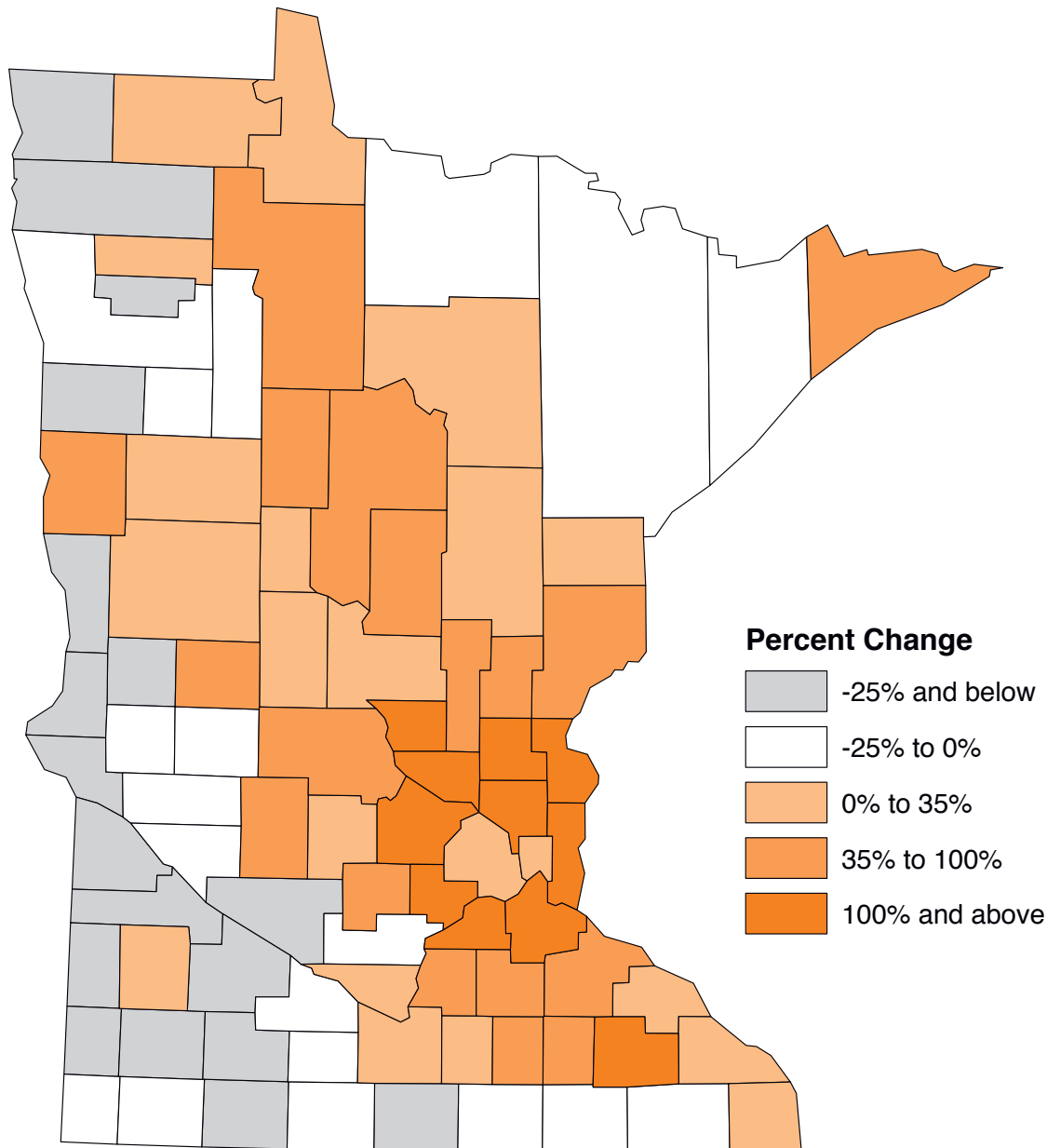


## Population Change, 1960–2004

The population patterns of the 1990s are only a continuation of trends over the last 45 years. Population shifted to the metropolitan areas of the Twin Cities, St. Cloud and Rochester, and at an only slightly lesser rate, up through central Minnesota, while people left the mostly agricultural counties of the west and south. One exception is Lyon County, in southwestern Minnesota, due in part to the presence of a university and growth in the immigrant population. Sherburne County saw the largest growth, at 512%.



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