



# Legislative Process Update

October 12, 2021

# What is a Legislative Process?

A process in which an organization sets goals for what they wish to see accomplished during a legislative session.

Legislative goals may change based on bonding vs. non-bonding year.



# Annual Legislative Breakfast

- CITY OF RICHFIELD**  
**2020 LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS**

**TOP PRIORITIES:** Katie Anderson, City Manager, 612-861-8702, [katieanderson@richfield.mn.gov](mailto:katieanderson@richfield.mn.gov)  
Sherry Martinez Gueba, Executive Assistant, 612-861-8702, [sherry.martinez@richfield.mn.gov](mailto:sherry.martinez@richfield.mn.gov)

**Support a 2020 bonding bill that includes R.F. 2068 requesting \$7 million (approximately 50%) in bonding funds for the year 21**  
underpin on 77th Street in Richfield to advance the 424 Corridor of Commerce projects.

**Support new funding and resources, as well as greater flexibility with existing tools, to help preserve our existing affordable housing and create new affordable housing, especially for those with the lowest incomes.**

**Support resources from Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota to ensure all Richfield residents are counted in the 2020 Census.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:** Sherry Martinez Gueba (City Manager), Pam Desjardins, 612-861-8702, [pamdesjardins@richfield.mn.gov](mailto:pamdesjardins@richfield.mn.gov)  
Support full reimbursement to cities for the cost of providing continued health insurance coverage for police and firefighters divided or rolled in the day of life from 7/1/17 to 7/1/24. The City paid 111.13% towards continued health insurance benefits, of which only \$57,600 was reimbursed by the State.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** Community Development Director, John Smith, 612-861-8779, [johnsmith@richfield.mn.gov](mailto:johnsmith@richfield.mn.gov)  
Support significant new funding for the rehab and preservation of NODAs (naturally occurring affordable housing) apartments, by:

  - Affordable Housing Bonding Authority of the State Legislature;
  - Increase funding to the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) for its Rental Rehabilitation Loan Program, and make the funds available statewide;

Support additional resources to financially assist housing for households earning less than 50% of the Area Median Income (AMI), for allowing 10% of units at 50% AMI to be a qualification for a Housing Tax Increment Financing (HTIF) district.

Support the use of "pooled" and "excess" HTIF funds for less restrictive affordable housing usage.

**FINANCE:** Finance Director, Chris Ryan, 612-861-8703, [chrisryan@richfield.mn.gov](mailto:chrisryan@richfield.mn.gov)  
Support maintaining and increasing local Government aid (IGA);

Support current formula and distribution of Fiscal Impact and oppose shifting to fund transportation projects;

Oppose any imposition of new fees.

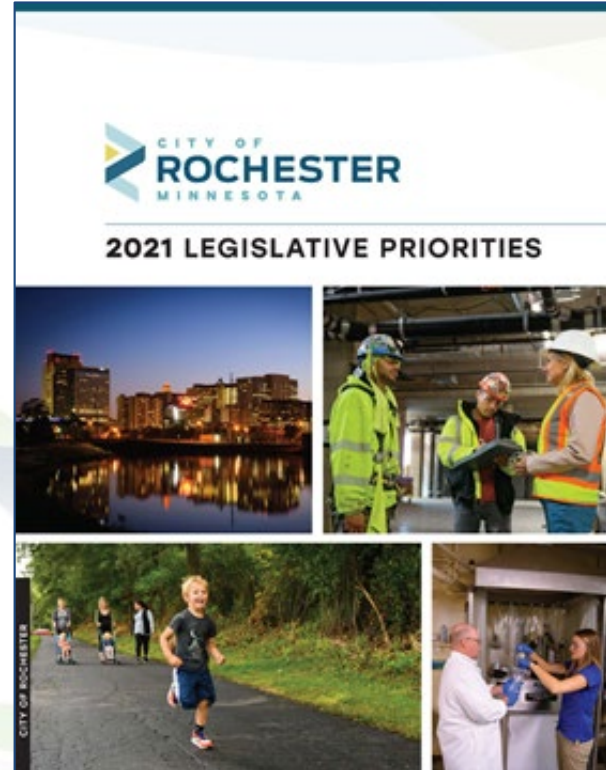
**EMS:** Fire Chief, Wayne Krawinkel, 612-243-4765, [waynek@richfield.mn.gov](mailto:waynek@richfield.mn.gov)  
Fire Chief, Fire Protection Districts: Pass legislation to allow for the creation of fire protection districts. This legislation would allow local units of government across the state to collaborate to provide sustainable models of fire service.

Support Local Control of EMS: The current law regulating Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Minnesota adds ambulance providers an exclusive operating area, Primary Medical Service (PMS). They are granted for an indefinite period of time and there is very little oversight or transparency. The Emergency Medical Services Regulation Board (EMSRB) in the State of Minnesota's regulatory agency needs greater oversight that oversees and issues ambulance licenses. Currently, no other local licensing Board in Minnesota grants a provider an exclusive operating area or does the EMSRB. We believe that local units of government are best positioned to determine the local ambulance service provider, the level of service and should have the authority to ensure transparency. This proposal recognizes the professional standards services face of the EMSRB from the service area determination and allow local units of government to decide who provides service within their geographic boundaries.

**Richfield staff is available to provide detailed information on any of the items listed on this document and to provide assistance.**

# Reimagining the Process

- Staff hopes to work with City Council and city leadership to improve and standardize the City's current Legislative process
- Make Legislative process more clear to City Council, residents, and elected representatives
- More equitable and inclusive process



# Proposed Changes Summary

## Recommended Changes

1. Changes to Legislative Breakfast
2. Targeted Legislative Priorities
3. Vote and Adopt Legislative Platform
4. Develop a Policy for Staff when testifying to legislative bodies

# 1. Proposed Changes to Legislative Breakfast

- Move to early Fall
- More time for engagement with State Legislators
- Comprehensive Legislative Priorities Report prepared for meeting





## 2. Targeted Legislative Priorities

- Legislative platform be limited to 3-5 priorities per department.
- Within the City's scope of influence
- Foster and grow relationships with State Legislators



# 3. Vote and Adopt Legislative Platform

- Shows the priorities are aligned with Mission, Vision and Values
- Shows community support for priorities
- Provides increased visibility on priorities
- City best practice- recommended by LMC attorney and City lobbyist



# 4. Testifying to Legislative Bodies

## Policy

- City Internal Political Policy is silent and inconsistent with past practices
- The City has professional, and experienced employees - knowledge is valuable to public policy discussions
- Working with the city attorney and HR manager to develop internal language

# Next Steps

- Staff plan Legislative Breakfast in late fall of 2021
- Staff will continue to create a list of targeted Legislative priorities for the upcoming session
- City Council adopt Legislative priorities at a future City Council meeting
- Staff is working with HR manager and city attorney for proposed Testifying Policy



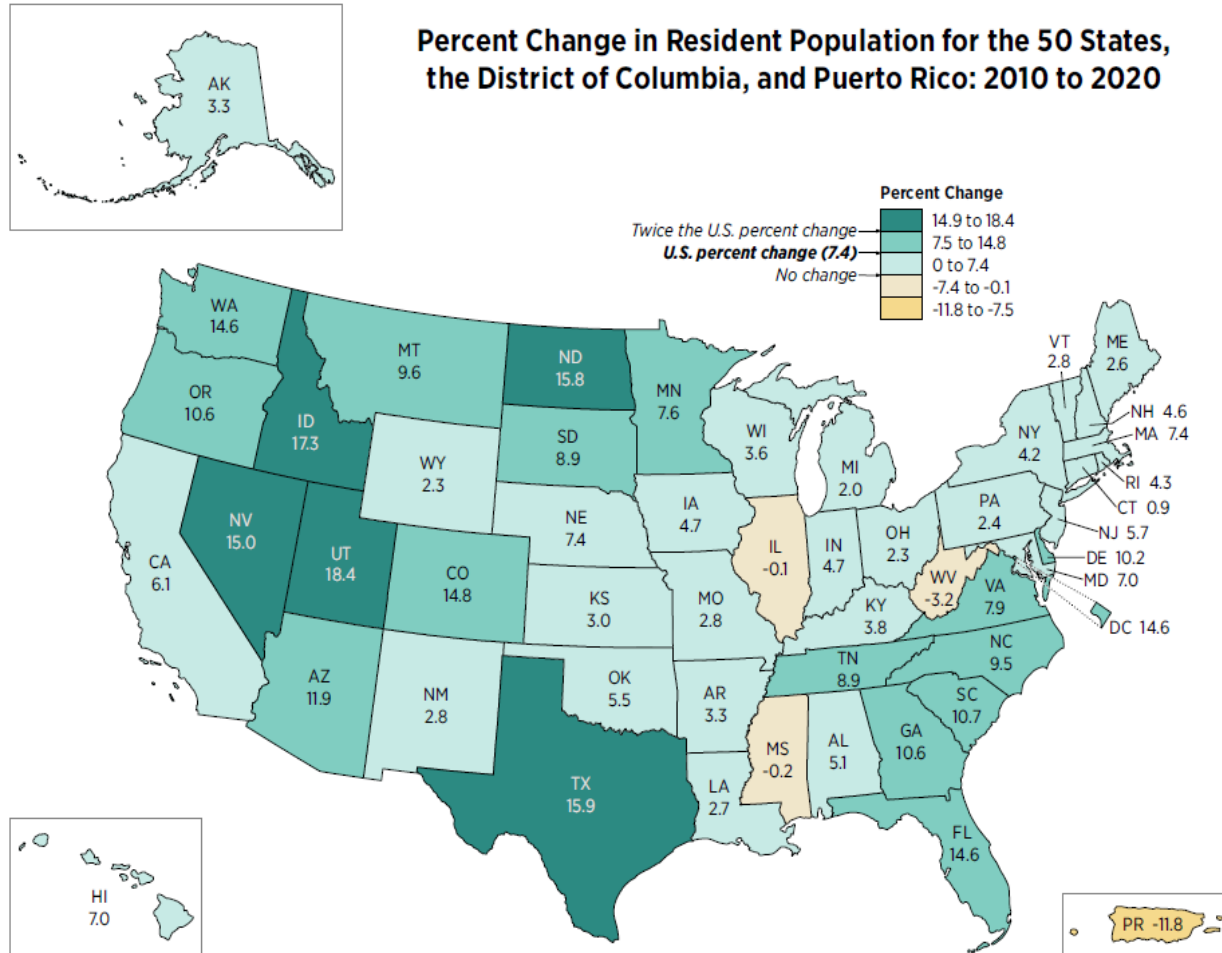
# Questions?



