

## **Hmong Population Trends in the 2020 U.S. Census**

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### **Abstract**

This article provides an analysis of Hmong American population trends in the 2020 decennial census. Geographic units included in the analysis are the United States, the major U.S. regions, states, cities and places, counties and at the more micro-level, census tracts.

**Keywords:** Hmong Americans, United States 2020 U.S. Census, Population Trends

### **Introduction**

The following analysis of Hmong population data from the 2020 U.S. Census utilizes the following sources. The primary source used was the Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A from the 2020 Decennial U.S. Census, otherwise known as DHC A. All data provided in this paper are from the Hmong Alone or in any Combination category which includes persons who reported they were Hmong and/or a combination of Hmong and other ethnic categories on the 2020 census form that was sent out to U.S. households. The U.S. census form does require self-reporting of ethnic identity for many ethnic groups including Hmong. For the purpose of longitudinal comparison across the past several decades, reference was also made to Hmong U.S. census data reported in Pfeifer, Sullivan, Yang, and Yang's (2012) in the special 2010 Census issue of the *Hmong Studies Journal*. It should be noted that Hmong population count data for most geographic units (with the exception of those with the largest Hmong populations) is only available in the Decennial Census that is released every 10 years. The

Decennial Census affords us an opportunity every decade to observe Hmong population trends across all states, counties and cities in the United States. It should also be noted that the Decennial Census also is intended to count the entire population of the U.S. (though without a doubt undercounts still occur). This is in contrast to the American Community Survey (ACS) which provides annual estimates of the Hmong population in the U.S. and in a few states and other geographic units with sizable Hmong populations. The ACS, however, is based on a sample survey of only around 3% of the entire U.S. population.

**Hmong Population in the United States**

Table 1 shows the Hmong population in the United States increased from 260,073 in 2010 to 335,919 in 2020, an increase of 29.16% over the decade. The Hmong population count in the U.S. was 94,339. The % increase in the Hmong population over the three- decade period from 1990-2020 was over 97%.

<b>Table 1</b>							
<b>U.S. States and Regions by Hmong Population 1990-2020</b>							
					<b>% Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>1990</b>	<b>2010-2020</b>	<b>2000-2010</b>	<b>1990-2000</b>
United States	335,919	260,073	186,310	94,439	29.16%	39.59%	97.28%
Midwest Region	171,913	126,713	91,034	38,796	35.67%	39.19%	134.65%
West Region	126,213	105,270	79,850	52,430	19.89%	31.83%	52.30%
South Region	33,358	24,230	11,645	1,272	37.67%	108.07%	815.49%
Northeast Region	4,406	3860	3781	1941	14.15%	2.09%	94.80%

Sources: 2020 U.S. Decennial Census, Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A, Hmong Alone or in any Combination  
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**Hmong Populations by Regions in the United States**

Table 1 shows continued regional changes and shifts in the Hmong population across the United States. Between 2010-2020, the Midwest continued to solidify its lead as the region with the largest Hmong population with large gains particularly in Minnesota and Wisconsin (as seen on Table 3 below) and to a lesser extent Michigan, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa. More than ½ of

all Hmong Americans now live in Midwestern states, this contrasts sharply to 1990 when the largest proportion of Hmong lived in Western states, particularly California. Between 2010-2020, the Hmong population in Midwestern states grew by more than 35%. Even stronger growth of 37% was observed in the Southern region during the 2010-2020 decade with North Carolina and especially Oklahoma, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina leading the way. In fact, over the decade, Oklahoma as seen on table 3 took the place as the state with the fifth largest Hmong population in the country after California, Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Carolina and Michigan. Between 2010-2020, growth in the Western region of states was just under 20% and was around 14% in the Northeast region which continued to have the smallest Hmong population of the four major U.S. regions.

