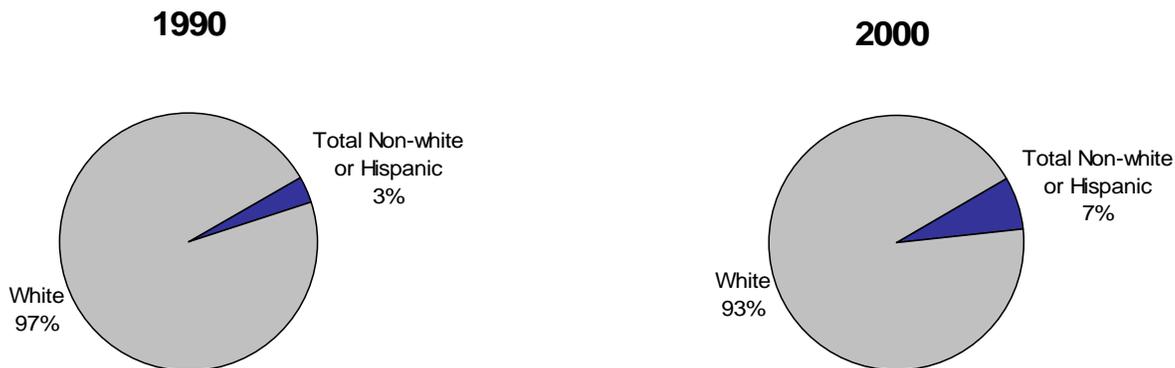


Race, Ethnicity and Immigration

An influx of immigrants ... helped to sustain population growth in a majority of the nation's largest cities in the 1990s. But cities also need to understand how their racial and ethnic compositions are changing so they can decide how to fund and deliver services to meet the needs of increasingly diverse populations. In particular, the growing representation of Latinos, whose families tend to be younger and to have more children, suggests cities need to take a closer look at schools, public health and other programs that primarily serve the young.

Whites make up the majority of Fargo's population but racial/ethnic minorities doubled in population share over the decade

Population share by race/ethnicity, 1990-2000



Racial/Ethnic minorities make up less than 7% of Fargo’s population. However, this number does not include as minorities European refugees, which comprise more than 20 percent of the city’s foreign-born population

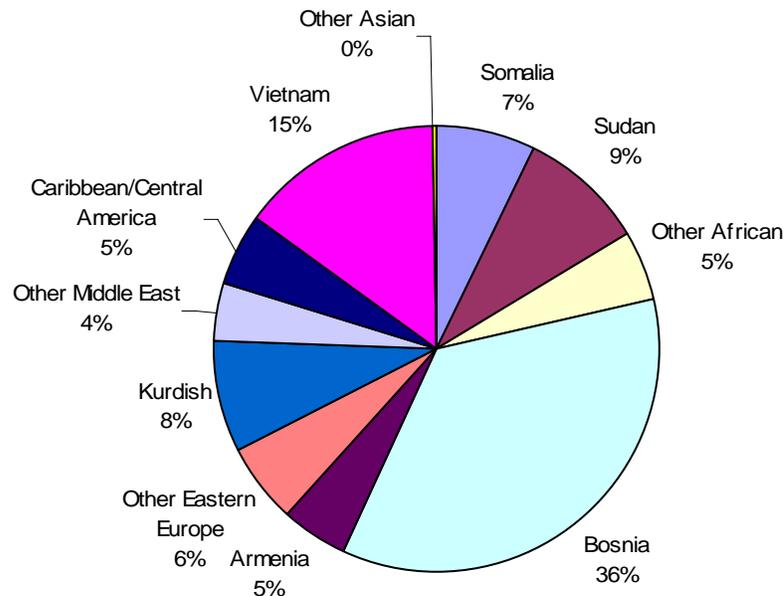
Share of population by race/ethnicity⁶, 2000

