

2023 Performance Measurement Review

State Standard Measures Program

In 2010, the Minnesota 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

Public Safety

Group A and Group B Crimes per 1,000 residents

	2020	2021	2022
Group A Crimes	4.7	10.2	7.7
Group B Crimes	7.6	5.6	4.1

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.

Note: *The estimated 2021 population was utilized for 2021 and 2022 data above.*

Source: *Washington County Sheriff's Office*

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

	2020	2021	2022
Percent of adult offenders with a felony conviction within 3 years of discharge	18%	21%	20%

Washington County recidivism rates for 2022 involve probation sentenced offenders with a felony level case discharged in 2018. The 2022 recidivism rate for Washington County probationers was similar to the overall Twin Cities metro-region rate of 18% and to the 16% rate for the state of Minnesota.

Source: *Washington County Community Corrections*

Budget, Financial

Bond rating

	2020	2021	2022
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 Rating Services and Moody's Investor's Services.*

Source: *Washington County Accounting and Finance*

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Public Works

Average pavement condition rating

	2020	2021	2022
Pavement Condition Index (PCI)	68	67	68

Note: The PCI rating monitors the surface quality of the pavement. Washington County's goal is to maintain the overall pavement condition of its roadway system at an average PCI of 72 or greater, with a minimum PCI of 40. In 2022, 18 miles of county roads (6% of the roadway system) were below 40 PCI rating.

Source: Washington County Public Works and Minnesota Department of Transportation

Bridge Local Planning Index

	2020	2021	2022
Number of bridges below a rating of 60	0	1	1

Washington County owns and inspects 39 bridges, including culverts, railroad bridges, pedestrian (trail) bridges, and five town bridges. In addition, the Minnesota Department of Transportation inspects four Washington County-owned bridges. The Bridge Replacement and Improvement Management Tool is used to manage bridge inventories and assist jurisdictions in maintenance, rehabilitation, and replacement decisions. The tool generates a rating called the Local Planning Index (LPI) with a scale of 0 to 100. A bridge with an LPI rating of less than 60 is eligible for up to 80% of Federal Bridge Funds and up to 100% of State Bridge Funds.

The county has one bridge with a LPI that dropped below 60 in 2022. This bridge is located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5 just south of Trunk Highway 95.

The bridge that was rated <60 in 2021 was on CSAH 12 (old Trunk Highway 244) and was replaced in 2022.

An LPI rating of 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.

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

	2020	2021	2022
Child maltreatment	6.2%	2.7%	4.5%

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%.

Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services

Property Records, Valuation Assessment

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

	2020	2021	2022
Recording compliance	100%	84.3%	100%
Timely recording, paper documents	3.81 days	6.50 days	6.99 days
Timely recording, electronic documents	1.62 days	3.96 days	2.12 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 five days for documents submitted electronically after receipt by the county.

Source: Washington County Property Records and Taxpayer Services

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Libraries

Number of annual library visits per 1,000 residents

	2020	2021	2022
Number of annual library visits per 1,000 residents	894	1,790	2,450

Note: 2021 Census population was used to calculate 2021 and 2022 population in-person library visits per 1,000 residents, as the 2022 population estimate was not available at the time of publication. Numbers 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

Environment

Recycling percentage

	2020	2021	2022
Percentage of waste recycled	50.8%	50.4%	53.0%

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

	2020	2021	2022
Household hazardous waste	1,683,416 lbs	1,123,098 lbs	1,142,370 lbs
Electronic waste	1,208,919 lbs	1,560,261 lbs	1,128,407 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 services that meet and exceed the needs and expectations of Washington County residents. The 2022 Performance Measures and Indicators Report is the county's 24th annual report and is expected to be published late summer 2023.

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