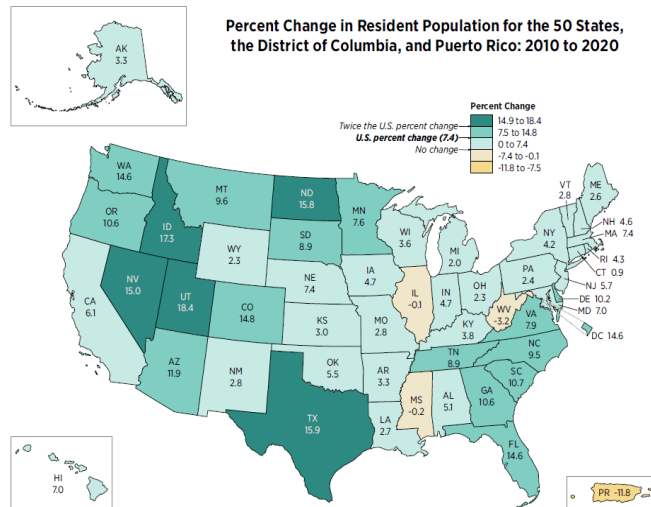


What Were We Thinking?

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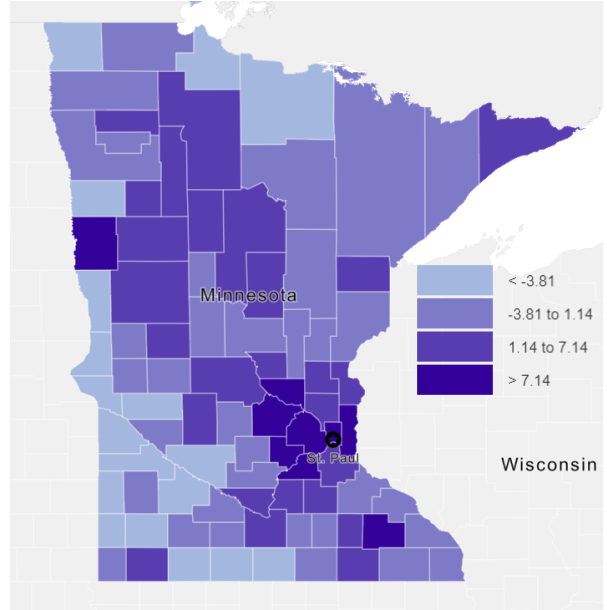
From the 2020 Census:



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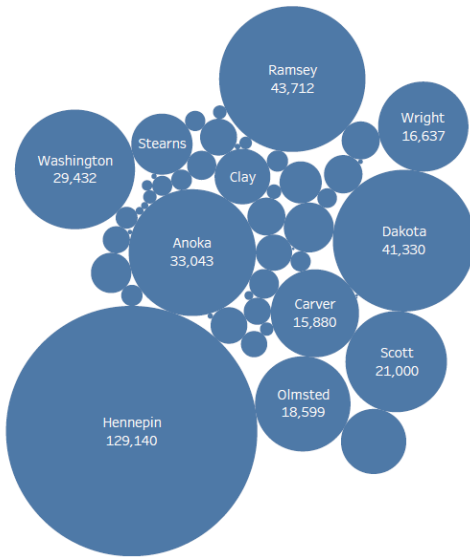
- 80% of the state's growth occurred in the Twin Cities 7-county metro.
- Hennepin and Ramsey added 153,000 jointly, 46% of the state's growth.



