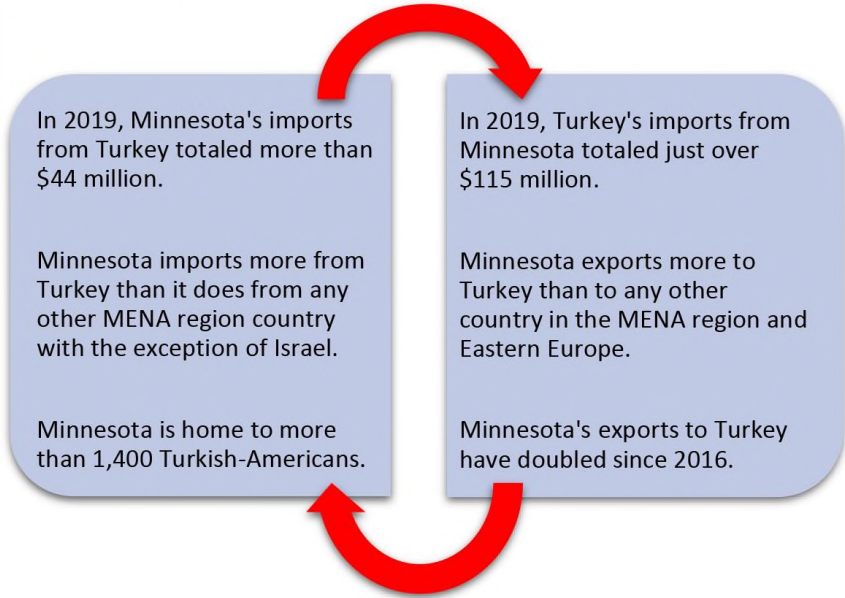


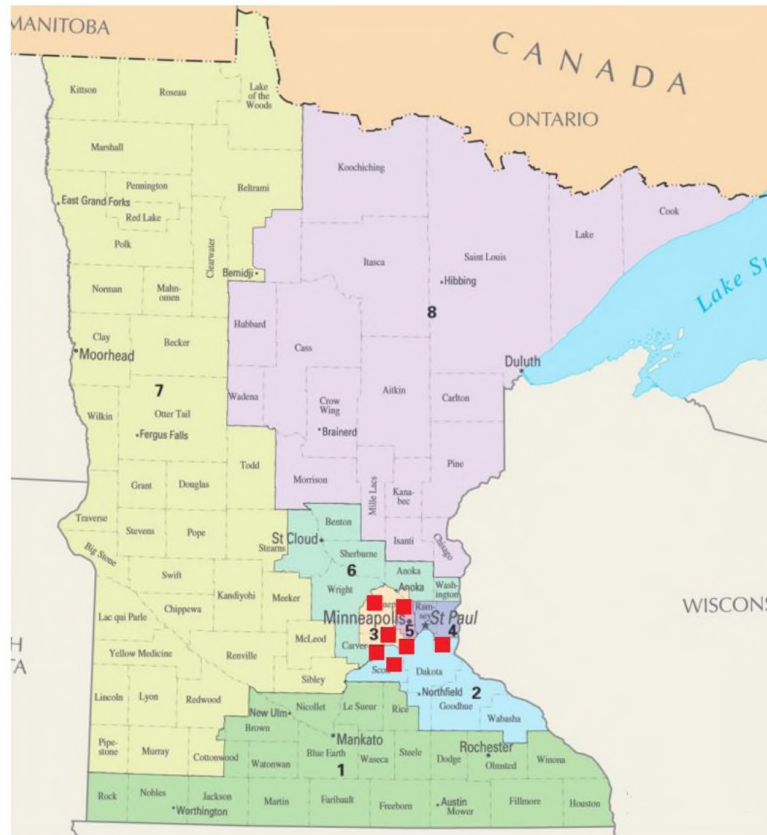
Turkey and Minnesota: A Job-Creating Economic Partnership



Most of Minnesota's Turkish-American community live in Minneapolis and many members of the community are small business owners.

Minneapolis is also home to the Turkish American Association of Minnesota, which organizes events to introduce Turkish culture to the local community. Association is also home to the School of Turkish Language and Culture.

To the right are the locations of companies in Minnesota with close ties to Turkey.



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Minnesota is home to a number of companies connected to Turkey, including local companies with partnerships or major investments in Turkey, companies owned by Turkish Americans, as well as U.S. and global companies that connect the state's economy with that of Turkey.

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|  | <p>Radisson Hotels: Minnetonka</p> <p>Headquartered in Minnetonka, Radisson Hotels is one of the biggest companies to come out of Minnesota, with 95,000 employees worldwide.</p> <p>In Turkey, Radisson's portfolio includes 28 hotels and almost 5,000 rooms, staffed by more than 4,000 employees.</p> |
|  | <p>3M: St Paul</p> <p>With 12,000 employees in the state, particularly in its corporate headquarters and innovation center in St Paul, 3M is Minnesota's second biggest employer.</p> <p>In Turkey, where 3M has been operating since 1987, the company employs around 500 people. Since 2013, 3M has ranked among the top 400 exporters in Turkey.</p> |
|  | <p>Fico: Minneapolis</p> <p>Formerly headquartered in Minneapolis, Fico still has more than 200 employees in the greater Minneapolis-St Paul area.</p> <p>Fico has been in Turkey for almost 20 years and currently has around 30 employees in the country. The Turkey branch recently secured a major contract with Akbank, one of Turkey's largest banks.</p> |
|  | <p>CH Robinson Europe: Eden Prairie</p> <p>Based in Eden Prairie, CH Robinson is a provider of multimodal transportation services and third-party logistics. The company has 15,400 full-time workers worldwide, including 1,650 in Minnesota.</p> <p>In 2013, CH Robinson opened its Turkey office in Istanbul, where it organizes major freight and shipping operations across the country.</p> |
|  | <p>Pentair Thermal Management: Golden Valley</p> <p>Pentair Thermal Management is a leading provider of electrical heat-tracing products and has its U.S. main office Golden Valley and has almost 1,000 employees in Minnesota.</p> <p>In Turkey, Pentair has distributors in Ankara, Adapazari, and Istanbul. For its Turkey operations, Pentair is partnered with Turkish firm Gizli Enerji for engineering, design, and installation operations.</p> |
|  | <p>Cargill: Minneapolis</p> <p>Cargill has more than 3,000 employees in Minnesota, including in its headquarters in Wayzata. In Turkey, one of Cargill's biggest customers for agricultural products, the company has seven facilities and more than 600 employees. It also has an office in Istanbul overseeing the company's activities in the MENA region.</p> |