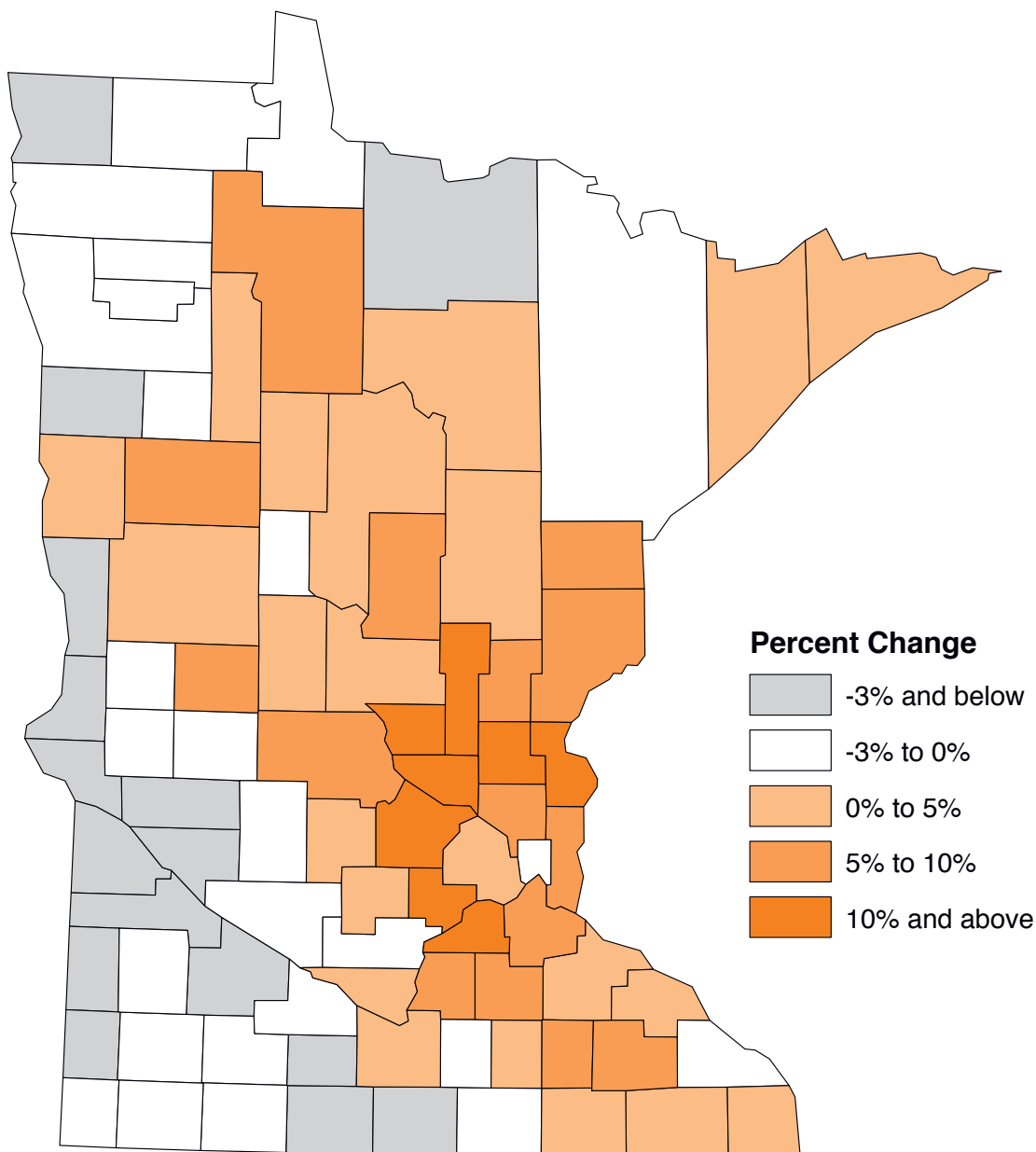


Population Change, 2000-2004

The U.S. Census is taken every ten years, but in between those times, governments and other groups relying on data still need up-to-date population counts. To provide that information, the U.S. Census Bureau provides population estimates. Those estimates are produced by the individual states – in Minnesota's case, the State Demographic Center – and are based on a combination of current records and statistical methods that generate a reasonable estimate of the population without having to count every individual. Between the last Census count in 2000 and 2004, the state's population is estimated to have increased 3.7%.



Data source: U.S. Census, 2005
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