

# What the American Community Survey Tells Us About the Twin Cities Region

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# About the American Community Survey

- Conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau
- Rolling sample of approximately 2.5 percent of households
  - Data for the seven-county area are based on 93,000 household responses over five years
- Replaces the “long form” from the Decennial Census

# Types of data available in ACS

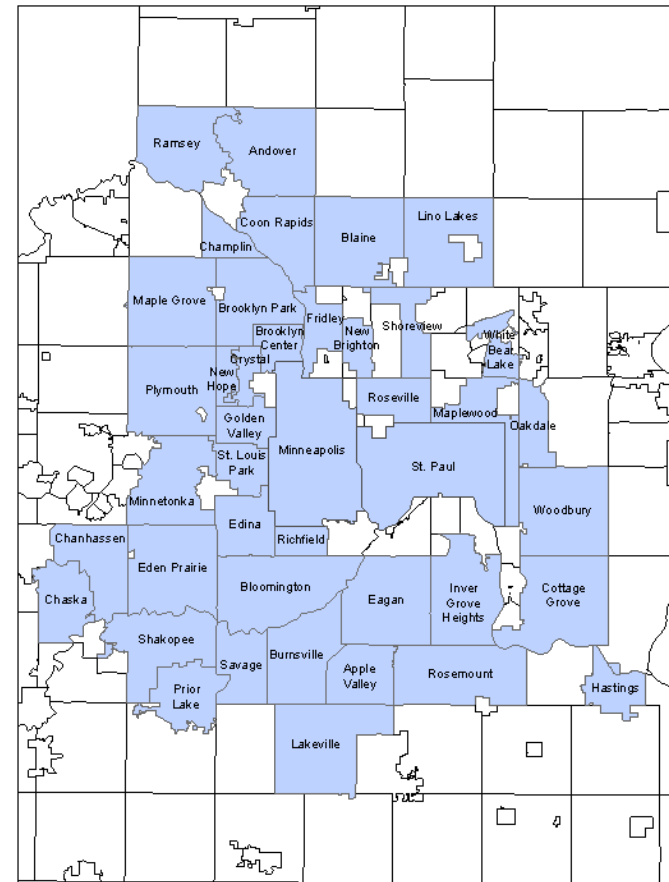
- Core Demographics – Age, sex, race, ethnicity
- Household structure
- Income and poverty
- Educational attainment
- Homeownership and housing costs
- Housing characteristics
- Characteristics of foreign-born populations
- Commuting information
- And much much more...!

# Data available in one-year, three-year and five-year increments

- One-year data available for any geography with a population of 65,000 or more:
  - All states
  - All metropolitan counties
  - Only 5 metropolitan cities (Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Minneapolis, Plymouth, St. Paul)

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- Three-year data available for any geography with a population of 20,000 or more (42 metropolitan area cities)

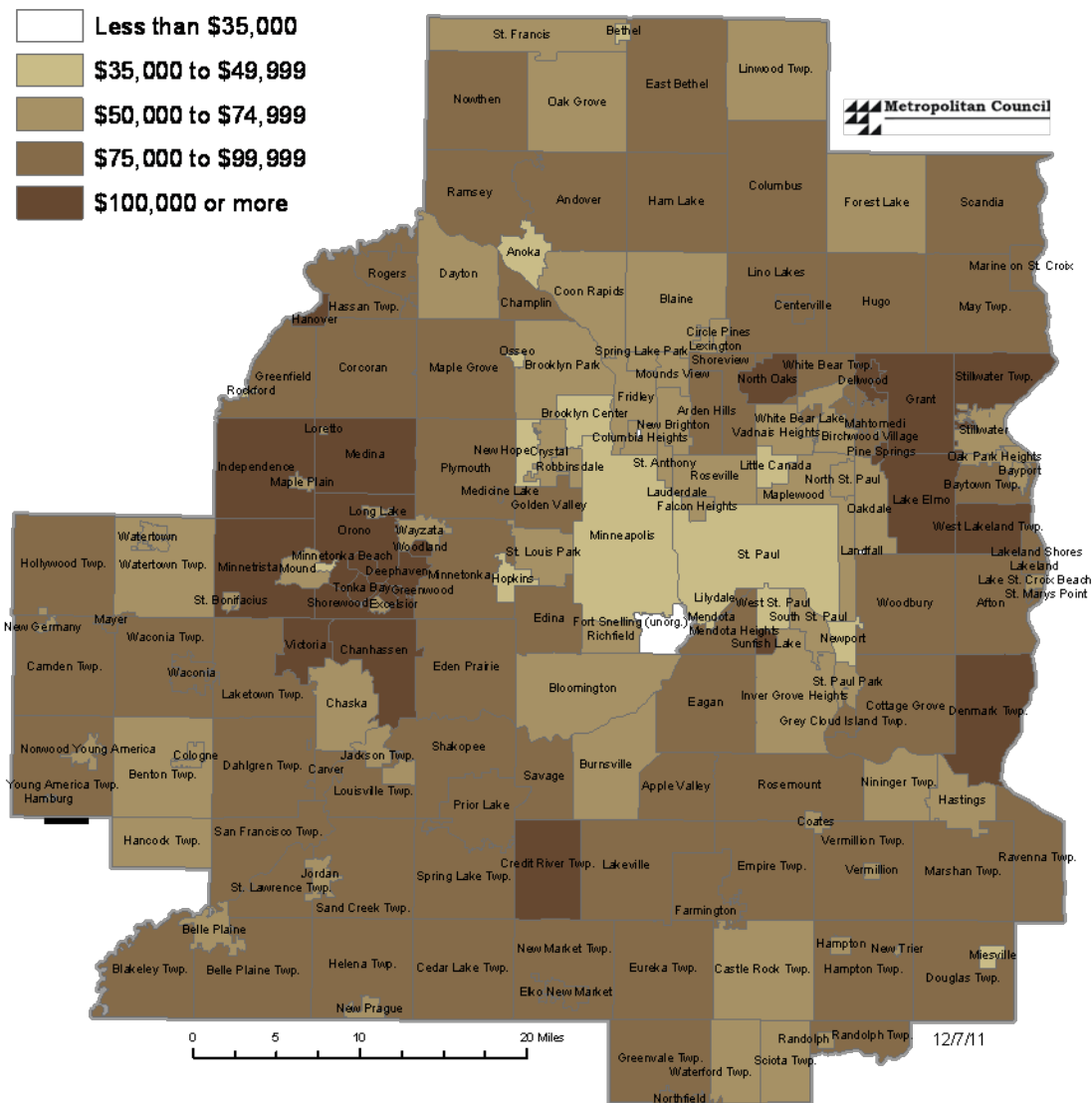


# Data available in one-year, three-year and five-year increments

- Five-year data available for all geographies
- Areas with a smaller population base have a larger margin of error on the estimates
- 2006-10 data are benchmarked to the 2010 Census (unlike the 2005-09 data)

