Data 101

How to use data to understand program participants, improve services, and be better volunteers

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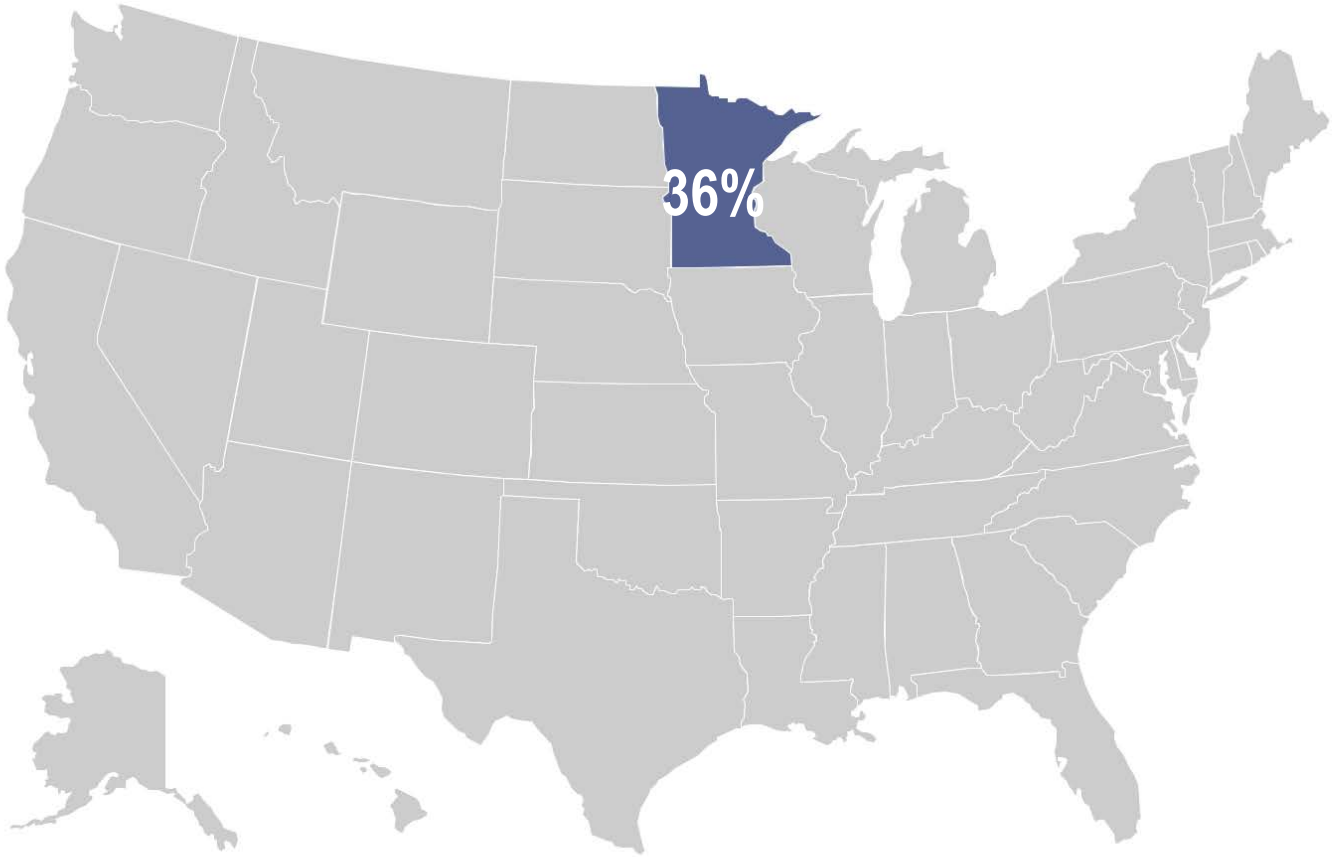


