



# Performance Measure Results

State Standard Measures Program 2023

## Background

In 2010, the state Legislature established the Council on Local Results and Innovation with the purpose of devising standardized performance measures for cities and counties in Minnesota. In February 2011, the Council released a comprehensive set of performance measures intended to assist residents, taxpayers, and elected officials in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of county services, as well as capturing public sentiment towards these services. Voluntarily joining the program in 2011, Dakota County committed to active participation. As part of meeting the 2023 program requirements, the following report presents the outcomes of the ten adopted measures, utilizing the most up-to-date available data.

## Public Safety

### Group A and B Crime

Group A (Formerly Part I) crimes include murder, rape, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, human trafficking, counterfeiting/forgery, embezzlement, sex offenses, stolen property, prostitution, gambling, vandalism, weapons, and narcotics.

Group B (Formerly Part II) crimes include family offenses – non-violent, DUI, liquor laws, disorderly conduct, and all other offenses.

As the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension has transitioned from the UCR-SRS to the NIBRS reporting system (2021), it is expected to see changes in the crime statistics. In particular, the new reporting approach is likely to result in higher numbers for Group A crimes and lower numbers for Group B crimes. This is because the NIBRS provides more detailed information about individual incidents, allowing for a more comprehensive and accurate classification of crimes.

For example, under the UCR-SRS system, a burglary and an aggravated assault that occurred during the same incident would only be counted as one crime. However, under the NIBRS system, each offense is counted separately, resulting in a higher overall number of crimes. Similarly, some offenses that were previously classified as Group B crimes may now be reclassified as Group A crimes under the NIBRS system, leading to a decrease in Group B crime numbers.

It's important to note that the change in reporting standards does not necessarily mean that crime rates have increased or decreased in Minnesota. Rather, it reflects a more accurate and comprehensive way of reporting crime statistics that can provide better insights into crime trends and patterns.

**Group A: 37.39**

**Group B: 5.76**

## Public Works

### Average County Pavement Condition Rating

The Minnesota Department of Transportation conducts biennial assessments of Dakota County roads, utilizing a comprehensive rating scale ranging from 0 (representing poor condition) to 100 (reflecting excellent condition). These assessments evaluate various factors, including the types of pavement distresses present and the overall smoothness of the road surface, to provide an accurate evaluation of the road quality.

**Pavement Rating: 78**

## Public Health and Social Services

### Workforce Participation Rate Among MFIP and DWP Recipients

This measure depicts the percentage of adults enrolled in the Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) in Dakota County who are engaged in employment for 30 hours or more per week, or have successfully transitioned out of cash assistance, three years after the baseline period.

**Workforce Participation Rate: 64.92**

### Percentage of Children Where There is a Recurrence of Maltreatment within 12 Months Following and Intervention

This measure is derived from a rolling 12-month period spanning from January to December 2021. It examines all instances of maltreatment findings, encompassing both cases of abuse and neglect, during this reporting period. Subsequently, it tallies the number of cases that experienced a subsequent maltreatment finding within 12 months from the initial instance.

**Maltreatment Recurrence: 13.9%**

## Property Records, Valuation, Assessment

### Level of Assessment Ratio (Median Between 90% and 105% is Acceptable)

The level of assessment ratio is a crucial metric that gauges the accuracy of Dakota County assessments by comparing the actual market value of homes, which is determined by the sales or purchase price, with the County's assigned assessed value. Although counties are mandated to maintain assessment ratios within a narrow range of 90-105%, which limits the variance in comparison with other counties, it is still vital to ensure that assessments are as precise as possible.

**Assessment Ratio: 93.5%**

## Elections

### Accuracy of Post-Election Audit

The percentage of ballots counted correctly in the last election (2022)

**Ballots counted correctly: 100%**

## Veterans Services

### Dollars Brought into County for Veterans' Benefits

The state Department of Veteran Affairs monitors and annually publishes reports on program and service expenditures dedicated to veterans. These expenditures encompass various crucial aspects of support, including healthcare provisions, insurance and indemnity coverage, educational benefits, as well as compensation and pension disbursements.

**Dollars for Veterans' Benefits: \$241,956,000**

## Budget, Financial

### Bond Rating:

Moody's and S&P Investor Services conduct comprehensive annual evaluations to assess the County's financial management, current financial condition, and future financial outlook.

**Moody's: Aaa**

**S&P: AAA**

## Parks, Libraries

### Citizens' Rating of the Quality of County Parks, Recreational Programs, and/or Facilities

In 2022, residents were given the opportunity to evaluate the quality of County parks and recreation through a meticulously conducted survey. This comprehensive survey, administered via mail, allowed residents to rate their experience on a scale ranging from poor to excellent. The survey sample size (N) comprised 556 participants, ensuring a robust representation of resident opinions.

Parks and Recreation Rating	Percent of Respondents
Excellent	61%
Good	36%
Fair	3%
Poor	0%

## Environment

### Amount of Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics Collected

Ensuring the appropriate disposal of residual chemicals, household products, and electronic devices is crucial for safeguarding both the environment and public health. Dakota County actively promotes responsible waste management by providing accessible avenues for the collection and disposal of electronic devices and household hazardous waste. The Recycling Zone, in conjunction with four annual one-day collection events, serves as dedicated drop-off points for a wide range of items, including paints, pesticides, acids/bases, solvents, batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and other miscellaneous chemicals. By participating in these disposal initiatives, individuals contribute to the preservation of the environment and the well-being of both present and future generations.

**Hazardous Household Waste: 1,807,582 lbs.**

**Electronics Collected: 1,149,481 lbs.**

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