



Demographic and Economic Trends Update and the Program and Service Inventory

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Agenda



Populations Characteristics



Housing



Socio-Economic Indicators

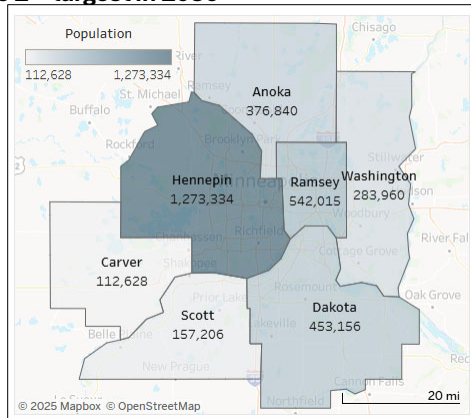


Program and Service Inventory

Population



- **2024 Dakota County Population is 453,156**
- **Dakota County remains 3rd largest county, projected to become 2nd largest in 2036**



Components of Change

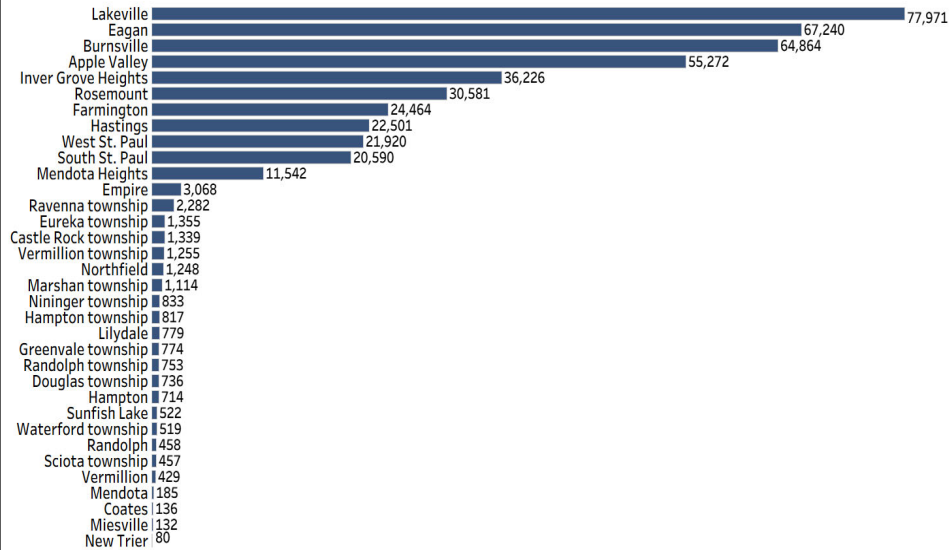


Dakota County Resident Population Change (2023-2024)

Population Change	=	Natural Change	+	Net Migration	+	Residual*
4,661		1,624		3,045		-8

*The total population change includes a residual which represents the change in population that cannot be attributed to any specific demographic component.

Cities and Townships



Areas of Growth



- Rosemount ranked 9th fastest growing city in the United States

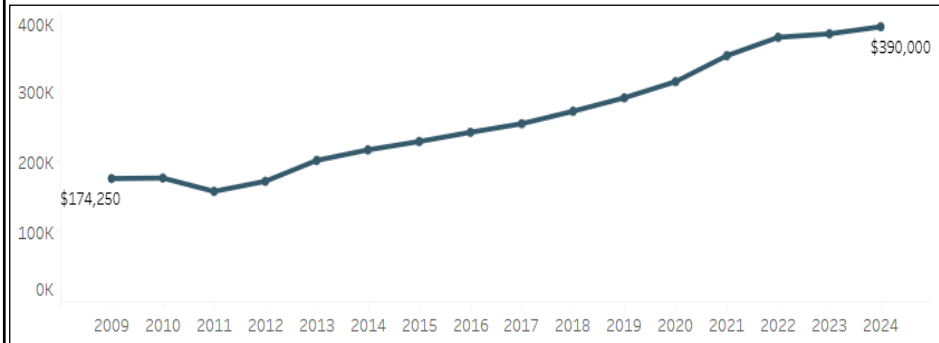
City or Township	2024	Percent Growth 23-24
Rosemount	30,581	10.6%
Farmington	24,464	2.1%
Lakeville	77,971	2.1%
Hastings	22,501	1.5%
Sunfish Lake	522	1.0%
Sciota Township	457	0.7%

