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Minnesota.
Now with 50% more

+1.7 million

3.8 million in 1970

5.5 million today
Which year had more older adults (age 65+)?

A. 1970
B. 2015
C. They had the same number

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
The number of older adults has doubled in the past 45 years.

**Source:** U.S. Census Bureau
Which period had more children?

A. 1970
B. 2015
C. They had the same number
100,000 fewer children today than in 1970

Number of Minnesota Children (0-17 years)

- 1970: 1,388,000
- 2015: 1,283,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Today 19% of Minnesotans are People of Color.

What percentage of the state were “minority” in 1970?

A. 2%
B. 5%
C. 15%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Populations of Color in MN have increased from 2% in 1970 to almost 20% today.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
What does the next 50 years hold for MN?
How many additional “older adults” will Minnesota gain during this decade?

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

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Unprecedented increases in MN’s “older adult” population

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

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, MN State Demographic Center
Why are the changes so marked now?

Population by age and sex
Minnesota, 2015

- 90+
- 85 to 89
- 80 to 84
- 75 to 79
- 70 to 74
- 65 to 69
- 60 to 64
- 55 to 59
- 50 to 54
- 45 to 49
- 40 to 44
- 35 to 39
- 30 to 34
- 25 to 29
- 20 to 24
- 15 to 19
- 10 to 14
- 5 to 9
- Under 5

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Budget pressures will change
More 65+ than school-age by 2020

U.S. Census Bureau & Minnesota State Demographic Center
Minnesota’s labor force growth is projected to slow further over the next 10 years – 2015 to 2025

Source: U.S. Census Bureau (1980—2015) and Minnesota State Demographic Center Projections (2015-2045)
Older Minnesotans are working longer than in the past, but they are still retiring in great numbers.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census (1990-2000) and American Community Survey (2010-2015)
Minnesota’s net migration, by international & domestic components

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program
Minnesota’s net migration losses occur primarily in late teen years and early 20s.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey
Midwestern states tend to lose more residents to other states than it gains from other states.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Population Estimates Program
Foreign-born population in MN growing since the 1990s

Source: Tabulated from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series
Minnesota’s Foreign-Born Population Now Represents the Globe

Source: Tabulated by the Minnesota State Demographic Center from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series, U.S. Census Bureau data
Populations of Color Now Jointly Total 1 million in MN; 19% of the Population

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Racially Diverse Populations Bolstering Growth, 2000 to 2010

Growth (%), Pop. of Color

Growth (%), White pop.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Baby-boomers have begun to retire, largest cohort still in their 50s

Percent of Minnesota’s Labor force that are People of Color, by age, 2015

- 16-19: 25%
- 25-29: 16%
- 35-39: 10%
- 45-49: 5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 American Community Survey
Ratio of jobs to people looking for work

~ 1:1

Source: MN Department of Employment and Economic Development
These data are sobering **IF** we continue to adhere to the policies and institutional arrangements that we have built for our demographic past.
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