### **Rank Order of Hmong Populations by U.S. State**

In terms of the rank order of states by Hmong population in the U.S. (table 2), the top 3 remained the same but the growth rates over the decade were considerably higher in Minnesota (43.69%) and Wisconsin (26.59%) compared to California (17.8%) which continued to have the largest Hmong population of any U.S. state. The 2020 Census population count showed Minnesota with 95,094 moving considerably closer to California (with 107,458) over the decade. In 2020, nearly 79% of Hmong Americans lived in the states of California, Minnesota or Wisconsin. North Carolina showed strong growth to maintain its position as the state with the fourth largest Hmong population. Michigan maintained 5<sup>th</sup> place but as noted above Oklahoma moved past Colorado and Georgia into 6<sup>th</sup> place with strong growth over the same decade. Alaska and Oregon rounded out the top 10 U.S. states by Hmong population in the 2020 census population count.

<b>Table 2</b>																				
<b>U.S. States Ranked by Hmong Population, 2020</b>																				
Geographic Area Name	Total																			
California	107458																			
Minnesota	95094																			
Wisconsin	62331																			
North Carolina	13382																			
Michigan	7001																			
Oklahoma	6054																			
Georgia	4615																			
Colorado	4578																			
Alaska	4577																			
Oregon	3772																			
Washington	3575																			
Arkansas	2446																			
Kansas	2283																			
Texas	1848																			
South Carolina	1788																			
Missouri	1759																			
Florida	1702																			
Pennsylvania	1190																			
Massachusetts	1147																			
Rhode Island	1012																			
Iowa	950																			
Ohio	843																			
Illinois	833																			
Utah	642																			
Tennessee	554																			
Nevada	542																			
Virginia	454																			
Arizona	406																			
New York	391																			
Nebraska	311																			
Indiana	281																			
Connecticut	266																			
Montana	263																			
Maryland	207																			
Alabama	181																			
Hawaii	168																			
Kentucky	152																			
Idaho	139																			
South Dakota	114																			
North Dakota	113																			
Louisiana	108																			
New Jersey	102																			
New Mexico	83																			
Mississippi	69																			
Delaware	29																			
New Hampshire	24																			
District of Columbia	20																			
Maine	18																			
Wyoming	10																			
West Virginia	5																			
Puerto Rico	1																			
Vermont	0																			

Source: 2020 U.S. Decennial Census, Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A, Hmong Alone or in any Combination