Median Home Sale Price



Dakota County

- Up \$10,000 or 2.6% from 2023

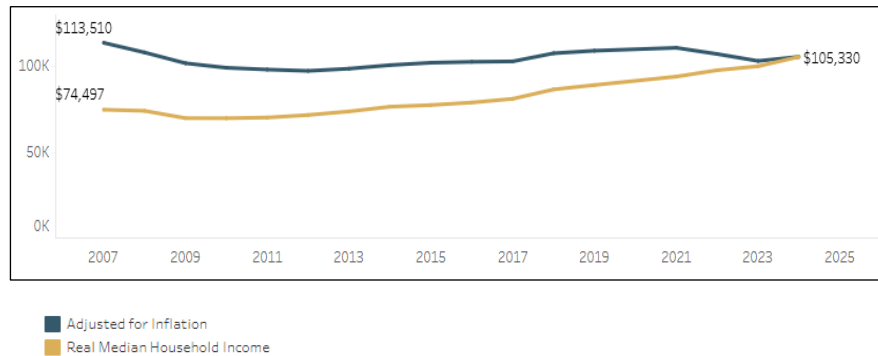


Median Household Income



Dakota County

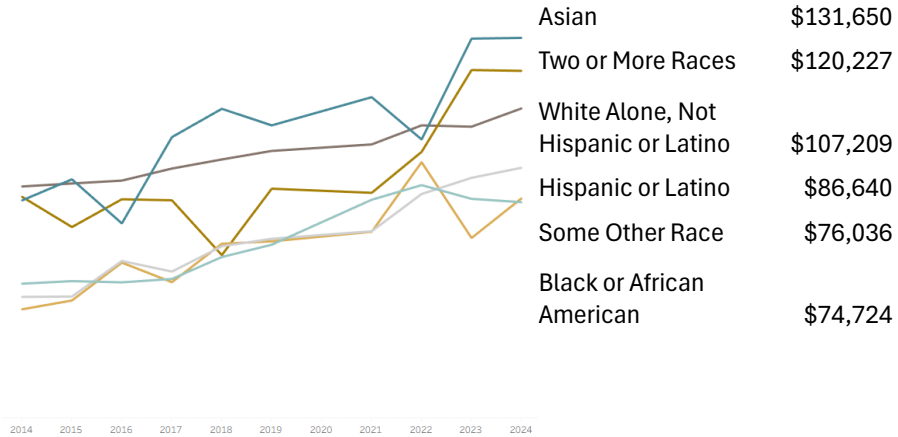
- An increase of 6% in real dollars
- An increase of 2% when adjusted for inflation



Median Household Income by Race/Ethnicity



- **Hispanic or Latino, Black or African American, or Some Other Race continue to have the lowest median household income**



Cost of Living



Typical Family Basic Needs

\$75,803 in Dakota County in 2024

5.7% increase since 2023

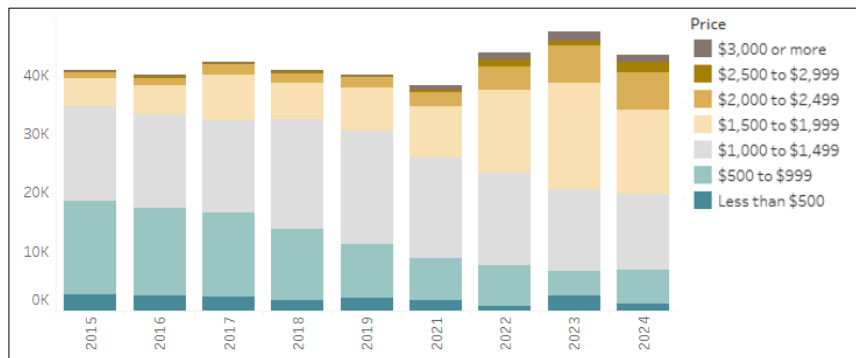
\$24.30 per hour needed to meet basic needs

