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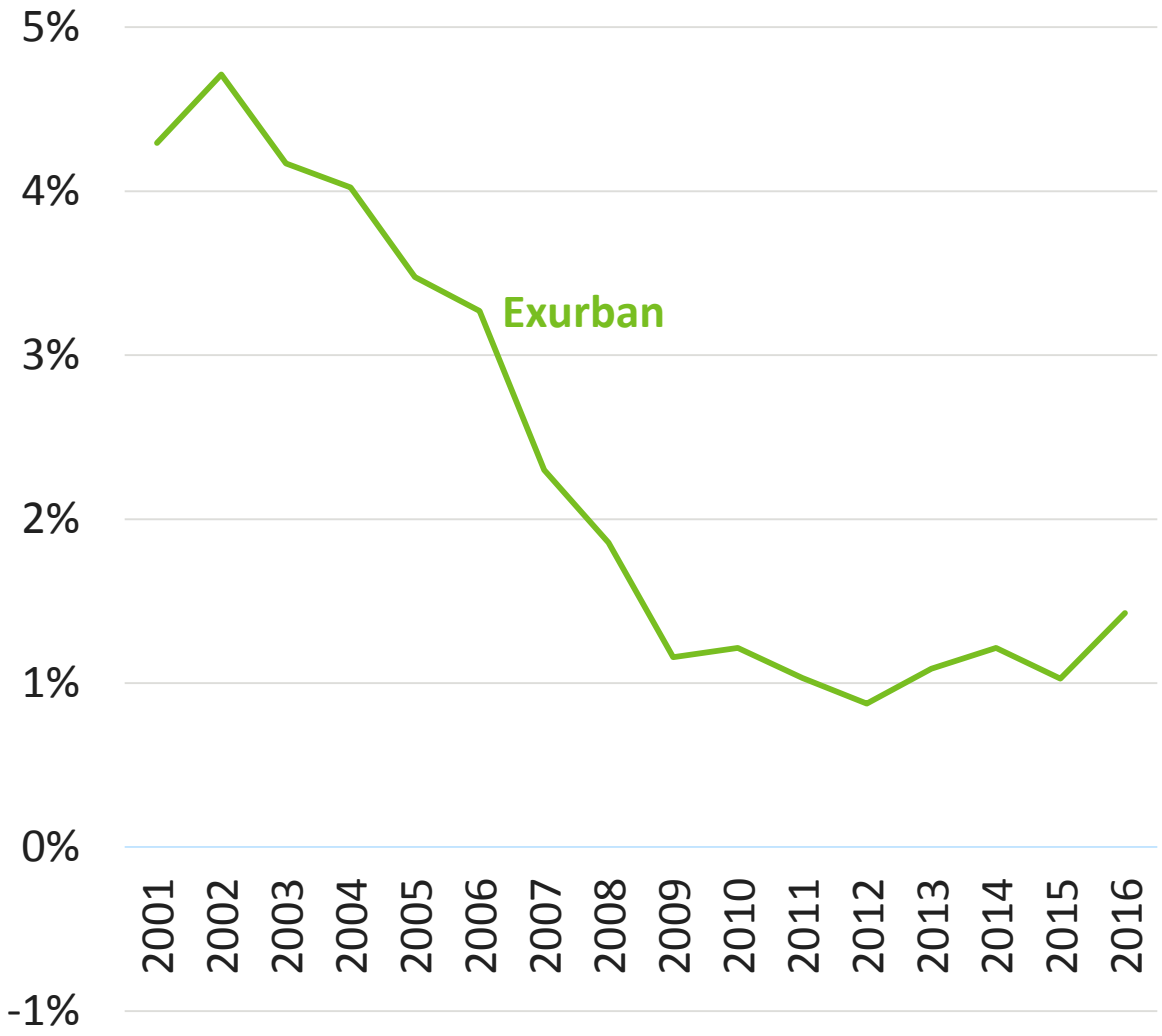
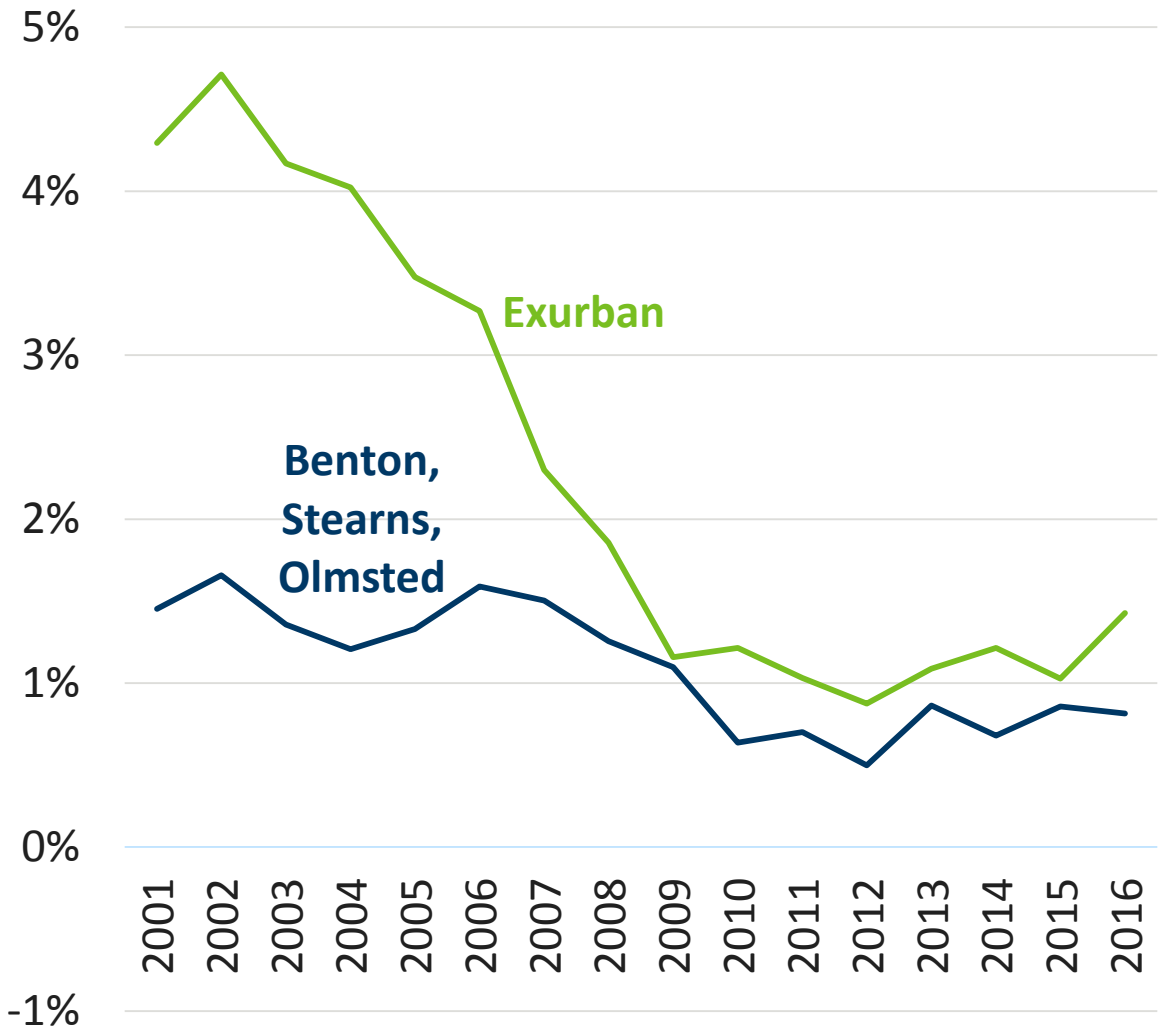
Population growth looks different since the recession.
Will the new patterns continue?

