



PERFORMANCE MEASURE RESULTS

State Standard Measures Report 2024

BACKGROUND

In 2010, the State Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation to develop standard performance measures for Minnesota cities and counties. In February 2011, the Council released a standard set of performance measures to help residents, taxpayers, and elected officials determine whether counties provide services efficiently and effectively, and to measure residents' opinions of those services. In 2011, Dakota County voluntarily agreed to participate in the program. To meet 2024 program requirements, the following results are reported for the 10 adopted measures using the most recent data available.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Group A and B Crime Rate

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 A
33.64

Group B
6.24

As the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension transitioned from the UCR-SRS to the NIBRS reporting system (2021), changes resulted in the crime statistics. In particular, the new reporting approach resulted 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.

In the NIBRS system, each offense counts separately, unlike the UCR-SRS system where multiple offenses in one incident counted as one. This difference results in higher overall crime numbers in NIBRS. Also, certain offenses previously classified as Group B crimes are now Group A crimes in NIBRS, causing a decrease in Group B crime

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.

Public Works

Average County Pavement Condition Rating

The Minnesota Department of Transportation rates Dakota County roads every two years on a scale from 0 (poor) to 100 (excellent) based on the types of pavement distresses and the smoothness of the surface.

Pavement Rating

73

Public Health Social Services

Workforce Participation Rate Among MFIP and DWP recipients

This measure shows the percent of Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP) and Diversionary Work Program (DWP) adults working 30 hours or more per week or who have left cash assistance three years after the baseline.

Workforce Participation Rate

62.14%

Percentage of children where there is a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months following an intervention

This measure looks at all maltreatment (abuse or neglect) reports in the prior year and counts the percent of cases that had a subsequent maltreatment report within 12 months.

Maltreatment Percentage

16.4%

PROPERTY RECORDS, VALUATION, ASSESSMENT

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

The level of assessment ratio measures the accuracy of County assessments by comparing the actual market value of homes (determined by sales/purchase price) with the assessed value assigned by the County (as of 2023)

Assessment Ratio
94.5%

ELECTIONS

Accuracy of Post-Election Audit

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

Post Election Accuracy
100%

VETERANS SERVICES

Dollars Brought into County for Veterans' Benefits

The state Department of Veteran Affairs tracks and publishes yearly program and service expenditures for veterans. The dollars spent on veterans includes health care; insurance and indemnity; educational benefits; and compensation and pension (2022).

Veterans Benefit Dollars
\$272,005,000

BUDGET, FINANCIAL

Bond Rating

Moody's and S&P Investor Services annually assess the quality of the County's financial management, current financial condition, and financial outlook. (Moody's 2023; S&P 2023).

Moody's
Aaa

S&P
AAA

PARKS, LIBRARIES

Citizen’s Rating of the Quality of County Parks, Recreational Programs, and/or Facilities

Every three years, via a statistically valid mailed survey, residents rate the quality of County parks and recreation from poor to excellent (2022). Sample size (N)=556.

| 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 a one-day collection event, 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 Waste
1,800,544 lbs.
Electronics
1,088,623 lbs.

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