## 2020 Census Overview City of Richfield

Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer  
October 12, 2021

# Minnesota grew by 7.6% between 2010 and 2020



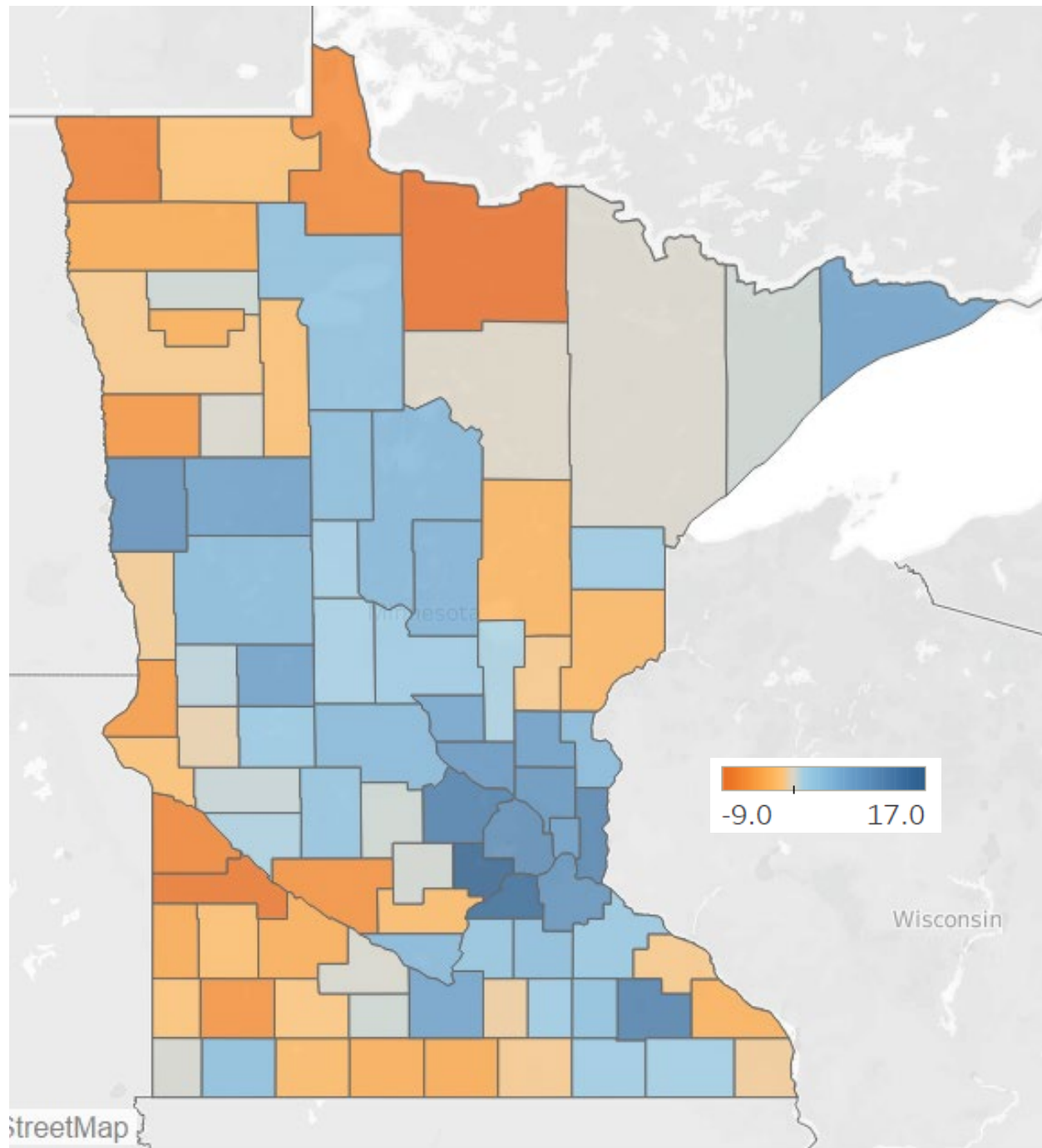
Minnesota's April 1,  
2020 Population  
5,706,494

# Population growth fully attributable to BIPOC groups

Population Change by Major Race Groups, 2010-2020			
	2010	2020	Change 2010-2010
Total population	5,303,925	5,706,494	402,569
White non-Hispanic	4,405,142	4,353,880	(51,262)
American Indian non-Hispanic	55,421	57,046	1,625
Asian/Pacific Islander non-Hispanic	214,856	300,081	85,225
Black/African American non-Hispanic	269,141	392,850	123,709
Hispanic/Latino (any race)	250,258	345,640	95,382
Other race non-Hispanic	5,947	20,963	15,016
Two or more races non-Hispanic	103,160	236,034	132,874

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses





# Percent Change, Total Population, 2010-2020

## Largest Gains (Percentage)

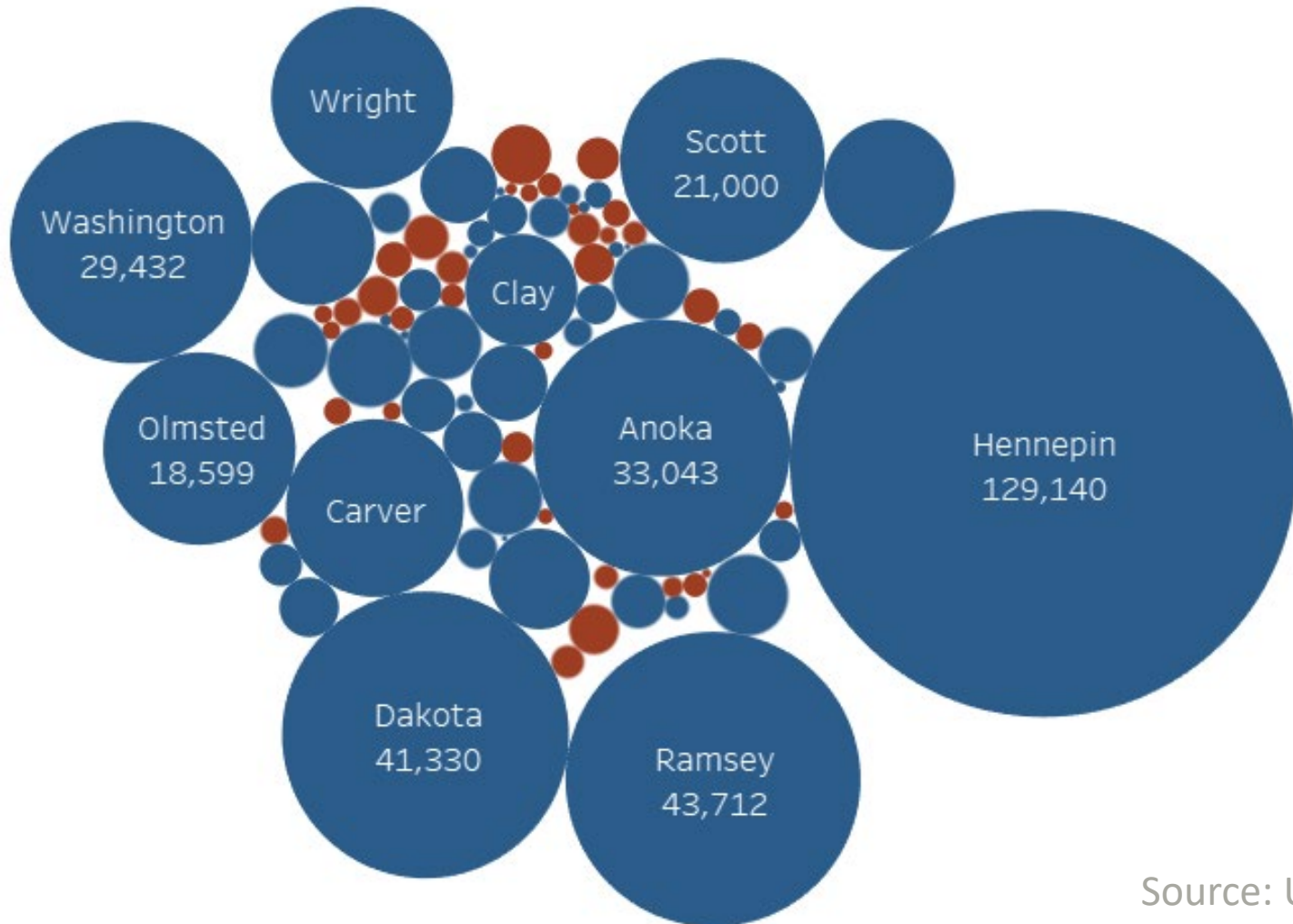
Rank	County	Numeric change	Percentage Change
1	Carver	15,880	17.4%
2	Scott	21,000	16.2%
3	Wright	16,637	13.3%
4	Olmsted	18,599	12.9%
5	Washington	29,432	12.4%

