

ABOUT MINNEAPOLIS - SAINT PAUL REGION

Minneapolis History

The Dakota Sioux were the region's sole residents until explorers arrived from France in about 1680. Built between 1820 and 1825 by the United States Army nearby Fort Snelling spurred growth in the area. The Minnesota Territorial Legislature authorized present day Minneapolis as a town on the Mississippi's west bank in 1856, then incorporated as a city in 1867, the year rail service began between Minneapolis and Chicago. In early years, forests in northern Minnesota were the source of a lumber industry that operated 17 saw mills. By 1871, the west river bank had 23 businesses including flour mills, woolen mills, iron works, a railroad machine shop, and mills for cotton, paper, sashes, and planing wood. The farmers of the Great Plains grew grain that was shipped by rail to the city's 34 flour mills. By 1905, Minneapolis delivered almost 10-percent of the country's flour and grist.

Saint Paul History

The first land claim in the area was made in 1838 by tavern owner Pierre ("Pig's Eye") Parrant, who was closely followed by Abraham Perry. The settlement was known as Pig's Eye Landing until 1841, when Roman Catholic missionary Lucien Galtier built a log chapel dedicated to the apostle Paul. In 1849, St. Paul became the capital of the newly-formed Minnesota Territory, and it was made the state capital when Minnesota was admitted to the Union in 1858. St. Paul's historic importance in the development of the Upper Midwest was as a commercial centre that utilized its strategic location on the Mississippi. Furs were its first products for the outside market. In 1886, the St. Paul Union Stockyards were established, and the livestock market became one of the world's largest. In the 1920's and 1930's, St. Paul became known as a safe haven for gangsters from other Midwestern cities. St. Paul's population grew steadily during the first half of the 20th Century, nearly doubling between 1900 and the peak year of 1960.

About the Region

The Minneapolis-Saint Paul (MSP) region includes 14 counties within the Twin Cities: Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Le Sueur, Mille Lacs, Pierce, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington and Wright. These Minnesota counties, including two in Wisconsin, make up the area's Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). The region is anchored by three thriving urban centers – Minneapolis, Saint Paul and Bloomington.

As the 16th-largest metro area in the United States, MSP has a strong, diversified economy, providing residents with a quality of life regularly listed among the very best in the nation. This high quality of life is rooted in the region's tradition of business innovation, workforce development and corporate community involvement. The MSP economy is resilient and diverse, including agriculture, food processing, computing, printing and publishing, large- and small-scale manufacturing, health care, arts and entertainment, as well as medical instruments, education and finance.

The Greater MSP region is a hub of thriving companies who take advantage of locational assets the region has to offer. These companies include: UnitedHealth Group, Target, Best Buy, Supervalu, 3M, CHS, U.S. Bancorp, Medtronic and General Mills. A total of seven Twin Cities companies made Forbes' annual list of the largest private companies. Cargill, the largest private company in the nation, has flourished in Greater MSP for more than 100 years. The greater Twin Cities area has one of the highest concentrations of Fortune 500 Companies in the country.

On-Line Sources:

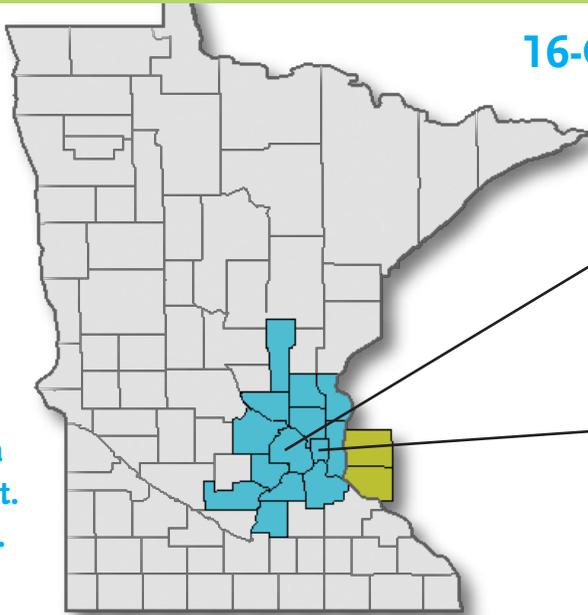
www.bycitylight.com/cities/us-mn-minneapolis-history.php