Exurban growth plummeted in the 2000s; gained equilibrium in the 2010s



Exurban: Carver Chisago Isanti Scott & Wright

Growth Rochester and St. Cloud regions slowed; then stabilized



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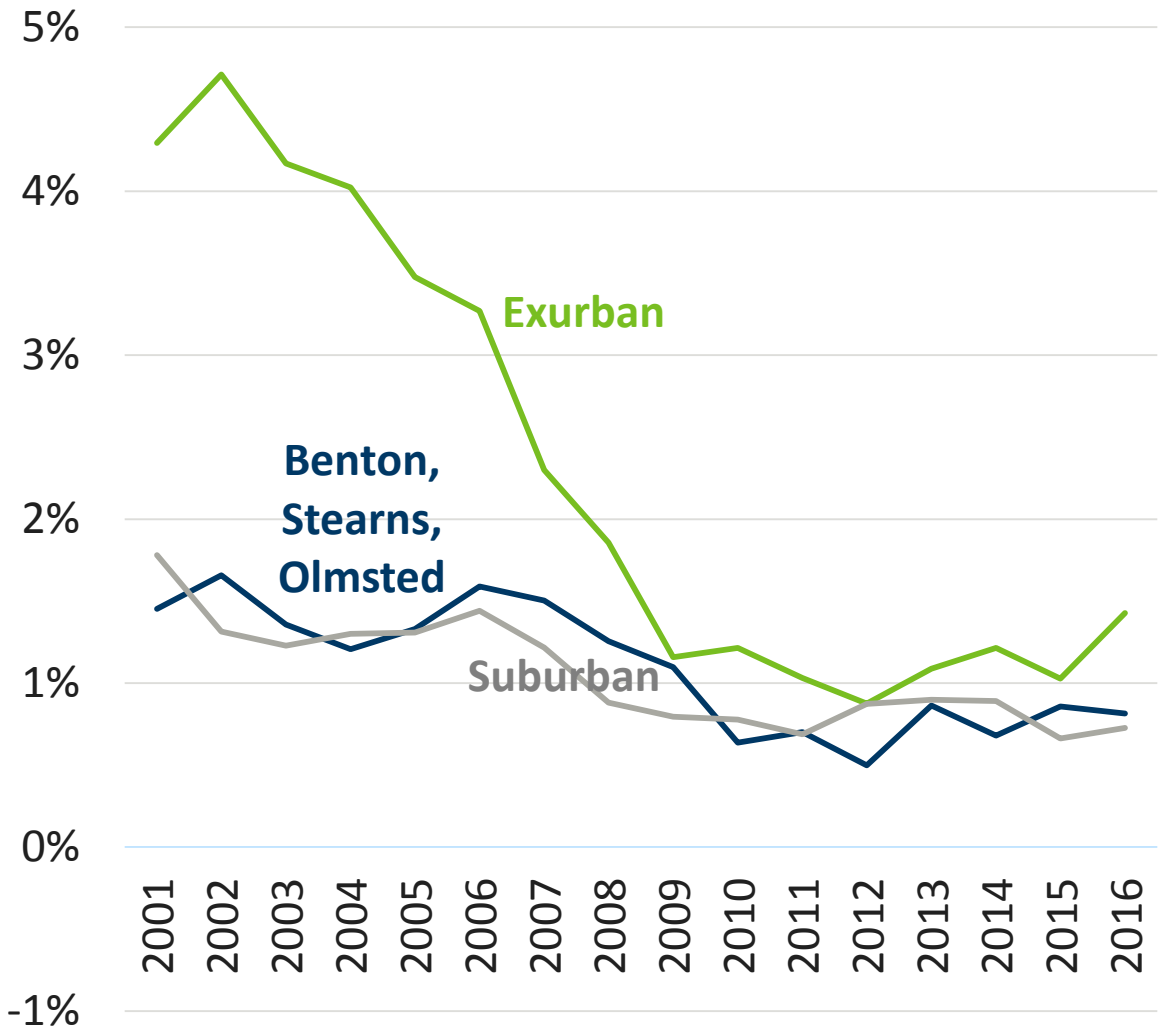
Suburban Twin Cities Counties similarly slowed; stabilized



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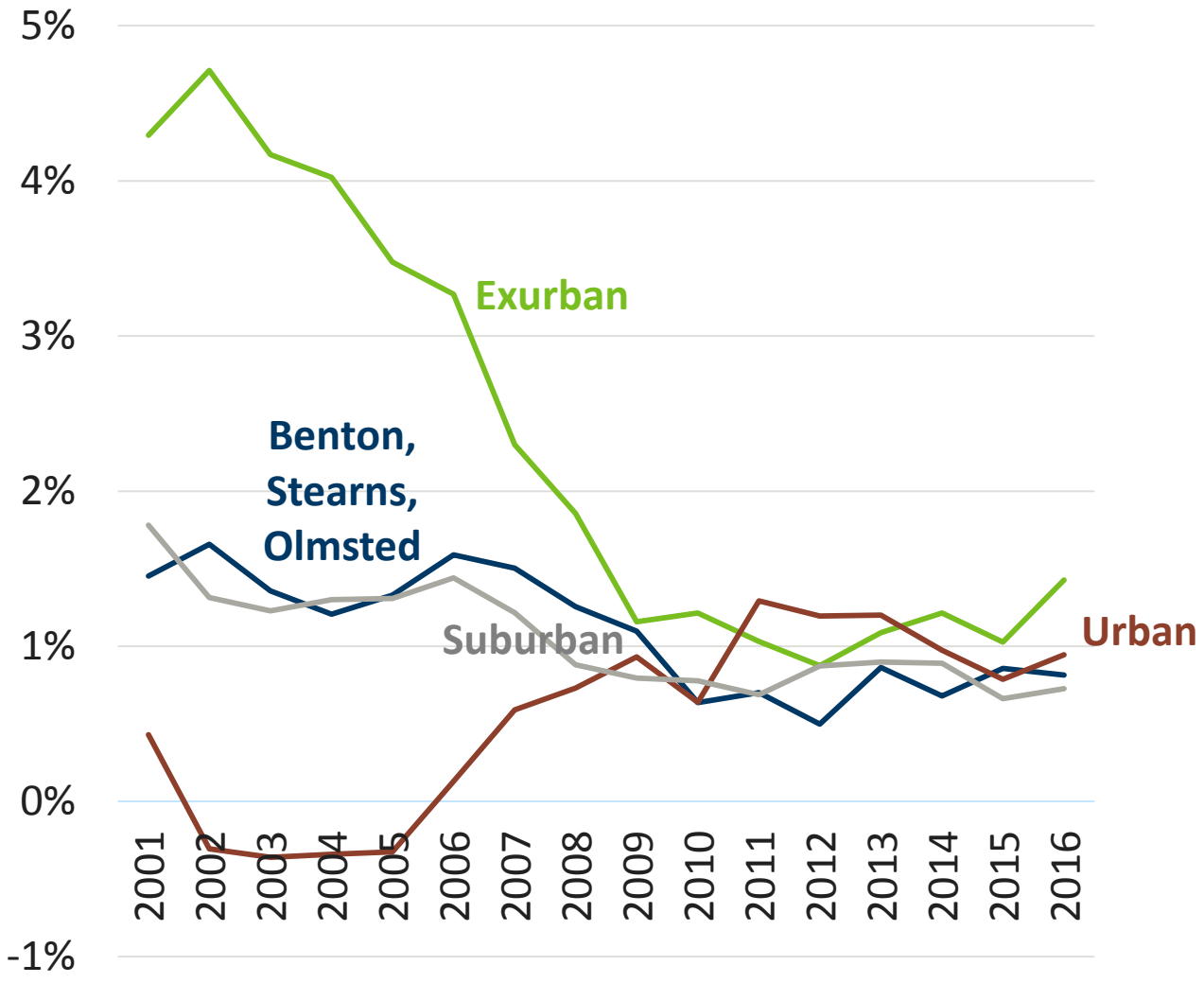
Urban counties reversed a decades-long trend of little-to-no growth