## Largest Losses (Percentage)

82	Renville	(1,007)	-6.4%
83	Lake of the Woods	(282)	-7.0%
84	Lac qui Parle	(540)	-7.4%
85	Kittson	(345)	-7.6%
86	Yellow Medicine	(910)	-8.7%
87	Koochiching	(1,249)	-9.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

# Population change by county (numeric), 2010-2020



- 51 counties gained population.
- 36 counties lost population.
- The 7-county Twin Cities metro added 313,537 people, 78% of the state's growth.

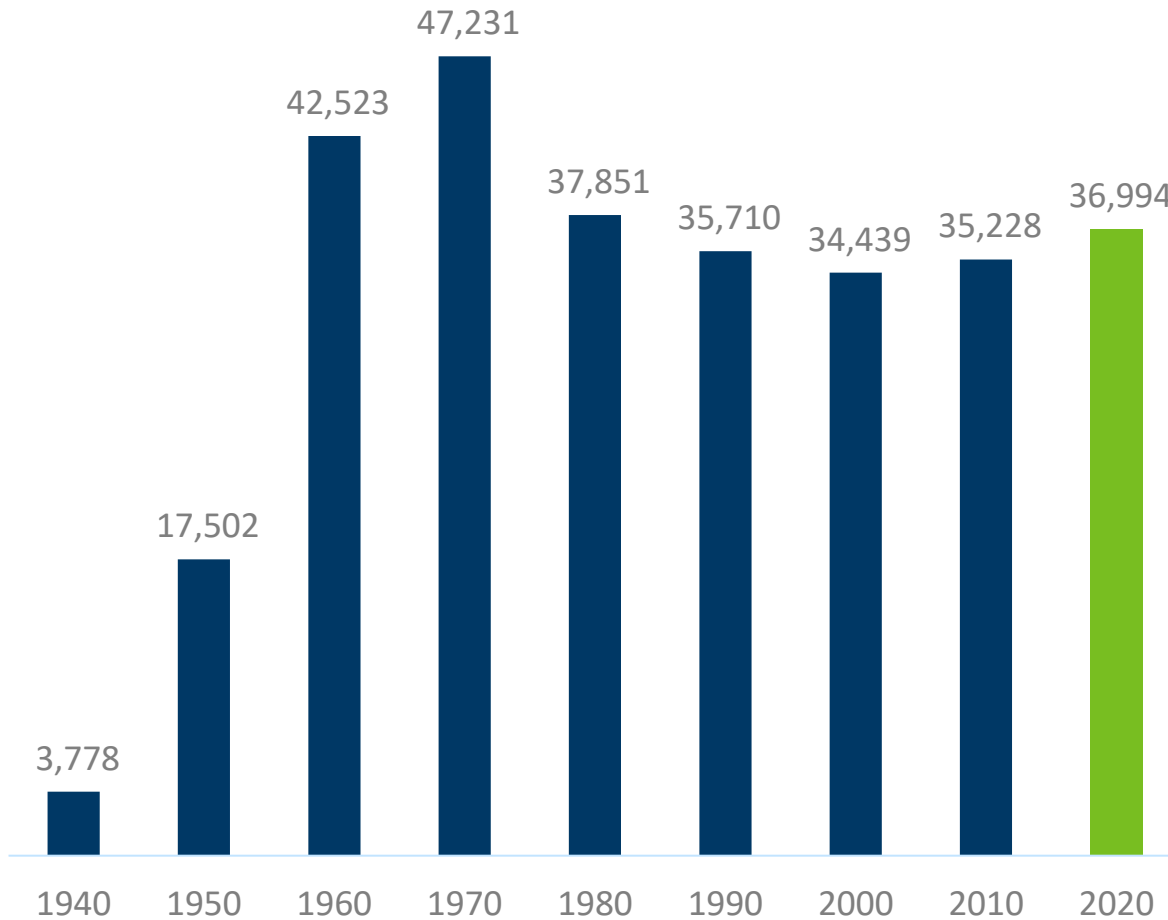
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<b>Rank</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>Population added 2010-2020</b>
1	Minneapolis	47,376
2	St. Paul	26,459
3	Rochester	14,626
4	Lakeville	13,536
5	Woodbury	13,141
6	Blaine	13,036
7	Brooklyn Park	10,697
8	Plymouth	10,450
9	Maple Grove	8,686
10	Apple Valley	7,290
11	Bloomington	7,094
12	Shakopee	6,622
13	Moorhead	6,440
14	Otsego	6,395
15	Savage	5,554
16	Edina	5,553
17	Mankato	5,179
18	Prior Lake	4,821
19	St. Louis Park	4,760
20	Rogers	4,698

## Minnesota's fastest growing cities, 2010-2020

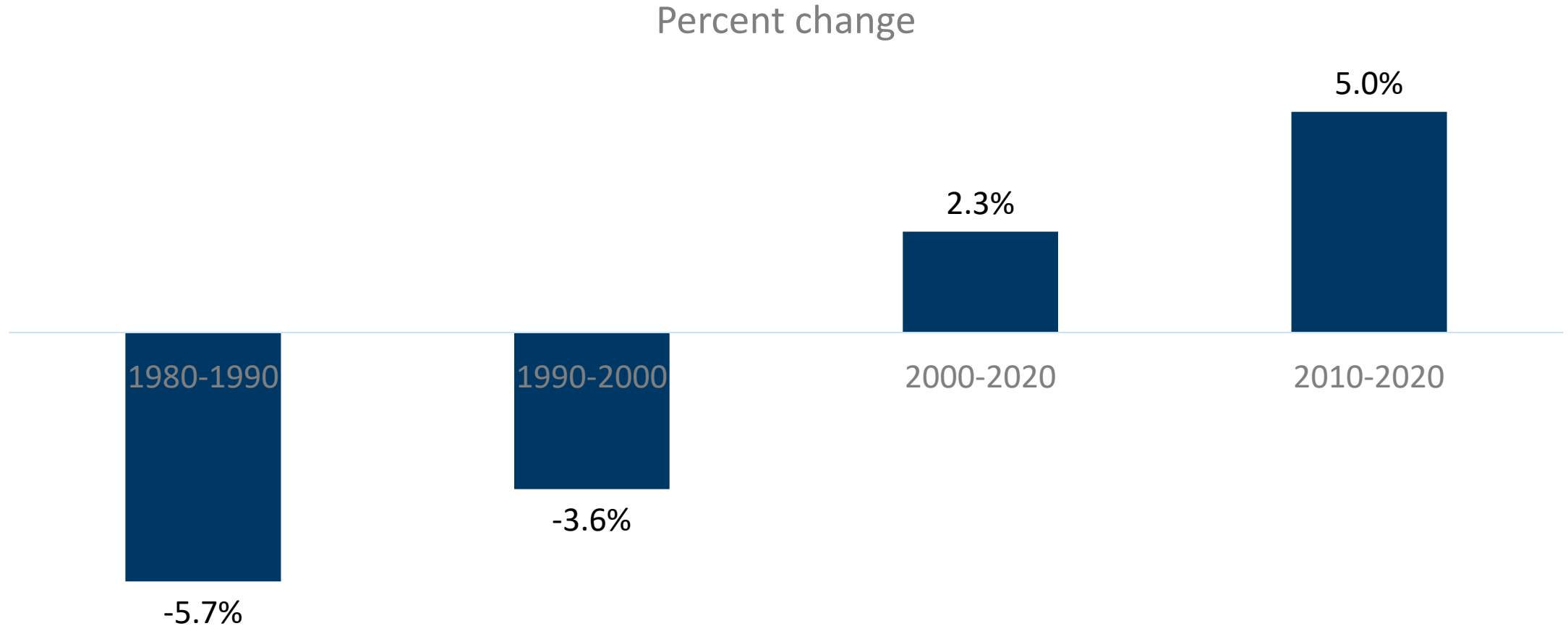
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# Richfield Total Population Trends



- 2010-2020: Richfield grew by 1,766 people, the largest gain since 1970.
- Richfield's 2020 population surpassed its 1990 population.