www.britannica.com/place/Saint-Paul-Minnesota

<https://www.greatermstp.org>



MSP REGIONAL MAP



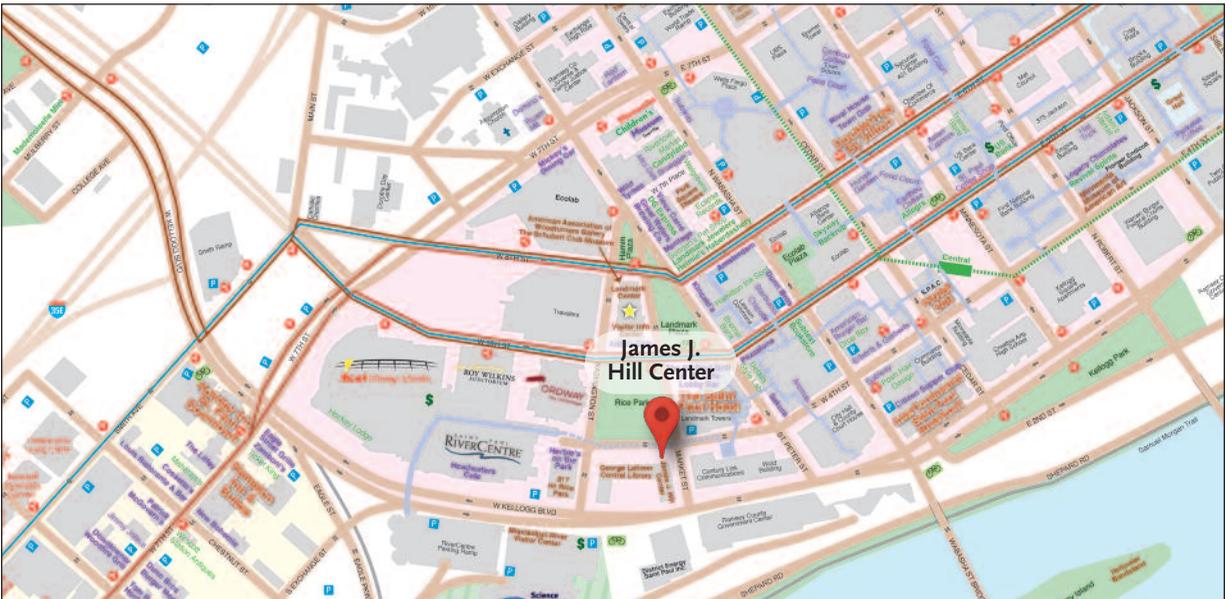
16-County Region

The Minneapolis-Saint Paul metro area includes 16 counties, of which 14 are in Minnesota and two (Pierce & St. Croix) in Wisconsin.

- Anoka
- Carver
- Chisago
- Dakota
- Hennepin (Minneapolis)
- Isanti
- Le Sueur
- Mille Lacs
- Pierce
- Ramsey (Saint Paul)
- Scott
- Sherburne
- Sibley
- St. Croix
- Washington
- Wright