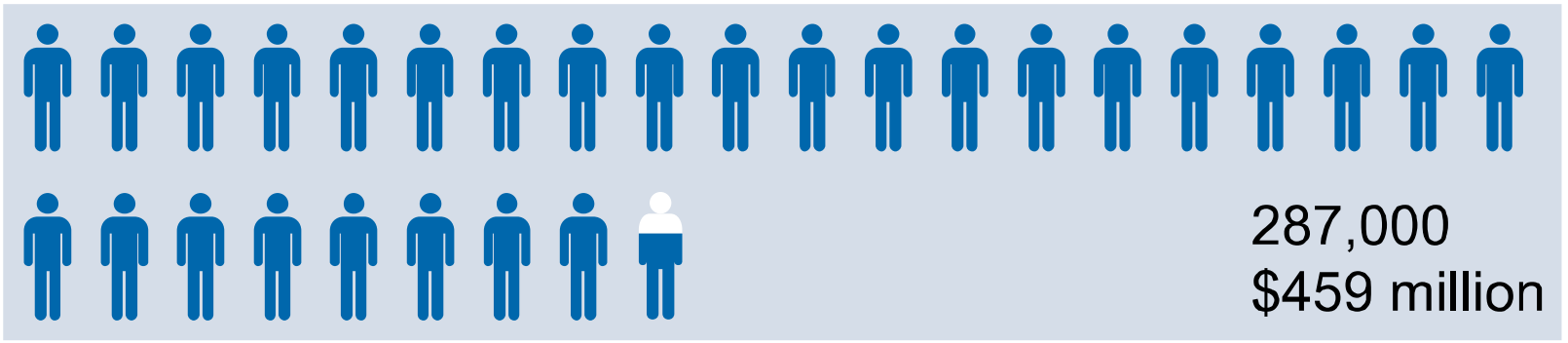
National volunteer rate

25%

2015

Value of volunteers age 65 and older

Today

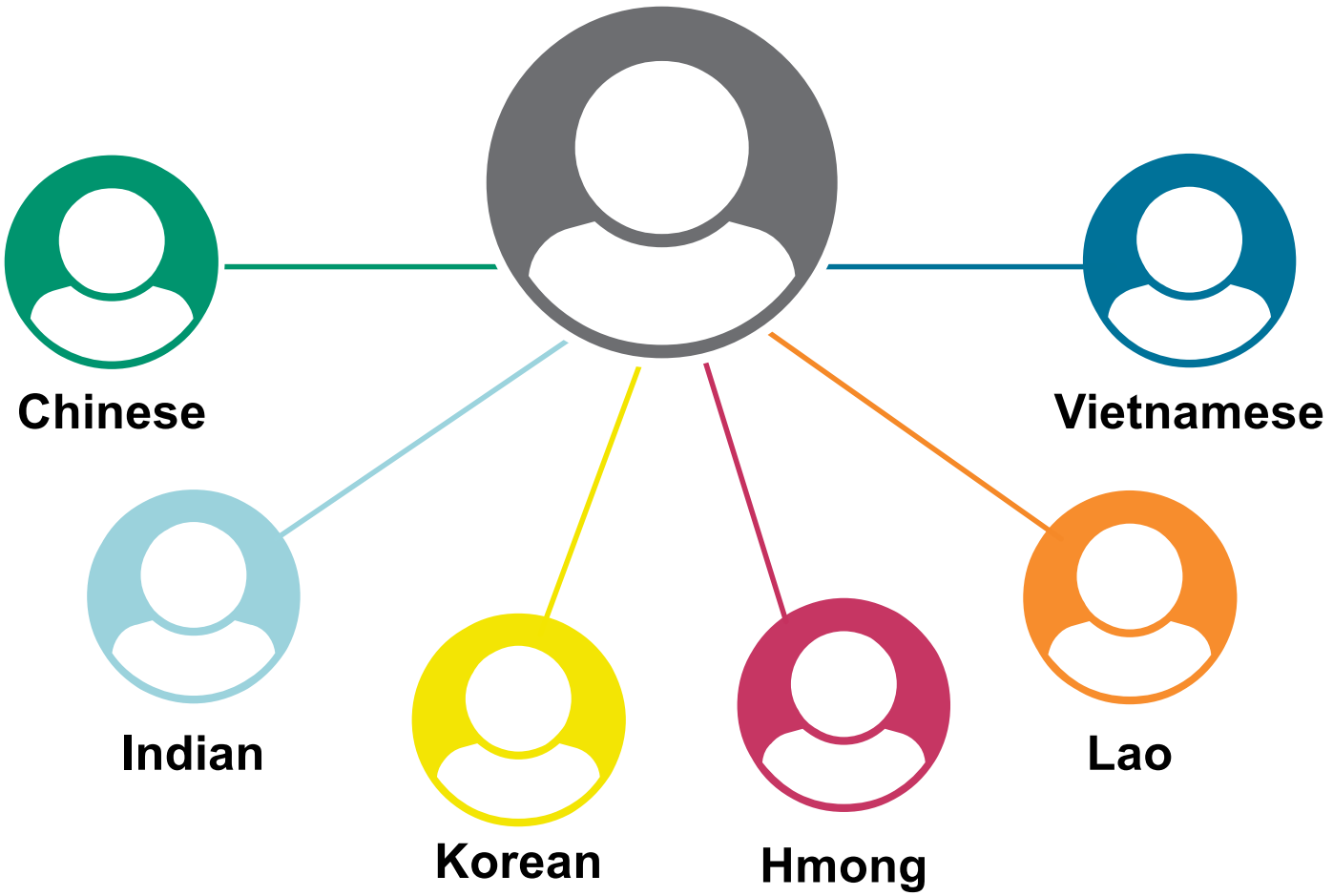