<b>Table 3</b>							
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<b>Midwest Region</b>	<b>171,913</b>	<b>126,713</b>	<b>91,034</b>	<b>38,796</b>	<b>35.67%</b>	<b>39.19%</b>	<b>134.65%</b>
Minnesota	95,094	66,181	45,443	17,764	43.69%	45.64%	155.82%
Wisconsin	62,331	49,240	36,809	16,980	26.59%	33.77%	116.78%
Michigan	7,001	5,924	5,988	2,304	18.18%	-1.07%	159.90%
Kansas	2,283	1,732	1,118	543	31.81%	54.92%	105.89%
Missouri	1,759	1,329	26	0	32.36%	5011.54%	N.A.
Iowa	950	534	303	341	77.90%	76.24%	-11.14%
Ohio	843	589	407	199	43.12%	44.72%	104.52%
Illinois	833	651	604	424	27.96%	7.78%	42.45%
Nebraska	311	188	108	135	65.43%	74.07%	-20.00%
Indiana	281	218	172	101	28.90%	26.74%	70.30%
South Dakota	114	94	42	0	21.28%	123.81%	N.A.
North Dakota	113	33	4	5	242.42%	725.00%	-20.00%
<b>West Region</b>	<b>126,213</b>	<b>105,270</b>	<b>79,850</b>	<b>52,430</b>	<b>19.89%</b>	<b>31.83%</b>	<b>52.30%</b>
California	107,458	91,224	71,741	49,343	17.80%	27.16%	45.39%
Colorado	4,578	3,859	3,351	1,207	18.63%	15.16%	177.63%
Alaska	4,577	3,534	321	0	29.51%	1000.93%	N.A.
Oregon	3,772	2,920	2,298	595	29.18%	27.07%	286.22%
Washington	3,575	2,404	1,485	853	48.71%	61.89%	74.09%
Utah	642	426	190	219	50.70%	124.21%	-13.24%
Nevada	542	254	117	38	113.39%	117.09%	207.89%
Arizona	406	229	36	24	77.29%	536.11%	50.00%
Montana	263	253	229	151	3.95%	10.48%	51.66%
Hawaii	168	87	22	0	93.10%	295.45%	N.A.
Idaho	139	44	45	0	215.91%	-2.22%	N.A.
New Mexico	83	28	15	0	196.43%	86.67%	N.A.
Wyoming	10	8	0	0	25.00%	N.A.	N.A.
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<b>South Region</b>	<b>33,358</b>	<b>24,230</b>	<b>11,645</b>	<b>1,272</b>	<b>37.67%</b>	<b>108.07%</b>	<b>815.49%</b>
North Carolina	13,382	10864	7,982	544	23.18%	36.11%	1367.28%
Oklahoma	6,054	3369	579	166	79.70%	481.87%	248.80%
Georgia	4,615	3623	1,615	386	27.38%	124.33%	318.39%
Arkansas	2,446	2143	33	0	14.14%	6393.94%	N.A.
Texas	1,848	920	422	90	100.87%	118.01%	368.89%
South Carolina	1,788	1218	570	40	46.80%	113.68%	1325.00%
Florida	1,702	1208	163	6	40.89%	641.10%	2616.67%
Tennessee	554	400	164	26	38.50%	143.90%	530.77%
Virginia	454	188	55	14	141.49%	241.82%	292.86%
Alabama	181	122	11	0	48.36%	1009.09%	N.A.
Kentucky	152	71	17	0	114.08%	317.65%	N.A.
Louisiana	108	49	23	0	120.41%	113.04%	N.A.
Mississippi	69	50	9	0	38.00%	455.56%	N.A.
West Virginia	5	5	2	0	0.00%	150.00%	N.A.
<b>Northeast Region</b>	<b>4,406</b>	<b>3860</b>	<b>3781</b>	<b>1941</b>	<b>14.15%</b>	<b>2.09%</b>	<b>94.80%</b>
Pennsylvania	1,190	1021	844	458	16.55%	20.97%	84.28%
Massachusetts	1,147	1080	1,303	134	6.20%	-17.11%	872.39%
Rhode Island	1,012	1015	1,112	1185	-0.30%	-8.72%	-6.16%
New York	391	296	281	142	32.09%	5.34%	97.89%
Connecticut	266	225	163	6	18.22%	38.04%	2616.67%
Maryland	207	76	15	0	172.37%	406.67%	N.A.
New Jersey	102	83	27	16	22.89%	207.41%	68.75%
Delaware	29	3	1	0	866.67%	200.00%	N.A.
New Hampshire	24	27	21	0	-11.11%	28.57%	N.A.
District of Columbia	20	26	6	0	-23.08%	333.33%	N.A.
Maine	18	7	3	0	157.14%	133.33%	N.A.
Vermont	0	1	5	0	-100.00%	-80.00%	N.A.

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### **U.S. Cities by Hmong Population Rank in the 2020 Census**

The U.S. Census Bureau threw a bit of a curve with the 2020 Census release. Unlike in previous censuses including 2000 and 2010, detailed population count data by ethnic group is not available for U.S. metropolitan areas which is unfortunate as it does not allow us to rank metro areas by Hmong population as we did in these earlier decades. The 2020 Census does provide population counts by ethnic group for all cities with group counts greater than 20. While metropolitan area data would be preferable, we will have to settle for city-level data. The 2020 data clearly show St. Paul maintaining its rank with the city with the largest Hmong population in the U.S. with Fresno and Sacramento (table 4), continuing as a distant second and third. Milwaukee is fourth and Brooklyn Park, MN, a suburb of Minneapolis is now 5<sup>th</sup>. Rounding out the top 10 are Minneapolis, Stockton, CA, Maplewood, MN, (a St. Paul suburb), Brooklyn Center (another Minneapolis suburb) and Sheboygan, WI. Just outside the top 10, was Anchorage, AK at number 11, which also showed significant Hmong population growth over the past decade. Many of the other cities located in the top 50 are located in Wisconsin, Twin Cities suburbs in Minnesota and California. Other notable cities with growing Hmong populations outside of these states include Warren, MI, Kansas City, KS, Tulsa, OK and Charlotte, NC.

