

#### **Hennepin County** Minnesota







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# Hennepin County Career Connections: Closing the Gap

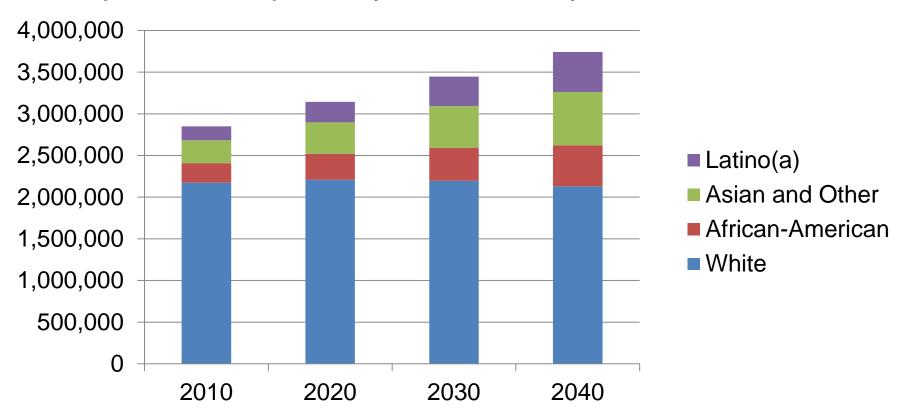
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### Workforce Challenges

#### **Demographic Projections: Increased Diversity**

Minneapolis-St. Paul Population by Race and Ethnicity, 2010-2040.



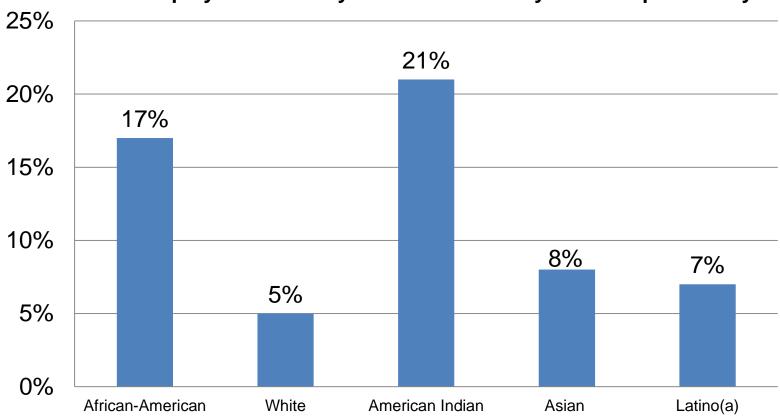
Source: What Lies Ahead: Population, Household and Employment Forecasts to 2040, Metropolitan Council, April 2012.



# Workforce Challenges

#### **Unemployment Disparities**





Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010.



# Workforce Challenges

### Aging Workforce – Eligibility to Retire by 2018

	Total	Estimated Retirements	% of Workforce
Directors	28	16	57%
Managers	357	110	31%
Supervisors	799	258	32%
Employees	4,642	1,372	23%
Total	7,198	2,238	34%

Source: Hennepin County Human Resources, July 2014.



### Sector-Based Job Opportunities\*

Pathways	Hired in 2012-2013
Human Services	214
Office Support	77
Public Service Representatives	55
Information Technology	48
Corrections	38
Nursing	38
Transit/Facilities Maintenance	17



<sup>\*</sup> Specialized Training Opportunities

### Unemployment

# TO CLOSE THE GAP:

The Current Unemployment Rate for the African American Population in North Minneapolis is:	28.9%
The Current Unemployment Rate for the White (Non-Hispanic) Population of the City is:	6.3%
Reducing the North Mpls African American Unemployment Rate to Match the City's White Unemployment Rate will Require This Many People to Procure Employment:	1,952



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# The Challenge of Focusing Students

Program	Number of Northside Students	Graduates FY 2012
Total Number of Northside Students	1958	161
Architectural Technology*	2	0
Polysomnography*	4	0
HVAC*	3	1
Human Services	43	5
Liberal Arts	1254	161

<sup>\* 100%</sup> placement in related employment

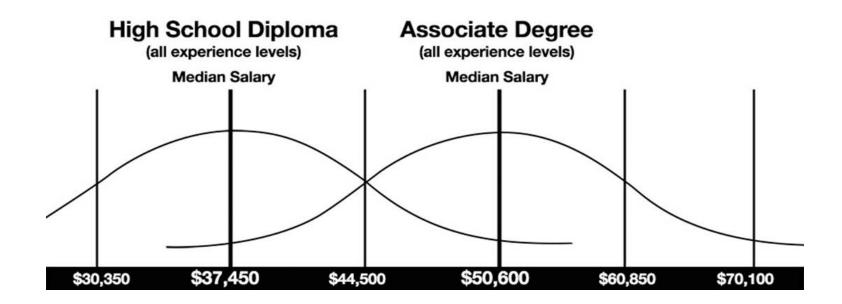
MnSCU Operational Data August 24, 2012

Start with Human Services to close the gap on the Northside





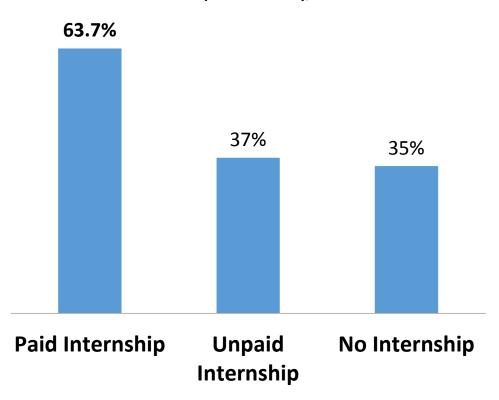
# An Associate's Degree Gets You To The Middle Class





# Paid Internships at Hennepin County Can Lead to a Permanent Job

National Association of Colleges and Employers Internship and Cooperative Survey, 2010



### Workforce Development Strategies

### Partnerships, Pathways and Internships:

- MCTC and PPL: Human Services Rep. FastTRAC (22)
- MCTC: Human Services (17), IT Internships (40)
- Hennepin Tech: Office Specialists, Highway Maintenance Operators
- > Metro State: Social Workers and Probation Officers
- > Century, Summit Academy, Urban League: NorthPoint Health

# Closing the Employment Gap

#### **Workforce Leadership Council**

- Sets vision and delegates
- ➤ Establishes the public/private infrastructure to serve as nexus for employers, training partners and community-based organizations
- Replicates pathways model

### **Next Steps: Action**

- Development of sector-based pathways
- > Recruitment of Council membership