What sort of asset will older adult volunteers be for Minnesota by 2040?

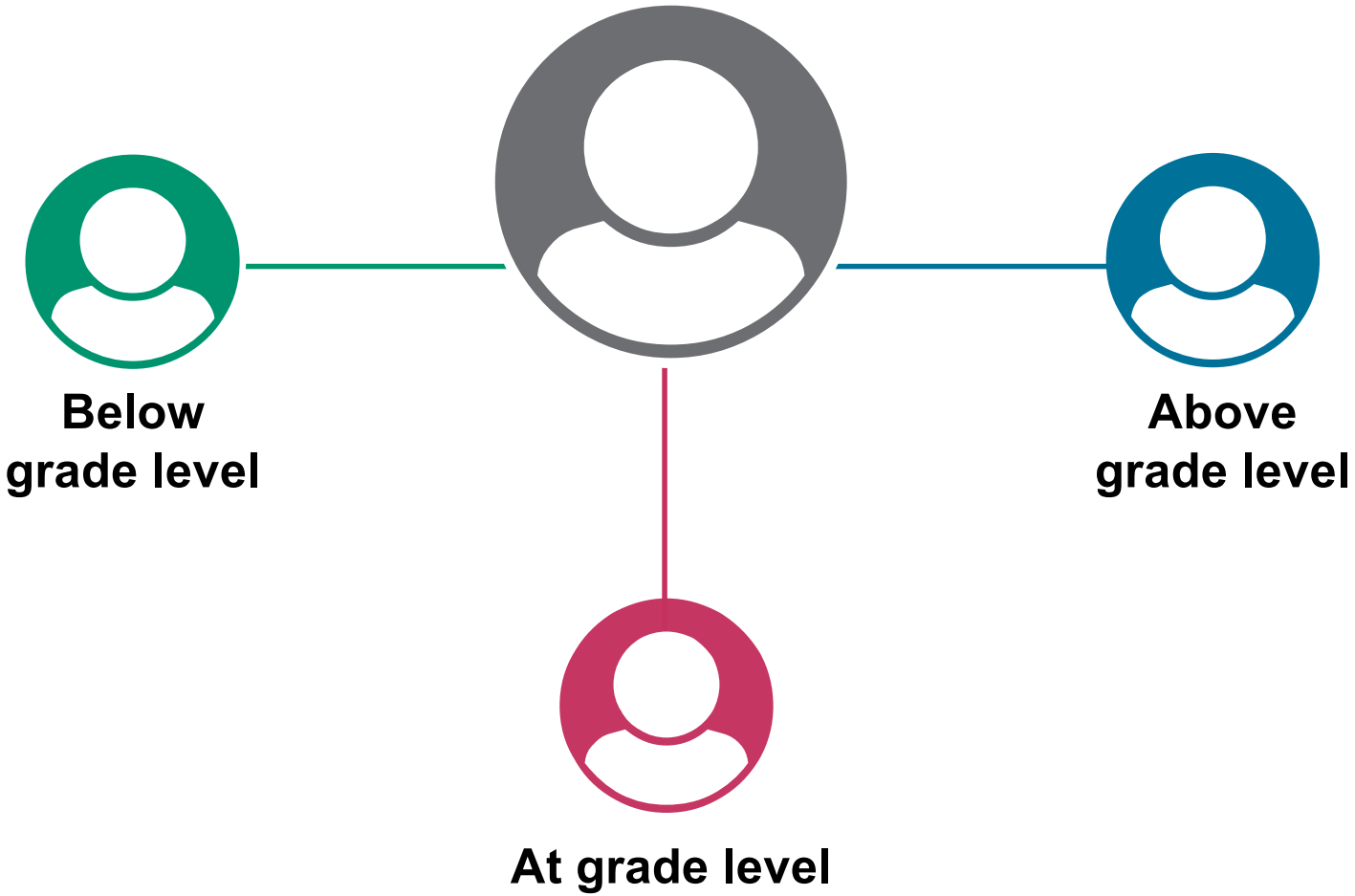
Data can help us!