### **U.S. Counties by Hmong Population Rank in the 2020 Census**

Not surprisingly, the top U.S. counties ranked by Hmong population in 2020 were Ramsey (home to St. Paul and nearby suburbs), Fresno, and Sacramento followed by Hennepin (home to Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center and Minneapolis), and Milwaukee counties. Rounding out the top 10 counties for Hmong residents were Anoka (just north of Hennepin County in Minnesota), Washington County (East of Ramsey County and St. Paul in Minnesota), Marathon (home to Wausau, WI which had the 12th largest Hmong population of any city) and then San

Joaquin (the location of Stockton, CA) and Merced County (where Merced city with the 13<sup>th</sup> largest Hmong population is located). The county data also reveals where some other larger Hmong populations are located in certain states which is helpful due to the absence of metropolitan area data. In some cases, these are more rural as opposed to urban populations. These other counties with notable Hmong populations include Catawba, Burke, Stanly and Iredell in North Carolina, Spartanburg in South Carolina, Benton in Arkansas, Rogers in Oklahoma, Butte, Humboldt, Trinity and Yuba in Northern California and Barrow and Gwinnett in the Atlanta, Georgia suburbs as well as Adams in the Denver suburbs in Colorado.

<b>Table 4</b>									
<b>U.S. Cities by Rank, Hmong Population, 2020</b>									
Geographic Area Name	Total								
1 St. Paul city, Minnesota	36177								
2 Fresno city, California	27705								
3 Sacramento city, California	17843								
4 Milwaukee city, Wisconsin	12251								
5 Brooklyn Park city, Minnesota	9169								
6 Minneapolis city, Minnesota	6942								
7 Stockton city, California	6280								
8 Maplewood city, Minnesota	5614								
9 Brooklyn Center city, Minnesota	5410								
10 Sheboygan city, Wisconsin	4659								
11 Anchorage municipality, Alaska	4356								
12 Wausau city, Wisconsin	4177								
13 Merced city, California	4030								
14 Florin CDP, California	3984								
15 Green Bay city, Wisconsin	3590								
16 Appleton city, Wisconsin	3560								
17 Clovis city, California	3528								
18 Madison city, Wisconsin	3130								
19 Elk Grove city, California	3104								
20 Eau Claire city, Wisconsin	2798								
21 Oakdale city, Minnesota	2634								
22 Coon Rapids city, Minnesota	2080								
23 Woodbury city, Minnesota	1998								
24 Blaine city, Minnesota	1963								
25 Tulsa city, Oklahoma	1860								
26 Oshkosh city, Wisconsin	1846								
27 La Crosse city, Wisconsin	1714								
28 Warren city, Michigan	1675								
29 Vineyard CDP, California	1664								
30 Linda CDP, California	1637								
31 Kansas City city, Kansas	1617								
32 Post Mountain CDP, California	1601								
33 Cottage Grove city, Minnesota	1599								
34 Weston village, Wisconsin	1573								
35 North St. Paul city, Minnesota	1497								
36 Manitowoc city, Wisconsin	1479								
37 Charlotte city, North Carolina	1465								
38 Oroville city, California	1376								
39 Chico city, California	1220								
40 Thermalito CDP, California	1131								
41 Thornton city, Colorado	1118								
42 Onalaska city, Wisconsin	1082								
43 San Diego city, California	1037								
44 Parkway CDP, California	1000								
45 Portland city, Oregon	986								
46 Lemon Hill CDP, California	984								
47 Sun Prairie city, Wisconsin	949								
48 Little Canada city, Minnesota	895								
49 Franklin CDP (Merced County), California	888								
50 Fridley city, Minnesota	877								