8% higher in Dakota County than State of Minnesota

Rental Units by Price



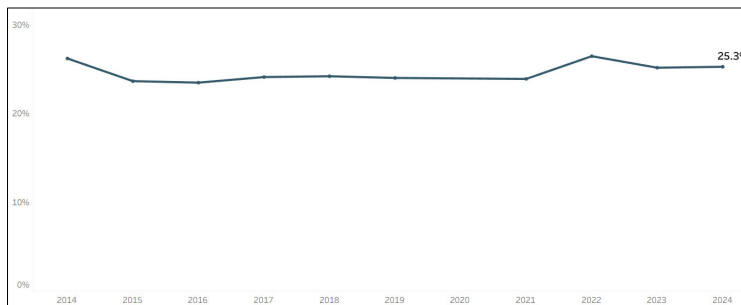
- Fewer occupied rental units in 2024
- Median Rent was \$1,568, down \$17 from 2023



Households burdened



- Percent Cost Burdened remained about the same at 25.3%
- Black or African Americans most Cost Burdened

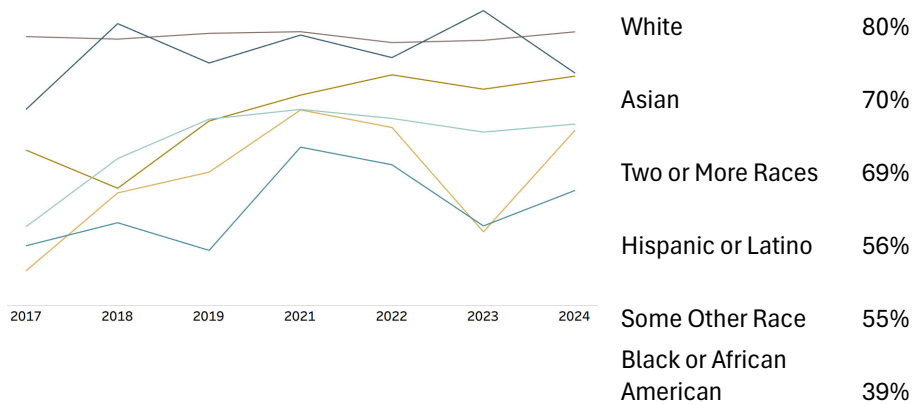


Cost-burdened definition: a household that contributes more than 30% of income before taxes and other deductions to housing expenses. Housing expenses include rent or mortgage, taxes, utilities, and association fees.

Homeownership by Race/Ethnicity



- **Overall Homeownership Rate 75%**
- **Hispanic, Black or African American, and Some Other Race remain lowest**

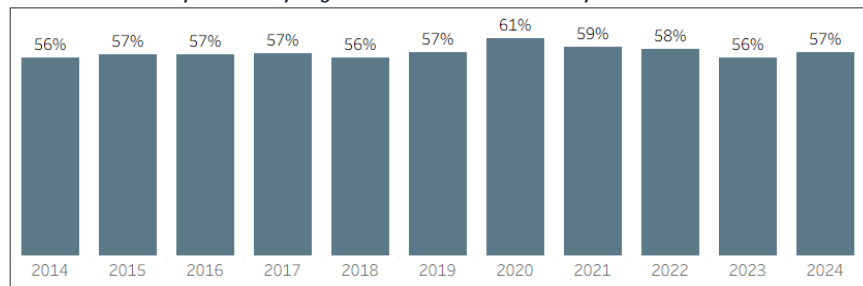


Jobs



- **The percent of jobs in Dakota County with weekly wages above 200% of the federal poverty guideline:**
 - **Decreased -4% from a high in 2020**
 - **Increased +1% from 2023**

