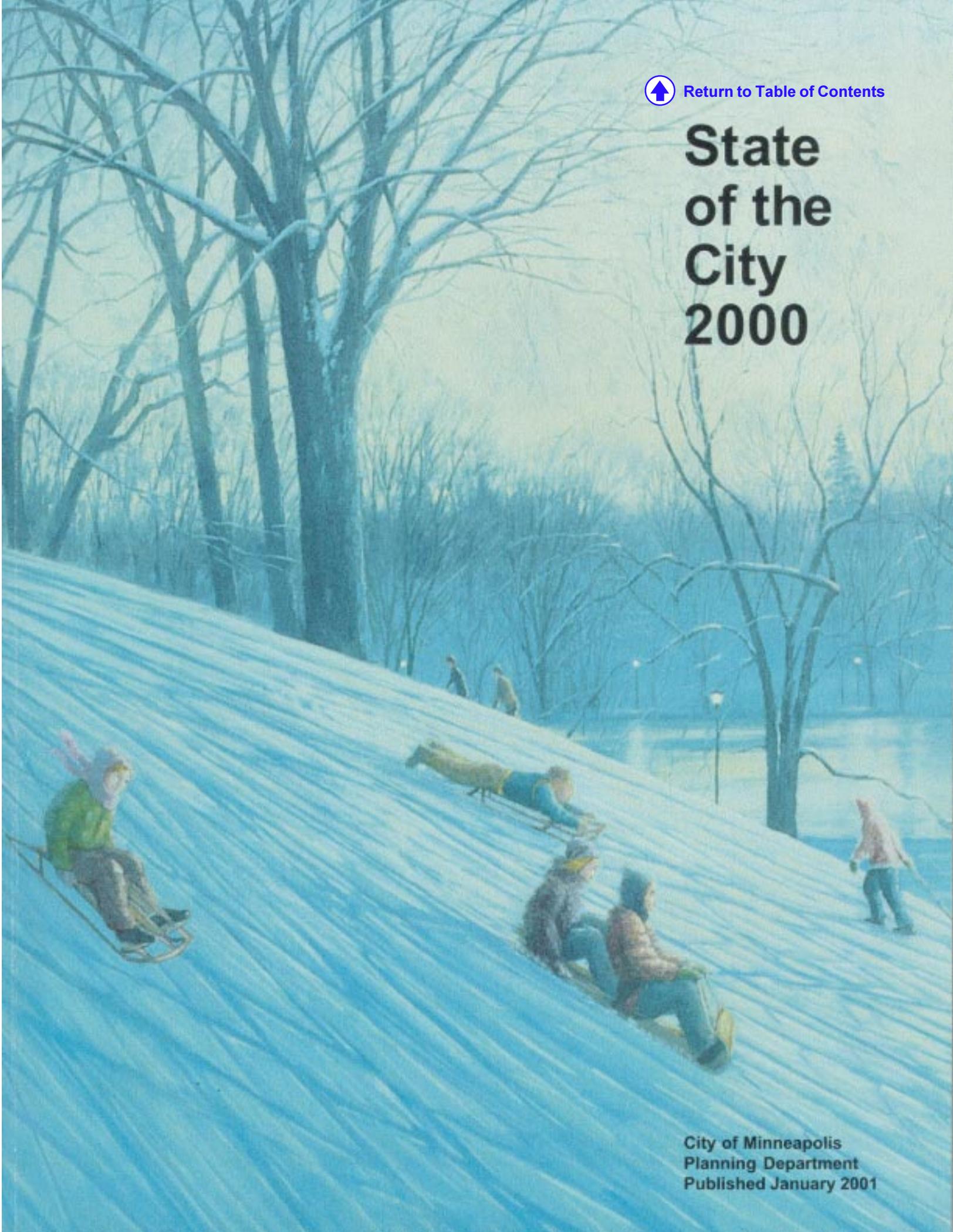


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# State of the City 2000



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**SNAPSHOT OF MINNEAPOLIS, 2000**

	Minneapolis	Hennepin County
Population (1999)	358,610	1,089,024
Housing Units (1999)	170,913	449,330
Work Force (March, 1999)	297,610	842,922
Labor Force (March, 2000)	206,173	657,993
Unemployment Rate (March, 2000)	2.4%	2.0%

<b>Property Tax Levy (Thousands)(Payable 2000)</b>	
City	\$153,438
Mpls. School District	187,727
County	111,412
Public Housing	1,000
Other	24,588
<b>Total All funds</b>	<b>478,165</b>

**Total Net Tax Capacity(2000 Proj.) (Thousands)** 291,829

**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**

<b>Mayor</b>	<b>Park and Recreation Board (9)</b>
<b>City Council (13)</b>	<b>Board of Education (7)</b>
<b>Library Board (8)</b>	<b>Board of Estimate and Taxation (7)</b>

**Mayor**

Sharon Sayles Belton

**2000 City Planning Commission**

Judy Martin, Chair & President  
 Randall Bradley, Vice President  
 Richard Little, Secretary  
 Tim Baylor, Chair of Committee of the Whole  
 Mary Doty  
 Sandra Hale  
 Diane Marsh  
 Vivian Mason  
 Lisa McDonald  
 Sandra Miller

**2000 City Council**

Jackie Cherryhomes, President  
 Paul Ostrow  
 Joan Campbell  
 Joe Biernat  
 Barbara Johnson  
 Jim Niland  
 Lisa Goodman  
 Brian Herron  
 Kathy Thurber  
 Lisa McDonald  
 S. Doré Mead  
 Sandra Colvin Roy  
 Barrett Lane

**Minneapolis Planning Director**

Charles D. Ballentine

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## A Statistical Portrait of Minneapolis

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

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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-sixth 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. In April of 2001, the first data from the 2000 census will be released.

