



Performance Measure Results

State Standard Measures 2026

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 2026 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

There are two categories of crime reported within the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS): Group A and Group B.

Group A 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 B crimes include all crimes that are not Group A offenses. Examples of Group B crimes include bad checks, curfew/loitering/vagrancy violations, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, drunkenness, nonviolent family offenses, liquor law violations, peeping tom, trespass of real property, and all other offenses.

Group A: 25.77

Group B: 6.56

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 (2024): 72

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: 60.5%

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: 12.2%

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 2024).

Assessment Ratio: 95%

ELECTIONS

Accuracy of Post-Election Audit

The percentage of ballots counted correctly in the last election (2025).

Post Election Accuracy: 100%

VETERANS SERVICES

Dollars Brought into County for Veterans' Benefits

The Minnesota 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.

Veterans Benefit Dollars (fiscal year 2024): \$143,434,232

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 2025; S&P 2025).

Moody's: Aaa

S&P: AAA

PARKS

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 excellent to poor. Sample size (N)=704 (2025).

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 (2025): 1,710,216 lbs

Electronics (2025): 1,034,400 lbs

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