- Promotes understanding of group experiences
- Strengthens program implementation
- Improves program outcomes
- Better impacts on the people we are serving!

Asian American becomes. . .



African American boys become African American boys who are doing math. . .



A nuanced picture…

- Data disaggregation
- Triangulation from multiple sources
- Qualitative and quantitative
- Involve those who are directly affected

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- Profiles of any city with population over 1,000
- Draw your own area to match your organization's service area
- Use key indicators to compare the population to your service recipients

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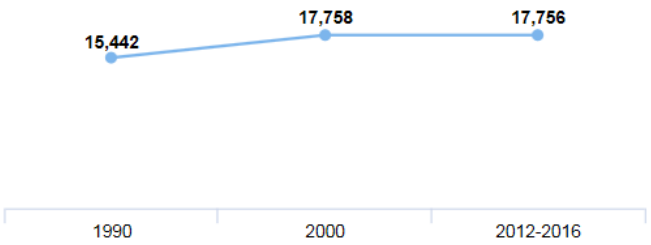
PLANNING DISTRICT 4

DAYTON'S BLUFF NEIGHBORHOOD

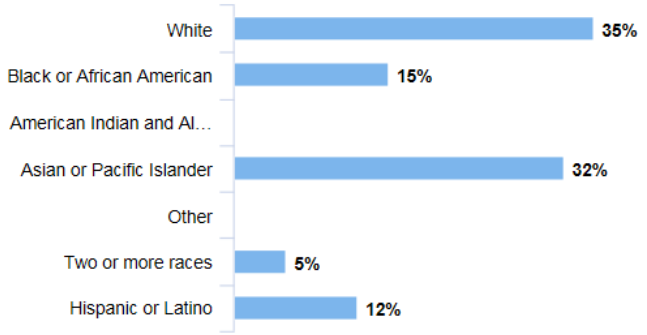
Located in: St. Paul, Ramsey County, Twin Cities Region, Minnesota

At-a-glance facts about residents, households, and workforce. Data are largely derived from the U.S. Census Bureau. When a data point is missing or considered unreliable, it will not display or be labeled suppressed. See information about geographic profile sources.

Total population

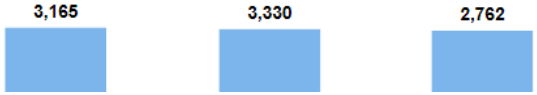


Population by race/ethnicity, 2016



Population by Age

Households by tenure



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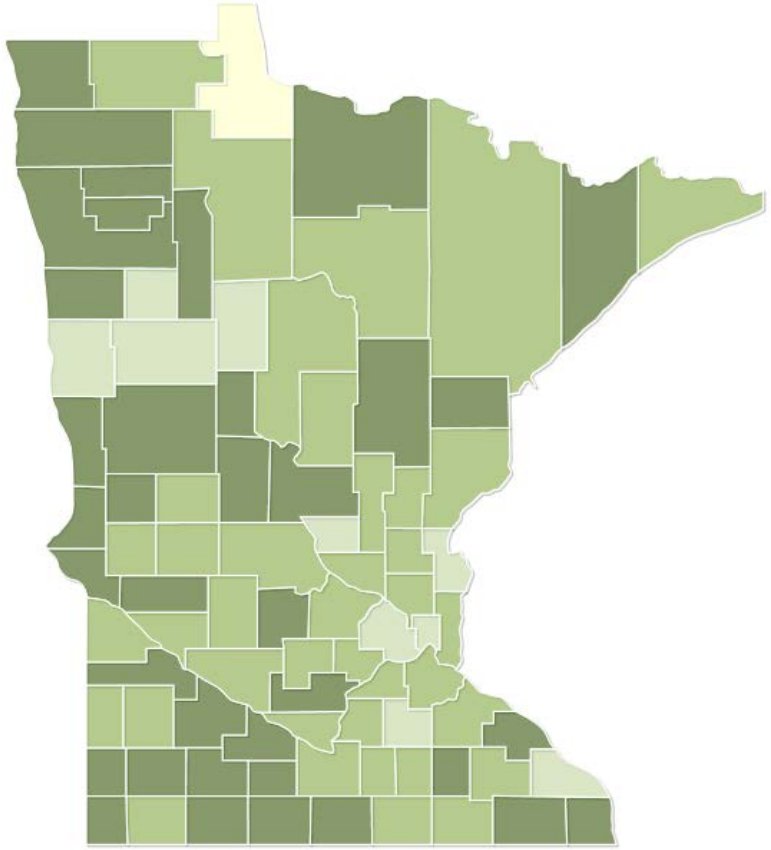
REGION: Statewide ▾ | BREAKDOWN: By county (map) ▾ | VIEW: Graph ▾