City	Total non-white or Hispanic (minority)	White	Black/African American	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian	Hispanic or Latino	Other/ 2 or more Races
Fargo	6.7	93.3	1.1	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.4
Duluth, MN	8.0	92.0	1.7	1.4	2.2	1.1	1.6
Sioux Falls, SD	9.1	90.9	1.8	1.2	2.1	2.3	1.7
Lincoln, NE	12.2	87.8	3.0	3.0	0.7	3.7	1.7
Fort Collins, CO	14.6	85.4	1.0	2.2	0.6	8.7	2.0
Madison, WI	17.8	82.2	5.5	5.7	0.3	4.2	2.1
Nation	30.9	69.1	12.1	3.7	0.7	12.5	3.1
Indianapolis, IN	32.5	67.5	25.4	1.4	0.3	3.9	1.6
Columbus, OH	33.1	66.9	24.3	3.5	0.3	2.5	2.7
Minneapolis St. Paul, MN	36.7	63.3	14.7	8.8	1.4	7.7	4.0
Kansas City, MO	42.4	57.6	31.0	1.9	0.5	6.9	2.1
Chicago, IL	68.7	31.3	36.4	4.3	0.2	26.0	1.7

Source: U.S. Census Bureau – P7, Living Cities Dataset (Brookings Institution)

Almost 5,000 refugees from 40 countries have re-settled in Fargo since 1990 with one in three coming to the U.S. from Bosnia

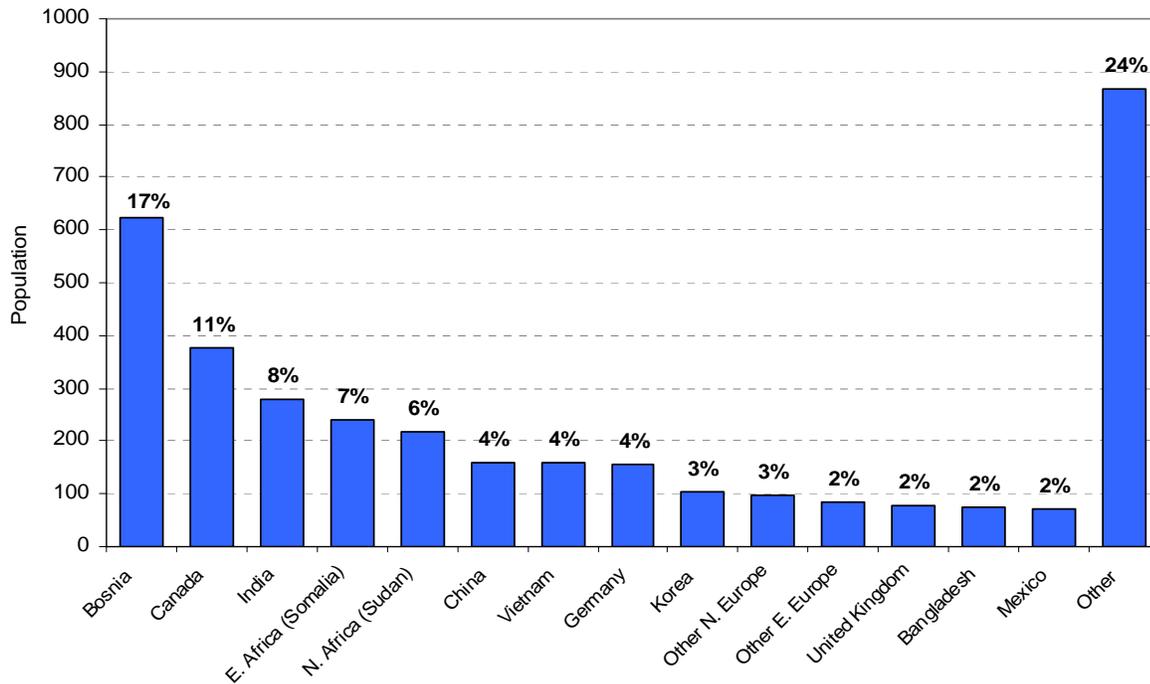
Refugee population by country of origin, 1990-2003, Fargo



⁶ “The federal government considers “race” and “Hispanic origin” distinct concepts and therefore captures information on them in two separate questions on the Census form. In this analysis, “Hispanic or Latino” is used to refer to individuals or households who indicate Spanish, Hispanic or Latino origin, regardless of their race. In general, race-specific population and household counts include only non-Hispanics. Economic variables generally include members of each racial group who also reported Hispanic origin.” Living Cities Profile Minneapolis St. Paul, p. 16.