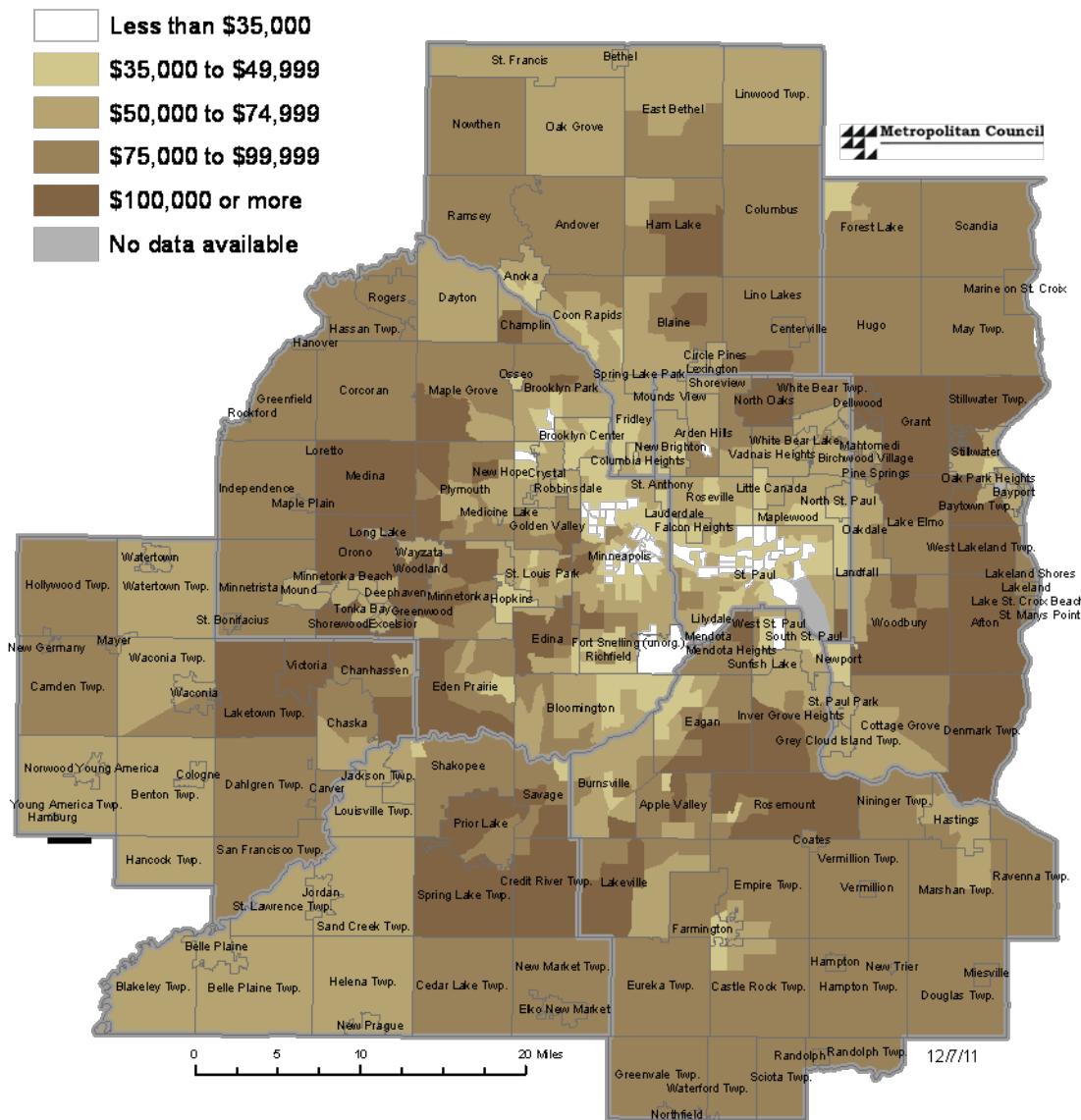
# Median household income

- 23 municipalities with median household income over \$100,000
- 19 municipalities with median household income under \$50,000



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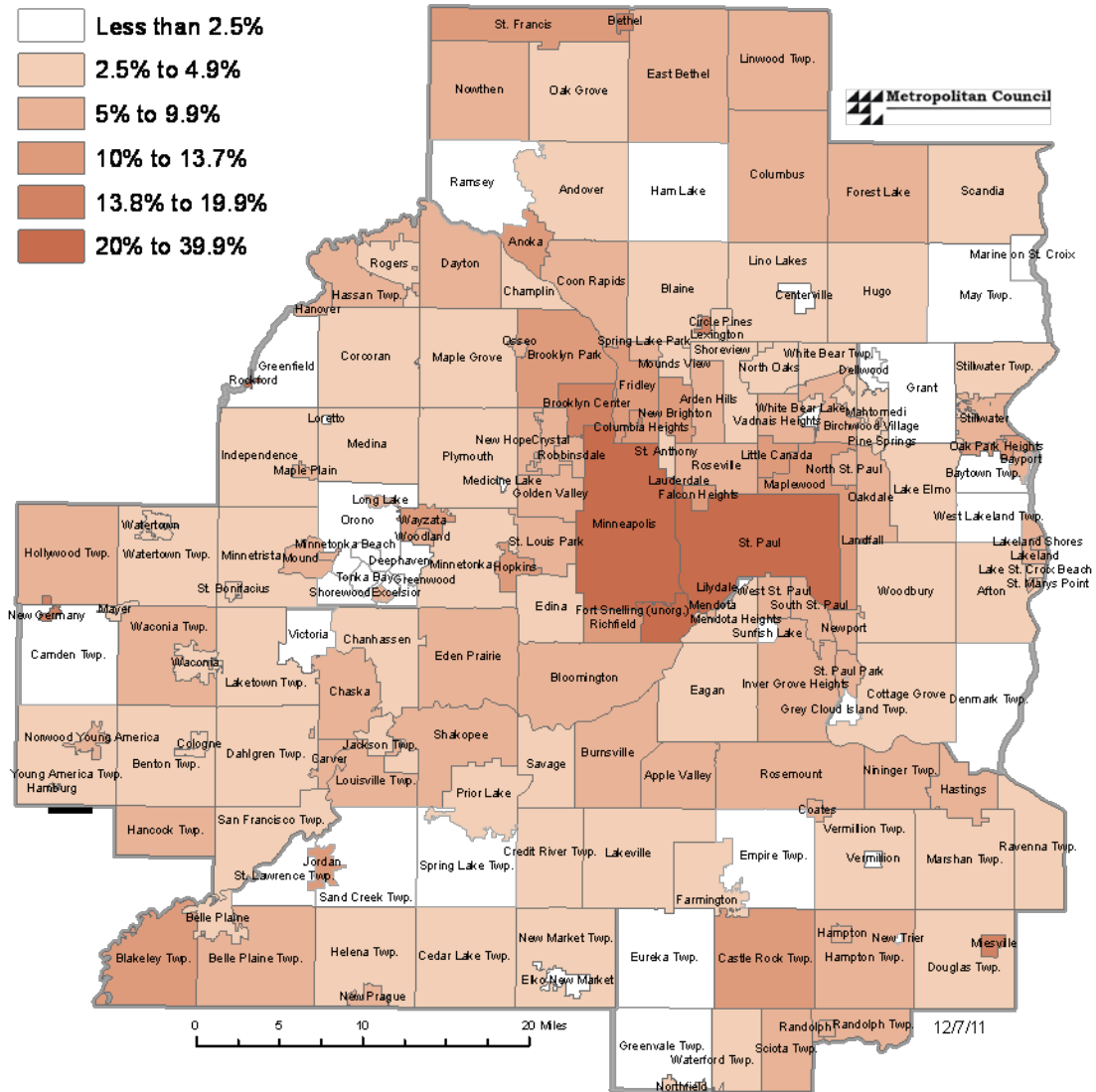
- Lowest income tracts primarily in central cities
- Highest income tracts generally outside 494-694 loop





