2013 Population Estimates
Council’s Population Estimates

- Conducted since 1971
- Mandated under Minnesota Statutes 473.24
  - Timeline and process defined in statute
- Official state government population estimates used to allocate:
  - Local government aid
  - Local street aid
  - Tax-base sharing under Fiscal Disparities
- Used to track growth and development
Estimates are not Forecasts!

- The Council’s forecasts look ahead to 2040
- Estimates look back in time to the previous year
A housing-stock-based approach

• Base population and housing units from the 2010 Census

• “How many housing units were there in 2013?”
  – Changes in housing stock by type
  – City-provided data on building permits / demolitions
A housing-stock-based approach

• Base population and housing units from the 2010 Census
• “How many housing units were there in 2013?”
• “How many of those housing units were occupied?”
  – Occupancy rates by type
  – American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau)
A housing-stock-based approach

- Base population and housing units from the 2010 Census
- “How many housing units were there in 2013?”
- “How many of those housing units were occupied?”
- “How many people lived in those units?”
  - Average household sizes by type
  - American Community Survey (U.S. Census Bureau)
2013 Population Estimates

• 2013 population: 2,950,885
  – Increase of 101,318 residents from 2010
  – 3.6% growth since 2010

• Components of growth:
  – Two-thirds “natural growth” (births > deaths)
  – One-third migration
Population in 2013

Source: Metropolitan Council Population Estimates

Note: The ten most populous cities in the region are outlined in blue.
Population Change, 2010 to 2013

Source: Metropolitan Council Population Estimates

Note: The ten cities with the most growth since 2010 are outlined in red.
Growth by community designation

Source: Metropolitan Council Population Estimates
Our region in context

Population Growth in Large Metropolitan Areas, 2010 to 2013

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2013 Population Estimates
Population Estimates 2013

For more information, visit: www.metrocouncil.org/data