Map source: Social Explorer, U.S. Census data, 2019-2015-19

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County-level population change 2010-2020



- 51 counties gained population
- 37 lost population
- Gains concentrated in the Twin Cities 7-county region (78% of the state's growth)

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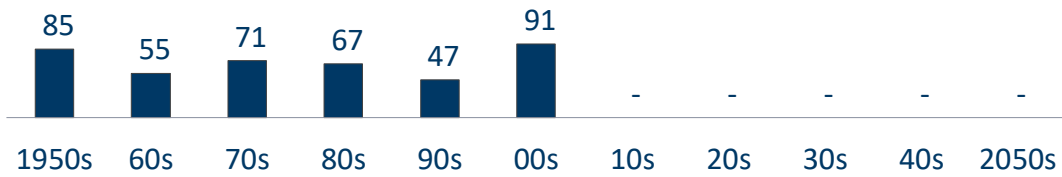
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This decade and next: Unprecedented increases in MN's 65+ population

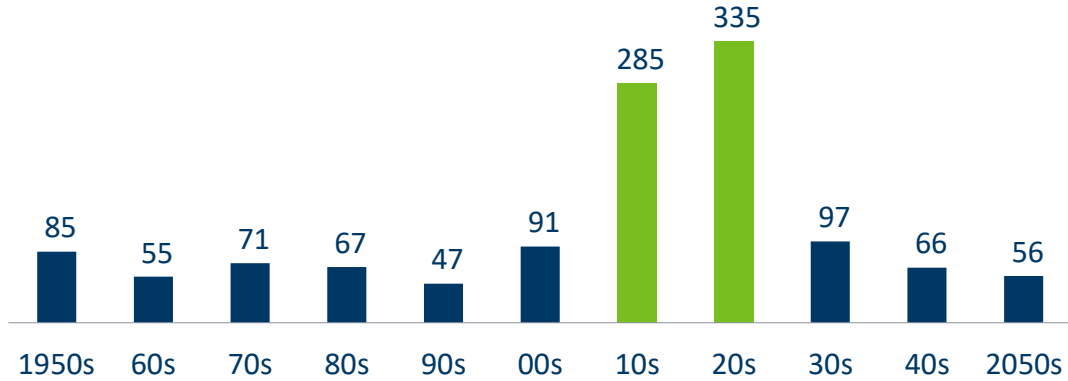
Number of additional older adults, age 65+ (thousands)



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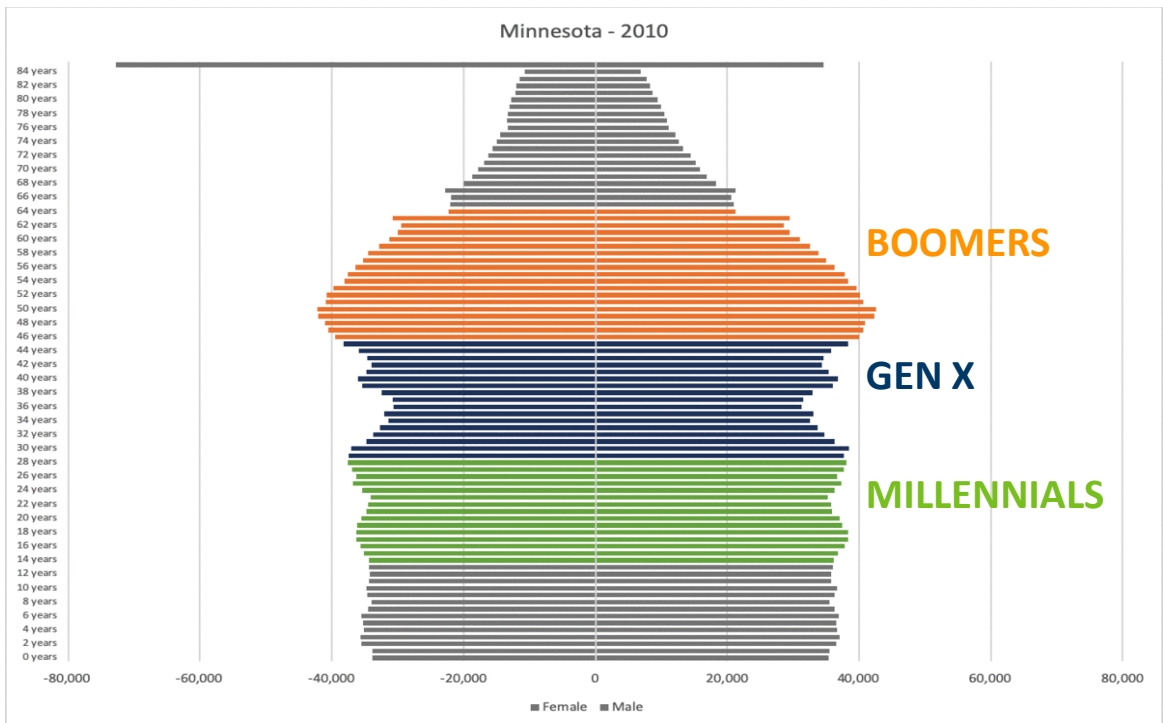
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Change in older adults, age 65+ (in thousands)



