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This edition marks the twenty-fifth consecutive publication of State of the City. The production process for State of the City reflects the technology of the time. Type for the first edition (1975) was set on a typewriter and maps were hand drawn by drafters. Over the years, typesetting has progressed through manually coded phototypesetting to crude in-house word processed type to today's sophisticated high-resolution direct-to-film output.

Maps are now produced on computer and in the future will be generated on demand and camera-ready. All files for printing are now sent to the printer and converted directly into film for printing plates. Many laborious steps have been eliminated.

This is the second year State of the City will be available on the Web.

Content of State of the City has also changed to reflect the information needs of decision makers and the community. At the start of each production cycle, the editors and writers review previous issues to determine what information has been useful, what is needed, and how best to present it. The Planning Department works with other departments throughout the City to collect and correlate data to make it useful and comprehensible.

We look forward to maintaining this tradition of communication to the community in the future through whatever new and exciting means become available.

Sincerely,

The staff and contributors of
State of the City

SNAPSHOT OF MINNEAPOLIS, 1999

	Minneapolis	Hennepin County
Population (1998)	360,591	1,081,875
Housing Units (1998)	171,359	467,494
Work Force (March, 1998)	295,295	831,057
Labor Force (March, 1998)	209,267	655,720
Unemployment Rate (March, 1998)	2.0%	1.6%
Property Tax Levy (Thousands)(Payable 1998)		
City	\$144,339	
Mpls. School District	181,478	
County	108,981	
Public Housing	1,000	
Other	23,363	
Total All funds	459,161	
Total Net Tax Capacity(1999 Proj.) (Thousands)	281,332	
Area of City	58.7 square miles	
Climate		
Annual Precipitation	26.5 inches (includes water quantity in avg. 40 inch snowfall)	
Average Temperature		
January	12° Fahrenheit	
July	72° Fahrenheit	
Overall	44° Fahrenheit	
Elected Officials		
Mayor	Park and Recreation Board (9)	
City Council (13)	Board of Education (7)	
Library Board (8)	Board of Estimate and Taxation (7)	

Mayor
Sharon Sayles Belton

1999 City Council
Jackie Cherryhomes, President
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About State of the City: State of the City 1999 is the 25th consecutive publication which presents a statistical portrait of Minneapolis. Past editions are available for reference at the Minneapolis Planning Department or the Municipal Information Library, both located in City Hall at 350 S. Fifth St.

This report can also be found on the Minneapolis Planning Department's web site at: www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/planning

If you need this information in another format such as large type, disk or audio tape, call the Minneapolis Planning Department at (612) 673-2597.



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Introduction

This **State of the City** report provides a statistical portrait of the City of Minneapolis; it describes visible signs of the city's condition and looks at patterns of change.

This is the twenty-fifth in an annual series initiated in 1975. Although each edition has varied somewhat in content, the series together provides a continuous year-by-year update in many subject areas.

The Planning Department's approach is to collect and analyze available data, as opposed to one time surveys or special research. The report depends heavily on operating agencies' data files, which are regularly updated in the course of the agencies' activities. Although this results in some delay between the time the files are generated and the time they become available for the *State of the City*, the information is still more current than that from most other sources.

Specific data sources are described at the beginning of each chapter. The sources vary, as do the time periods that can be described by available data. Where possible, data for the full year, or a portion of a year are described and contrasted to those of previous years. When available, additional data for a portion of 1999 have been added to reveal current signs of change. In some instances, older information, especially census data, are included because it is the most current data available.

This report occasionally looks beyond the city's boundaries for comparative data. Usually, however, this report compares Minneapolis in the present to Minneapolis in the recent past to show the direction of change. In addition, information describing subareas of the city is offered, where the data are available. For example, some maps concentrate on the 11 communities. Boundaries for communities are shown on the map following the title page of this report.

Ten of the communities shown on the *State of the City* maps were designated in 1959. An 11th community, Phillips, was designated in 1978. It had previously been considered as a neighborhood within the Powderhorn Community. Data for Phillips were shown separately for the first time in the 1982 edition. Some neighborhood boundaries were changed slightly in 1999 as part of a digital clean-up process. While some boundaries are new, the data presented in this report was collected based on previous boundaries.

The organization of this edition again follows the organization of chapters in recent past *State of the City* reports. This has been done to facilitate possible subject content reference. For example, data series tables and charts in some chapters have been updated yearly for quite a few years. However, page space limitations have forced the deletion, in current editions, of some earlier years' data. These data can be found, however, by reference to the same chapters in earlier editions of the report.

This *State of the City* report has been produced by the staff of the Minneapolis Planning Department.

NRP

The Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP), a major city program, is a comprehensive effort to make Minneapolis' residential areas better places to live, work, learn, and play. It involves neighborhood-based planning and delivery of public services, guided by residents in partnership with elected officials and public agencies.

During the first phase of NRP, which lasts ten years, each of the city's residential neighborhoods produced a long-range action plan. Each plan, when approved, guides the allocation of public resources in the neighborhood.

To plan for the second phase of NRP, the NRP Policy Board is assessing the first phase and determining how NRP can be more effective in the second phase. The second phase begins in January 2001.

Decennial Census

Planning for the year 2000 Decennial Census has been underway at the federal level since early in this decade. The city has been asked to partner with the Bureau of the Census to ensure the most accurate count possible. Minneapolis has established the Minneapolis Complete Count Committee to assist in developing and implementing outreach strategies for those who have been historically most difficult to enumerate. Minneapolis is also participating in various technical preparations. Individuals or organizations seeking to become involved in the outreach process in order to encourage residents to complete the survey are invited to contact the Minneapolis Planning Department.