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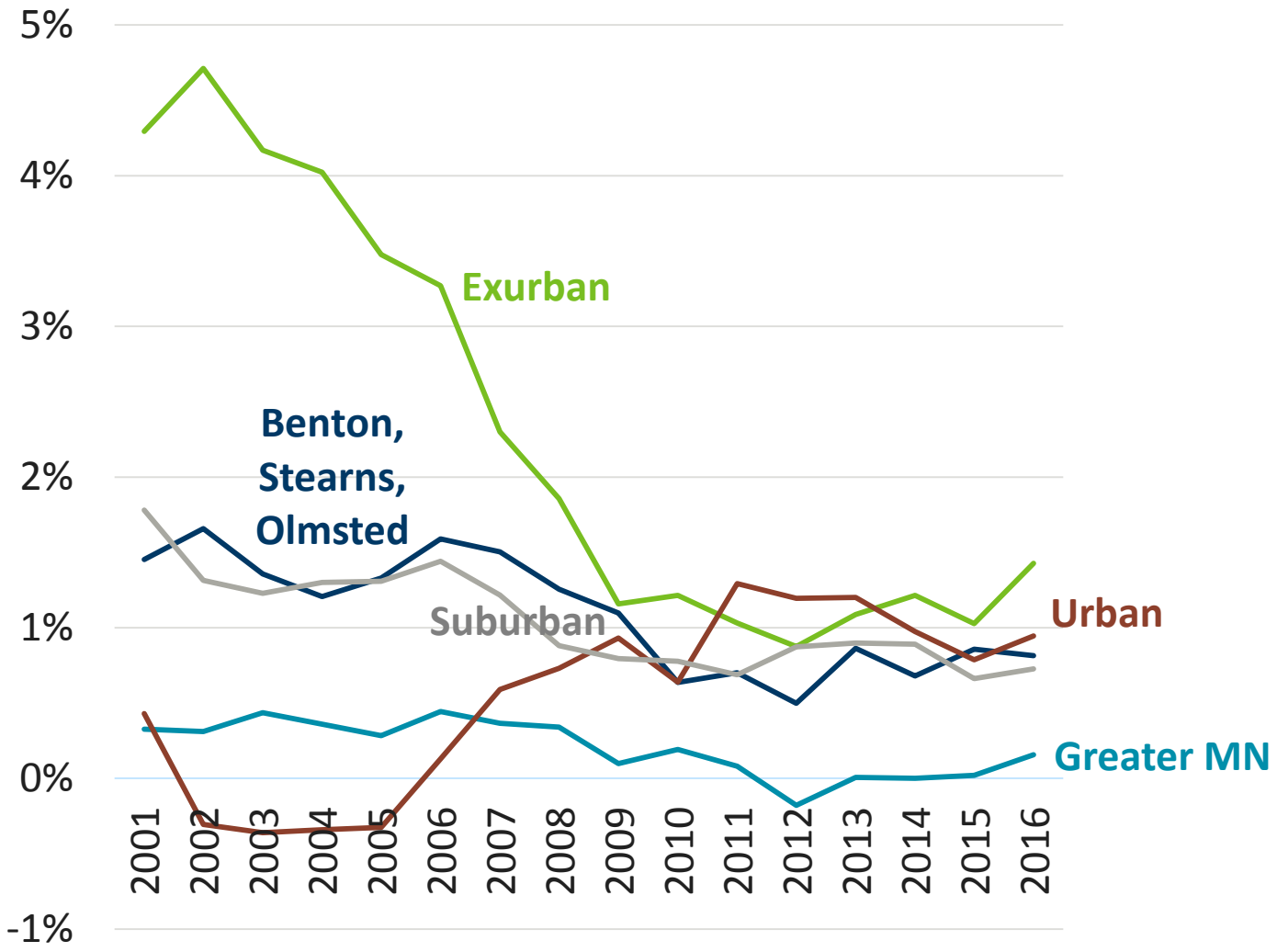
Balance of Greater MN: Little–to-no growth in past 5 years



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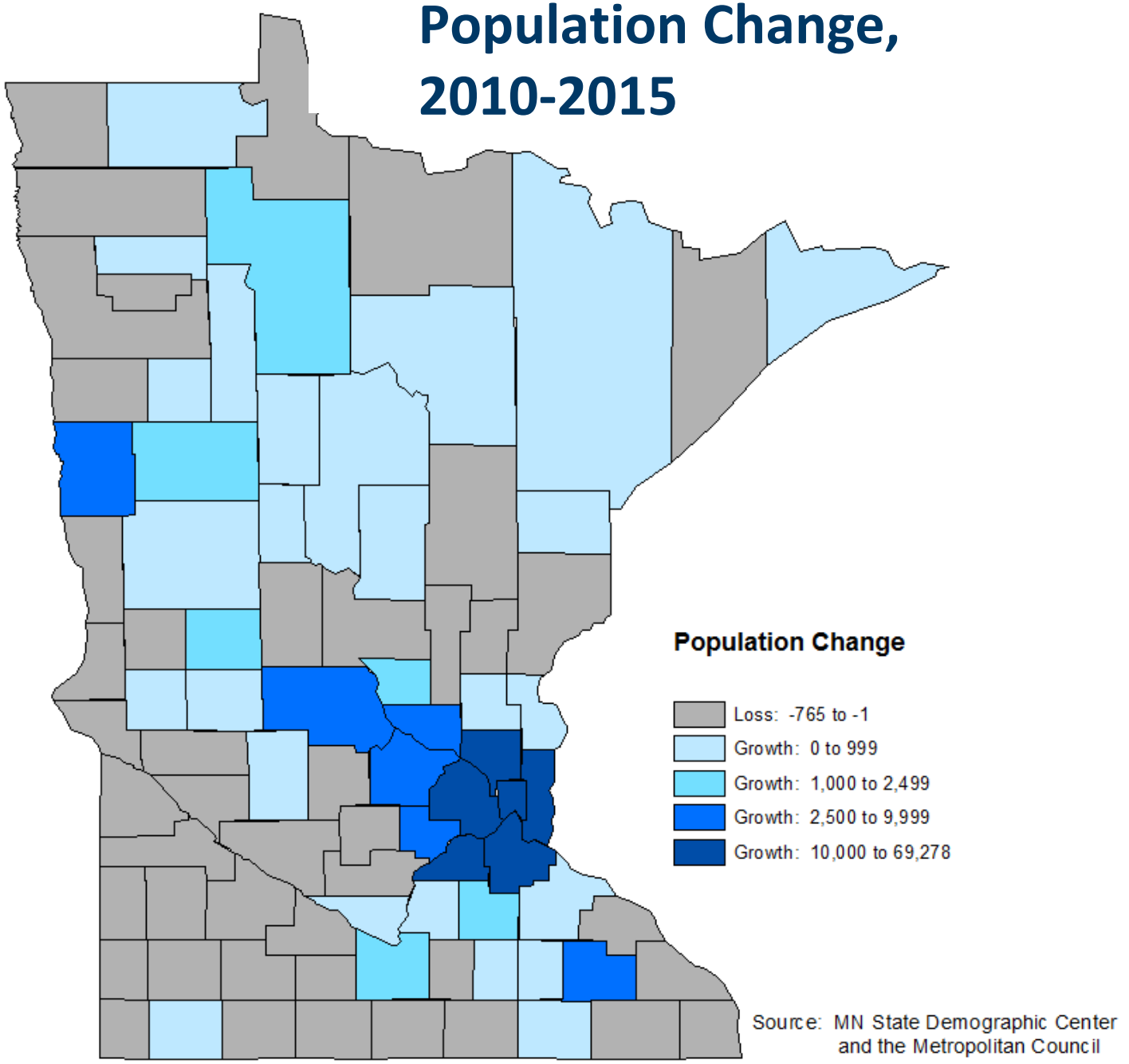
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Bureau

