



2025 Performance Measurement Review

State Standard Measures Program

In 2010, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation. In February 2011, the council released a set of performance measures to help residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials determine the efficacy of counties in providing services and measure residents’ opinions of those services. This document provides summary information on 10 of those performance measures. For additional information, including narratives and analysis on performance measures, refer to the county website: www.WashingtonCountyMN.gov/PerformanceMeasures.

Public Safety

Group A and Group B Crimes

	2022	2023	2024
Group A Crimes per 1,000 residents	37.7	29.4	25.6
Group B Crimes per 1,000 residents	11.4	12.2	12.9

Law enforcement agencies within Washington County utilize a data collection system known as the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which provides detailed information on reported crimes. Group A offenses cover a wide range of criminal activities, including but not limited to assault, fraud, and homicide. Group B crimes are mid-level offenses or misdemeanor offenses, including but not limited to trespassing, disorderly conduct, and vandalism. Non-reportable traffic offenses such as DWI are not included in Group B crimes. Group A crimes had a significant reduction since 2022, while Group B crimes have increased slightly.

Note: The 2022 Census population estimate was used to calculate crimes per 1,000 residents for 2022 and 2023. The 2023 estimated population was used to calculate crimes per 1,000 residents for 2024 as the 2024 population estimate was not yet available.

Source: Washington County Sheriff’s Office and Federal Bureau of Investigation

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

	2022	2023	2024
Percent of adult offenders with a felony conviction within 3 years of discharge	20%	20%	22%

Washington County recidivism rates for 2024 involve probation-sentenced offenders with a felony case discharged in 2020. The 2024 recidivism rate of 22% for Washington County probationers was higher than the overall Minneapolis-St.Paul metropolitan area rate of 15% and the state of Minnesota rate of 14%.

Source: Washington County Community Corrections

Budget, Financial

Bond rating

	2022	2023	2024
Standard and Poor’s Rating Service	AAA	AAA	AAA
Moody’s Investor Services	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa

Washington County holds the highest rating obtainable from both Standard & Poor’s Rating Services and Moody’s Investor’s Services. The county has maintained this rating since 2011. By having the highest rating, the county can borrow money for capital projects at the lowest possible cost.

Source: Washington County Accounting and Finance

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Public Works

Average pavement condition rating

	2022	2023	2024
Pavement Condition Index (PCI)	68	67	67

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 2024, the system average PCI was 67, with only 16 miles of county roads (6% of the county roadway system) below a 40 PCI rating.

Source: Washington County Public Works and Minnesota Department of Transportation

Bridge Local Planning Index

	2022	2023	2024
Number of bridges below a rating of 60	1	1	1

Washington County inspects 44 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 an LPI below 60. This bridge is located on County State Aid Highway (CSAH) 5, just south of CSAH 96 and is scheduled for replacement in 2025. 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

	2022	2023	2024
Child maltreatment recurrence	4.5%	1.1%	0.0%

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 child maltreatment as the percentage of cases in which there is a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months following an intervention. The federal performance standard is 9.1% or below.

Source: Minnesota Department of Human Services

Property Records, Valuation Assessment

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

	2022	2023	2024
Recording compliance	100%	100%	100%
Timely recording, paper documents	6.99 days	5.60 days	3.50 days
Timely recording, electronic documents	2.12 days	1.00 days	1.50 days

To support and improve commerce in Minnesota, state statute prescribes specific requirements and compliance standards for the recording of real estate documents. Since the enactment of Minnesota Statute 357.182, the Property Record division has implemented various work-flow improvements that allow the division to meet statutory requirements in a cost-effective manner. Documents submitted in paper form must be returned no later than 10 business days after receipt by the county. Documents submitted electronically must be returned no later than five business days 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

	2022	2023	2024
Number of annual library visits per 1,000 residents	2,411	2,780	2,658

Although the number of library visits per 1,000 residents decreased slightly from 2023 to 2024, that number increased each year between 2020 and 2023. Library visits are tracked to identify how residents access library services, which informs how the library might adapt to meet the future needs of the community.

Note: The 2023 Census population estimate was used to calculate 2023 and 2024 in-person library visits per 1,000 residents, as the 2024 population estimate was not available at the time of publication. Numbers do not include the independently operated Bayport and Stillwater libraries.

Source: Washington County Library

Environment

Recycling percentage

	2022	2023	2024
Percentage of waste recycled	53.0%	56.0%	56.4%

Washington County continues to make progress towards the state's 2030 goal of a 75% recycling rate for metro counties.

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.

Source: Washington County Public Health & Environment SCORE Report

Amount of hazardous household waste and electronics collected

	2022	2023	2024
Household hazardous waste	1,142,370 lbs	1,245,621 lbs	1,285,100 lbs
Electronic waste	1,128,407 lbs	1,058,943 lbs	988,300 lbs

The amount of household hazardous waste continues to increase year to year. Most of the collected materials are either reused in the county's environmental center free product room, recycled into new products, or incinerated.

Measured by weight, electronic waste appears to be declining; however, the number of customers served increases year to year.

Note: The electronics collected are becoming lighter as more modern TVs and computers are recycled.

Source: Washington County Public Health & Environment

Additional Performance Measures and Indicators

Washington County produces an additional published report annually with expanded performance measures and indicators. The report reflects Washington County's continued commitment to high-quality services that meet and exceed the needs and expectations of the Washington County community. This report of 2024 data is the county's 26th annual report and is expected to be published early fall 2025 under the new title of Annual Report on Community Indicators (ARCI).

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