

# 1.4 Demographics and population characteristics

Located immediately southwest of Minneapolis in Hennepin County, the City of Edina has a total area is 16.0 square miles, of which 15.8 square miles are land and 0.2 square miles are lakes and other water bodies.

The 2000 US Census counted 47,425 people residing in Edina, in a total of 20,996 households. Of those, 12,870 were family households.

## POPULATION DENSITY

Edina’s 2000 population density was 4.7 people per acre. There were 21,669 units of housing, yielding an average density of 2.15 dwelling units per acre.

## HOUSEHOLDS

Of the 20,996 households living in Edina in 2000:

- 27% included children under the age of 18
- 54% were married couples living together
- 39% were non-family households
- 34% were made up of individuals living alone
- 19% of all households were made up of an individual living alone who was 65 years of age or older

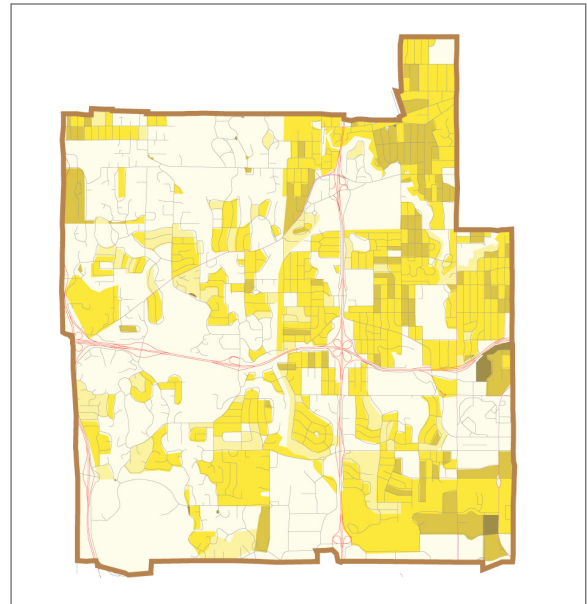
Edina’s 2000 average household size was 2.24 and the average family size was 2.91 persons.

## AGE DISTRIBUTION

Approximately one quarter of Edina’s population (22.9%, or 10,838 persons) are children under the age of 18. Of those, 8,292 children are between the ages of 5 and 18. Another quarter of Edina’s population (22.7% or 10,765 persons) are senior adults 65 years of age or older. Median age for the city is 44 years.

## INCOME LEVELS

Median household income in 2000 was \$66,019, while median income for a family was \$93,496. Per capita income for the city was \$44,195. About 2.0% of Edina families had income below the poverty line. By contrast, the county-wide median household



**Population densities across Edina (darker shades are higher densities).  
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## CENSUS HOUSEHOLD OR FAMILY?

- A “household” is a person or group of people occupying a housing unit.
- A “family household” consists of a householder (the person who owns or rents the housing unit) and one or more people living together in the same household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage, or adoption.
- A “non-family household” is a person living alone or a householder who shares the home with non-relatives only.

income was \$51,711, with a median family income of \$65,985 and a per capita income of \$28,789.

## POPULATION AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

The population level of Edina has grown slightly over the last twenty five years, going from 46,073 persons in 1980 to an estimated 47,425 persons in 2000 (an increase of 2.9% over that time). The Metropolitan Council estimates a 2006 population of 46,896 persons living in 21,100 households.

The Metropolitan Council similarly estimates a total 49,790 jobs in Edina in 2006, and forecasts an additional 9,000 jobs by 2030.

## COMMUTE TO WORK

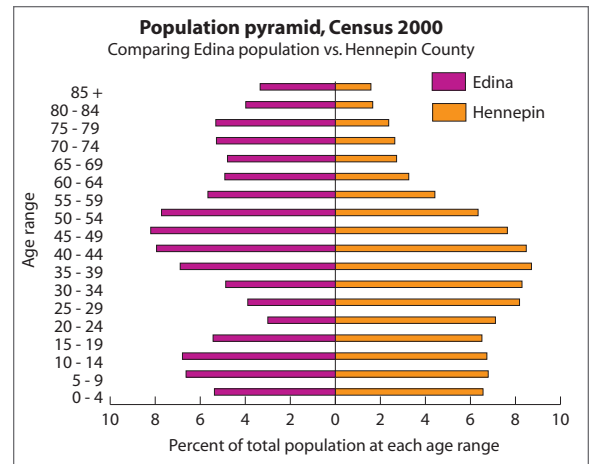
A total 6,055 Edina residents (about 27% of total residents) also work in Edina. Another 5,467 residents (about 24%) work in Minneapolis, while 4,853 residents (about 22% of total residents) work in the neighboring communities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Minnetonka and St. Louis Park. Only about 12% of all jobs in Edina are held by Edina residents.

Although the 2000 Census does not specifically report a category for bicycle commuting in Edina (including it under “other means” of travel to work), a total of about 0.5% of all workers can be estimated to have made their journey to work on a bicycle.

By comparison, the national average is 0.4%, while the 2005 Minneapolis figure for workers who ride their bicycle to work is 2.4% (the second highest in the nation after Portland, Oregon).

## IMPLICATIONS FOR THIS PLAN

- Approximately one quarter of Edina’s population is under the age of 18. Providing safe routes to schools, parks and recreational centers is a priority.
- Approximately another quarter of Edina’s population is older than 65. This portion is expected to increase to about a third of Edina’s total population. Convenient and safe routes to shopping and other activities, as well as to civic and senior centers will be key. Additionally, regional trails should provide ample space for the adult tricycles which are sometimes favored by seniors.
- Providing convenient bike routes to employment centers may help decrease demand on Edina’s automobile network.



**A comparison of the age profiles of Edina’s population with those of Hennepin County. As can be seen, Edina has a higher proportion of seniors in its population than the county does. This trend is expected to continue, with a potential 70% increase in Edina’s senior population by 2030.**

## HOW DO EDINA CITIZENS GET TO WORK?

This is how Edina’s 22,547 workers arrived to work according to the 2000 US Census:

Means of travel	Number of workers	Percent of total
Drove alone	18,269	81.0%
Carpooled	1,469	6.5%
Transit	722	3.2%
Walked	361	1.6%
Biked (estimate)	112	0.5%
Other (estimate)	75	0.3%
Work at home	1,539	6.8%