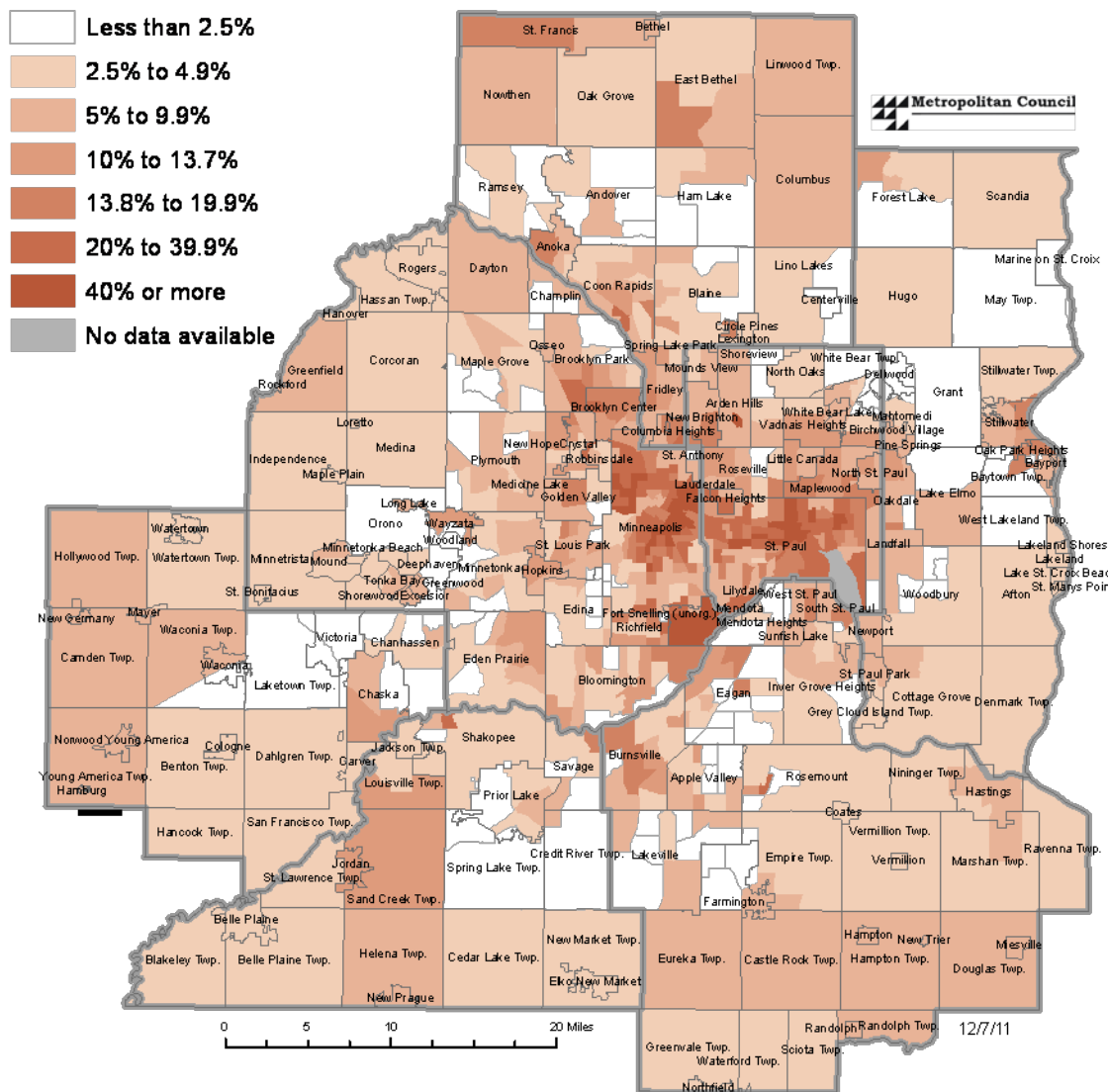
# One in ten live in poverty

- 52 percent of population in poverty live in central cities



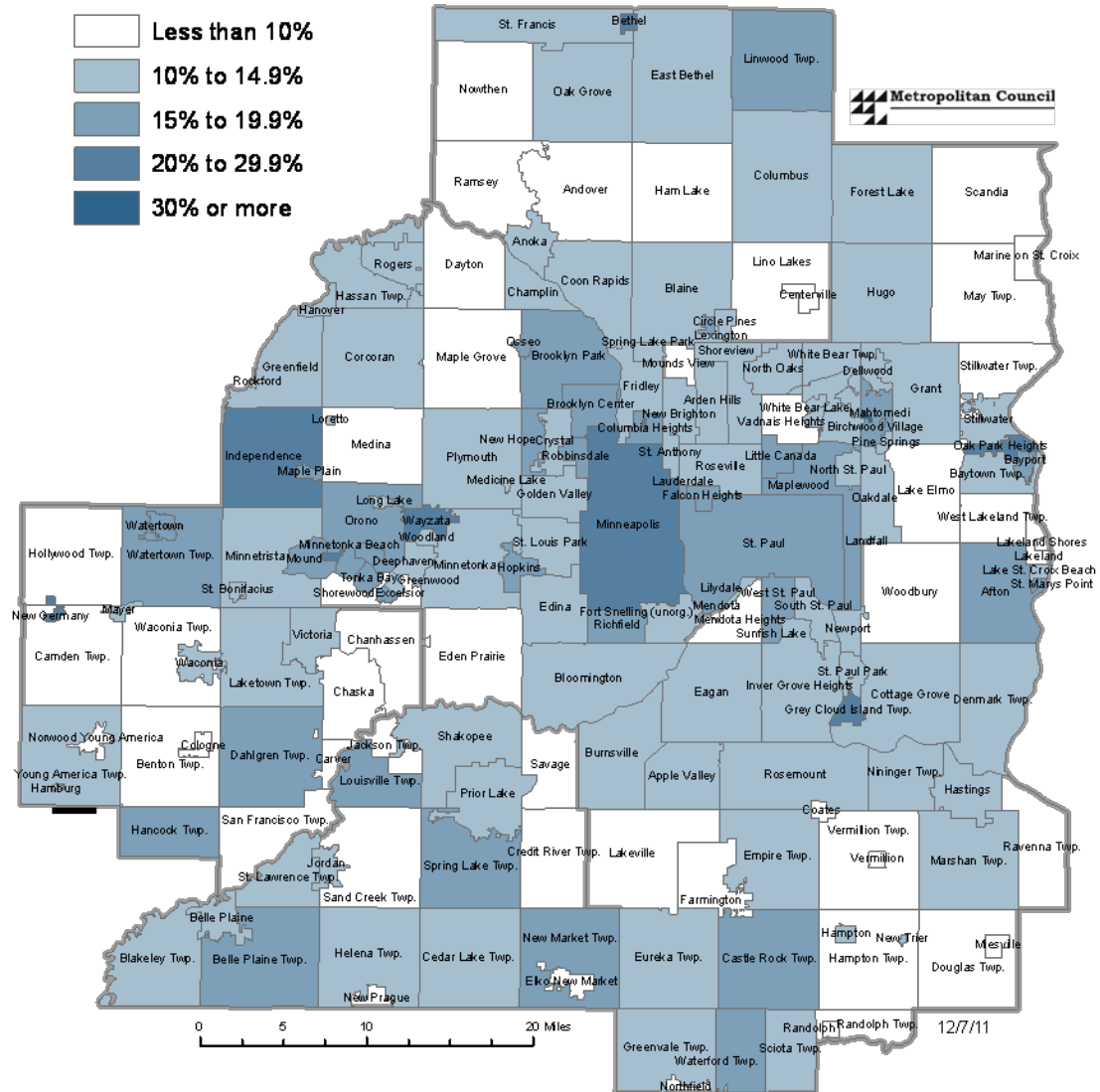
# High poverty defined as 20+ percent

- Most high poverty tracts are in the central cities