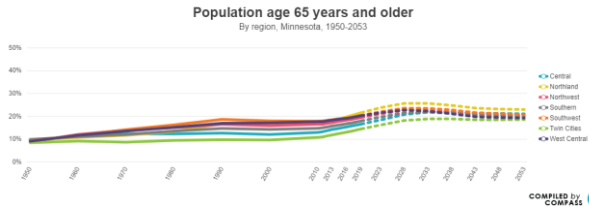
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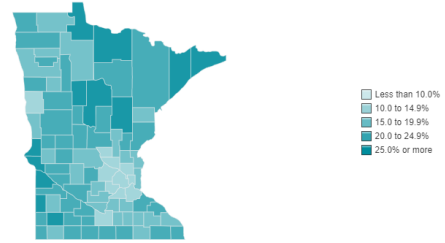


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Some areas of the state will age earlier and have a larger concentration of aged

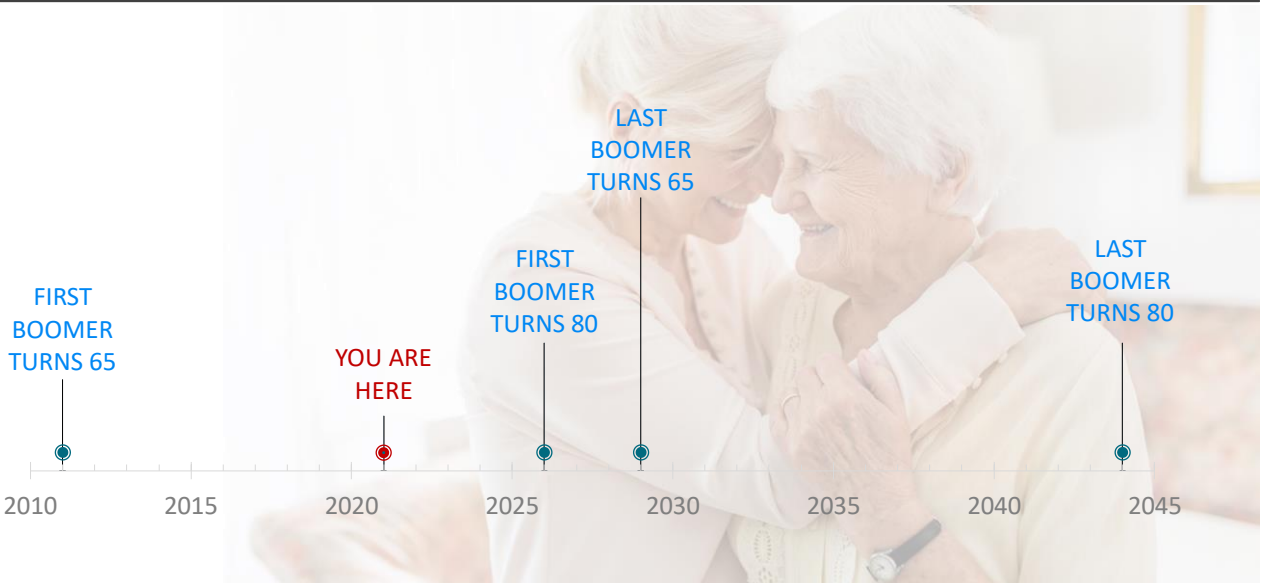


Population age 65 years and older
By county, 2019



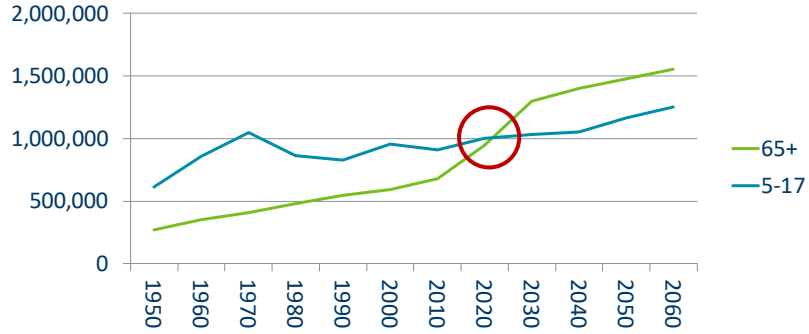
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Right now Boomers are leaving the workforce



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For the first time in MN history: More 65+ than school-age by 2020

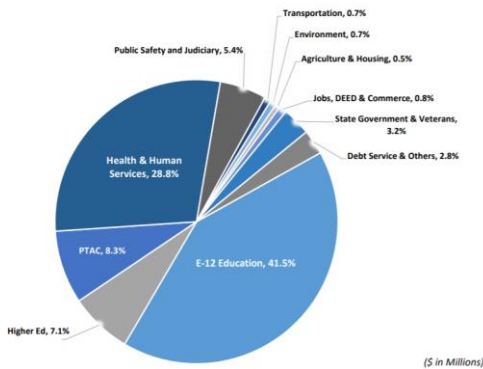


Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, decennial census, and Minnesota State Demographic Center projections

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Demographic shifts will change demand for public services

General Fund Expenditures, 2020-2021



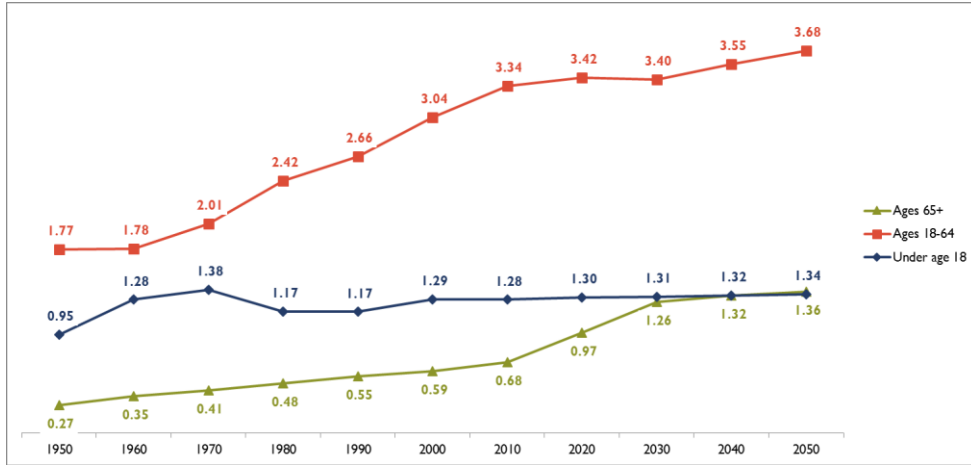
Within Health & Human Services

- Medical Assistance Expenditures for the Elderly and Disabled: 16% of GF spending
- MA expenditures include basic care, long-term care waivers and long-term institutional care

Sources: Minnesota Management and Budget, Nov 2017. House Research, Long-Term Care Services for the Elderly, November 2012

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Little-to -no growth in working-age population in MN over the next 15 years