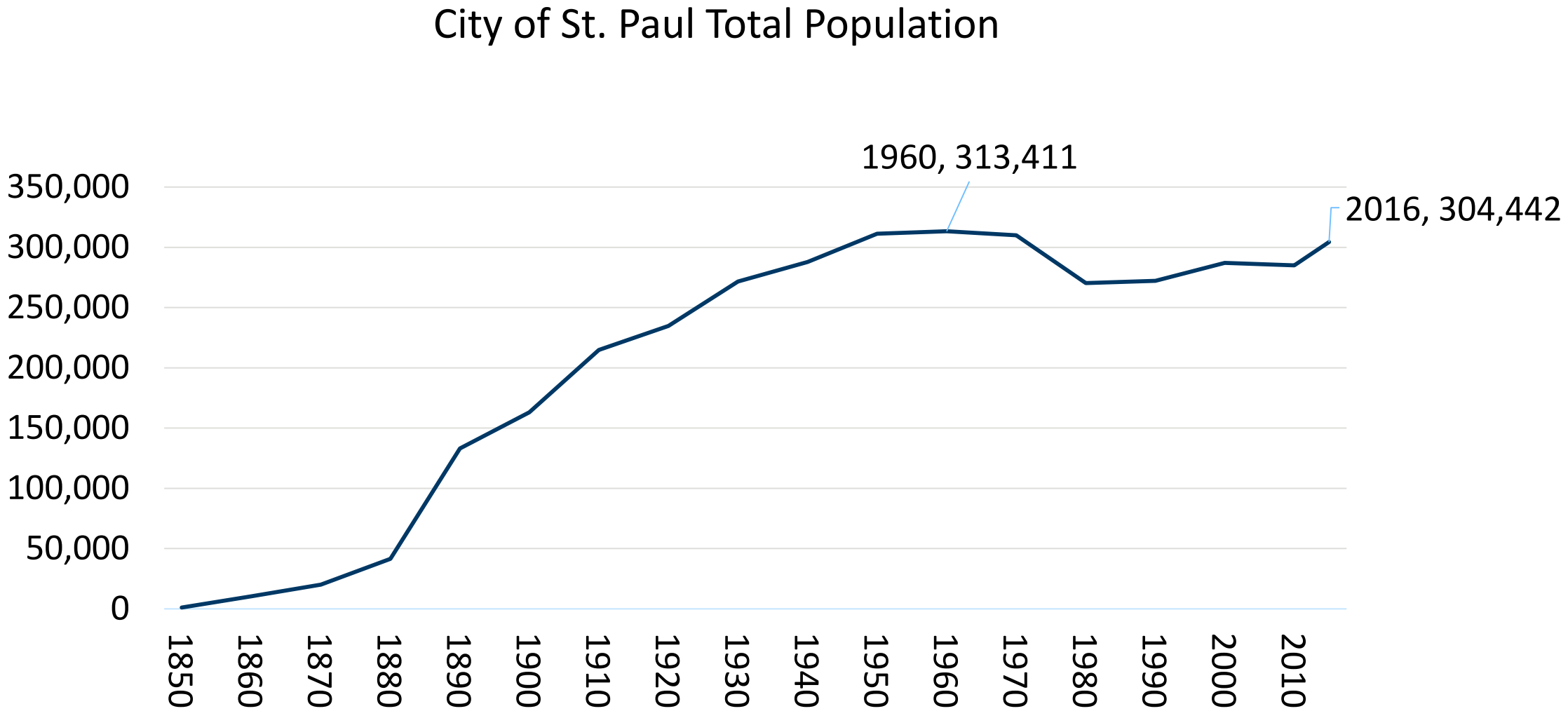
2010-2015

Majority of the growth (88%) occurred in 7-county metro

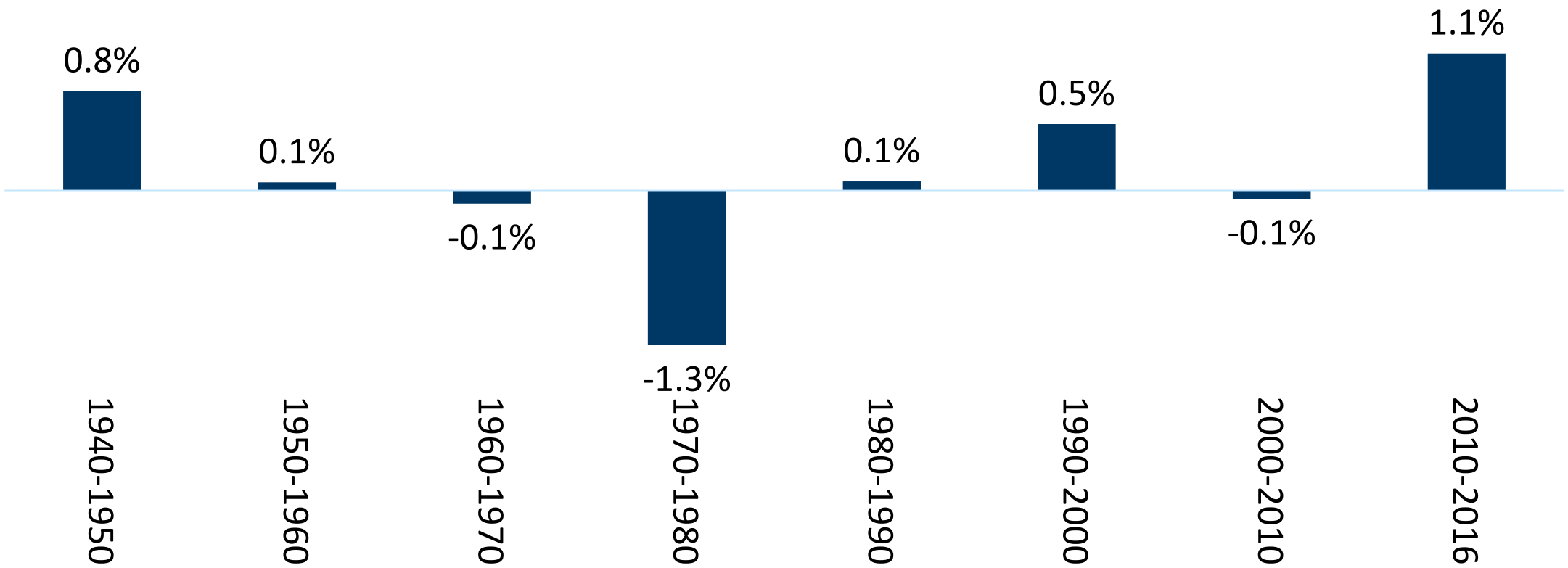
- MN grew by 179,000
- Hennepin and Ramsey added 98,000 jointly (55% of the states growth)



Steady growth from St. Paul's beginning; until ~1950



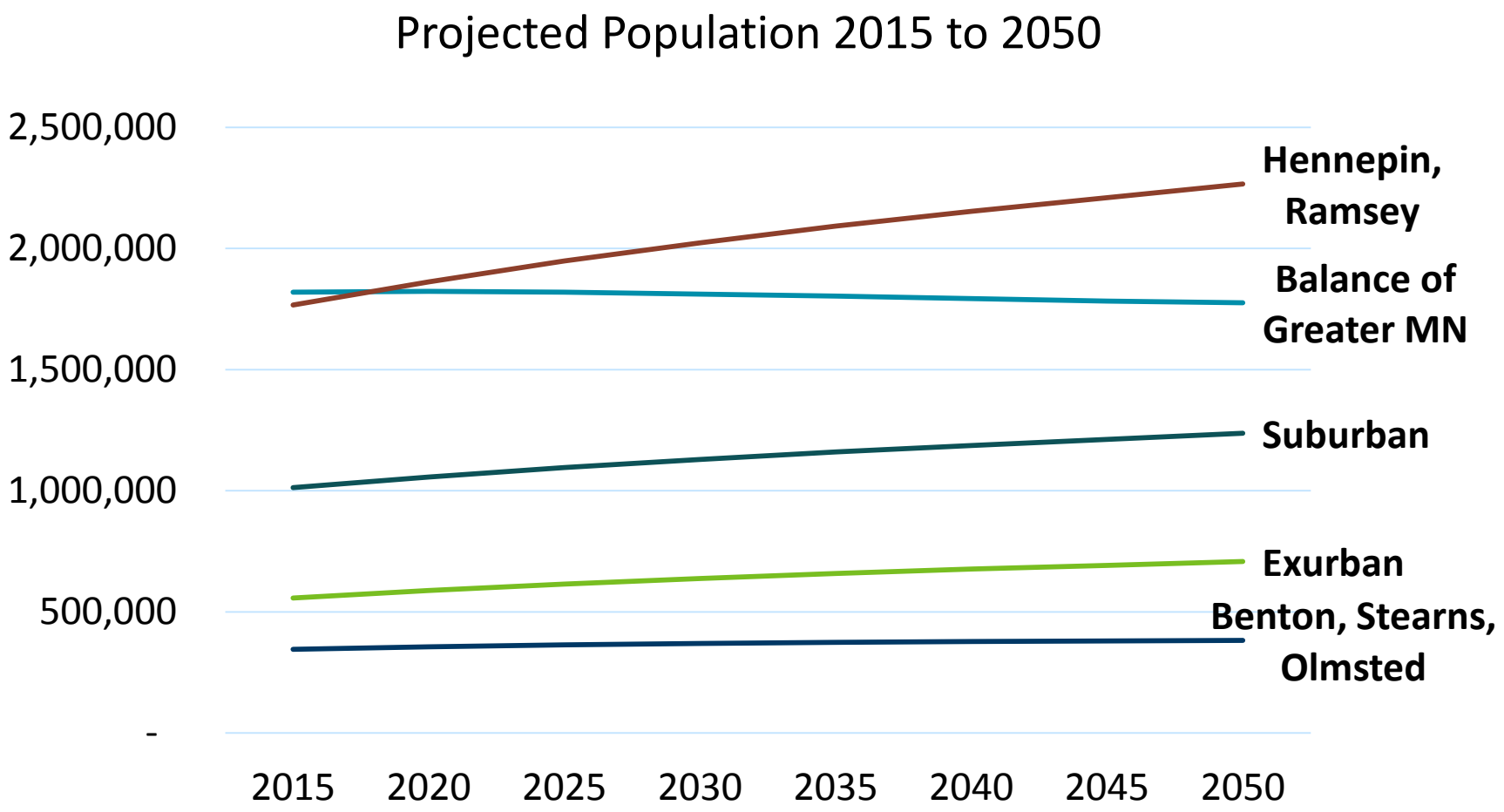
Avg. Annual Population Change (Percent)
St. Paul, 1940-2016



