

# Minnesota



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## **MAJOR CITIES:**

Middle Minnesota	St Cloud
West Minnesota	Moorhead
East Minnesota	Minneapolis/St Paul, Duluth
South Minnesota	Albert Lea

## **MINNESOTA – CLIMATE**

The **climate of Minnesota** is typical of a [continental climate](#), with hot summers and cold winters. [Minnesota](#)'s location in the [Upper Midwest](#) allows it to experience some of the widest variety of weather in the [United States](#), with each of the four seasons having its own distinct characteristics. The areas near [Lake Superior](#) in the Minnesota [Arrowhead region](#) experience weather unique from the rest of the state. The moderating effect of Lake Superior keeps the surrounding area relatively cooler in the summer and relatively warmer in the winter, giving that region a smaller yearly temperature range. On the [Köppen climate classification](#), the southern third of Minnesota—roughly from the [Twin Cities](#) region southward—falls in the hot summer [humid continental climate](#) zone (*Dfa*), and the northern two-thirds of Minnesota falls in the warm summer humid continental climate zone (*Dfb*).

In summer, heat and humidity predominate in the south, while warm and less humid conditions are generally present in the north. These humid conditions help kick off thunderstorm activity 30–40 days per year. Summer high temperatures in Minnesota average in the mid-80s F (30 °C) in the south to the upper-70s F (25 °C) in the north, with temperatures as hot as 114 °F (46 °C) possible. The [growing season](#) in Minnesota varies from 90 days per year in the Iron Range to 160 days in [southeast Minnesota](#). [Tornadoes](#) are possible in Minnesota from March through November, but the peak tornado month is June, followed by July, May, and August. The state averages 27 tornadoes per year.<sup>[4]</sup> Minnesota is the driest state in the Midwest. Average annual precipitation across the state ranges from around 35 inches (890 mm) in the southeast to 20 inches (510 mm) in the [northwest](#)

## **CULTURAL ACTIVITIES**

[http://www.exploreminnesota.com/things-to-do/arts-heritage/?keywords=&pageIndex=0&radius=0&mapTab=false&sortOrder=asc&sort=randomdaily&locationid=&region\\_id=&attrFieldsAtLeast=&attrFieldsAtMost=&startDate=false&class\\_id=40,86,68,79&lat=&lon=&city=&pageSize=20&type=reitlistings&attrFieldsOr=&attrFields=region\\_id](http://www.exploreminnesota.com/things-to-do/arts-heritage/?keywords=&pageIndex=0&radius=0&mapTab=false&sortOrder=asc&sort=randomdaily&locationid=&region_id=&attrFieldsAtLeast=&attrFieldsAtMost=&startDate=false&class_id=40,86,68,79&lat=&lon=&city=&pageSize=20&type=reitlistings&attrFieldsOr=&attrFields=region_id) Click on this site for more cultural activity ideas

Renowned theater, music and art centers make Minnesota home to one of the most vibrant arts scenes in the country. Museums throughout the state feature science and history collections worth exploring. The [Minnesota State Capitol](#) and [Minnesota History Center](#) in St. Paul capture the essence of the state's beginnings. Visit another era at mansions like the [Glensheen Estate](#) in Duluth or [Mayowood](#) in Rochester. Many other historic sites present Minnesota's Indian and pioneer heritage.

### **ABOUT THE MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL**

Completed in 1905, the Minnesota State Capitol is used by the Minnesota Governor, Supreme Court, Senate and House of Representatives. Designed by Cass Gilbert, who was known for his classical style and pioneering skyscrapers, the Capitol features the second-largest self-supporting marble dome in the world, works by important 19th- and 20th- century artists, and battle flags from the Civil and Spanish-American Wars. Free building tours are offered daily. Inside this spectacular building you'll find an interactive museum with changing exhibits & special events, a library and archives.

### **MINNESOTA HISTORY CENTER** -- Major Exhibits

- Minnesota's Greatest Generation: the Depression, the War, the Boom
- Weather Permitting – Experience Minnesota Weather. Don't miss the tornado!
- Open House: If These Walls Could Talk - Meet 50 families who lived in the same St. Paul house over the last century.
- Temporary exhibits on a wide range of Minnesota and U.S. topics.

A unique concoction of raw power, dramatic views and hands-on fun propels you through Mill City Museum.

### **MILL CITY MUSEUM -- Highlights**

- An architecturally stunning National Historic Landmark
- Flour Tower 8-story elevator show – so amazing it defies description
- Hands-on Baking & Water Labs
- Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat film by Kevin Kling
- Rooftop views of the Mississippi River, St. Anthony Falls & Stone Arch Bridge
- Museum store featuring city history & cooking merchandise

### **CHARLES A LINDBERGH HOUSE**

Charles Lindbergh's 1927 flight from New York to Paris launched an aviation revolution. Tour his boyhood home, explore the visitor center exhibits, including a "Spirit of St. Louis" flight simulator, and walk an interpretive trail along the river. Additional trails are located in the adjacent Charles A. Lindbergh State Park.