Jobs in Dakota County with Weekly Wages Above 200% of Federal Poverty Guideline

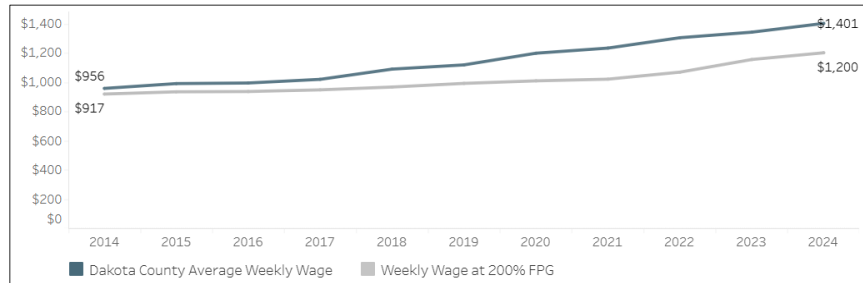


Average Weekly Wage



- Average weekly wages for Dakota County increased by +4.5% from 2023 to 2024
- Weekly wages at 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines increased overall by +4% from 2023 to 2024

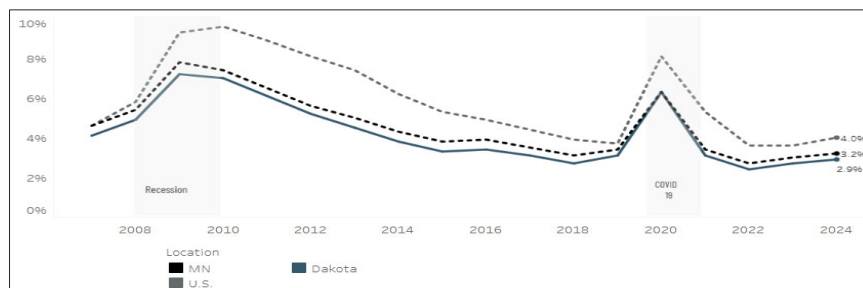
Dakota County Average Weekly Wages vs. Weekly Wages at 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines



Unemployment



- The unemployment rate in Dakota County increased +0.2% from 2023 to 2024
- Unemployment rates locally, statewide, and nationally have risen steadily from a 2022 low

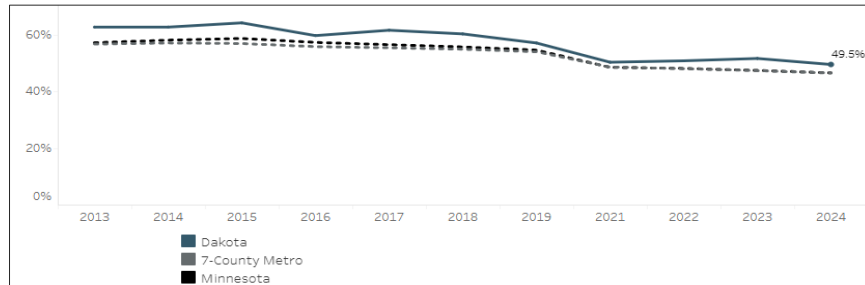


Third Grade Reading Standards



- The percent of Dakota County students meeting or exceeding 3rd grade reading standards decreased -4.1% from 2023 to 2024
- 3rd grade reading standard achievement for Dakota County students has decreased -13.2% from 2014 levels