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<b>Table 5</b>																				
<b>U.S. Counties by Rank, Hmong Population, 2020</b>																				
	Geographic Area Name	Total																		
1	Ramsey County, Minnesota	48189																		
2	Fresno County, California	36426																		
3	Sacramento County, California	32189																		
4	Hennepin County, Minnesota	24039																		
5	Milwaukee County, Wisconsin	14273																		
6	Anoka County, Minnesota	8334																		
7	Washington County, Minnesota	8117																		
8	Marathon County, Wisconsin	7339																		
9	San Joaquin County, California	7237																		
10	Merced County, California	6531																		
11	Dane County, Wisconsin	5490																		
12	Sheboygan County, Wisconsin	5350																		
13	Brown County, Wisconsin	5246																		
14	Catawba County, North Carolina	4655																		
15	Butte County, California	4609																		
16	Outagamie County, Wisconsin	4531																		
17	Anchorage Municipality, Alaska	4356																		
18	La Crosse County, Wisconsin	3962																		
19	Winnebago County, Wisconsin	3317																		
20	Tulsa County, Oklahoma	3263																		
21	Eau Claire County, Wisconsin	2985																		
22	Macomb County, Michigan	2899																		
23	Adams County, Colorado	2821																		
24	Yuba County, California	2693																		
25	Burke County, North Carolina	2414																		
26	Dakota County, Minnesota	2131																		
27	Trinity County, California	2046																		
28	Multnomah County, Oregon	2008																		
29	Barrow County, Georgia	1937																		
30	Manitowoc County, Wisconsin	1826																		
31	Mecklenburg County, North Carolina	1786																		
32	Riverside County, California	1676																		
33	King County, Washington	1663																		
34	Wyandotte County, Kansas	1630																		
35	Oakland County, Michigan	1570																		
36	San Diego County, California	1535																		
37	Portage County, Wisconsin	1296																		
38	Orange County, California	1293																		
39	Humboldt County, California	1247																		
40	Spartanburg County, South Carolina	1150																		
41	Dunn County, Wisconsin	1095																		
42	Tulare County, California	1082																		
43	Los Angeles County, California	1059																		
44	Benton County, Arkansas	1036																		
45	Rogers County, Oklahoma	1024																		
46	Gwinnett County, Georgia	1019																		
47	Calumet County, Wisconsin	823																		
48	Waukesha County, Wisconsin	800																		
49	Stanly County, North Carolina	799																		
50	Iredell County, North Carolina	786																		