Children who received early childhood screening before age 5

By county, 2015



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Overview

Groups at a glance

- All immigrants
- Canadian immigrants
- Chinese immigrants
- Ethiopian immigrants
- Hmong immigrants
- Indian immigrants
- Korean immigrants
- Laotian immigrants
- Liberian immigrants
- Mexican immigrants
- Somali immigrants
- Vietnamese immigrants

Demographics

- Age
- Disability
- Population trends
- Population trends (children & youth)
- Race

Key measure

- Proportion of adults working

Cross-topic measures

- Educational attainment
- Employment in STEM
- Health care coverage
- Homeownership gap
- Low birth weight
- Median income
- Median income (older adults)

GROUPS AT A GLANCE

Somali foreign-born population

Minnesota, 2000-2016

POPULATION	2000	2012-2016
Foreign-born population	9,935	25,668 (+/- 2,924)
Native-born children (age 0-17) with at least one foreign-born parent*	1,784	20,954 (+/- 3,241)
PLACE OF RESIDENCE		
Twin Cities 7-county region	7,701	20,648 (+/- 2,544)
Greater Minnesota	2,234	5,020 (+/- 1,201)
BY AGE		
0-17 years	2,731	1,016 (+/- 395)
18-64 years	6,948	22,805 (+/- 2,624)
65+ years	256	1,847 (+/- 508)
BY GENDER AND AGE		
Female, 0-17 years	945	652 (+/- 334)
Female, 18-64 years	3,619	12,448 (+/- 1,621)
Female, 65+ years	45	1,174 (+/- 339)
Male, 0-17 years	1,786	364 (+/- 198)
Male, 18-64 years	3,329	10,357 (+/- 1,431)
Male, 65+ years	211	673 (+/- 313)
LENGTH OF TIME IN U.S.		
0-5 years	78.9%	22.5% (+/- 4.2%)
6-10 years	19.7%	21.0% (+/- 4.1%)
11-15 years	0.3%	23.5% (+/- 4.0%)

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“volunteer” reports

REPORT TITLE	PROJECT NAME	PUBLICATION DATE	DOCUMENT TYPE
Look Up and Hope: Semi-Annual Progress Report - A Multi-Site Pilot Program Offered By Volunteers of America to Support Families Affected By Maternal Incarceration	Strengthening Families Impacted by Incarceration - Evaluation of Volunteers of America Programs	Sep 2011	report
The Civic Engagement of Baby Boomers: Preparing for A New Wave of Volunteers: Community Assessment Report	Civic Engagement of Baby Boomers	Apr 2007	report
Creating A Trauma-Informed Organization: Literature Review for Volunteers of America	Creating a Trauma-Informed Organization	Jan 2017	report
Healthy Food in Hunger Relief: Survey of Food Shelf Staff, Volunteers, Board, and Clients	Healthy Food in Hunger Relief	Sep 2015	report
Southern Minnesota Recovery Connection: Volunteer Focus Group Summary	Southern Minnesota Recovery Connection	Apr 2014	report summary

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Three Ways to Use Speaking for Ourselves Data in Your Work

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The recently completed Speaking for Ourselves study provides up-to-date data about the experiences of immigrants and refugees who live in Hennepin and Ramsey counties. The community-wide assessment highlights the needs, strengths, and service gaps among Hmong, Karen, Latino, Liberian, and Somali populations.

The study aims to provide information to change perceptions, improve public policies, and provide better services. I've outlined three ways you can use the data to help inform your work. These are just examples – the Speaking for Ourselves data and reports may be useful in any situation in which background or information is needed about one of the participating cultural communities.

Example 1: Provide context

A local news outlet is doing a story about behavioral health needs within the Karen community.

Other sources of data you should really check out:

MN Department of Education Data Center and Minnesota Student Survey
https://education.mn.gov/MDE/Data/index.html

Minnesota Center for Health Statistics
http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/chs/

Minnesota Population Center
https://pop.umn.edu/

Minnesota KIDS COUNT
https://cdf-mn.org/programs/minnesota-based-programming/minnesota-kids-count/

Thank you!

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