

# Facts about Minnesota

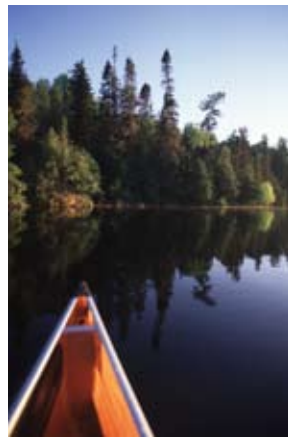
MINNESOTA IS THE PLACE TO BE

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- Organized as a Territory – March 3, 1849
- Entered Union – May 11, 1858 (32<sup>nd</sup> state)
- Capital – Saint Paul
  - State motto – L'Étoile du Nord (“The Star of the North”)
  - State flower – Showy or Pink and White Ladyslipper
  - State tree – Norway or Red Pine
- “Minnesota” is derived from the Dakota word “Minisota” meaning “sky-tinted waters”

## Education

- Population with a High School Diploma – 93% (highest in the nation)
- Population with Associate’s Degree or higher – 40% (2006)
- Number of Public and Private Colleges and Universities – Nearly 200

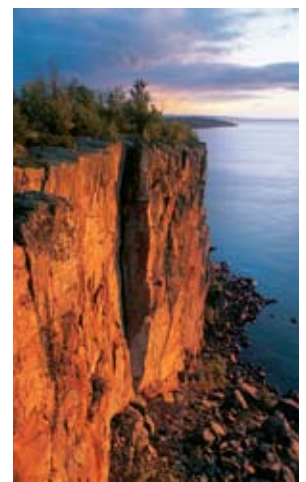


## Population

- Total State Population – 5.2 million (21<sup>st</sup> largest)
  - 72% Urban
  - 28% Rural
- Largest Cities: Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Duluth, Rochester and Bloomington

## Geography

- Land area – 86,943 square miles (12<sup>th</sup> largest)
- Minnesota is known as the “Land of 10,000 Lakes” and actually has 11,842 (4.9 million acres) lakes larger than 10 acres.
- Largest lake – Red Lake (451 square miles)
- The Mississippi River begins its journey in Minnesota, flowing south from the headwaters of Lake Itasca.
- Highest point – Eagle Mountain (Cook County), 2,301 feet
- Lowest point – 602 feet, the surface of Lake Superior



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## Economy

- Real GDP per capita – \$41,353 (2007) (10th highest)
- Real GDP Growth – 5.3% (2006-2007)
- Per capita personal income – \$41,034 (2007) (11th highest)
- Median household income – \$55,802 (2007) (10th highest)
- Poverty rate – 8.5% (2005-2007 average) (5th lowest)
- Size of Workforce – 2,930,553 (2007)
- Labor Force Participation Rate: 72.9% (2007) (3<sup>rd</sup> highest)



- Top Manufactured Exports (2007)
  - Computers and Electronics – \$4 billion
  - Machinery – \$2.6 billion
  - Transportation Equipment – \$2.2 billion
- Countries with Highest Investment in Minnesota (2006)
  - Canada – \$4.4 billion
  - Germany – \$1.3 billion
  - United Kingdom – \$1.0 billion

## International Trade

- Total exports – \$271 billion (2007)
  - Manufacturing – \$16.2 billion
  - Agricultural commodities – \$2.4 billion
  - Services – \$8.5 billion
- Top Manufactured Export Markets (2007)
  - Canada – \$4.3 billion
  - China – \$1.1 billion
  - Ireland – \$1.1 billion