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<b>Table 5</b>		
<b>Census Tracts – Hmong Populations by Rank, United States, 2020</b>		
Geographic Area Name	Total	Location/Boundaries
1 Census Tract 5; Trinity County; California	1963	A large portion of rural Trinity County, California
2 Census Tract 307.03; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1847	St. Paul. Eastside. Arlington, English, Larpenteur, White Bear
3 Census Tract 306.01; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1748	St. Paul. Eastside. L'Orient, Arlington, Payne, Larpenteur.
4 Census Tract 307.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1692	St. Paul. Eastside. Maryland, White Bear, Larpenteur, McKnight Rd.
5 Census Tract 346.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1545	St. Paul. Eastside. Minnehaha, Johnson Pkwy, Kennard, Burns Ave.
6 Census Tract 317.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1543	St. Paul. Eastside. Minnehaha, Johnson Pkwy, Maryland, Kennard
7 Census Tract 316; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1537	St. Paul. Eastside. Magnolia, Arcade, Phalen Blvd.
8 Census Tract 347.04; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1479	St. Paul. Eastside. Arlington, Maryland, White Bear, Lake Phalen.
9 Census Tract 14.16; Fresno County; California	1428	Fresno. Southeast Side. Clovis, Jensen, Church, Minnewawa.
10 Census Tract 268.14; Hennepin County; Minnesota	1426	Brooklyn Park. 85th Ave. 73rd Ave., Xerxes, Humboldt
11 Census Tract 318.01; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1349	St. Paul. North End. Maryland, White Bear, Hazel, Hazelwood.
12 Census Tract 305; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1311	St. Paul. North End. Maryland, Rice, L'Orient, Cook.
13 Census Tract 310; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1278	St. Paul. Eastside. Arcade, Payne, Case, Greenbrier, Ivy
14 Census Tract 346.01; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1245	St Paul. Eastside. Warner Rd, Earl. Johnson Pkwy, Earl.
15 Census Tract 347.01; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1241	St Paul. Eastside. Minnehaha E., Suburban, Kennard, Hazel, Ruth.
16 Census Tract 14.13; Fresno County; California	1218	Fresno. Southeast Side. E. Kings Canyon, Jensen Ave., N. De Wolf, N. Fowler Ave.
17 Census Tract 6; Milwaukee County; Wisconsin	1186	Milwaukee. NW Side. Good Hope, Mill Road, N. 60th, N. 76th.
18 Census Tract 268.16; Hennepin County; Minnesota	1172	Brooklyn Park. Brooklyn Blvd., Zane, 85th Ave., Lakeland Ave.
19 Census Tract 308; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1159	St. Paul. Northend. Dale, Hatch, Ivy, Rice.
20 Census Tract 203.03; Hennepin County; Minnesota	1158	Brooklyn Center. I-94, Zane Ave., 63rd Ave., Brooklyn Blvd.
21 Census Tract 14.11; Fresno County; California	1150	Fresno. Southeast Side. E. Kings Canyon, E. Belmont, Clovis, N. Fowler Ave.
22 Census Tract 309; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1079	St. Paul. Eastside. Case, L'Orient, Payne, Ivy.
23 Census Tract 268.11; Hennepin County; Minnesota	1064	Brooklyn Park. 85th Ave., 73rd Ave., Noble, Xerxes.
24 Census Tract 318.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1059	St. Paul. Eastside. Minnehaha, Hazel, Maryland, McKnight Rd.
25 Census Tract 96.01; Sacramento County; California	1049	Sacramento. South Sacramento. Delta Shores. I-5, Morrison Creek, Richfield Way.
26 Census Tract 345; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1031	St. Paul. Eastside. Mounds Blvd, 5th. Burns Ave.
27 Census Tract 14.17; Fresno County; California	1029	Fresno. Southeast Side. Jensen, Clovis, N. Fowler Ave., Church.
28 Census Tract 347.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1023	St Paul. Eastside. Minnehaha, Hazel. Burns, McKnight Rd.
29 Census Tract 423.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1020	Maplewood. N. of Larpenteur, S. of County Rd B2, E. of N. Maplewood Dr.
30 Census Tract 311; Ramsey County; Minnesota	1011	St. Paul. Eastside. Magnolia, Arcade, Johnson Pkwy, Wheelock.
31 Census Tract 424.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	950	Maplewood. Larpenteur, Hwy 36, Hazelwood, Ariel.
32 Census Tract 317.01; Ramsey County; Minnesota	945	St. Paul. Eastside. Phalen Blvd, Minnehaha E. Forest, Johnson Pkwy
33 Census Tract 29.06; Fresno County; California	915	Fresno. Eastside. McKinley, E. Olive, N. Chesnut, S. Peach.
34 Census Tract 10; Sheboygan County; Wisconsin	903	Sheboygan. Southside. Weegen Creek Rd., Union Ave. S. 12th, S. Business Drive.
35 Census Tract 306.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	899	St. Paul. Eastside. Lake Phalen, Larpenteur, Edgerton, English
36 Census Tract 268.18; Hennepin County; Minnesota	866	Brooklyn Park. Brooklyn Blvd. 62nd Ave., Lakeland, Zane.
37 Census Tract 43.02; Sacramento County; California	850	Sacramento. South Sacramento. I-5, Meadowview Rd, 24th Ave.
38 Census Tract 58.05; Fresno County; California	840	Fresno. Eastside. E. Shields, N. Temperance, Clovis, E. Belmont.
39 Census Tract 315; Ramsey County; Minnesota	841	St. Paul. Eastside. Case, Minnehaha E., Arkwright, Arcade.
40 Census Tract 374.03; Ramsey County; Minnesota	821	St. Paul. Eastside. McKnight Rd., Pt. Douglas Rd. North Park Dr.
41 Census Tract 268.15; Hennepin County; Minnesota	810	Brooklyn Park. 85th Ave., 73rd Ave., Humboldt, W. River Rd.
42 Census Tract 3; Sheboygan County; Wisconsin	809	Sheboygan. North side. Saemann Ave., I-43. N. 12th. North Ave.,
43 Census Tract 4; Marathon County; Wisconsin	806	Wausau, NW Side. Hwy 51, Stewart Ave., Wisconsin River, Campus Drive.
44 Census Tract 424.01; Ramsey County; Minnesota	784	Maplewood. Hwy 36, County Road D., Hazelwood, Ariel.
45 Census Tract 13.04; Fresno County; California	781	Fresno. Southeast Side. E. Butler, S. Chestnut, S. Cedar.
46 Census Tract 32.02; Fresno County; California	777	Fresno. Eastside. McKinley. N. Chestnut, N. Cedar. E. Clinton.
47 Census Tract 7.03; Anchorage Municipality; Alaska	763	NE Anchorage. Boundary Rd., Muldoon Rd., DeBarr Rd.
47 Census Tract 42.03; Sacramento County; California	763	Sacramento. South Sacramento. Meadowview Rd., Florin Rd., 24th Ave., Franklin.
48 Census Tract 374.02; Ramsey County; Minnesota	757	St. Paul. Eastside. Burns Ave., Point Douglas Rd, McKnight, North Park Dr.
49 Census Tract 425.01; Ramsey County; Minnesota	750	Maplewood. McKnight Rd., Hudson Rd., Century Ave., Maryland.
50 Census Tract 203.04; Hennepin County; Minnesota	747	Brooklyn Center. I-94, 58th Ave., Brooklyn Blvd., Shingle Creek Pkwy.
50 Census Tract 427; Ramsey County; Minnesota	747	North St. Paul. County Rd. B2, Holloway Ave. Century Ave., Ariel.
51 Census Tract 43.01; Sacramento County; California	735	Sacramento. South Sacramento. Meadowview Rd., 24th Ave., I-5.
52 Census Tract 65.01; Sacramento County; California	734	Sacramento. North Sacramento. South Ave., Marysville Blvd., I-80.
53 Census Tract 49.08; Sacramento County; California	733	Sacramento. South Sacramento. Florin Rd., Meadowview Rd., Franklin, Hwy 99.
54 Census Tract 29; Butte County; California	722	Oroville. Grand Ave., Nelson Ave., I-70.
55 Census Tract 326; Ramsey County; Minnesota	707	St. Paul. Frogtown. Western, University, Dale, Pierce Butler.

