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June 1, 2022

Dear Auditor:

The State Demographer is required by law to produce annual population and household estimates for Minnesota's counties, cities and townships. Enclosed you will find the April 1, 2021, population and household estimates for your county, including all cities and townships within the county. The city and township clerks in your county have also received a copy of their estimates.

These estimates are being sent to you for your review and comment. If you wish to challenge our estimates, please send us the appropriate data described in the enclosed challenge guide by **June 24, 2022**. Questions or comments should be directed to Eric Guthrie by email or at the address listed on the letterhead. **Since we are working away from the office during the pandemic, the best way to reach us is by e-mail at [local.estimate@state.mn.us](mailto:local.estimate@state.mn.us).** You may also try to reach us by phone at (651) 201-2473. You will be asked to leave a message on our voice mail system.

These estimates are subject to change and are not considered final until they are released to the Minnesota Department of Revenue in July. If there are changes to any of the places in your county, you will be notified. If you have not heard from us by July 15, 2022, you may assume that these estimates are correct.

Thank you for taking time to review these estimates.

Sincerely,



Susan Brower  
State Demographer

Enclosures



## HOW TO CHALLENGE THE POPULATION AND HOUSEHOLD ESTIMATES FROM THE STATE DEMOGRAPHER

The legal responsibilities of the State Demographer with respect to local population estimates dictate that we be able to defend any revisions to the estimates. Consequently, we need documentation for our files. Cited below are types of information we will accept with a challenge to our estimates. You may select whichever approach is most appropriate for your situation. However, the more information you can provide the better. No challenges will be accepted after June 24.

1. You may send us the number of active residential utility accounts in April 2020 and April 2021. We would prefer electrical accounts, but water and sewer accounts are acceptable. Please summarize your data. We don't need a list of all utility customers. Summary data for intervening years are helpful. Utility data are much more useful when provided together with building permit data (see #2 below).
2. Another approach is to provide the number of housing units added and lost by calendar year for the years beginning with 2020. Building and demolition permits are a good source of such information. Be sure to include mobile homes and apartments, and indicate whether any of the apartments were for the elderly. Please try to be as specific as possible about the type of unit involved (single-family, apartment, mobile home, etc.).
3. An actual count of persons or households may be accepted, but places with more than 100 people must contact the State Demographer before proceeding with a count. The count you submit should be for 2022. We will interpolate a number for 2021. You must provide the following information:
  - a. List the house number and street name of each housing unit in your city or township. If there is more than one unit at an address, please list each unit and provide an apartment number.
  - b. Indicate whether the unit is occupied or vacant. If the unit is occupied, indicate the number of residents. Only year-round residents should be counted. Young people away at college or in the military, elderly persons who have moved to a nursing home in another town and seasonal (summer) residents should not be counted.
  - c. Group quarters such as nursing homes, dormitories, jails and group homes should not be counted as housing units. Give us the name and address of the facility and the number of residents.
  - d. After you have listed each housing unit, you must summarize your data and give us the total number of residents, the total number of vacant units and the total number of occupied units.
  - e. Please indicate when the count was completed.

Any additional information you can provide about your community will be appreciated. Changes in vacancy rates, the conversion of summer homes to year-round use, and changes in employment opportunities are the types of things we like to hear about when we are evaluating an estimate. One final request--when you write to us, please provide your mailing address and a telephone number or e-mail address where you can be reached during the day.

Thank you.

Dear Local Partner,

We are including this message to update you on the status of the 2020 Census release and the opportunities and tools available to you for working with those data. Interest in these once-a-decade data is always high, and as a result many of you have already contacted the Minnesota State Demographic Center (SDC) for assistance in interpreting and using the data.

The most current data is available on our website: <https://mn.gov/demography/>. Using the navigation menu to access **Data by Topic > Population Data > 2020 Decennial Census > Redistricting** will give data users access to data for various levels of geography down to the block level. These data are available in a comma separated value (.csv) format, which can be opened by most spreadsheet and database programs.

Many have requested the data be displayed on a map to make the data easier to access and review. We have put together a web map local leaders can use to see the block-level data for their area. The data included in this map are: Total Population, Total Housing Units, Occupied Housing Units, and Vacant Housing Units. That mapping application can be accessed <http://t.ly/BCp0>. Please be sure to read the notes on block-level data and the need for aggregation before drawing any conclusions about census coverage or accuracy for an area.

The Count Question Resolution Program (CQR) is a program that allows local governments to request the U.S. Census Bureau review their boundaries and housing counts in the 2020 Census. The highest elected official for every governmental unit in the state should have already received information about the CQR from the U.S. Census Bureau. If your highest elected official has not received the data or you need another copy of those materials, they are available here: <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/decade/2020/planning-management/evaluate/cqr.html>.

We are sending this information to you now because the CQR program is the only way for local governments to seek corrections to the 2020 Census data. Please note that the Census Bureau will only allow consider some types of corrections to the data. Details about the types of corrections the Census Bureau will consider are available on the CQR web page. Each jurisdiction must initiate the request and supply all necessary documentation directly to the U.S. Census Bureau. The deadline to do so is June 30, 2023.

While our office does not have any official role in the CQR program, we will provide any assistance we can to local leaders as they navigate their submissions to the U.S. Census Bureau. Regardless of whether a local area needs assistance, please notify us if you do make a challenge through the CQR program. This will allow us to review the challenge to see if it should be incorporated into our annual population estimates. You can notify the Minnesota State Demographic Center about your CQR submissions at: [local.estimated@state.mn.us](mailto:local.estimated@state.mn.us).

The Minnesota State Demographic Center Team

June 1, 2022

## Preliminary 2021 Population and Household Estimates

Prepared by the Minnesota State Demographic Center

	Total Population	Household Population	Group Quarters	Number of Households	Persons per Household
<b>Freeborn County</b>					
Albert Lea city	18,301	17,837	464	7,878	2.26
Albert Lea township	601	596	5	223	2.67
Alden city	575	575	0	262	2.19
Alden township	280	280	0	107	2.62
Bancroft township	787	787	0	311	2.53
Bath township	402	402	0	169	2.38
Carlston township	302	302	0	108	2.80
Clarks Grove city	687	687	0	295	2.33
Conger city	152	152	0	67	2.27
Emmons city	365	365	0	170	2.15
Freeborn city	260	260	0	114	2.28
Freeborn township	231	231	0	106	2.18
Freeman township	432	432	0	172	2.51
Geneva city	508	508	0	209	2.43
Geneva township	441	441	0	165	2.67
Glenville city	587	587	0	282	2.08
Hartland city	313	313	0	136	2.30
Hartland township	251	251	0	93	2.70
Hayward city	250	250	0	114	2.19
Hayward township	334	334	0	146	2.29
Hollandale city	309	309	0	143	2.16
London township	293	293	0	127	2.31

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Manchester city	50	50	0	25	2.00
Manchester township	414	411	3	153	2.69
Mansfield township	223	223	0	97	2.30
Moscow township	540	540	0	232	2.33
Myrtle city	49	49	0	25	1.96
Newry township	469	469	0	182	2.58
Nunda township	303	303	0	109	2.78
Oakland township	351	351	0	135	2.60
Pickerel Lake township	640	629	11	245	2.57
Riceland township	427	425	2	154	2.76
Shell Rock township	387	387	0	161	2.40
Twin Lakes city	133	133	0	67	1.99
<b>Freeborn County Total</b>	<b>30,647</b>	<b>30,162</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>12,982</b>	<b>2.32</b>

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