



## INFORMATION ABOUT MINNESOTA

From Explore Minnesota, Minnesota’s official state tourism promotion agency:

Imagine a state where you can get from [big cities](#) to [big nature](#) in less than a half hour. A state that’s top-ranked in economic opportunity and one of the best places to raise a family. A state with world-class healthcare, [James Beard award-winning chefs](#), and teams in [seven major sports leagues](#). A state built on access, where new experiences and endless opportunities are available to all.

Minnesota is consistently ranked as one of the happiest, healthiest, and most prosperous states in the U.S. With a [top-notch healthcare system](#) (including the [#1 ranked Mayo Clinic](#)), the fourth-highest Fortune 500 companies per capita, stunning [natural landscapes](#), and a vibrant [arts and culture scene](#), Minnesota offers access and opportunity. Minnesotans pride ourselves on our values of inclusion, optimism, and civic engagement, with one of the nation’s highest rates of volunteerism and voter participation.

Minnesota prides itself on having a strong [arts and culture](#) community, with the highest per capita public arts funding nationwide. The Minnesota arts community is vast, and Minneapolis alone hosts three major museums, including the [Minneapolis Institute of Arts](#) (free admission), the internationally recognized [Walker Art Center](#) (free Thursday evenings) and the Frank Gehry-designed [Weisman Art Center](#).

The [theater scene](#) is nationally recognized, and three Minnesota theaters have won the prestigious TONY Award for regional theater. Minnesota is also known for its music scene—home of Bob Dylan, Prince and the famous rock venue First Avenue, as well as two world-class classical music organizations, the [Minnesota Orchestra](#) and [Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra](#).

Minnesota is highly ranked as a top livable state, making enhanced well-being more accessible for all. You can find vibrant, culturally diverse big city life in [Minneapolis-St. Paul](#), one of the nation’s most affordable metro areas. Or, maybe you want to spend your days outside of work hiking and biking the rolling hills of [Bluff Country](#) in southeastern Minnesota. If it's epic Lake Superior views, craggy cliffsides, and small-town spirit, [Duluth](#) and the [North Shore](#) are for you.

Minnesota punches well above its weight when it comes to industry. The state boasts the fourth-most Fortune 500 companies per capita across a diversity of sectors, spanning healthcare, technology, advanced manufacturing, and agriculture. As of 2025, the Fortune 500 list included 17 industry leaders, including Target, Best Buy, General Mills and 3M—that’s what we call a “headquarters economy.”

Couple this concentration of diverse companies with a fast-growing startup ecosystem and a world-class education system, and you’ll find a lifetime of career opportunities right here in the Star of the North.

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