Percent of Students Meeting or Exceeding 3rd Grade Reading Standards

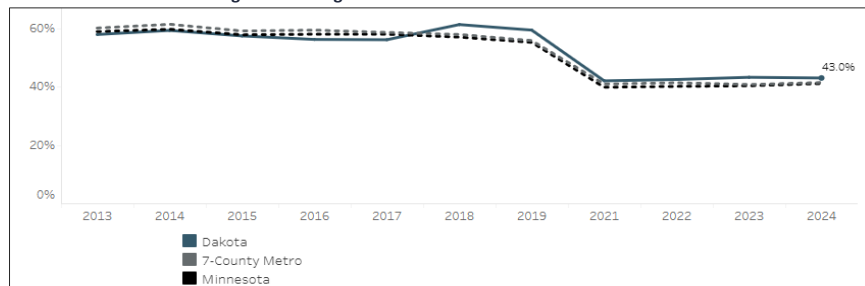


Eighth Grade Math Standards



- The percent of Dakota County students meeting or exceeding 8th grade math standards decreased -0.6% from 2023 to 2024
- 8th grade math standard achievement for Dakota County students has decreased -16.3% from 2014 levels

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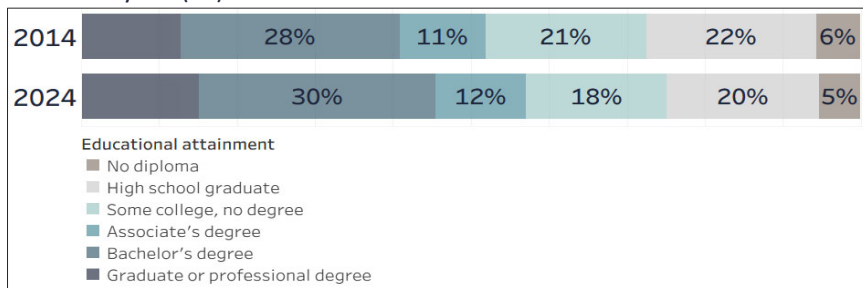


Adult Education Levels



- The percent of Dakota County adults age 25+ with an Associate's degree or higher increased +0.7% from 2023 to 2024
- The percent of adults with an Associate's degree or higher in 2024 (57%) has increased +5% from 2014 levels (52%)

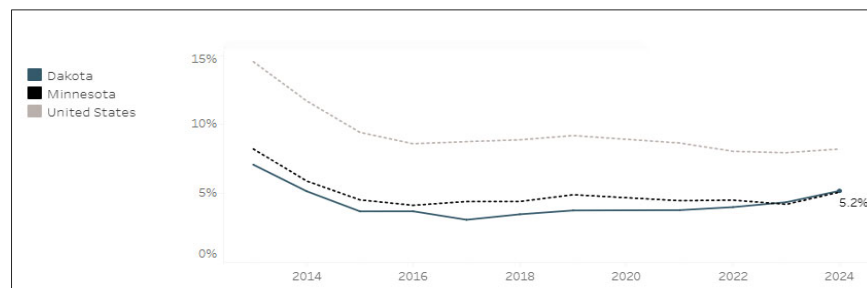
Dakota County Adult (25+) Educational Attainment Levels



Health Uninsurance for All Ages



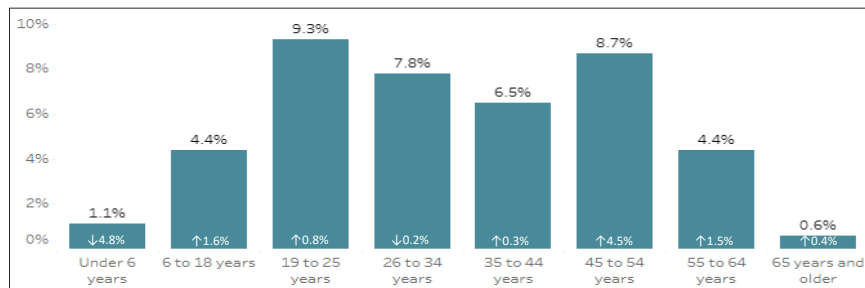
- Uninsured rates for all ages in Dakota County increased +0.9% from 2023 to 2024
- The overall uninsured rate in the County for all ages has risen annually since 2017