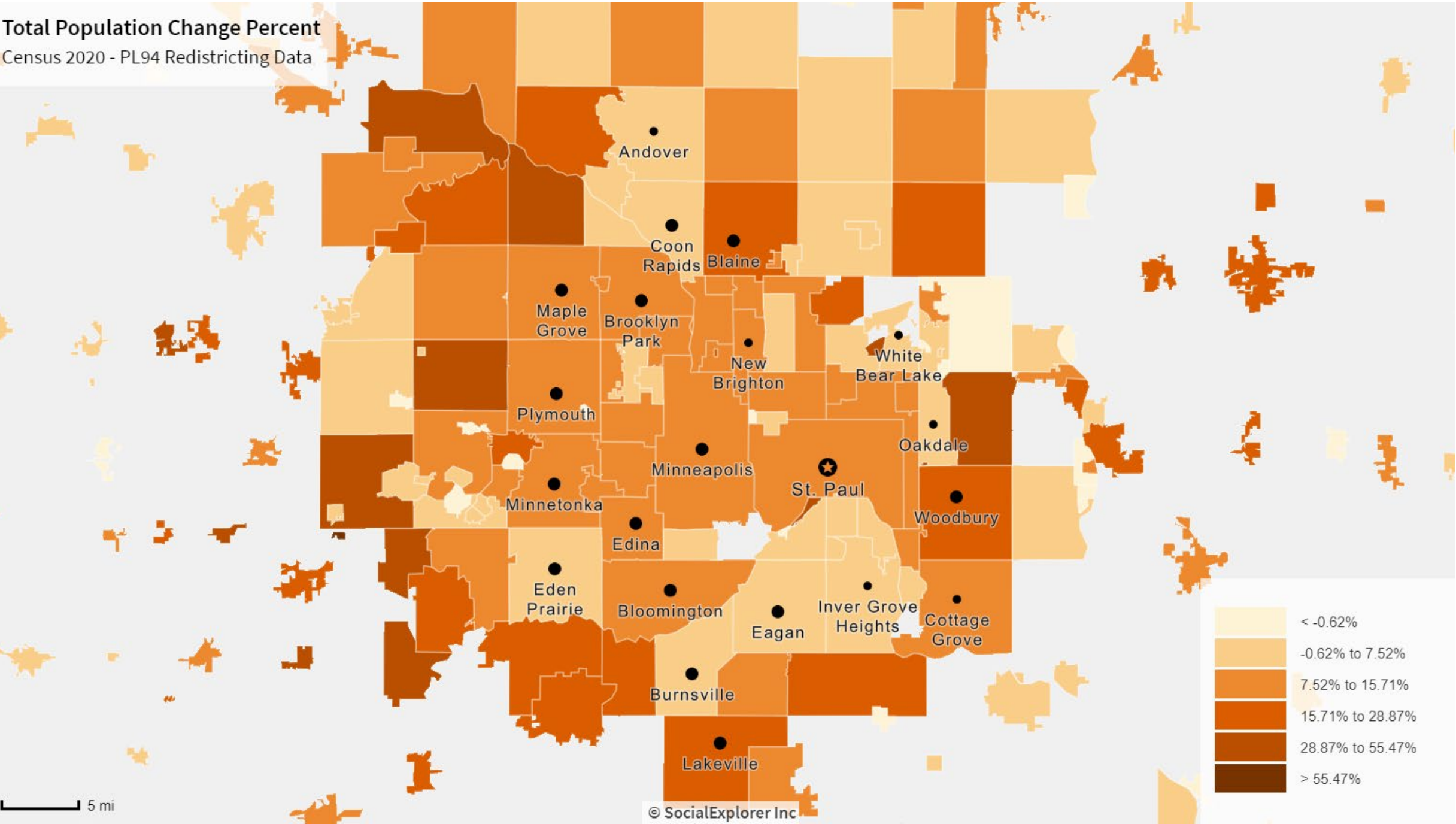
# The population of Richfield grew by 5% over the 2010s



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

Total Population Change Percent

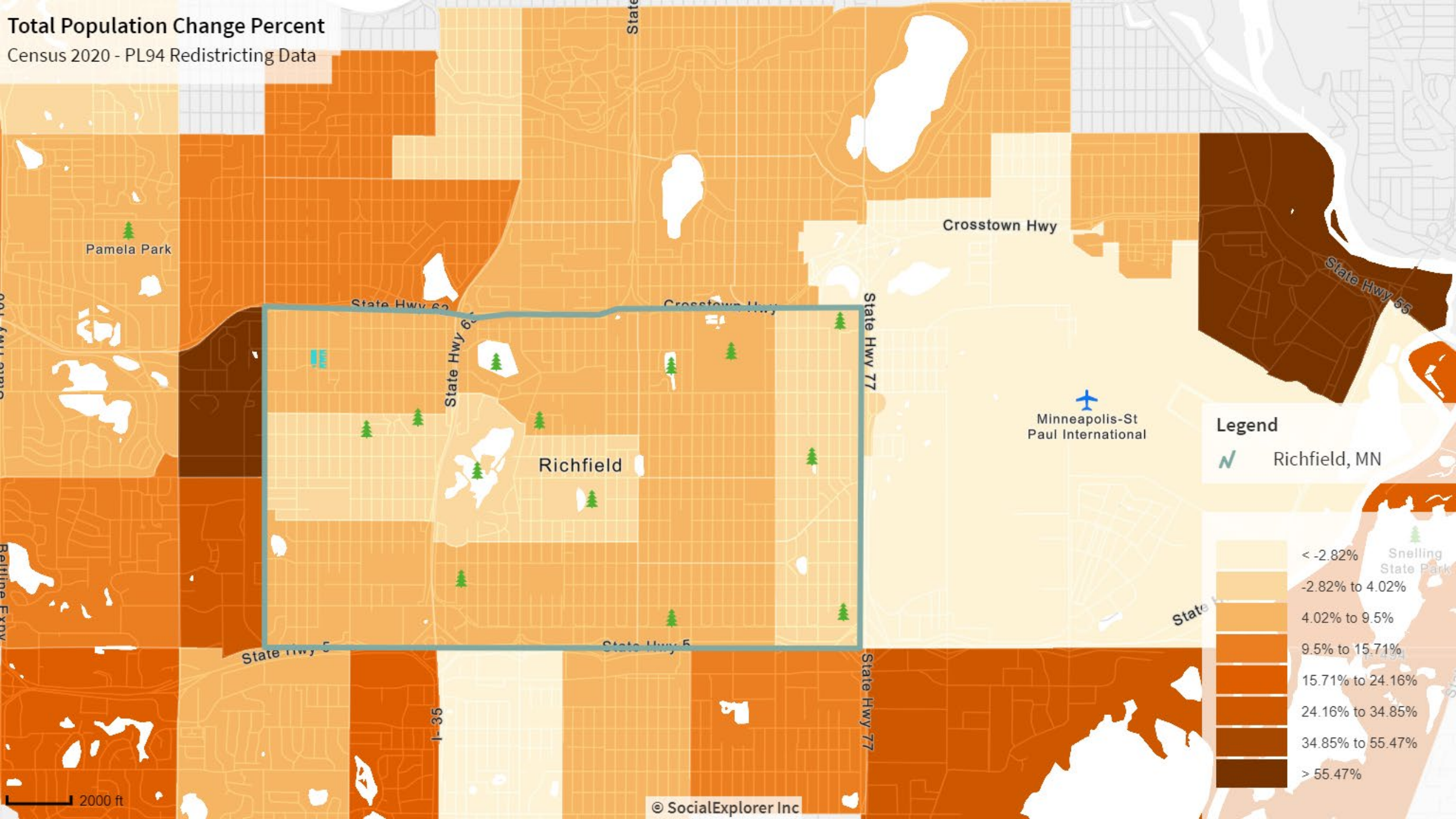
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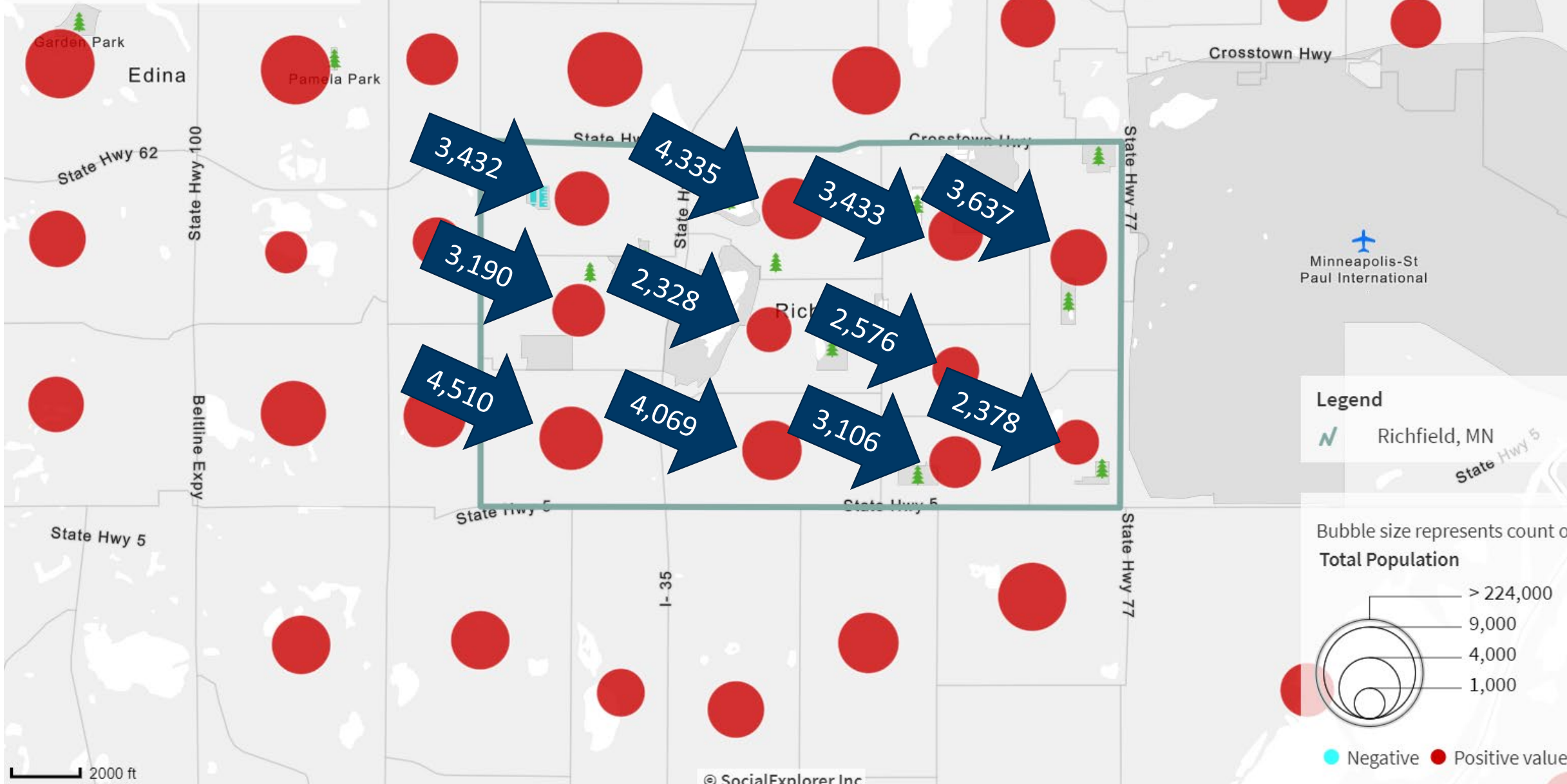
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Highlands Park

