

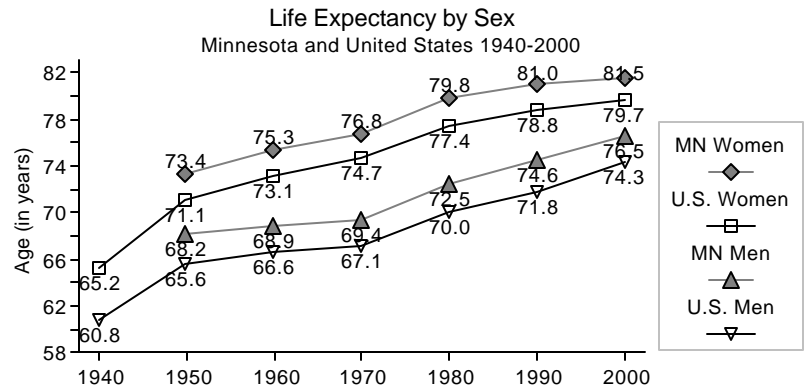
# Status Report

## VITAL STATISTICS OF WOMEN MINNESOTA AND UNITED STATES

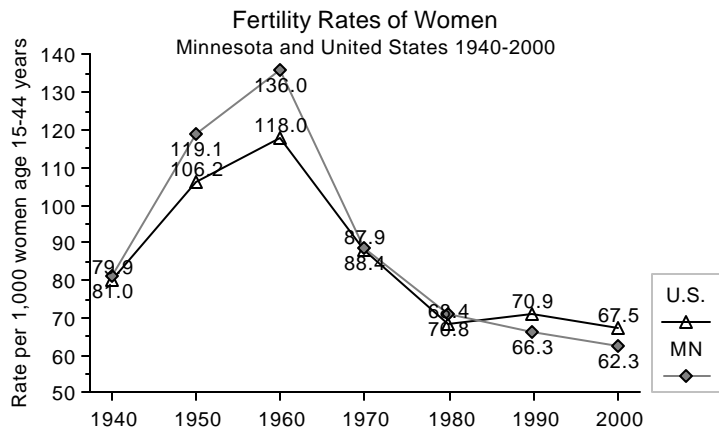
### Life Expectancy by Sex

Life expectancy of women is higher than men.

- Life expectancy is higher in Minnesota than the United States.
- In 2000, the life expectancy for Minnesota women was 81.5 years, which was 5.0 years higher than the life expectancy of Minnesota men.
- From 1950 (the first year Minnesota life expectancy data were available) to 2000 the life expectancy of Minnesota women increased by 8.1 years. For men, the increase in life expectancy was 8.3 years over the same period.



### Fertility Rates of Women



Fertility rates have varied widely over the years.

- Minnesota fertility rates increased significantly from 1940 to 1960. Between 1960 and 1980 the fertility rate declined dramatically and continued to decline during the 1990s.
- Minnesota's lowest fertility rate (59.7 births per 1,000 women age 15 to 44 years) since 1940 was reported in 1996.
- Since 1987, the fertility rate of Minnesota women has been consistently lower than the national fertility rate.
- In 2000, Minnesota's fertility rate was 62.3 births per 1,000 women age 15 to 44 years, compared to a national fertility rate of 67.5 births per 1,000.

### Marriage and Divorce Rates

Minnesota has lower marriage and divorce rates than the comparable U.S. rates.

- From 1940 to 2000 the marriage rate in Minnesota has ranged between a high of 13.6 per 1,000 population in 1946 and a low of 6.8 per 1,000 population in 2000.
- From 1940 to 2000 the divorce rate in Minnesota has ranged between a low of 1.1 per 1,000 in 1940, 1957 and 1959 and a high of 4.0 per 1,000 in 1981.
- Since the early 1980s the divorce rate in Minnesota has decreased slightly. In 2000, the divorce rate in Minnesota was 3.2 per 1,000 population.



Data compiled from MN Department of Health, MN State Demographer and National Vital Statistics Reports.