Minnesota's 15 Fastest Growing Cities 2010-2016

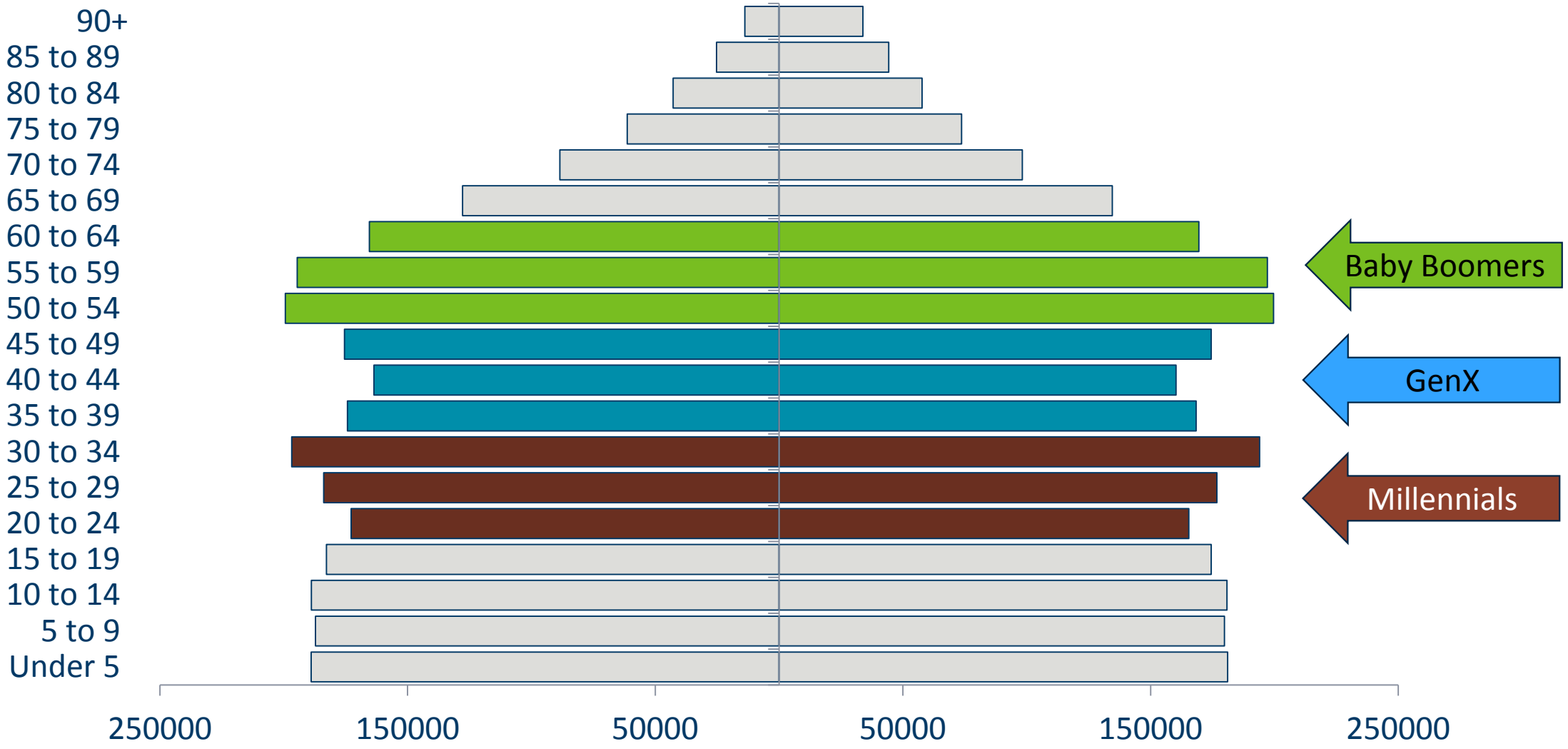
Minneapolis	30,517
St. Paul	**16,869**
Maple Grove	7,785
Rochester	7,031
Woodbury	6,554
Plymouth	6,496
Lakeville	5,779
Blaine	5,491
Savage	3,796
Brooklyn Park	3,731
St. Louis Park	3,487
Edina	3,304
Shakopee	3,235
Eden Prairie	3,001
Moorhead	2,918

Hennepin and Ramsey county poised to outpace growth in all other areas of the state



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center Projections

Population by age and sex
Minnesota, 2015



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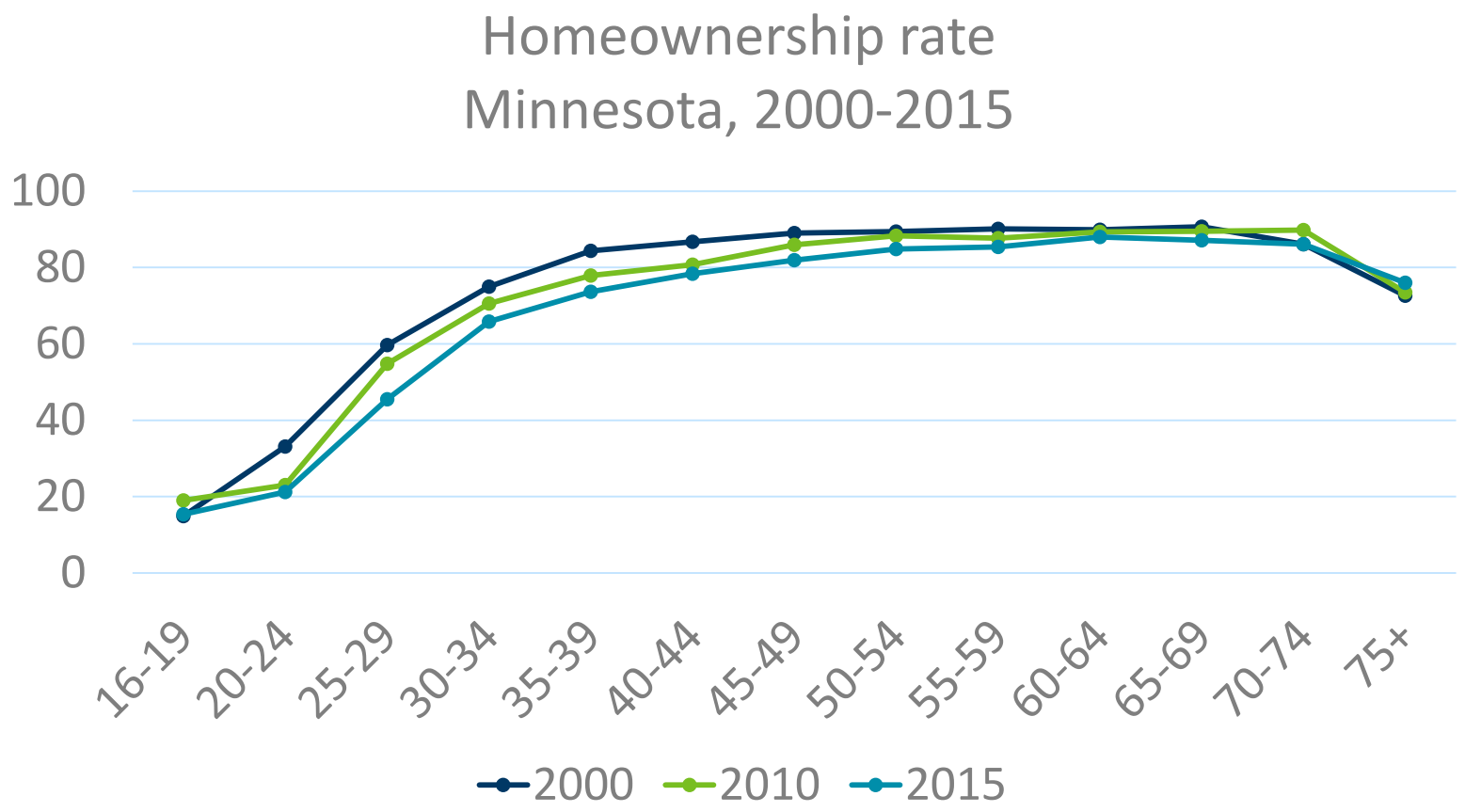
Rates of homeownership increase steeply between 20 and 35