- Other high-poverty tracts in Arden Hills, Brooklyn Park, Columbia Heights, Coon Rapids, Fort Snelling, Robbinsdale, Rosemount, and Shakopee



# One in seven have Severe Housing Cost Burden

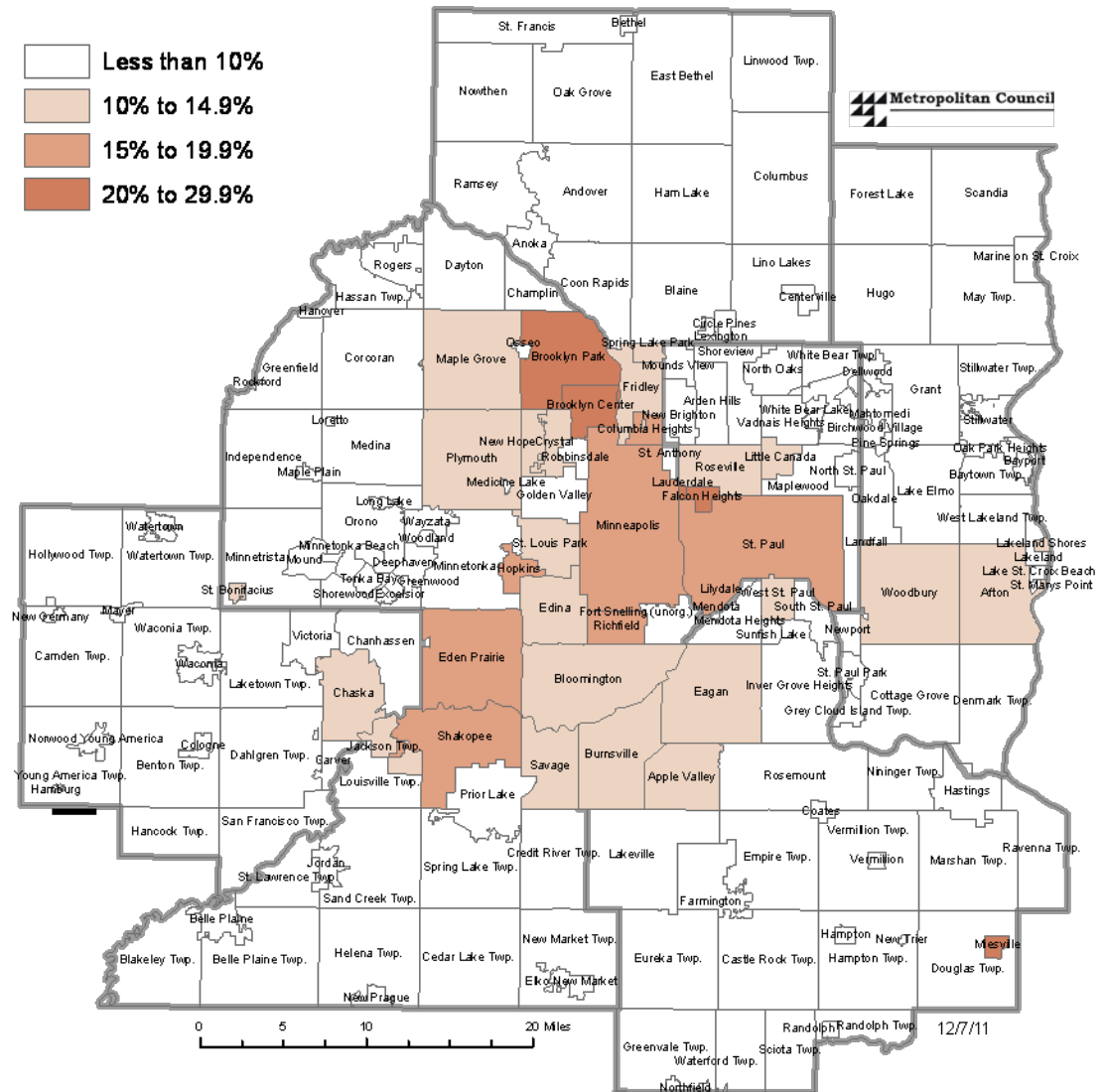
- 14 percent of households are paying more than 50 percent of their household income on housing





