Minnesota Immigrant Contributions

Minnesota’s First Congressional District comprises these counties in whole or in part: Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Houston, Jackson, Le Sueur, Martin, Mower, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Rice, Rock, Steele, Waseca, Watonwan, Winona.

Total Population **667,238**

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**Immigrants help drive the economy.**

- 71 percent of immigrants in the First District are in the labor force, about the same rate as for all adults in the district.
- **$46,543** median household income for immigrants.
- **$56,192** median household income for all households.

- Immigrants work in many occupations, both low- and high-wage, but are less likely to work in the highest-wage occupations than U.S.-born workers.

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**High levels of educational attainment paired with high numbers of immigrants in low-wage jobs suggest that immigrants’ skills are not being fully utilized in our economy.**

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Demographic Snapshot of Immigrants in the First Congressional District

- Total Foreign-Born Population **39,147**
- 6 percent of the population is foreign-born
- 41 percent of the foreign-born are naturalized citizens
- 28 percent of immigrants have a 4-year college degree or higher, similar to the rate of 27 percent for all First District Minnesotans.
- 12 percent of U.S.-born citizen children live in immigrant families.

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See immigrant contributions for all Minnesota Congressional Districts at [www.mnbudgetproject.org/immigration](http://www.mnbudgetproject.org/immigration)

Minnesota Budget Project Analysis of U.S. Census American Community Survey 2011-2015 data