Uninsured by Age Group



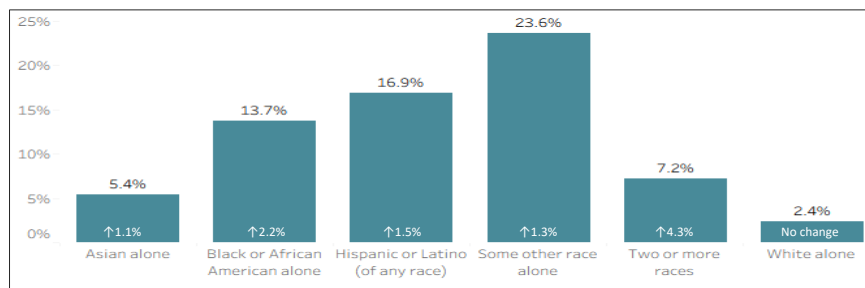
- In 2024, uninsured rates increased for Dakota County residents aged 6 to 25 years and 35 to 64 years from 2023 levels
- Uninsured rates decreased for residents aged under 6 years, 26 to 34 years, and 65 years and older



Uninsured by Race/Ethnicity



- In 2024, uninsured rates increased for Dakota County residents of all races and ethnicities except for White alone
- Uninsured rates increased most significantly for residents identifying with two or more races

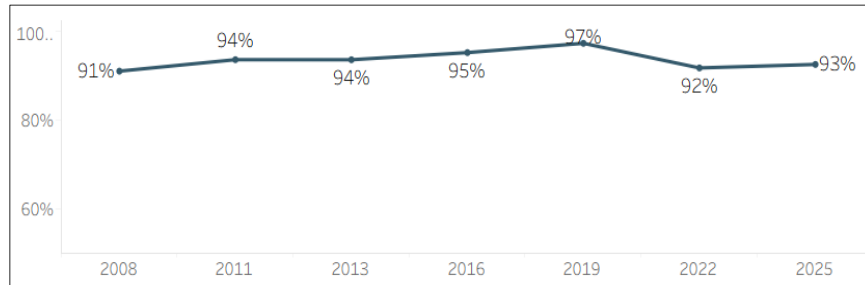


Quality of Life



- Resident perception of the overall quality of life in Dakota County remains high
- “Excellent” or “Good” quality of life response rates increase +1% from the 2022 to 2025 Residential Survey

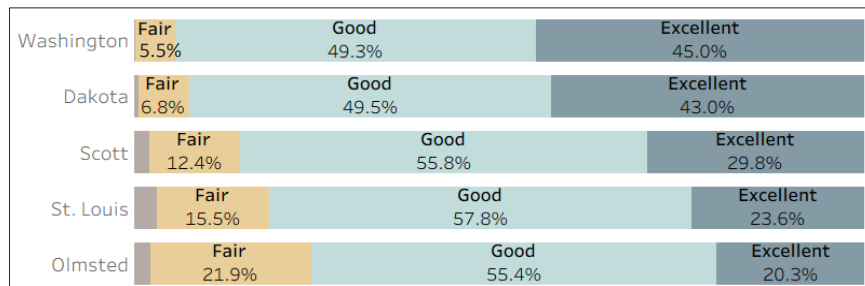
Overall Quality of Life "Excellent" or "Good" Response Rates | Dakota County



Quality of Life



- In 2025, Dakota County ranked with Washington County for a high resident perception of overall quality of life



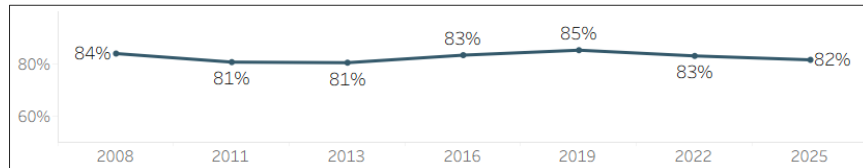
Quality of Service



- Resident perception of the overall quality service in Dakota County decreased -1% from the 2022 to 2025 Residential Survey