Regional map from www.greatersp.org

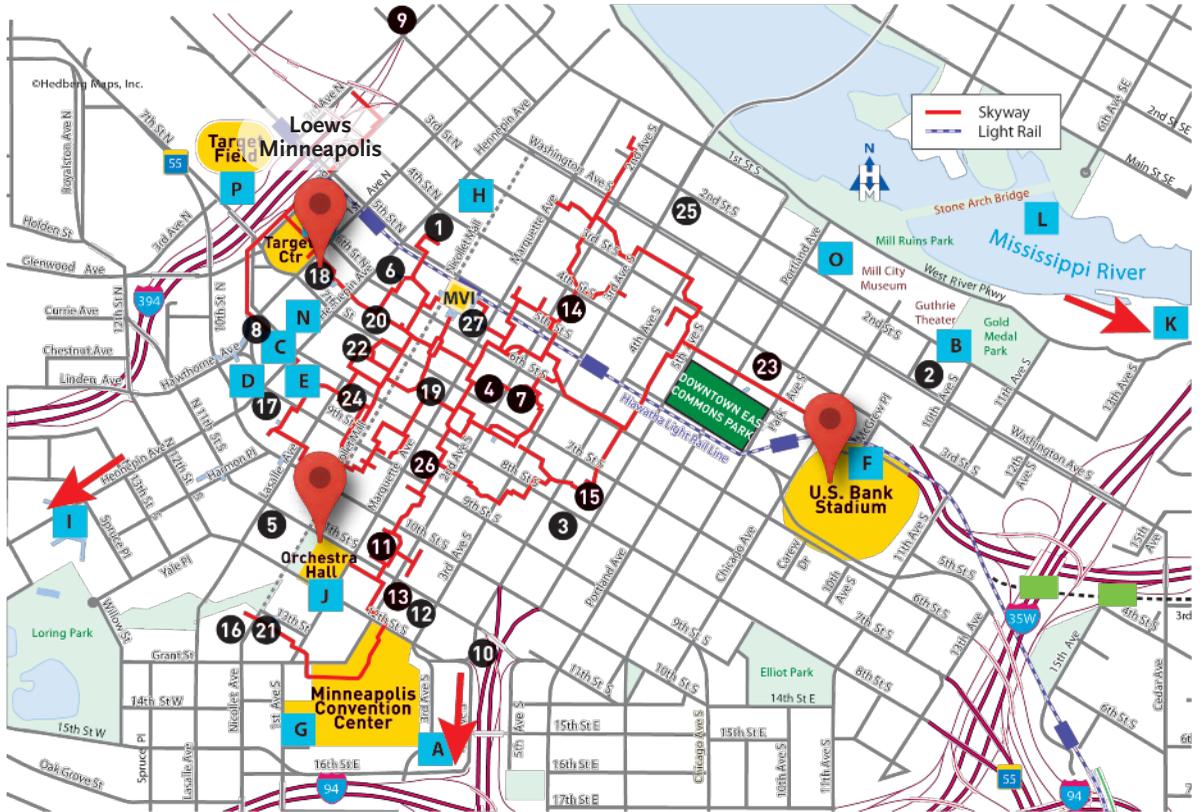
SAINT PAUL DOWNTOWN MAP



Saint Paul map courtesy of Visit Saint Paul

MINNEAPOLIS DOWNTOWN MAP

DOWNTOWN MINNEAPOLIS



HOTELS

1. AC Marriott
2. aloft Minneapolis
3. Best Western Normandy Inn and Suites
4. Crowne Plaza Minneapolis - Northstar
5. DoubleTree Suites By Hilton Minneapolis
6. Embassy Suites
7. Grand Hotel (The)
8. Hampton Inn & Suites
9. Hewing Hotel
10. Hilton Garden Inn
11. Hilton Minneapolis
12. Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites Downtown Minneapolis
13. Hotel Ivy
14. Hotel Minneapolis (The)
15. Hyatt Place Downtown
16. Hyatt Regency Minneapolis
17. LeMeridien Chambers Minneapolis
18. Loews Minneapolis Hotel
19. Marquette (The) (Windows on Minnesota)
20. Minneapolis Marriott City Center
21. Millennium Hotel Minneapolis
22. Radisson Blu Downtown
23. Radisson Red
24. Residence Inn Minneapolis Downtown/City Center
25. Renaissance Minneapolis, The Depot
26. W Hotel - The Foshay
27. Westin Minneapolis (The)

POINTS OF INTEREST

- A. Children's Theatre/Mpls Institute of Arts
- B. Guthrie Theater
- C. Brave New Workshop
- D. Historic Orpheum Theatre
- E. Historic State Theatre
- F. U.S. Bank Stadium
- G. Minneapolis Convention Center
- H. Minneapolis Central Library
- I. Minneapolis Sculpture Garden/Walker Art Center
- J. Orchestra Hall
- K. Paradise Charter Cruises
- L. Stone Arch Bridge
- M. Target Center
- N. Pantages Theatre
- O. Mill City Museum
- P. Target Field

MVI = Minneapolis Visitor Information

LIGHT RAIL:

Blue Boxes = Blue Line Light Rail - Minneapolis/Airport/MOA
Green Boxes = Green Line Light Rail - St Paul
 Blue and Green run on the same track through downtown.