# One in nine are foreign-born

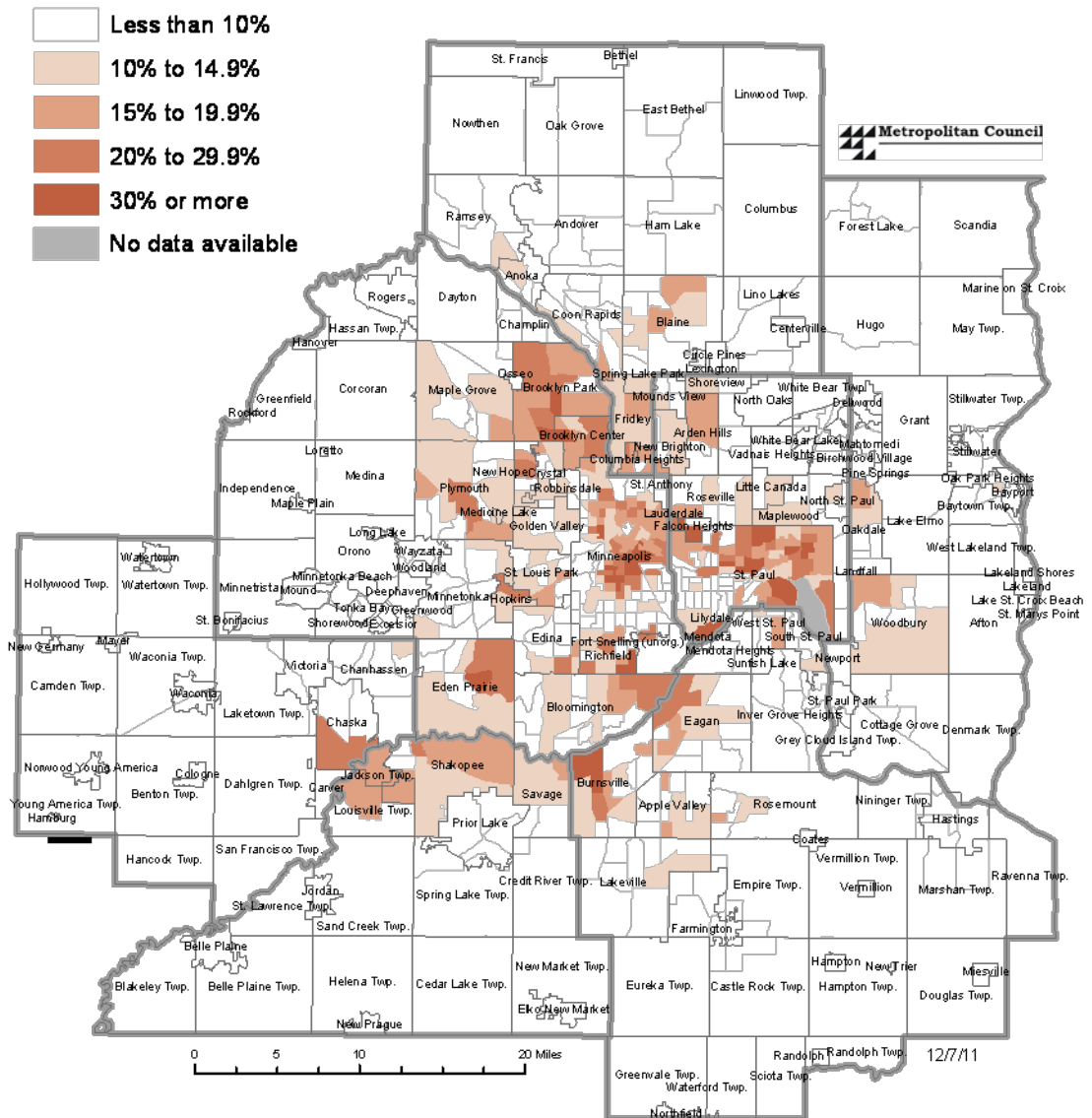
- 35 percent of foreign-born population live in Minneapolis and St. Paul



# At least 20 percent foreign-born:

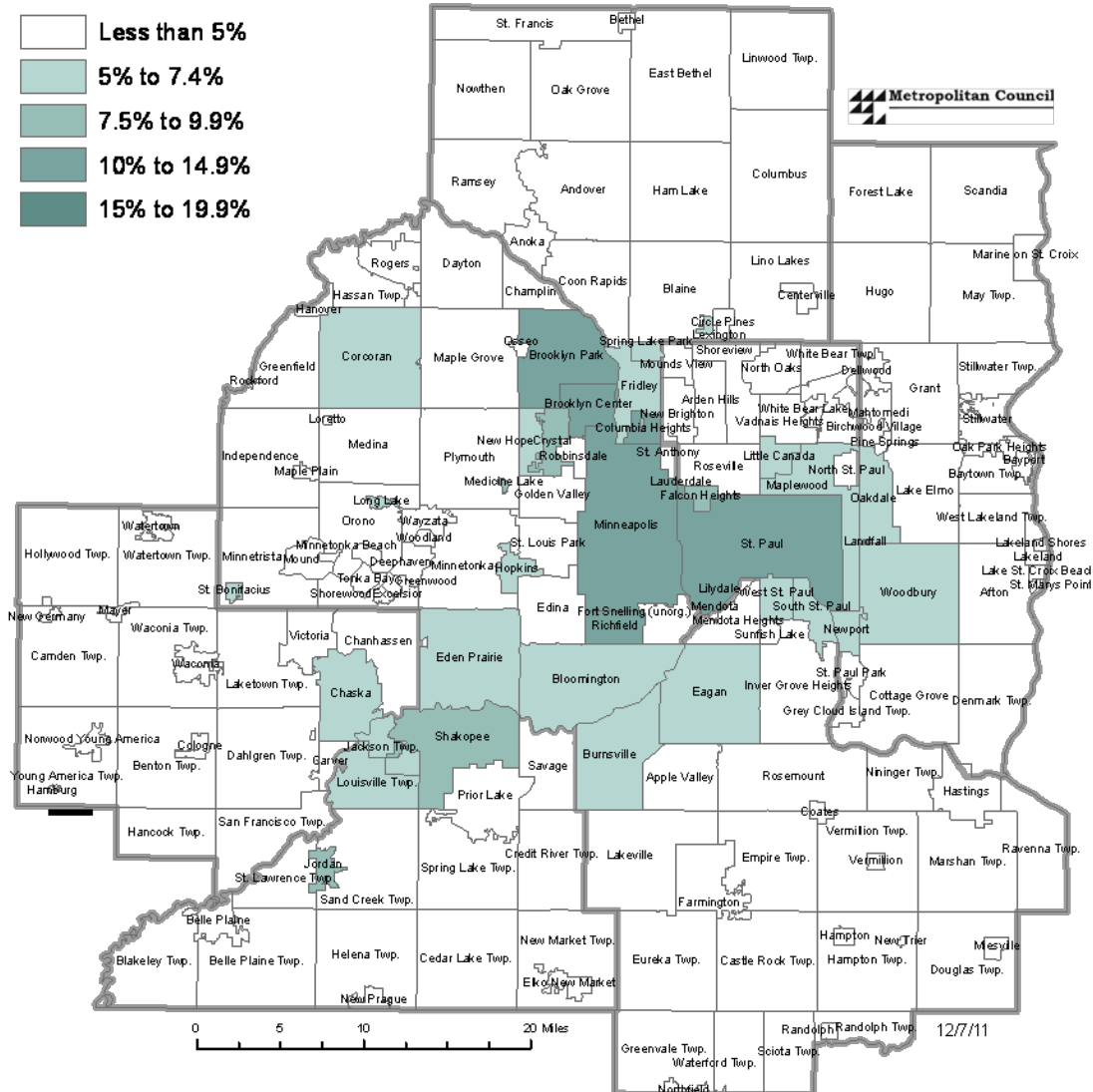
## Multiple tracts in:

- Bloomington
- Brooklyn Center
- Brooklyn Park
- Eden Prairie
- Richfield
- Minneapolis
- St. Paul



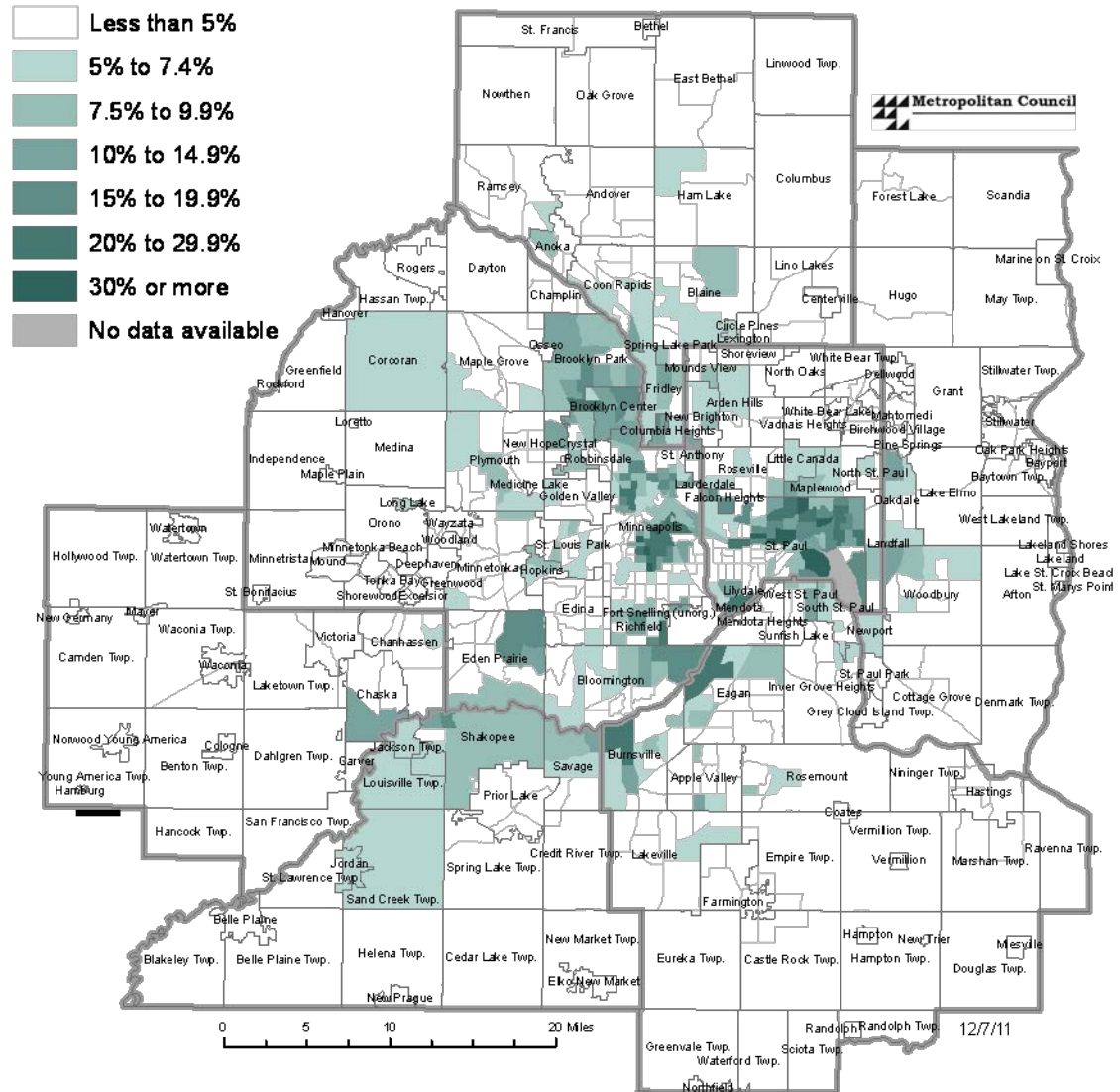
# 6 percent have limited English proficiency

- 37 percent speak Spanish at home
- 15 percent speak Hmong
- 14 percent speak African languages, (primarily Somali)