# Total Population

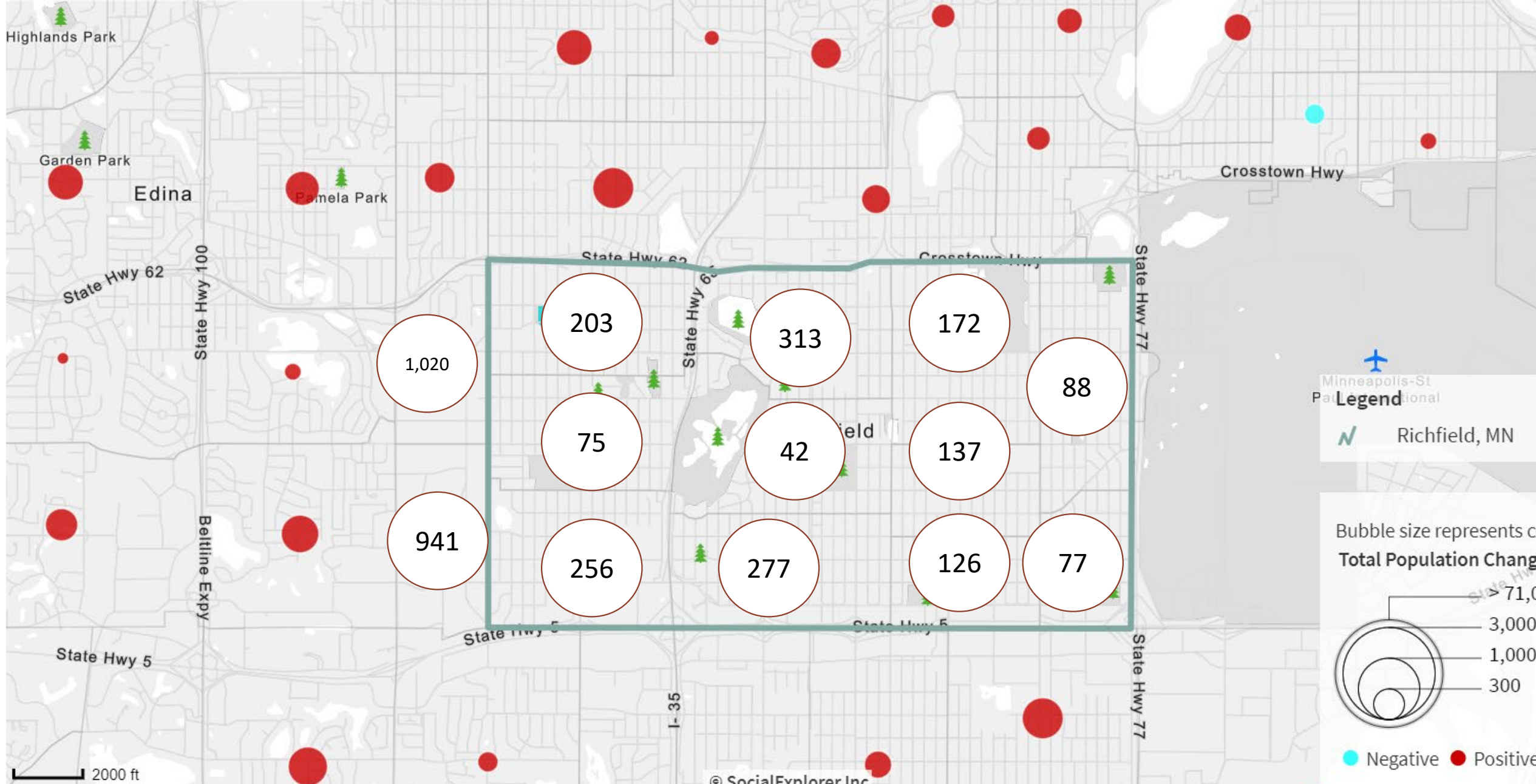
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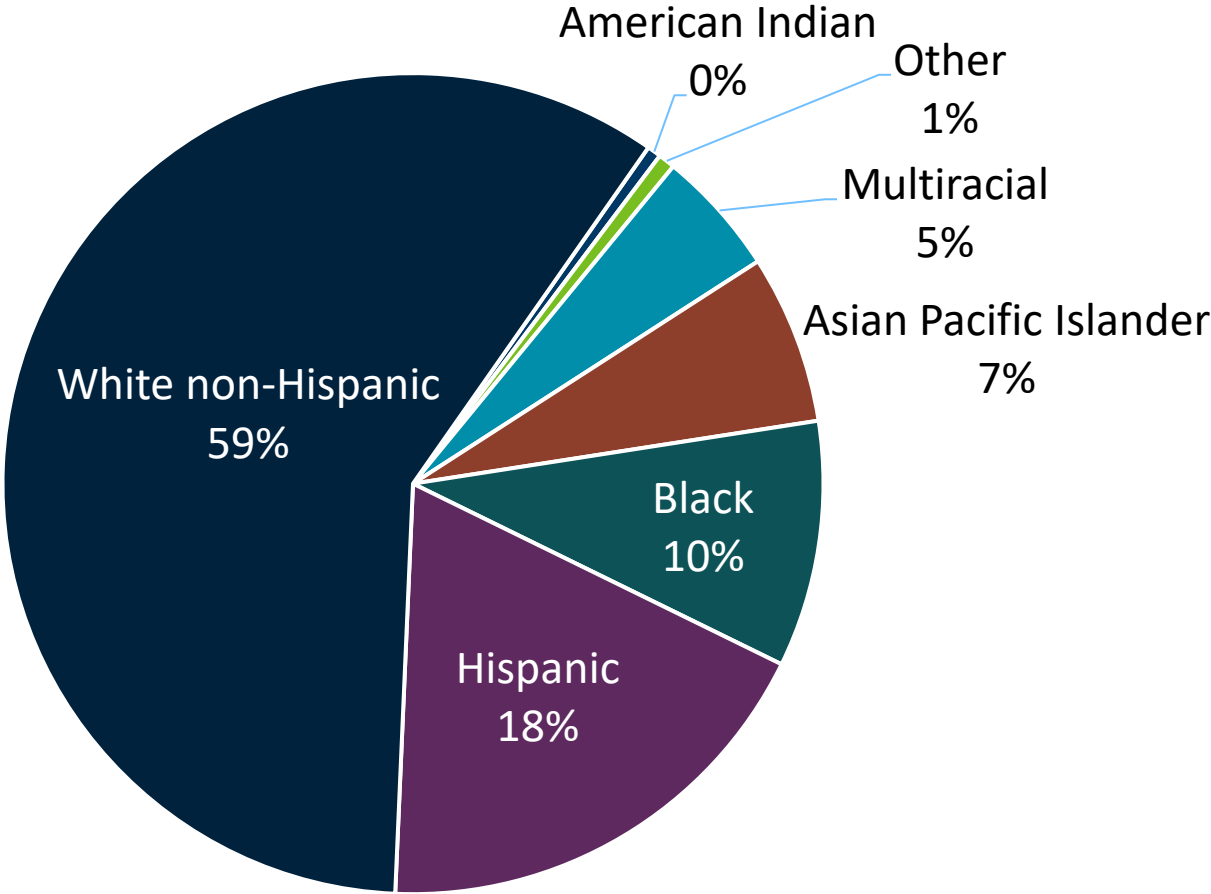