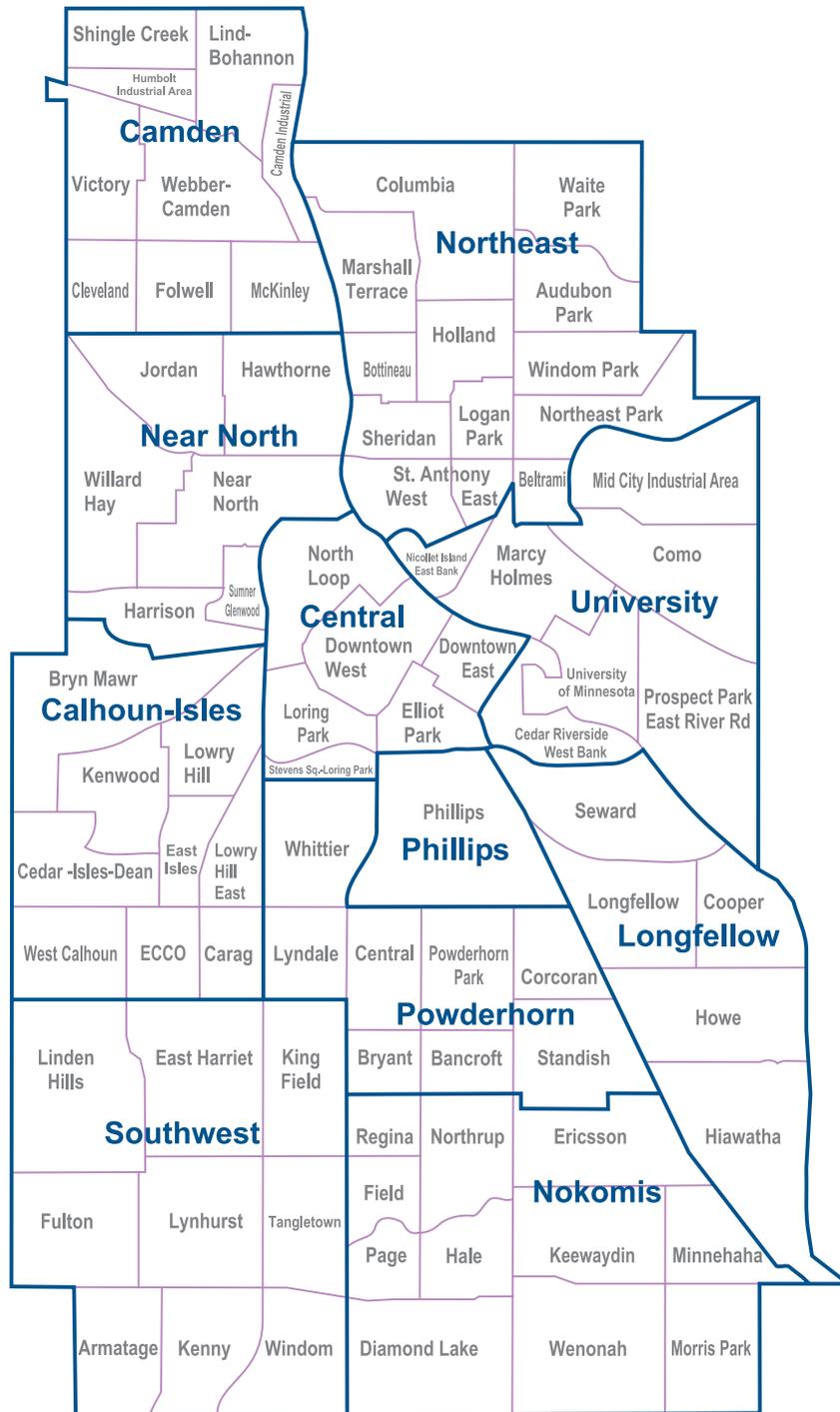
"Census Day" is April 1, 2000. Survey forms will be mailed to each household in March. In addition, forms will be available at various public facilities and community gathering places such as participating coffee shops and restaurants. Initial results will become available on December 31, 2000 when the population counts must be delivered by the Bureau of the Census to the President in order to begin the reapportionment process. In the past, it has taken up to three years for release of all the census data.

The next census will have the shortest 'short form' ever with only 6 questions for the householder and 7 questions for every other person in the household. Questions include name, phone, sex, age, race, ethnicity, and relationship to the householder. The name is needed to weed out duplicates. In addition, one out of six households will receive a 'long form' that asks additional questions about subjects such as income, employment, educational attainment and housing. Data about individuals is confidential and will not be released to anyone for 72 years. Aggregate data will begin to be released in 2001. The Census Bureau will provide information through the website called The American Factfinder at:

factfinder.census.gov/java_proddads.ui.homePage.HomePage

To make it possible to obtain census data by neighborhood, census tract and block group boundaries were changed to align with neighborhood boundaries.

MINNEAPOLIS COMMUNITIES AND NEIGHBORHOODS



This is the revised Communities and Neighborhoods Map. Several boundaries have been adjusted slightly to conform to shifted physical referents such as freeways and streets. Some have been adjusted at the request of communities and several communities have slightly altered their names. The changes were adopted by the Minneapolis City Council in 1999.

Throughout this edition of State of the City, you will find that the previous version of the Communities and Neighborhoods Map has been used. This is because the data used is still based upon those boundaries. The City of Minneapolis is in the process of transferring to a new Geographical Information System (GIS). We anticipate the introduction of the new maps in future editions of State of the City.