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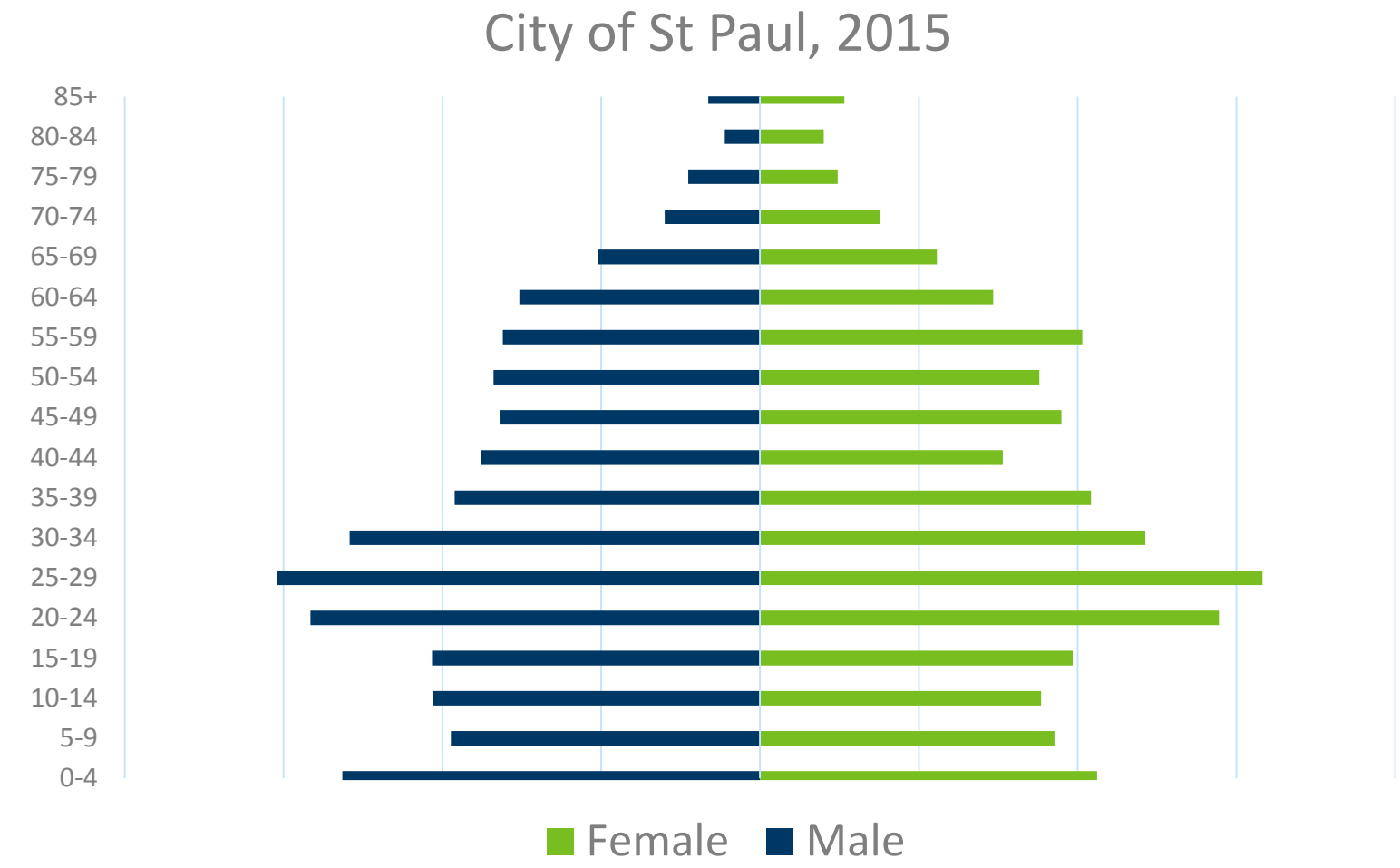
Residents in their 20s are the largest cohort in St. Paul



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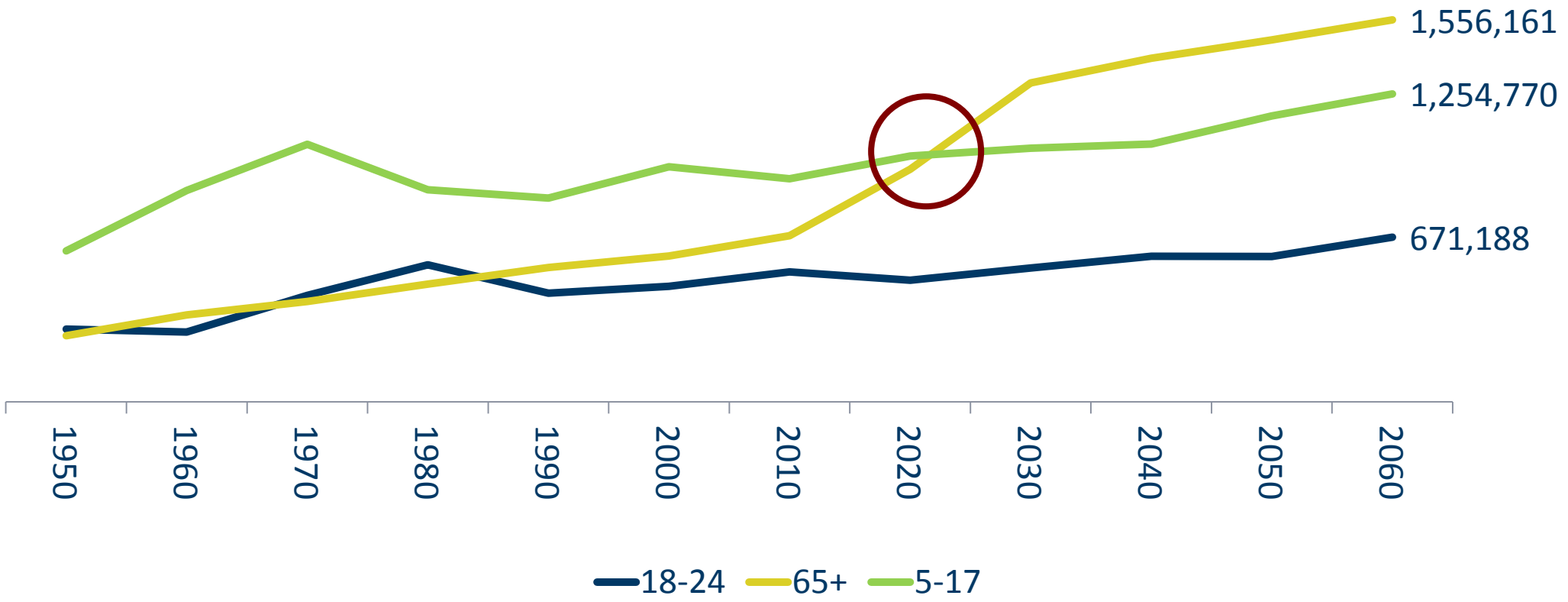
Minnesotans are aging fast.
What does it mean to St. Paul?

More older adults than school-age children in MN by 2020



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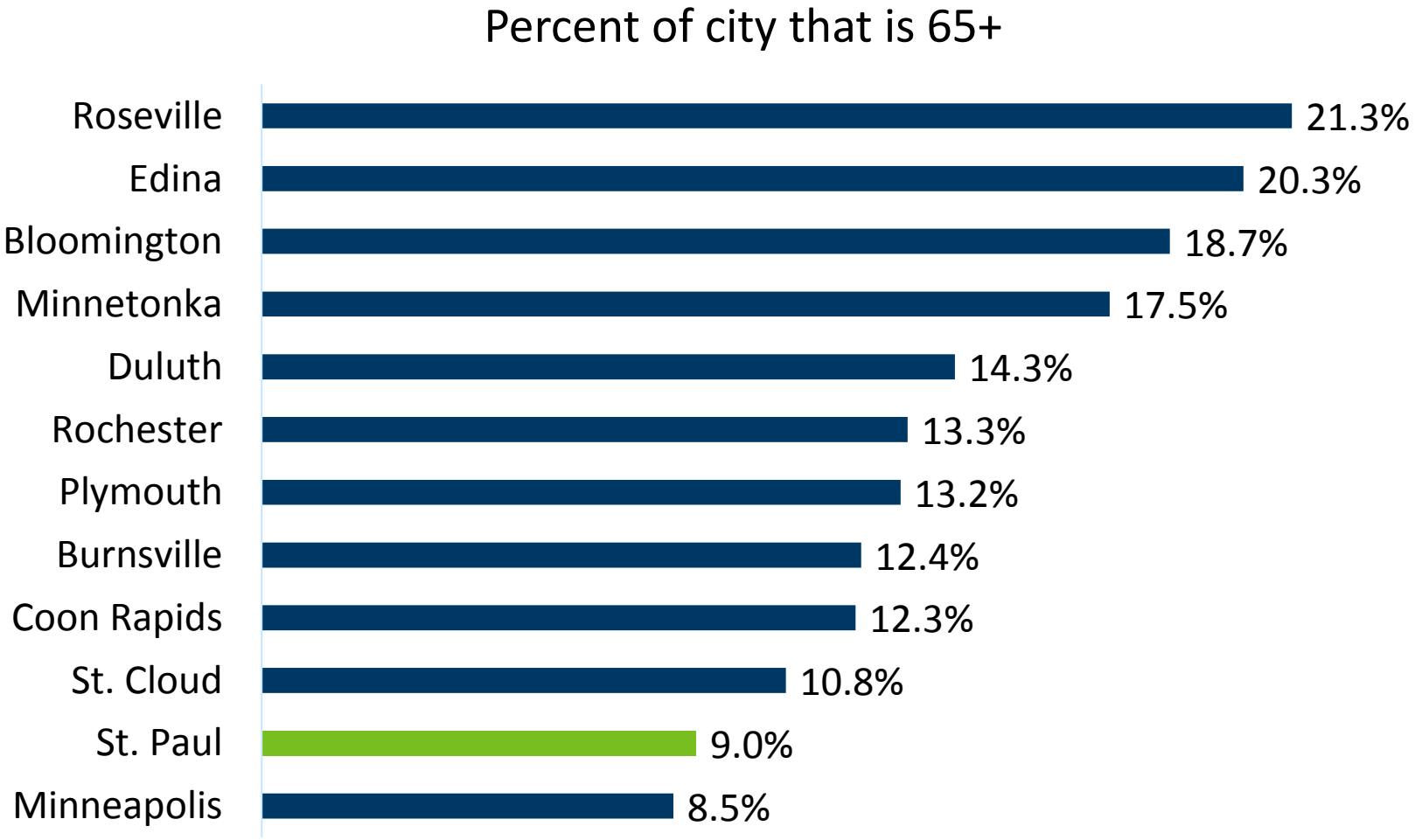
St. Paul is young relative to many other communities