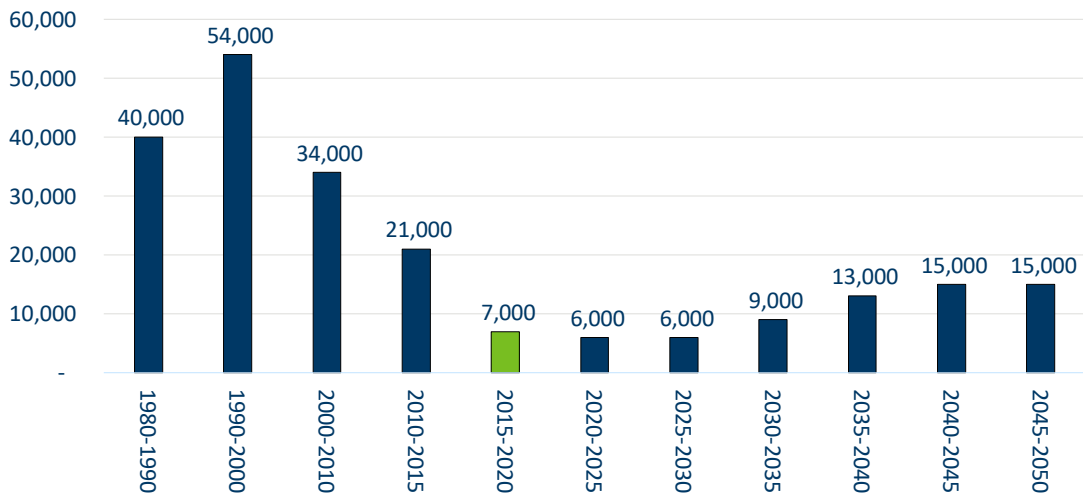


Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center Projections

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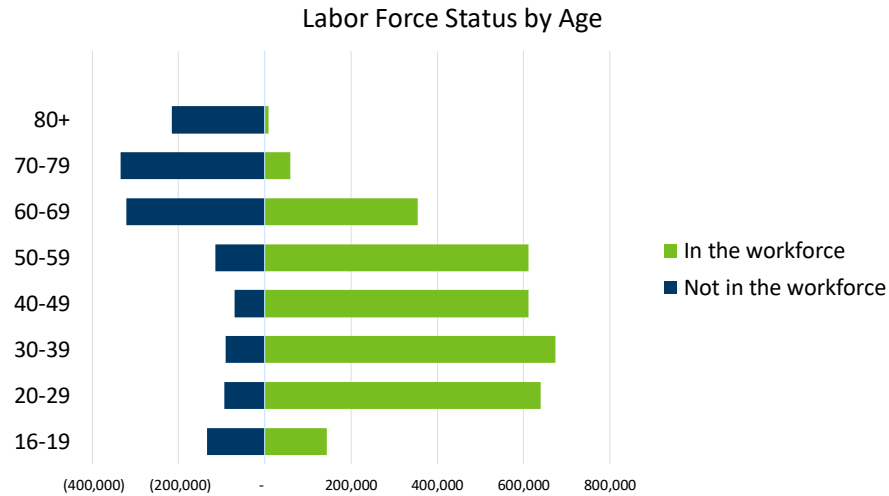
Minnesota's labor force growth is projected to slow further over the next 10 years



Source: U.S. Census Bureau (1980—2015) & MN State Demographic Center Projections (2015-2045)

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2019: Nearly ½ of Baby Boomers have now retired; MN labor force much younger now than a decade ago



Source: ipums.org from 2019 U.S. Census Bureau data

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Key Takeaways Is Demography Destiny?

- Fewer school-age children relative to older adults will mean **pressures to shift resources** (public, nonprofit) from younger to older, potential impacts on education/training resources
- Slowing-labor force growth and increasing demands of job market will mean that training and retaining workers will be essential to future economic growth
- Increasing diversity has its own growth momentum (through births)

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