Bosnia is the most common country of origin for Fargo's foreign-born residents

Population and share of foreign-born by country of birth, 2000



Fargo's immigrant population more than doubled during the 1990s, accounting for 12 percent of the city's total population growth

Percent change in foreign-born population, 1990-2000

City	Foreign-born 1990	Foreign-born 2000	Percent change
Sioux Falls MSA	1,803	6,299	249%
Sioux Falls, SD	1,696	5,758	240%
Indianapolis, IN	13,963	36,067	158%
Lincoln, NE	5,169	13,246	156%
Fargo	1,474	3,587	143%
Minneapolis St. Paul, MN	42,517	96,613	127%
Kansas City, MO	12,387	25,632	107%
Columbus, OH	23,471	47,713	103%
Fargo Moorhead MSA	2,656	5,268	98%
Madison, WI	10,906	18,792	72%
Fort Collins, CO	3,896	6,269	61%
Nation	19,767,316	31,107,889	57%
Chicago, IL	469,187	628,903	34%
Duluth, MN	2,063	2,472	20%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau – P21

Only four percent of Fargo residents were born outside the United States but recent Census population estimates indicate that more than 25 percent of ongoing population growth is attributable to international in-migration⁷

Foreign born population share, 2000

City	Total Population	Foreign born population	Percent
Duluth, MN	86,810	2,472	2.8%
Fargo Moorhead MSA	174,367	5,268	3.0%
Sioux Falls MSA	187,093	6,299	3.4%
Fargo	90,787	3,587	4.0%
Sioux Falls, SD	124,158	5,758	4.6%
Indianapolis, IN	781,870	36,067	4.6%
Fort Collins, CO	118,440	6,269	5.3%
Kansas City, MO	441,545	25,632	5.8%
Lincoln, NE	225,442	13,246	5.9%
Columbus, OH	711,470	47,713	6.7%
Madison, WI	207,525	18,792	9.1%
Nation	281,421,906	31,107,889	11.1%
Minneapolis St. Paul, MN	669,769	96,613	14.4%
Chicago, IL	2,896,016	628,903	21.7%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau – P21, Living Cities Dataset (Brookings Institution), 2004 Fargo Housing Study Update

⁷ While many immigrants are low income, some are among the wealthiest and best-educated residents of the communities in which they live. At the same time, immigrants may be among the poorer and needier residents of some communities. ("The New Neighbors" (2003),120)

Only one-quarter of Fargo's foreign-born residents are naturalized citizens, which is lower than peer community/national rates of citizenship but consistent with the city's preponderance of new immigrants (75 percent of Fargo's foreign-born population entered the U.S. in the 1990s)

Foreign-born population by citizenship and year of entry, 2000

City	Foreign-born Population	Foreign-born that are naturalized	Percent	Foreign-born entering U.S. in 1990s	Percent
Fargo	3,587	891	24.8%	2,676	74.6%
Sioux Falls, SD	5,758	1,619	28.1%	4,122	71.6%
Lincoln, NE	13,246	4,214	31.8%	9,209	69.5%
Columbus, OH	47,713	14,197	29.8%	30,409	63.7%
Madison, WI	18,792	5,119	27.2%	11,845	63.0%
Minneapolis St. Paul, MN	96,613	25,910	26.8%	59,546	61.6%
Chicago, IL	628,903	223,984	35.6%	291,785	60.5%
Fort Collins, CO	6,269	2,164	34.5%	3,736	59.6%
Kansas City, MO	25,632	8,392	32.7%	15,032	58.6%
Indianapolis, IN	36,067	12,100	33.5%	21,821	46.4%
Nation	31,107,889	12,542,626	40.3%	13,178,276	42.4%
Duluth, MN	2,472	1,588	64.2%	764	30.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau P21, P22

Note: "Naturalization" is the way immigrants become citizens of the United States. If you were not born a citizen, you must naturalize to become one.

Immigrants from Asia and Europe comprise almost 2/3 of Fargo's foreign-born population

Share of foreign-born by region of birth, 2000