Staff Service Quality "Excellent" or "Good" Response Rates | Dakota County

Subquestion: Overall Impression

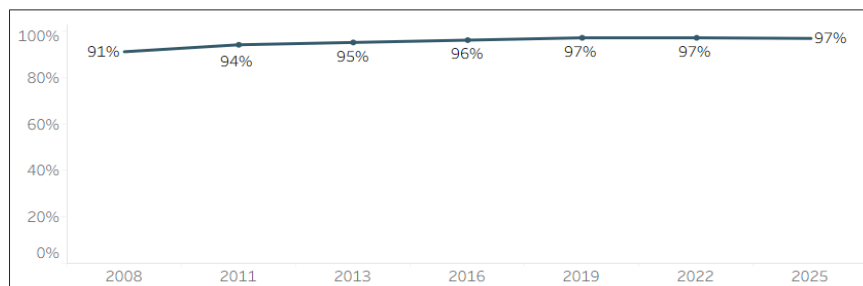


Quality of Parks and Recreation



- Resident perception of the County's park and recreation offerings remains high

Residents Rating Parks and Recreation as "Excellent" or "Good" | Dakota County



Key Takeaways



- **By 2036, Dakota County will surpass Ramsey County to become the 2nd largest County in the State. Rosemount ranked 9th fastest growing city in the United States.**
- Households burdened by housing costs continues to be an issue for renters and Black or African Americans.
- Black or African Americans continue to lag in household income and homeownership.

Key Takeaways (continued)



- Though both jobs and weekly wages in Dakota County are steadily increasing, the percent of jobs with wages above 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline has declined since 2020.
- County unemployment rates have increased over the last year but continue to remain below state and national averages.
- Adult education levels have increased over the past decade. Conversely, achievement of 3rd grade reading and 8th grade math standards has experienced an overall downward trend since 2014.
- Dakota County residents report high satisfaction with overall quality of life in the county, overall quality of services provided by the County, and quality of County parks and recreation offerings.

Community Indicators



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Program and Service Inventory (PSI)



Community Indicators – Population Level

Program and Service Inventory –
Individual Program Level

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219 programs and services

Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) Questions

How much?

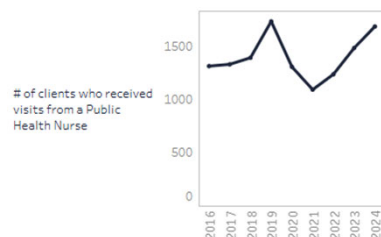
How well?

Is anyone better off?

PSI Example – Family Health



How Much



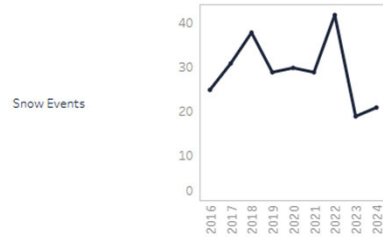
Is Anyone Better Off?



PSI Example – Snow Removal



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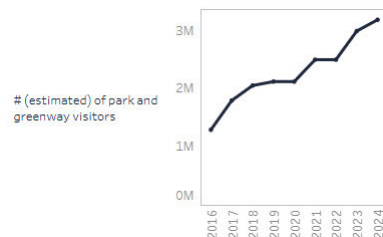
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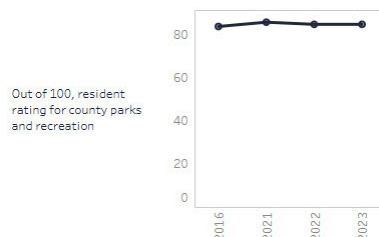
PSI Example – Parks Visitors Services



How Much



How Well



Questions?