# Total Population Change

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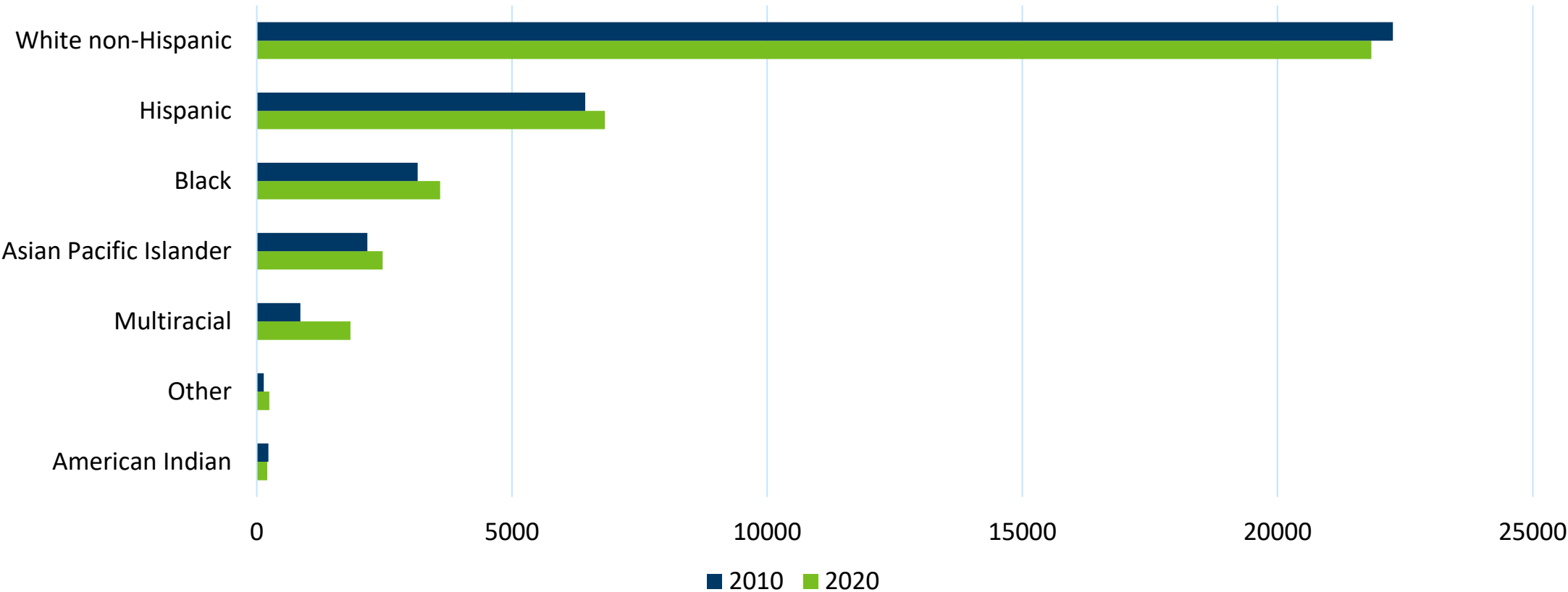


# BIPOC communities make up 41% of Richfield's population



# White non-Hispanic population declined in Richfield this decade, BIPOC race groups grew

City of Richfield, Population by Race Group  
2010-2020



# Maps of Population Change by Race

Total population Change <https://www.socialexplorer.com/eb3c9e53f7/view>

White non-Hispanic <https://www.socialexplorer.com/c68d31b227/view>

Black <https://www.socialexplorer.com/240fb6b95a/view>

Asian <https://www.socialexplorer.com/940a5b4bc2/view>

Hispanic <https://www.socialexplorer.com/3da91b211a/view>



# Changes in Data Collection

- Changes to the race and ethnicity questions on the 2020 Census allowed for more opportunity to write in racial and ethnic groups.
- This has painted a better picture of how individuals view themselves, which in turn has shown that we are a more multiracial society than previous data has been able to show.
- While not solely responsible for the changes, it has corresponded with an increase in the “Some other race” and Multiple race categories.

# Other Data Considerations

- The 2020 Census was conducted during a world-wide pandemic, which required the Census Bureau to make several adjustments to the operational plan.
- There was unprecedented uncertainty regarding aspects of the Census—even before the pandemic—that caused concern regarding individuals' willingness to respond to the Census.
- This is the first census to implement Differential Privacy (DP) as the Disclosure Avoidance System (DAS) to protect respondents' confidentiality.

# Key Dates: 2020 Census Count Question Resolution Program

MAY 13, 2021

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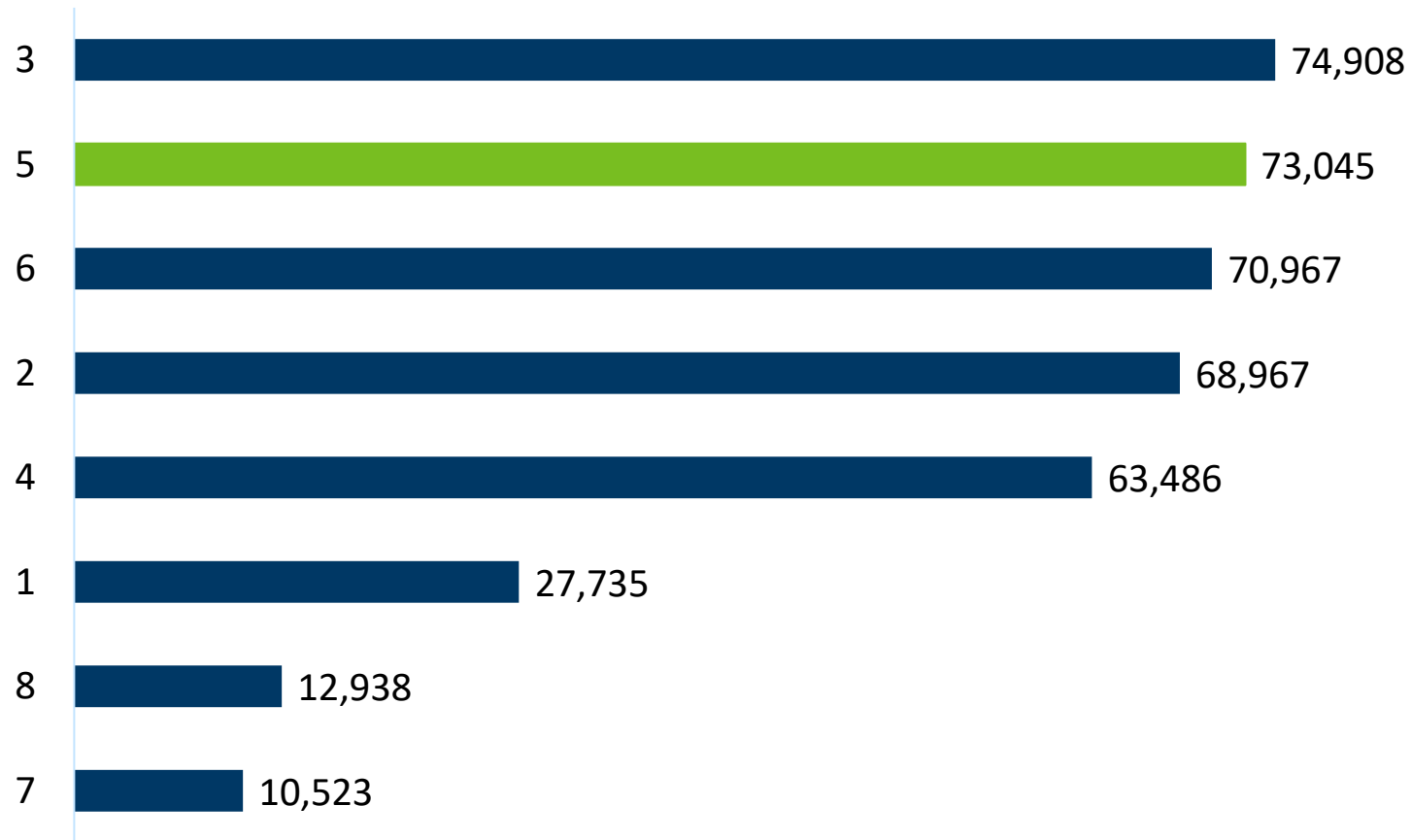
**MAY 13, 2021** – The U.S. Census Bureau today announced the revised schedule for the 2020 Census Count Question Resolution (CQR) program. The purpose of the 2020 Census CQR is to provide a mechanism for governmental units to request a review of their official 2020 Census results and to help ensure that housing and population counts are correctly allocated to 2020 census tabulation blocks in the 50 states, District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The current schedule is as follows:

