

The Proof is in the Numbers Immigration Statistics for Minnesota



Growing Strength of Immigrants

- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, **Minnesota was home to 340,657 immigrants in 2008**, which is nearly the population of St. Louis, Missouri and;
- **44.5% of immigrants (or 151,485 people) in Minnesota were naturalized U.S. citizens in 2008** - meaning that they are eligible to vote.

Roughly 1 in 13 Minnesotans are Latino or Asian

- The **Latino share of Minnesota's population** grew from 2.9% in 2000, to 4.1% (or 214,036 people) in 2008 according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- The **Asian share of the population** grew from 2.9% in 2000, to 3.5% (or 182,714 people) in 2008, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Minnesota's Asian and Latino population is estimated to reach 943,000 by 2035 according to the Minnesota Department of Administration, Office of the State Demographer.

The Will to Work: Immigration and Minnesota's Workforce

- In the Twin Cities metro area, **138 immigrant-owned businesses** created **386 new jobs** and **spent \$5.6 million on payroll, rent, and supplies** in 2002, according to a study from the University of Minnesota.

- Immigrants comprised **7.5% of Minnesota's workforce** in 2008 (or 224,273 workers),

according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Deep Impact: Immigration and Minnesota's Economy

- The **2009 purchasing power of Minnesota's Asians totaled \$5.4 billion and the Latino buying power totaled \$4.8 billion** according to the Selig Center for Economic Growth at the University of Georgia.
- According to a 2004 report by the Minneapolis Foundation:
 - More than **1,000 Mexican-American businesses** operated in Minnesota, **generating an estimated \$200 million in sales.**
 - Minnesota was home to **60,000 Hmong**, whose businesses **generated an estimated \$100 million in revenue.**
- Minnesota is home to the country's largest Somali population, which numbered roughly **15,000 people** as of 2002. Somalis in Minnesota accounted for **\$164 million in buying power and owned 600 businesses** as of 2006 according to the Immigration Policy Center.

About ECHO

The mission of ECHO is to leverage partnerships to deliver vital health, safety, emergency and civic engagement information to help the ever-changing, diverse population integrate and become successful in our communities.

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