FACTS & FIGURES



Nicollet Mall Photo Courtesy of Meet Minneapolis

	MINNEAPOLIS	SAINT PAUL	LEXINGTON-FAYETTE CO.	MINN-ST. PAUL MSA REGION	BLUEGRASS REGION
Population	410,935	300,840	314,488	3,524,583 (16 counties)	625,415 (8 counties)
Median Age (years)	32.4	31.5	34.1	36.9	38.3*
Racial Breakdown	65.2% White 18.3% Af. Am. 10% Hispanic	59.6% White 16.5% Asian 15.5% Af. Am.	76.0% White 14.5% Af. Am. 6.9% Hispanic	79.9% White 8.0% Af. Am. 6.4% Asian	83.0% White 10.0% Af. Am. 5.1% Hispanic
EDUCATIONAL					
Pop. 25 Years +	276,896	190,130	196,497	2,374,578	402,563
% HS Graduate +	87.9%	86.6%	89.2%	93.2%	87.4%*
% Bach. degree +	48.3%	39.8%	41.6%	40.3%	34.0%*
% Advanced Degree	20.2%	16.3%	18.9%	13.9%	14.6%*
EMPLOYMENT					
Civilian Labor Force	240,754	161,217	168,794	1,997,109	329,671
Major Employer**	Univ. of Minn. Twin Cities	3M Co.	University of Kentucky	Univ. of Minn. Twin Cities	University of Kentucky
Major Employer Workers	18,000	11,000	12,500	18,000	12,500
Unemployment Rate (2016 Average)	3.4%	3.7%	3.5%	3.6%	3.7%
INCOME/LIVING					
Med. Household Income	\$51,480	\$48,757	\$49,778	\$71,008	\$50,704*
Per Capita Income	\$32,647	\$26,622	\$30,031	\$36,284	\$26,606*
Cost of Living (2016 Avg)	105.6	104.9	92.6	N/A	N/A
Median House Price	\$227,500	\$186,800	\$168,100	\$231,800	\$154,875*

* Averages of Bluegrass Region counties; **MSP major employer info from www.careerinfonet.org; All other data from U.S. Census.



MORE THINGS TO DO

For more things to do around the MSP region, check with hotel concierge or visit www.minneapolis.org/things-to-do.

American Swedish Institute
2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis 55407
Phone: (612) 871-4907
Web: www.asimn.org

The American Swedish Institute is a historic museum in Minneapolis founded in 1929 that offers a variety of programs designed to celebrate Swedish heritage and contemporary Nordic arts and culture. It is a gathering place for all people to share experiences around themes of culture, migration, the environment and the arts, informed by enduring links to Sweden. It is located in historic Turnblad Mansion, which was donated to the American Institute for Swedish Art, Literature and Science in 1929 by newspaperman Swan Turnblad and his family.

Hennepin History Museum
2303 Third Ave. South, Minneapolis 55404
Phone: (612) 870-1329
Web: www.hennepinhistory.org

The Hennepin History Museum is one of the Twin Cities' most unique social history museums. We offer superb exhibits, a historic mansion setting, and archival collections of priceless scholarly value. HHM has evolved from the Hennepin County Territorial Pioneers Association in 1858 to the County Historical Society in 1938 to an award-winning history museum embracing a diverse range of cultures and social histories. Hennepin History Museum's exhibitions highlight the diverse and rich history of Hennepin County, the largest county in Minnesota.