### **JAMES J HILL HOUSE**

The largest home on St. Paul's historic Summit Avenue, the elegant Hill House is also a marvel of late-1800s technology.

Best known as the founder of the Great Northern Railway (now the Burlington Northern Santa Fe), James J. Hill was known as "The Empire Builder" for his vast business holdings. Hill's success was reflected in the grand 42 room mansion he commissioned, which was completed in 1891. At the time, it was the largest private residence in Minnesota, and its mechanical systems

The Charles A. Lindbergh Historic Site is a National Historic Landmark.

# GROCERY SHOPPING

Aldi Inc Berg Land Markets Inc Byerly's Cash Wise Foods Coborn's Cub Foods	Econo Foods Hy-Vee Marketplace Foods Pdq Food Stores Rainbow Foods Supervalu
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[http://idaho.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery\\_stores.html](http://idaho.usl.myareaguide.com/grocery_stores.html)

# SHOPPING

Area	City	Mall
Minneapolis/St Paul	Albertville MN	<a href="#">Albertville Premium Outlets</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Blaine MN	<a href="#">Northtown Mall</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Bloomington MN	<a href="#">Mall of America</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Burnsville MN	<a href="#">Burnsville Center</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Eagan MN	<a href="#">Twin Cities Premium Outlets</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Edina MN	<a href="#">Southdale Center</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Maple Grove MN	<a href="#">The Shoppes at Arbor Lakes</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Medford MN	<a href="#">Medford Outlet Center</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Minnetonka MN	<a href="#">Ridgedale Center</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	North Branch MN	<a href="#">North Branch Outlets</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Roseville MN	<a href="#">Rosedale Center</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Saint Paul MN	<a href="#">Maplewood Mall</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	St. Cloud MN	<a href="#">Crossroads Center</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	St. Louis Park MN	<a href="#">Knollwood Mall</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Willmar MN	<a href="#">Kandi Mall</a>
Minneapolis/St Paul	Woodbury MN	<a href="#">Woodbury Lakes</a>
Northern MN	Bemidji MN	<a href="#">Paul Bunyan Mall</a>
Northern MN	Duluth MN	<a href="#">Miller Hill Mall</a>
South MN	Mankato MN	<a href="#">River Hills Mall</a>
South MN	Rochester MN	<a href="#">Apache Mall</a>

## Border State Malls - within 20 miles of MN

Distance from MN	Area	City	Mall
4 miles	Fargo	Fargo ND	<a href="#">West Acres Shopping Center</a>
6 miles	Fargo	Grand Forks ND	<a href="#">Columbia Mall</a>

## **PHARMACIES**

Walgreens  
CVS Pharmacy  
Target  
Kroger  
Wal-Mart

<https://www.superpages.com/yellowpages/c-pharmacies/>

## **POST OFFICES/SHIPPING**



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/MN.html>  
click here for more information



<http://local.fedex.com/mn/minneapolis/>  
click here for more information



[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)  
click here for more information

## **TIME ZONES**

**Minnesota Time Zone - Minnesota Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time**

Central Time Zone

<http://localtimes.info/search/?s=minnesota&x=0&y=0>

# **COST OF LIVING IN MINNESOTA**

Cost of Living	Minnesota, MN	United States
<a href="#"><u>Overall</u></a>	106.3	100
<a href="#"><u>Grocery</u></a>	99.6	100
<a href="#"><u>Health</u></a>	86.1	100
<a href="#"><u>Housing</u></a>	119.6	100
<a href="#"><u>Utilities</u></a>	95.7	100
<a href="#"><u>Transportation</u></a>	110.9	100
<a href="#"><u>Miscellaneous</u></a>	100.2	100

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Minnesota, MN is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Minnesota, MN is more expensive.

Overall, Minnesota, MN cost of living is 106.3

[http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/state/minnesota](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/minnesota) click here for more information

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

State	2019 Minimum Wage	2019 Tipped Wage
MN	\$9.86	\$9.86

<https://www.dol.gov/whd/minwage/america.htm#stateDetails>  
click here for more information

## **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION**

<https://www.dli.mn.gov/business/workers-compensation/work-comp-mandatory-coverage-information>  
click here for more information

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Arrowhead Transit  
Minnesota Valley Transit Authority (MVTA)  
Metro Transit

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/transit/riders/> click here for more information