

# THE STATE OF THE LAND OF 10,000 LAKES

Public policy drives how local governments can help their communities thrive. As of spring 2020, Minnesota constituents across the state are talking about public policy items in particular, including infrastructure, economic and workforce development, access to education and transportation services, and preservation of natural resources.

## EDUCATION

MN has **116** colleges and universities.

**27% increase** in apprenticeships in MN between 2014 and 2017.

## AGING POPULATION

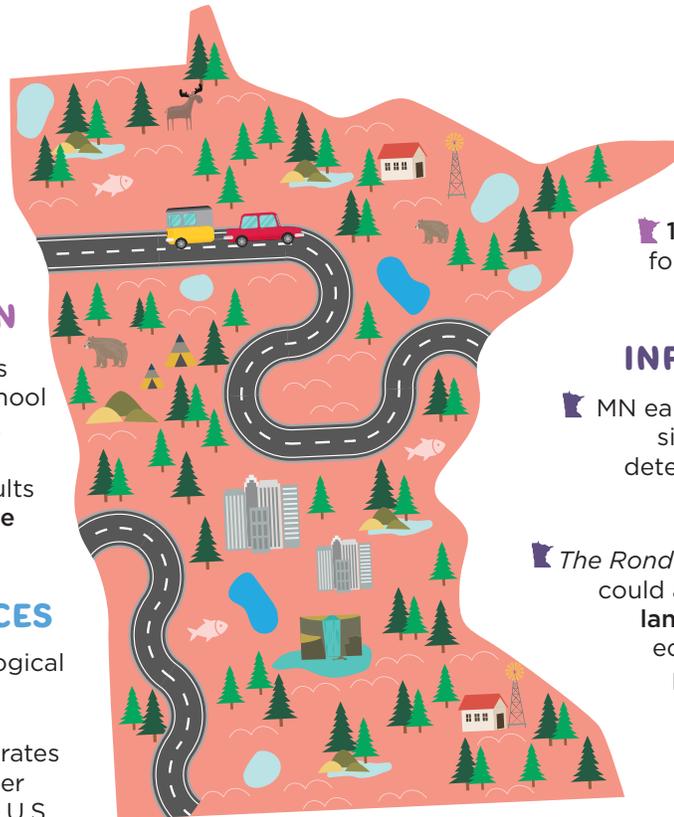
MN will have more adults over 65 than children in school for **the first time in history**.

The number of older adults (65+) is expected to **double** between 2010 and 2030.

## NATURAL RESOURCES

MN is home to four ecological provinces (bioregions).

The Chippewa band operates one of the largest freshwater commercial fisheries in the U.S.



## WORKFORCE

**23,000** of MN immigrants describe themselves as **entrepreneurs**.

**1 in 10** MN workers are foreign-born as of 2019.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

MN earns a **“C” grade** which signals general signs of deterioration and requires attention.

The **Rondo Land Bridge Project** could add **20+ acres of new land** and be a significant economic development project for the region.

Learn More about Minnesota Public Policy by watching the TPT Original Series *Citizen Lane*!



In *Citizen Lane*, Sandy and Sanni, take a road trip across the Land of 10,000 Lakes to learn more about Minnesotan's thoughts about public policy items. *Produced with AARP Minnesota.*

**Education sources:** “Higher Education in Minnesota,” Ballotpedia.org & Midwest Economic Policy Institute, 2019. **Workforce sources:** Star Tribune, “One angle on immigration that isn’t elusive: Economic growth,” 2019. & Star Tribune, “One angle on immigration that isn’t elusive: Economic growth,” 2019. **Ageing population sources:** MinnPost, “Moving toward an age-friendly Minnesota,” 2019. & Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2019. **Infrastructure sources:** Report Card for Minnesota’s Infrastructure, MN ASCE, 2018. & Center for Urban Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, Rutgers University, 2018. **Natural resources sources:** “Walleye surplus ends on Red Lake for now,” Star Tribune, 2019. & Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 2020.