Source: 2020 U.S. Decennial Census, Detailed Demographic and Housing Characteristics File A, Hmong Alone or in any Combination

### **Hmong Populations Ranked by U.S. Tract**

Census Tract data only released in the decennial Census every 10 years provides us a unique opportunity to examine the neighborhoods or micro-areas where the largest numbers of Hmong people live in the United States (table 5). At the top of table 5, we see a bit of an anomaly. Major Hmong population growth occurred in rural Trinity County, California between 2010-2020. In fact, Trinity County did not show up as a significant Hmong population center in our 2010 analysis. Many Hmong have moved to Trinity County in recent years to farm and for a rural lifestyle. The U.S. Census Bureau puts much of Trinity County into just a few census tracts given its relatively small and rural population. Trinity County, however constitutes a physical area much larger than most urban census tracts including the rest of those in table 5, thus it is not really very comparable to the rest of the urban micro-neighborhoods on the list.

Looking at the remainder of the top 10 U.S. tracts by Hmong population, all but two are located in the city of St. Paul in Ramsey County, MN. Those other two micro-neighborhoods, each also with more than 1,400 Hmong residents counted in the 2020 Census are in Brooklyn Park, MN and Fresno. Looking at the next ten of the top 20 Hmong micro-neighborhoods, all with counted Hmong populations greater than 1,100, the majority are also located in the city of St. Paul, with another entry for Fresno as well as Brooklyn Park and one for Milwaukee and Brooklyn Center. The remainder of the top 50 Hmong census tracts in the U.S, all with counted Hmong populations greater than 700 include several more located in the City of St. Paul and Fresno, St. Paul suburbs including Maplewood and North St. Paul, several in the city of Sacramento, others in Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center, two in city of Sheboygan, one in Wausau and one each in Anchorage and Oroville, California. A couple of interesting trends to note from the data are the continuing strong Hmong residential concentrations in large central cities such as St. Paul, Fresno and Sacramento though suburban movement is also quite evident

in Minnesota. Within St. Paul, Hmong populations have been growing in many Eastside census tracts while decreasing in some other centrally located neighborhoods such as Frogtown. In Milwaukee, the Hmong population in recent decades has moved to the Northwest side from other neighborhoods including the Southside and the Westside. There is much interesting potential data to explore with in these micro-communities, i.e. how such communities may continue institutional completeness and the maintenance of ethnic identity as well as ethnic group focused mutual assistance, entrepreneurship, etc. as Hmong communities reach 50 years in the U.S. in 2025.