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. Data presented by neighborhood is based on the boundary for that given year.

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 lasted 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.

In Phase II of NRP, which begins in January 2001, there is \$150 million available. From these funds, \$16 million will be reserved for affordable housing projects and \$4 million will be reserved for commercial corridor projects. Projects will be selected on a competitive basis and each project must have neighborhood approval. The remaining \$130 million will go to neighborhood Action Plans. Neighborhoods with greater needs will receive a higher proportion of resources. By the end of Phase II, the overall program must meet the state-mandate of spending 52.5 percent on housing.

A discussion of the city's goals in regard to neighborhood revitalization is contained in the Government Management Chapter of this report.

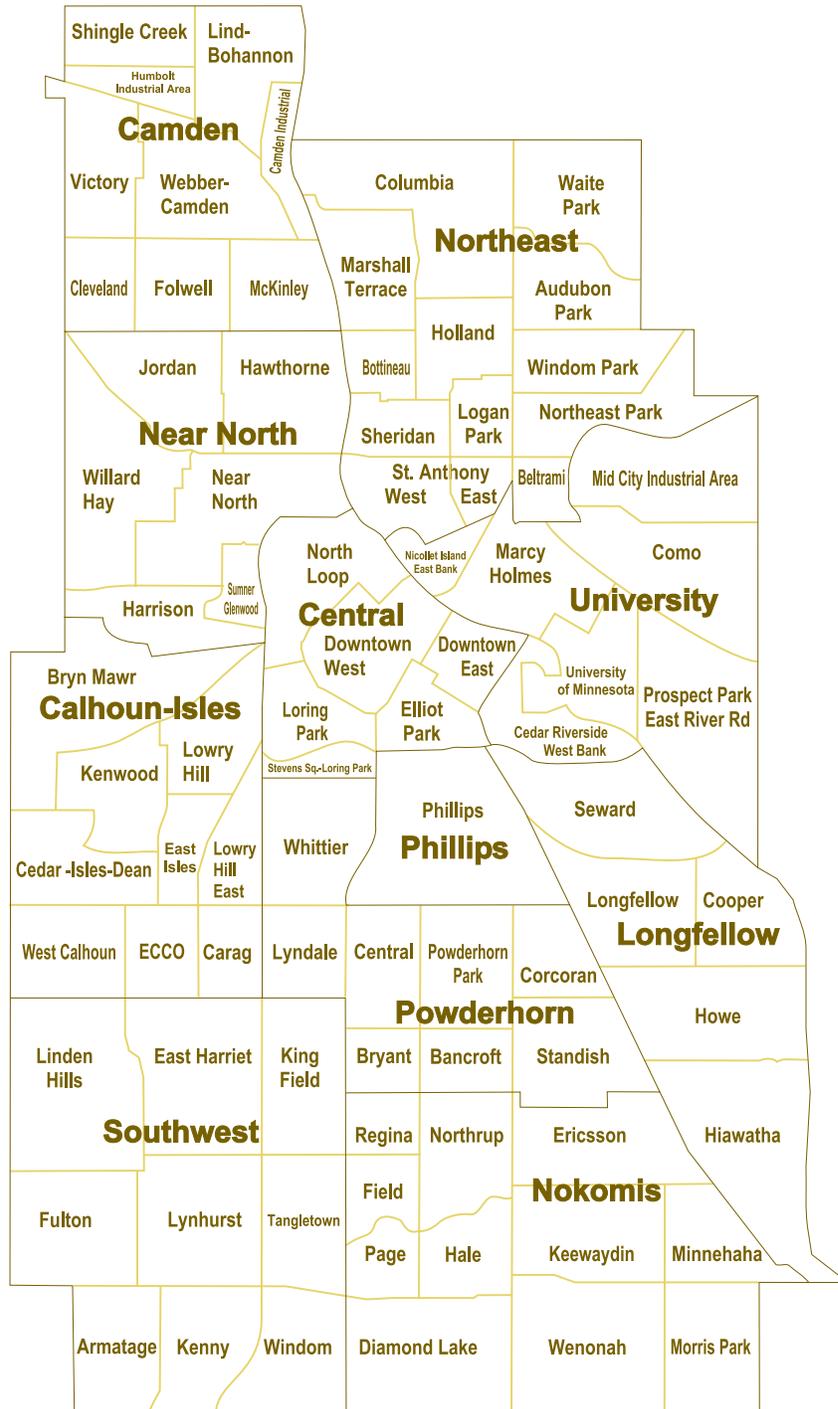
### **Decennial Census**

The Census of population and housing was conducted for April 1, 2000. The Census Bureau will deliver the population counts by race at the block level to the President on December 31, 2000 in order to begin the reapportionment process. This initial data will be released to states on April 1, 2001. In the past, it has taken up to three years for release of all the census data.

This census had the shortest 'short form' ever with only six questions for the householder and seven questions for every other person in the household. Questions included name, phone, sex, age, race, ethnicity, and relationship to the householder. Furthermore, one out of six households received a 'long form' that asked 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. The Census Bureau will provide information through the website called The American Factfinder at: [http://factfinder.census.gov/java\\_prod/dads.ui.homePage.HomePage](http://factfinder.census.gov/java_prod/dads.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. A combination of block group data will add up to neighborhood level data.

# 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.