

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS OF SOMALIS IN MINNESOTA

City	Somali Population	Buying Power
Minneapolis	6529	\$42 million
Rochester	1131	\$7 million
St. Paul	1026	\$7 million
Owatonna	433	\$3 million
Eden Prairie	382	\$2 million
Hopkins	195	\$1 million
Burnsville	178	\$1 million
Eagan	133	\$873,544
Marshall	112	\$735,616
Willmar	109	\$715,912
St. Louis Park	96	\$630,528
Mankato	78	\$512,304
White Bear Lake	63	\$413,784
Faribault	53	\$348,104
Albertville	45	\$295,560
Columbia Heights	43	\$282,424
North Mankato	42	\$275,856
New Hope	41	\$269,288
Apple Valley	38	\$249,584
Pelican Rapids	35	\$229,880
St. Peter	26	\$170,768
Fridley	25	\$164,200
Wells	22	\$144,496
Roseville	21	\$137,928
Woodbury	20	\$131,360
Edina	19	\$124,792
International Falls	18	\$118,224
Richfield	18	\$118,224
Rush City	14	\$91,952
Brooklyn Park	13	\$85,384
Waseca	12	\$78,816
Maplewood	11	\$72,248
Fulda	9	\$59,112
Plymouth	9	\$59,112

Source: Population Data Census 2000. Buying Power estimated by Corrie (2006). Thanks to Barb Ronnigen for help with data.

Note: Local estimates are larger than Census Data but no detailed estimates available locally.

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Somali Education Level	Total	Percent
Less than 9th grade	4463	0.40
9th - 12th grade, no diploma	2134	0.19
High school graduate	1841	0.17
Some college, no degree	797	0.07
Associate degree	210	0.02
Bachelor's degree	415	0.04
Graduate or Professional degree or Doctorate	135	0.01

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Occupation	Somali %
Management, professional, and related occupations	0.06
Service occupations	0.10
Sales and office occupations	0.12
Farming, fishing, and forestry occupations	0.00
Construction, extraction, and maintenance occupations	0.01
Production, transportation, and material moving occupations	0.16
Armed Forces	0.00
Unemployed, with no work experience since 1995	0.02

English Ability	Count	%
Very well	3157	0.28
Well	3406	0.31
Not well	2106	0.19
Not at all	477	0.04
Total	11151	

Somali Buying Power

\$164 million	Low Demographer estimate of 25,000 Somalis
\$394 million	High, Community estimate of 60,000 Somalis

Somali Businesses 600*

Estimate of Hussein Samatar of African Development Center

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