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Communities for a Lifetime Initiative

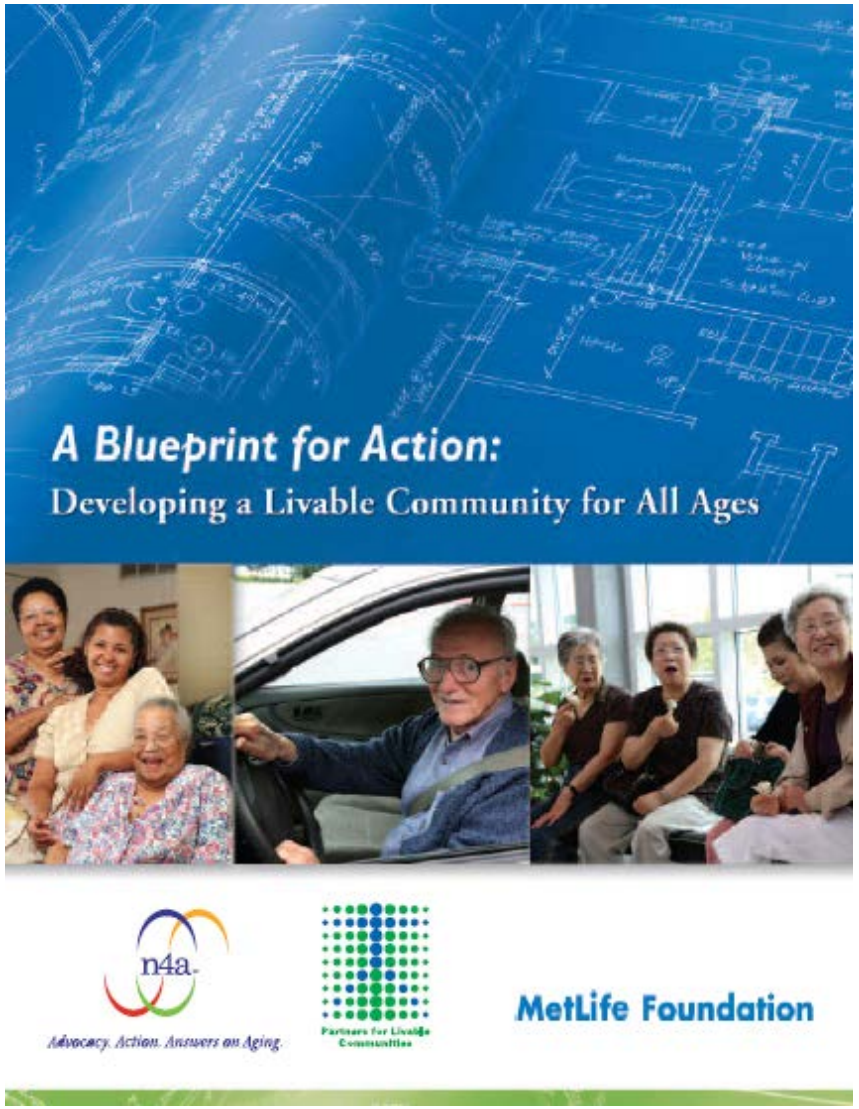
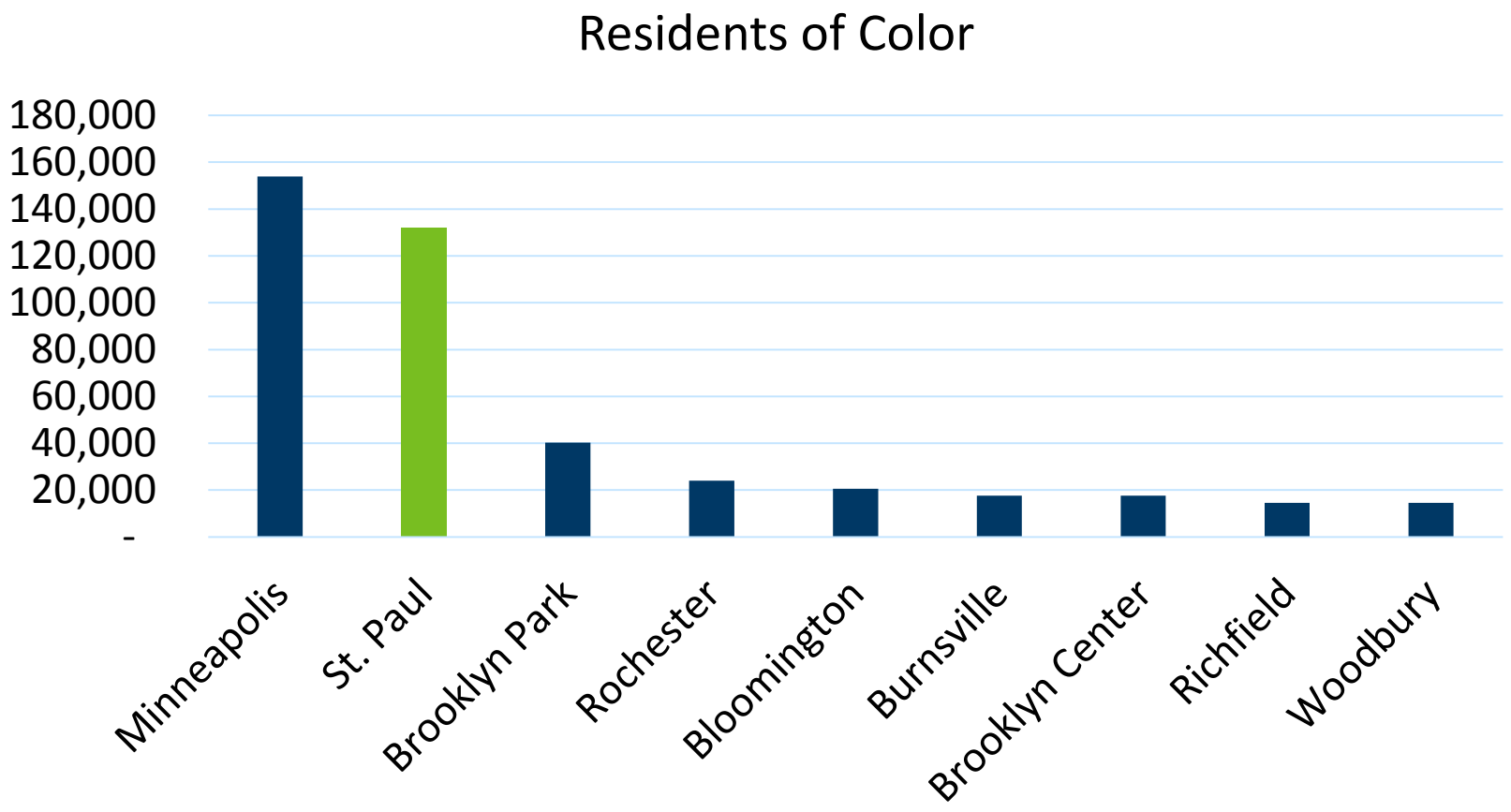


