 19% of homeowners and 39% of renters were paying 30% or more of their income for housing in 1999 (this includes households of all incomes).
- The median rent was \$565.
- 76% of homeowners had a mortgage in 1999, and paid a median of \$952 for monthly housing costs.
- The 24% of homeowners with no mortgage paid a median of \$298 in monthly housing costs.
- U.S. Census, 2000

Cars and drivers

- 17% of households had no vehicle, 41% had one vehicle, 32% had two, and 10% had three or more.
- 69% of workers living in Saint Paul drove alone to work, 12% carpooled, 9% took public transportation (including taxis), 5% walked, and 3% worked at home.
- The average one-way commute took 21.1 minutes.
- U.S. Census, 2000

Workers and jobs

- 69% of residents age 16 and over were in the workforce in 2000.
- Top occupations included management/professional (38%), sales and office work (26%), service jobs (16%), and production/transportation (14%).
- Top industries employing Saint Paul residents included education/health/social service (24%), professional/scientific/management (12%), manufacturing (13%), and retail (10%).
- 80% of workers were privately employed, 15% were government workers, and 5% were self-employed.
- 18% of people age 21 to 64 had a disability, and 55% of them were employed (compared to 82% of those in the same age group with no disability).

- U.S. Census, 2000

Education

Of those age 25 and older:

- 84% had at least a high school education.
- 26% had some college or a 2-year college degree.
- 32% had a 4-year college degree or higher.
- 12% had a graduate or professional degree.

- U.S. Census, 2000

Income

- \$38,774 was the median household income in 1999 (half had higher income, half had lower).
- Men working full-time, year-round earned a median income of \$35,111 compared to \$29,432 for women.
- 18% of households had income of \$75,000 or more.
- 30% had income of less than \$25,000.
- 8% of households received public assistance in 1999, an average of \$3,385 for the year.
- 21% received Social Security income, an average of \$10,968 for the year.

- U.S. Census, 2000

Poverty

Families with income below the poverty level in Saint Paul included:

- 18% of families with children
- 20% of families with children under age 5
- 35% of single mothers with children
- 43% of single mothers with children under age 5

Individuals with income below the poverty level included:

- 16% of all city residents
- 23% of all children under age 18
- 10% of older adults age 65 or older

- U.S. Census, 2000

Notes on race/ethnicity

Beginning with Census 2000, people can now choose more than one race category. The numbers presented here include only those people who checked a single box on the race question. Those who checked more than one race category are listed separately as multiracial.

Also, the numbers presented here do not include Latino people in any race category, but only in a separate Latino category. So, for example, people who said they were Latino and also said they were White are counted here only in the Latino category.

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