# 10+ percent Limited English:

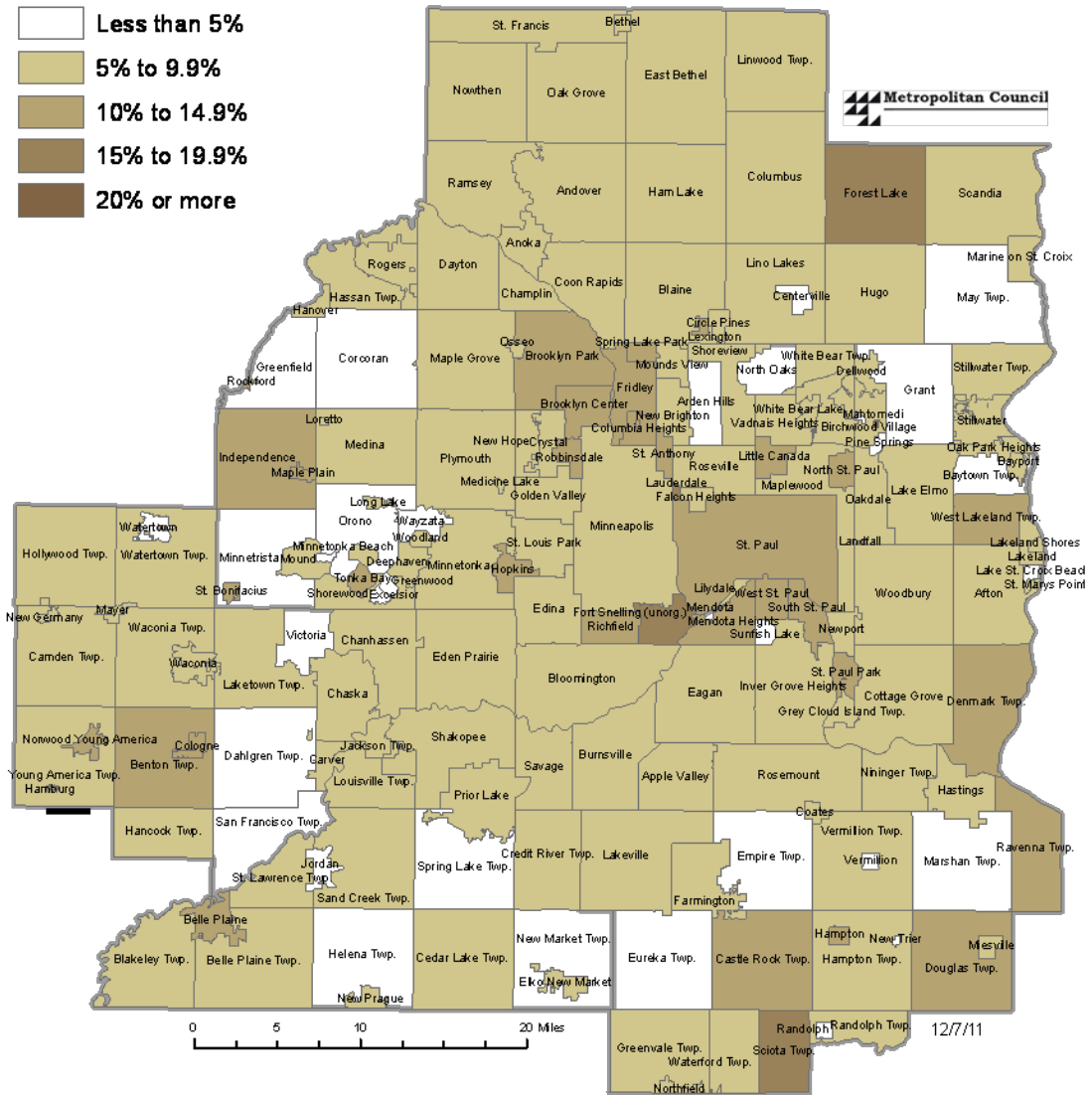
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- Burnsville
- New Hope
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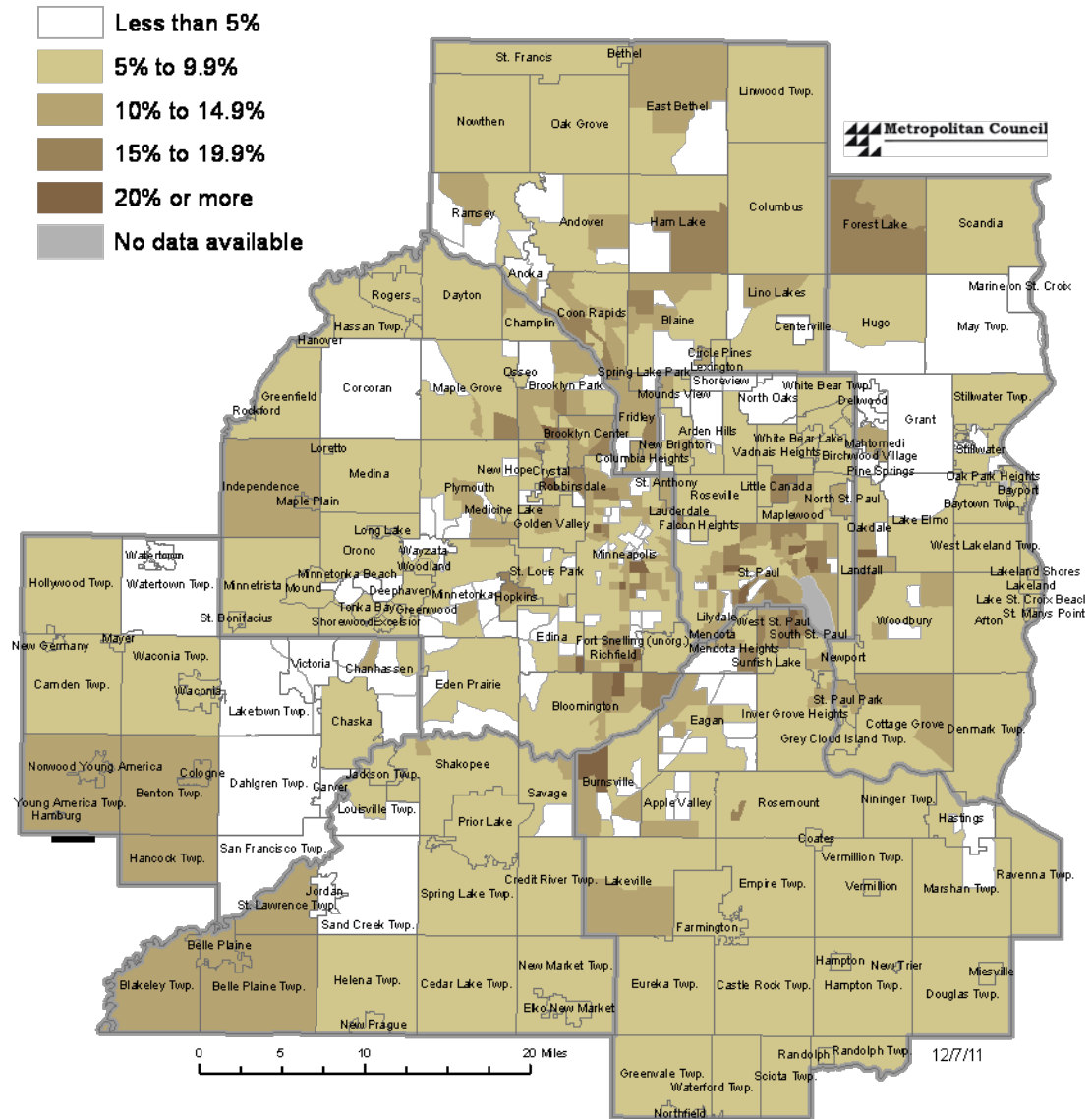
# 8.5 percent carpool to work

- High carpooling in edge suburbs and inner-ring
- Low carpooling in rural communities and high-income enclaves