Table 1: Summary of Key Challenges and Action Steps

Issue	Challenge	Action Step
Housing	• Affordable housing options are limited	• Institute property tax relief programs for older homeowners
	• Home and building design is tailored to a narrow range of physical abilities	• Institute home modification and repair programs • Encourage universal design and visitability in new housing construction
	• Housing and services are not coordinated	• Build partnerships between housing and service providers
Planning & Zoning	• New community design that supports aging in place lacks broad public support	• Engage older adults in the planning process
	• Zoning regulations discourage a broad range of age-appropriate housing options	• Incorporate accessory dwelling units and senior-friendly housing in the zoning code
Transportation	• Road design makes walking difficult	• Use walkability audits to identify and prioritize pedestrian improvements
	• Many older drivers experience specific difficulties related to the driving environment	• Improve roadway design and signage • Provide safety programs and refresher courses for older drivers
	• Customer-oriented community transportation options are lacking for older adults	• Make transit services more flexible and customer responsive • Support volunteer driver programs
Supportive vices	• Community information about available services is dispersed across agencies and providers	• Create a single point of entry for information about local services
	• Home-based services are often provided piece-meal rather than in a coordinated manner	• Integrate home-based services
		• Support farmers' markets

Racial and Cultural Diversity:
St. Paul is among the most diverse communities

~132,00 People of Color live in St. Paul
(41% of all St. Paul residents)
> 1 in 10 MNs of Color live in St. Paul



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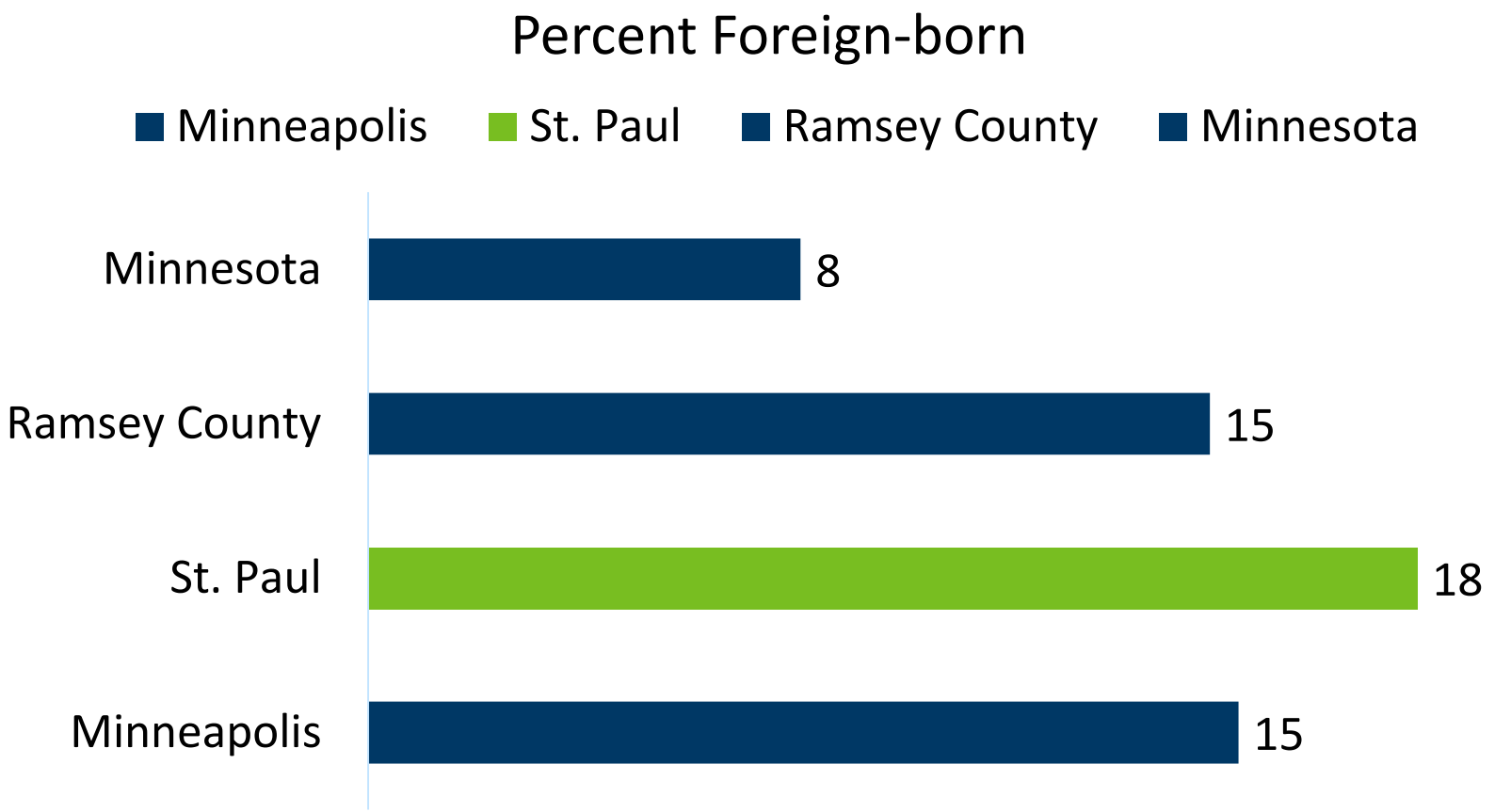
Nearly 1 in 5 St. Paul residents are foreign-born



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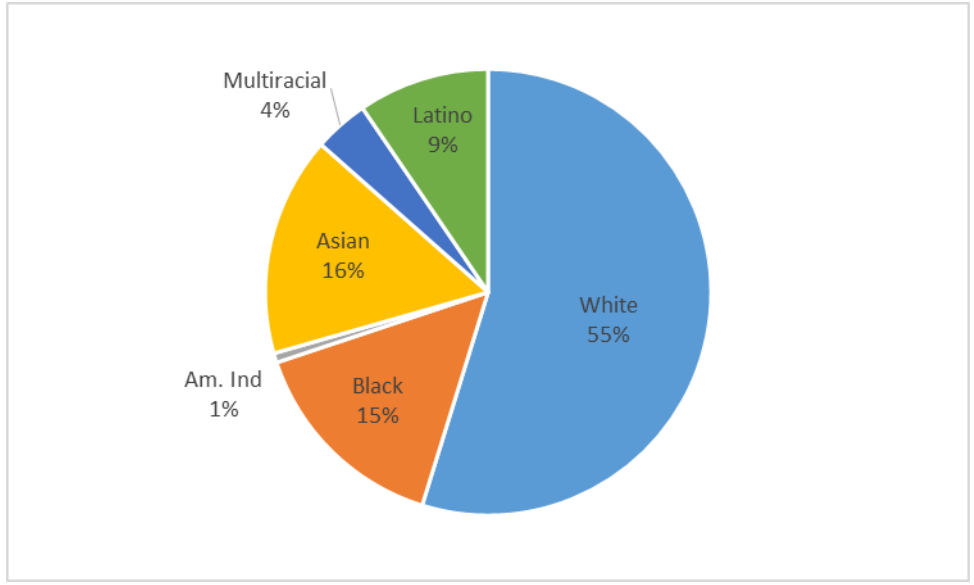
St. Paul is quickly becoming “majority-minority”

St. Paul



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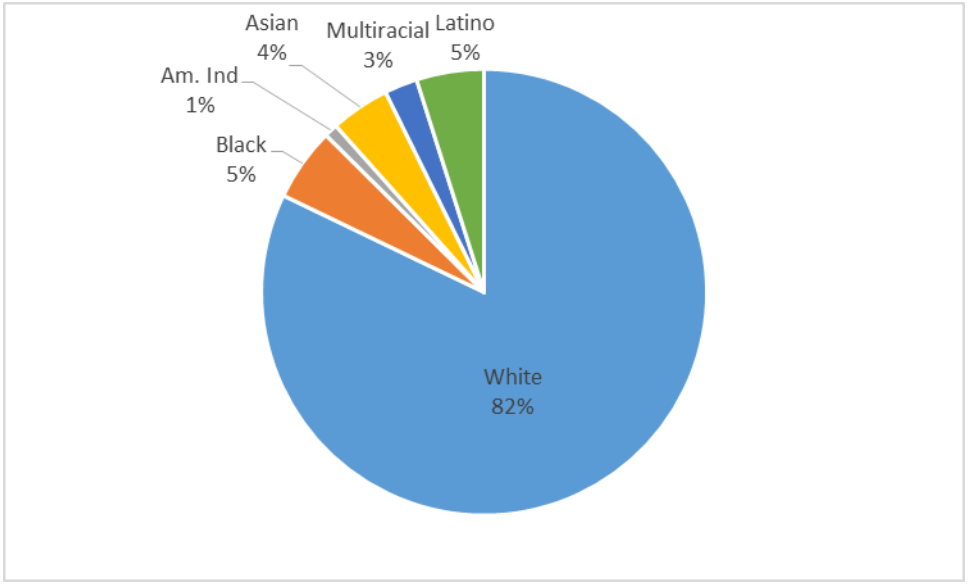

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