- Fall 2021: Federal Register notice announces the beginning of a 30-day comment period for the public.
- December 2021: The Census Bureau plans to officially notify tribal, state and local government officials eligible to file CQR cases.
- January 2022: The Census Bureau begins accepting CQR cases for processing from eligible tribal, state and local governments.
- June 30, 2023: Deadline for governments to send CQR cases to the Census Bureau.
- September 30, 2023: Deadline for the Census Bureau to provide results to impacted governmental units.

# Growth in Minnesota's U.S. Congressional Districts

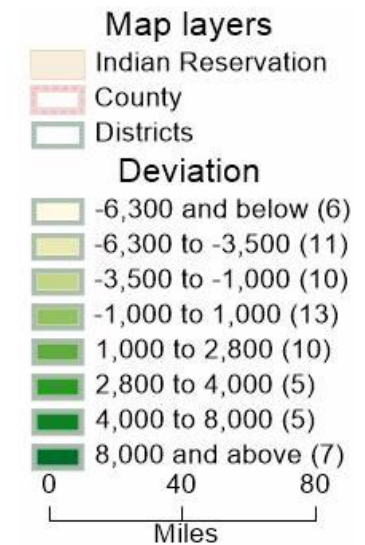
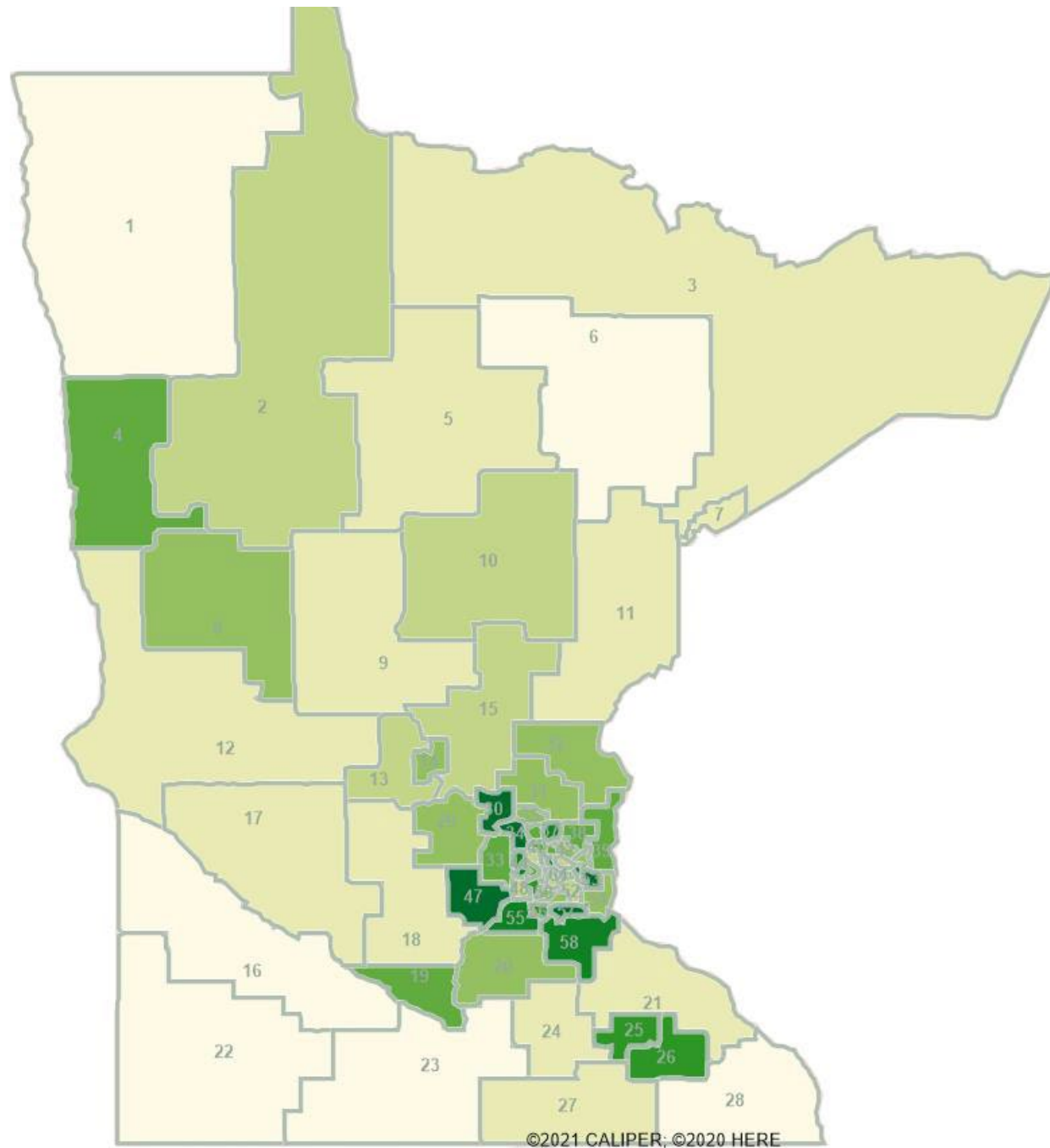
Population Change by Congressional District, 2010-2020