# Percent carpooling to work

- Carpooling is negatively correlated with household income

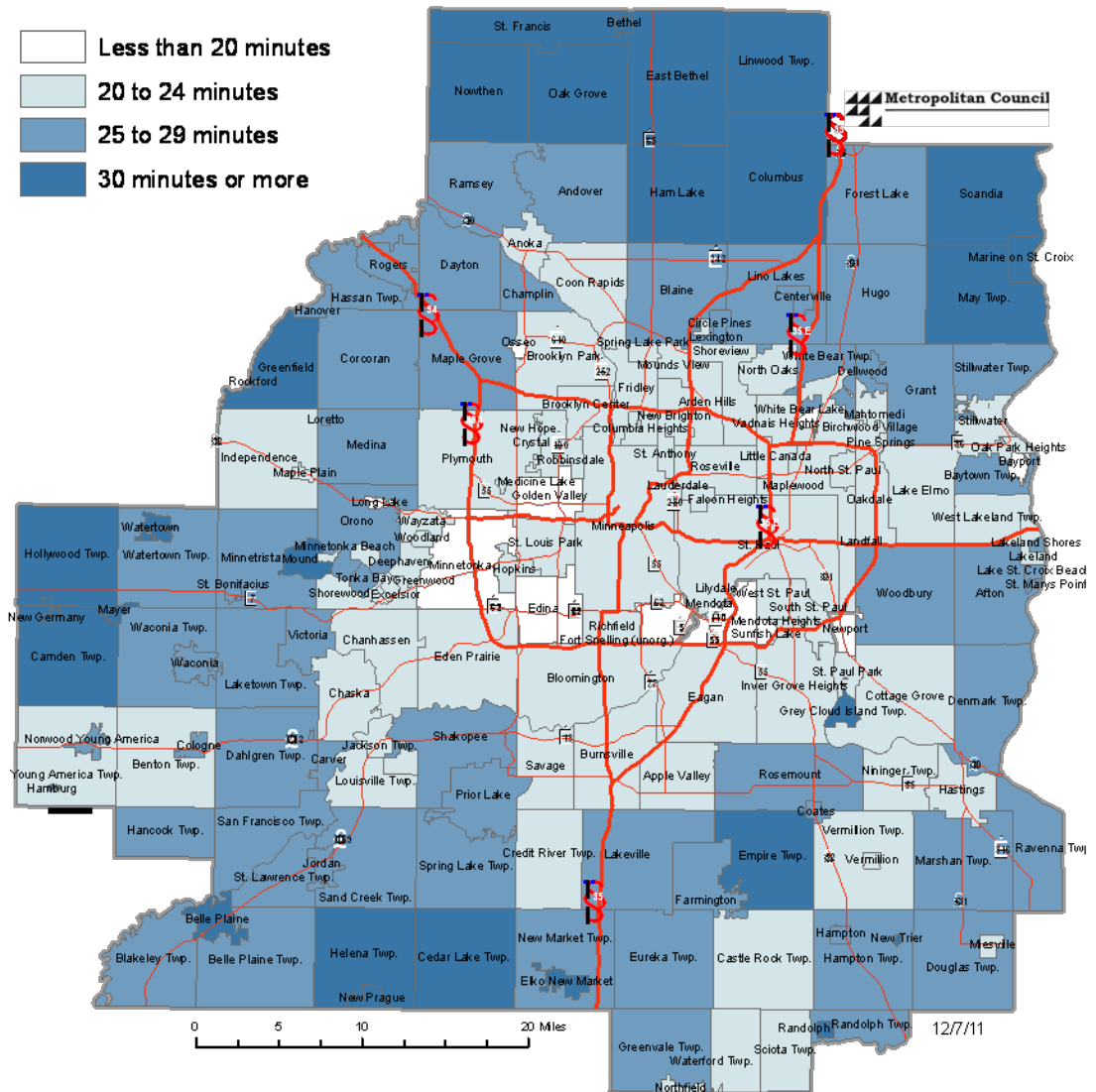






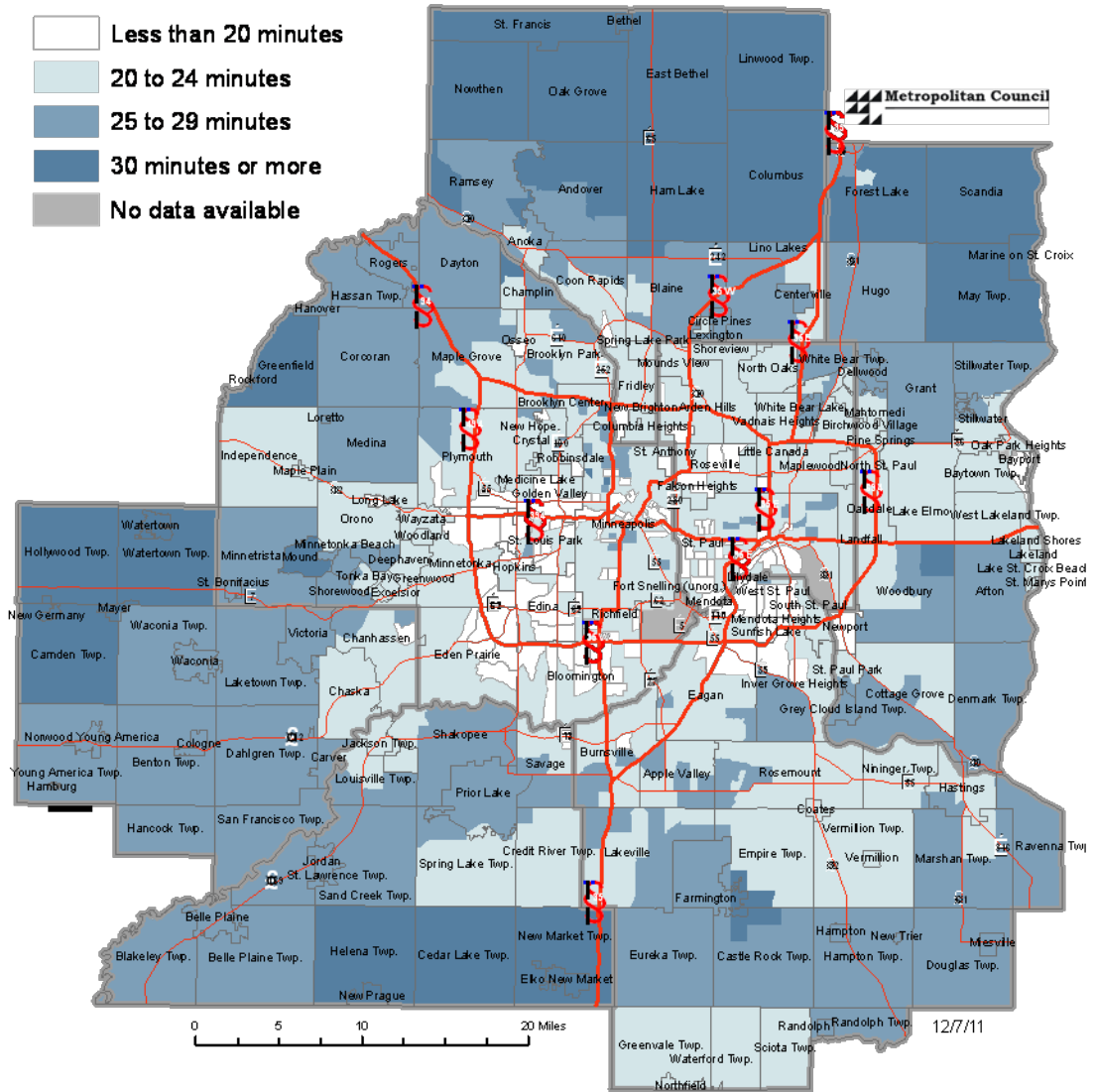
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# For further information:

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