Historic Fort Snelling
200 Tower Avenue, St. Paul 55111
Phone: (612) 726.1171
Web: www.historicfortsnelling.org

Established in the early 1820s, Fort Snelling was built to protect the fur trade. Today, the reconstructed fort is a National Historic Landmark where visitors can learn not only about military history from before the Civil War through World War II, but also about domestic life, slavery in Minnesota and the U.S. Dakota War of 1862. Historic Fort Snelling is one of 26 historic sites and museums operated by the Minnesota Historical Society.



Mall of America
60 East Broadway, Bloomington 55425
Phone: (952) 883-8810
Web: www.mallofamerica.com

Mall of America is the largest U.S. retail and entertainment complex, featuring 520 stores, 60 restaurants, the nation's largest indoor theme park - Nickelodeon Universe and many other attractions. By hosting more than 400 events each year, the Mall has become the place where fans can meet and greet their favorite celebrities or take part in interactive, one-of-a-kind events. There's a light rail stop by the Loews Minneapolis Hotel that can take you directly to the mall.

Mill City Museum
704 South 2nd St., Minneapolis 55401
Phone: (612) 341-7555
Web: www.millcitymuseum.org

The story of a mighty river, a young city and how one product - flour - fueled the growth of Minneapolis. Mill City Museum's 12,000 square feet of exhibit space is packed with fun for visitors of all ages. Originally designed by Austrian engineer William de la Barre and declared the world's largest flour mill after its completion in 1880, the structure housing Mill City Museum is a National Historic Landmark. Woven throughout Mill City Museum and its exhibits are unique works by local and regional artists.



MORE THINGS TO DO

Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA)
2400 Third Ave. South, Minneapolis 55404
Phone: (612) 870-3000
Web: <https://new.artsmia.org>

Home to over 80,000 works of art representing 5,000 years of world history, MIA inspires wonder, spurs creativity, and nourishes the imagination. With extraordinary exhibitions and one of the finest wide-ranging art collections in the country - Rembrandt to van Gogh, Monet to Matisse, Asian to African - MIA links the past to the present, enables global conversations, and offers an exceptional setting for inspiration. General admission to MIA is always free.

Minneapolis Sculpture Garden
1750 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 55403
Web: www.walkerart.org/garden

Located outside the Walker Art Center, the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden is one of the crown jewels of the city's park system, uniting two of Minnesota's most cherished resources - its greenspace and its cultural life. The 11-acre site, home to the iconic *Spoonbridge and Cherry*, showcases more than 40 works from the Walker Art Center's renowned collection. A partnership with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Garden is a top destination for visitors, who enjoy not only the art, but also the seasonal displays in the Cowles Conservatory and the Alene Grossman Memorial Arbor and Flower Garden. **NOTE:** The Garden has been closed for renovations, but is planned to reopen in June 2017, although no definitive date is posted.

Paisley Park
7801 Audubon Road, Chanhassen, MN 55317
Web: <https://officialpaisleypark.com>

Prince's Paisley Park in Chanhassen, Minnesota, is now open for public tours. Fans have the unprecedented opportunity to experience first-hand what it was like for Prince to create, produce and perform inside this private sanctuary and remarkable production complex. Visit the web site to check available tour dates/times and to purchase tickets.

Walker Art Center
1750 Hennepin Ave., Minneapolis 55403
Phone: (612) 375-7600
Web: www.walkerart.org

The Walker Art Center is a catalyst for the creative expression of artists and the active engagement of audiences. Internationally-recognized as a leading arts venue, Walker Art Center presents contemporary visual arts and design exhibitions; dance, theater, and music performances; and film screenings. The center ranks among the five most-visited modern/contemporary art museums in the United States and, together with the adjacent Minneapolis Sculpture Garden, attracts more than 700,000 visitors per year.

Public Art Tour - City of Minneapolis

If you're interested in exploring some of the city's art on your own, you can **scan the QR code to the right** to access an on-line tour of public art commissioned by the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.



If this mural of Bob Dylan facing the corner of 5th and Hennepin Avenue in downtown Minneapolis looks familiar to you, it was done by Brazilian artist Eduardo Kobra, who also painted the Abraham Lincoln mural on the back of the Kentucky Theatre in downtown Lexington. (Photo courtesy of Meet Minneapolis)