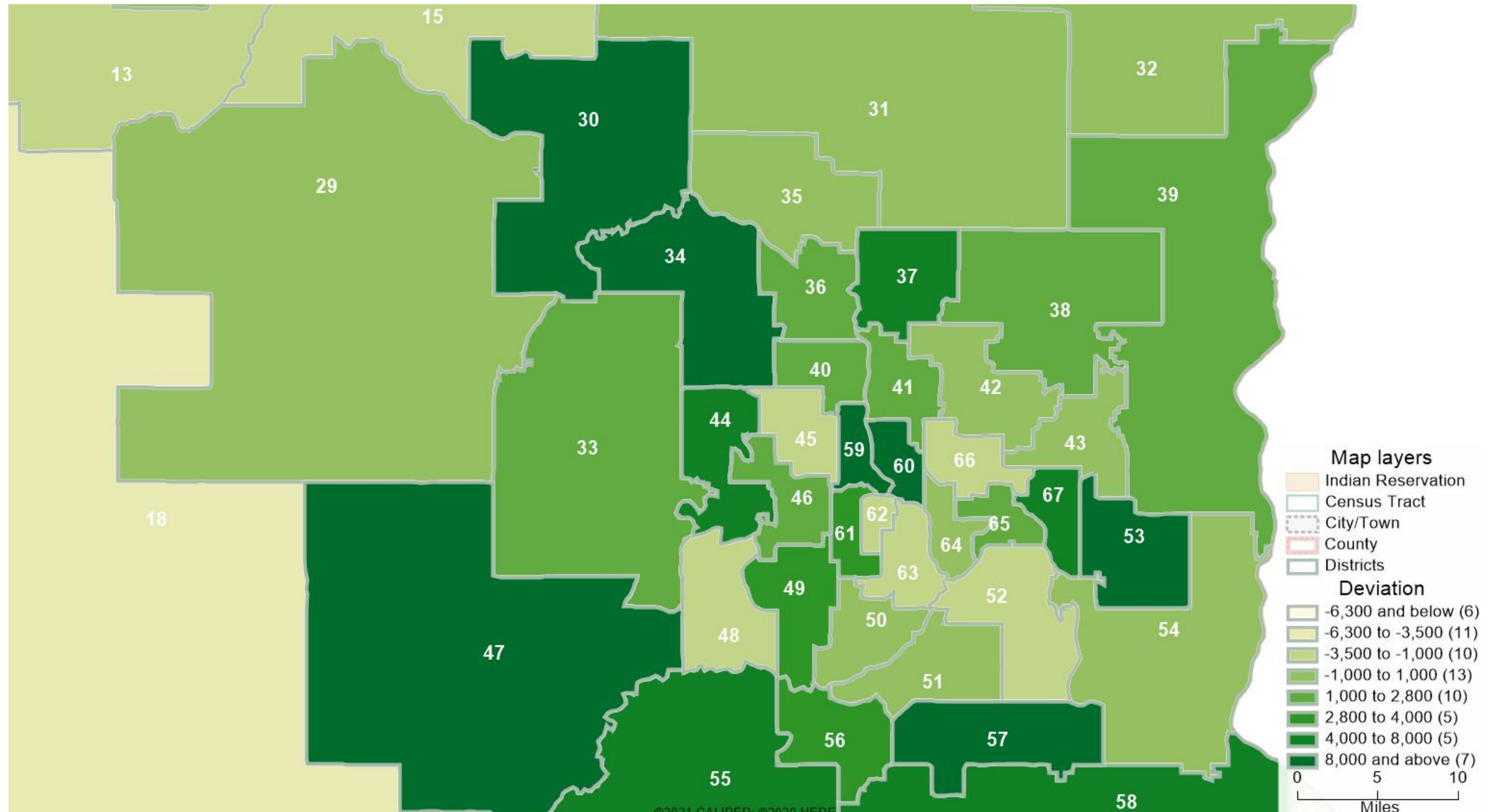
Ideal population size  
2020: 713,312  
2010: 662,991

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

# Difference from Ideal State Senate Districts

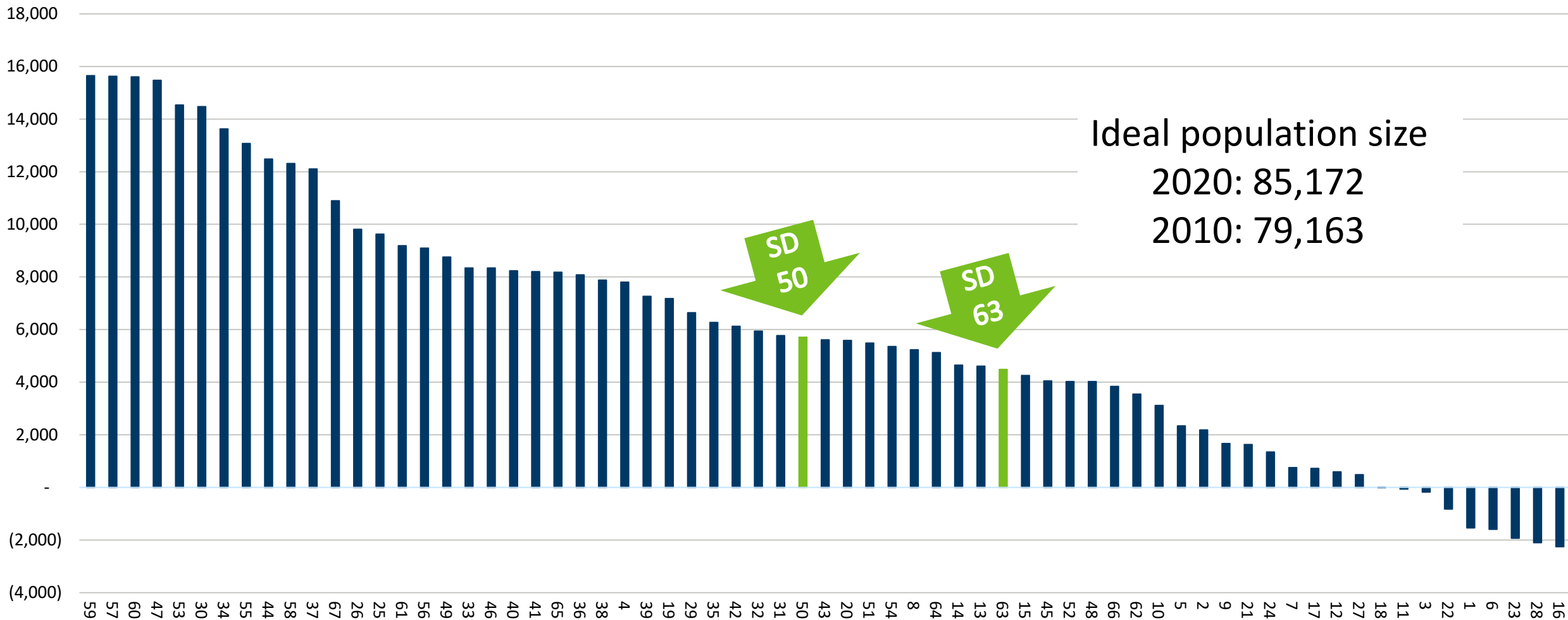


# Difference from Ideal Twin Cities Metro State Senate Districts



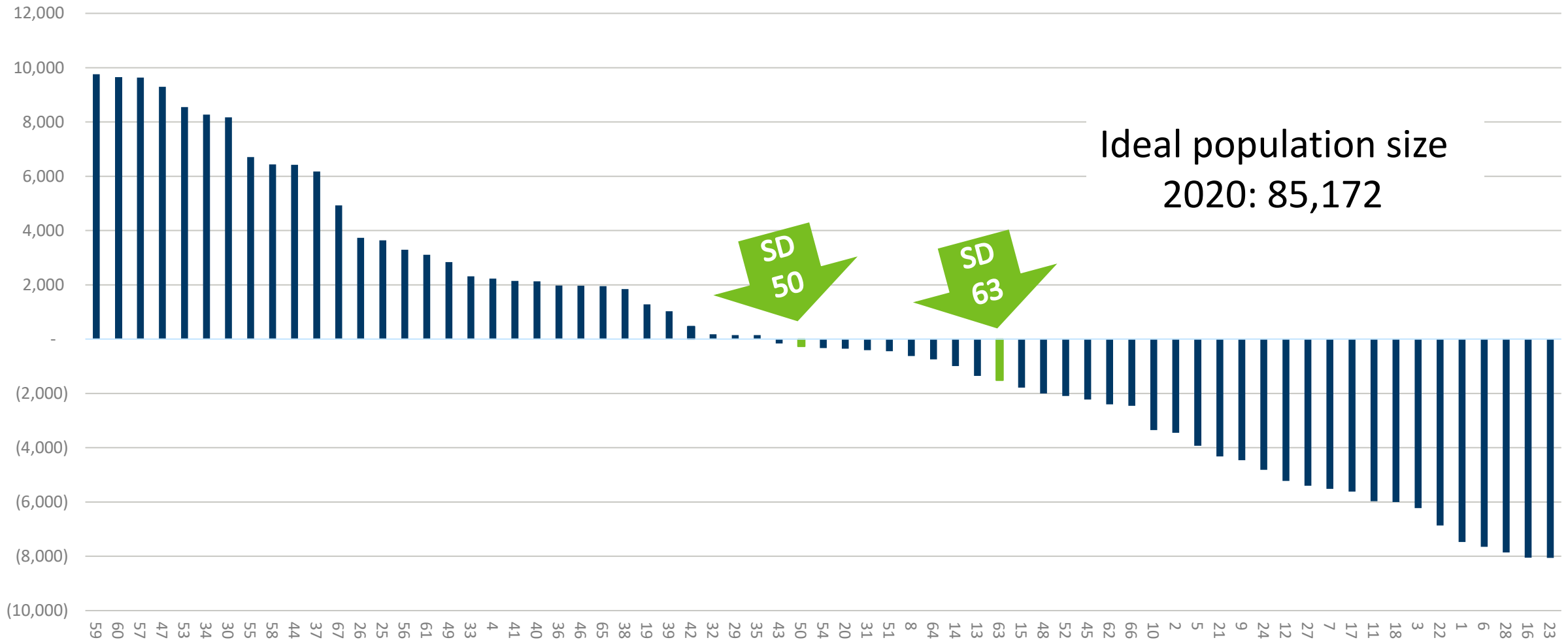


# Change in State Senate Districts, 2010-2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

# Senate Districts by Difference from Ideal Population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020 Censuses

# Thank you

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