



2022 Performance Measurement Review

Public Safety

Group A and Group B Crimes per 1,000 residents

	2019	2020	2021
Group A Crimes	*	4.7	14.3
Group B Crimes	*	7.6	18.9

Crimes committed by offenders are classified as either Group A or Group B crimes. Group A crimes include animal cruelty, arson, assaults, burglary, counterfeit/forgery, damage/vandalism to property, drug/narcotic offense, embezzlement, extortion/blackmail, fraud, homicide, human trafficking, kidnapping/abduction, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft, pornography/obscene material, prostitution, robbery, sex offenses, stolen property offense, and weapons law violations. Group B crimes include bad checks, curfew/loitering, disorderly conduct, DWI, family offenses, liquor law violations, trespassing, and all other offenses.

On October 1, 2020, the Washington County Sheriff's Office joined law enforcement agencies across the nation in switching from the Uniform Crime Reporting Program's Summary Reporting System (UCR-SRS) to National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Due to the differences in these two reporting standards, it may appear as though Washington County, along with the rest of the nation, is experiencing higher crime levels, when in reality, NIBRS allows for a clearer and more precise reporting mechanism. The UCR-SRS collected aggregated monthly crime statistics of 10 offense categories, employing what was known as the Hierarchy Rule (when more than one offense occurred within a crime incident, only the most serious offense was the one reported). For example, using the UCR-SRS reporting system, if a homicide occurred during the course of an armed robbery while stealing a motor vehicle, only the homicide would have been reported as it was the most egregious offense in the hierarchy. When reporting the same crime using NIBRS, the agency would count murder, robbery, and motor-vehicle theft.

Note: 2020 Census population was used to calculate 2020 and 2021 crimes per 1,000 residents, as the 2021 population estimate was not available at the time of publication.

Source: Washington County Sheriff's Office

Percent of adult offenders with new felony conviction within 3 years of discharge

	2019	2020	2021
Percent of adult offenders with a felony conviction within 3 years of discharge	20%	18%	21%

Washington County recidivism rates for 2021 involve probation sentenced offenders with a felony level case discharged in 2017. The 2021 recidivism rate for Washington County probationers was similar to the overall Twin Cities metro-region rate of 20% and to the 18% rate for the state of Minnesota.

Source: Washington County Community Corrections

State Standard Measures Program

In 2010, the Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation. In February 2011, the Minnesota Council released a set of performance measures for counties that will aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties in providing services, and measuring residents' opinions of those services.

This document provides summary information on 10 of those performance measures. For additional information, including narratives and analysis on many of these measures, refer to the annual Washington County Performance Measurement Report on the county website: www.co.washington.mn.us/performanceasures

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Public Works

Average pavement condition rating

	2019	2020	2021
Pavement Condition Index (PCI)	70	68	67

Note: The PCI rating monitors the surface quality of the pavement. Washington County's goal is to maintain the overall pavement condition of its road-way system at an average PCI of 72 or greater, with a minimum PCI of 40. In 2021, 17 miles of county roads were under 40 PCI rating.

Source: Washington County Public Works and Minnesota Department of Transportation

Bridge Local Planning Index

	2019	2020	2021
Number of bridges below a rating of 60	0	0	1

Thirty-eight bridges are inspected by Washington County, including culverts, railroad bridges, bridges that carry trails over county roadways, and five owned by townships. The Bridge Replacement and Improvement Management Tool is used to manage the inventory of county-owned bridges and make decisions on maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement. The tool generates a rating called the Local Planning Index (LPI) with a scale of 0 to 100. A rating of 60 or less are eligible for 80% funding with Federal Bridge funds and up to 100% with State Bridge Funds.

A rating less than 60 does not imply that a bridge is unsafe; however, bridges with low LPIs typically require significant maintenance and repair to remain in service and eventual rehabilitation or replacement to address deficiencies. The one bridge is County State Aid Highway (old Trunk Highway 244) and was a turnback from the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Source: Washington County Public Works

Public Health, Social Services

Percentage of children in which there is a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months following intervention

	2019	2020	2021
Child maltreatment	3.8%	6.2%	2.7%

Child maltreatment includes physical abuse, neglect, sexual abuse, mental injury, or maltreatment of a child in a facility. Minnesota's Department of Human Services (DHS) measures repeat maltreatment as the percentage of children in which there is a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months following an intervention. The federal performance standard is 9.1%.

Note: Data for 2021 is for a portion of the year; data for 2020 will be finalized after a full 12 months have elapsed after the occurrence of maltreatment.

Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services

Property Records, Valuation Assessment

Turn-around time for recording, indexing, and returning real estate documents

	2019	2020	2021
Recording compliance	100%	100%	84.3%
Timely recording, paper documents	3.90 days	3.98 days	6.5 days
Timely recording, electronic documents	1.89 days	1.89 days	3.96 days

To aid and improve commerce in Minnesota, state law compels specific processing requirements and compliance standards for recording of real estate documents no later than 10 business days for documents submitted in paper form and no later than 5 days for documents submitted electronically after receipt by the county. The Property Records Division processed a record number of documents in 2021 and was substantially impacted late in the year with COVID-19 causing paper document returns to be outside of the statutory parameters.

Source: Washington County Property Records and Taxpayer Services

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Libraries

Number of annual library visits per 1,000 residents

	2019	2020	2021
Number of annual library visits per 1,000 residents	3,398	894	1,790

Note: 2020 Census population was used to calculate 2020 and 2021 population in-person library visits per 1,000 residents, as the 2021 population estimate was not available at the time of publication. Numbers in 2019, 2020, and 2021 do not include Bayport and Stillwater libraries. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, libraries were temporarily closed, had limited hours, and limited capacity during 2020.

Source: Washington County Library

Budget, Financial

Bond rating

	2019	2020	2021
Standard and Poor's Rating Service	AAA	AAA	AAA
Moody's Investor Services	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa

Note: Washington County holds the highest rating obtainable from both Standard & Poor's Ratings Services and Moody's Investor's Services.

Source: Washington County Accounting and Finance

Environment

Recycling percentage

	2019	2020	2021
Percentage of waste recycled	46.7%	50.8%	50.4%

Note: The recycling percentage is the total tons of county recyclable materials as a percentage of waste generated and is dependent upon data reported by waste haulers. Washington County continues to make progress towards the state's 2030 goal of a 75% recycling rate for metro counties.

Source: Washington County Public Health & Environment SCORE Report

Amount of hazardous household waste and electronics collected

	2019	2020	2021
Household hazardous waste	1,930,637 lbs	1,683,416 lbs	1,123,098 lbs
Electronic waste	1,509,028 lbs	1,208,919 lbs	1,560,261 lbs

Source: Washington County Public Health & Environment

Performance Measurement and Indicators Report

The annual Performance Measures and Indicators Report reflects Washington County's continued commitment to high-quality service that meets and exceeds the needs and expectations of Washington County residents. The 2021 Performance Measures and Indicators Report is the county's 23rd annual report and is expected to be published late summer 2022.

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