

STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS COUNCIL
ON LOCAL RESULTS AND INNOVATION
Otter Tail County Resolution No. 2026 - 47

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Local Results and Innovation developed a standard set of performance measures that will aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties in providing services and measure residents' opinion of those services; and

WHEREAS, benefits to Otter Tail County for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in Minn. Stat. §6.91 and includes eligibility for a reimbursement as set by State statute; and

WHEREAS, any county participating in the comprehensive performance measurement program is also exempt from levy limits for taxes, if levy limits are in effect; and

WHEREAS, the Otter Tail County Board has adopted and implemented at least 10 of the performance measures, as developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation, and a system to use this information to help plan, budget, manage and evaluate programs and processes for optimal future outcomes.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT, Otter Tail County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year through publication, direct mailing, posting on the County's website, or through a public hearing at which the budget and levy will be discussed and public input allowed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Otter Tail County will submit to the Office of the State Auditor the actual results of the performance measures adopted by the County.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Mortenson and, after discussion and upon a vote being taken thereon, the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Adopted at Fergus Falls, MN this 9th day of June 2026.

OTTER TAIL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS Dated: June 9, 2026

By: 
Robert Lahman, Board of Commissioners Chair

Attest: 
Nicole Hansen, County Administrator



OTTER TAIL COUNTY – MINNESOTA **COUNCIL ON LOCAL RESULTS & INNOVATION**

2026 STANDARD MEASURES FOR COUNTIES

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1.0 PUBLIC SAFETY

Group A Offenses and Clearances by Classification

The data in this report is not real-time and is current as of 2/2/2026

Agency: Otter Tail County Sheriff

Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

Population: 36,434

ORI: MN0560000

Offense	Offense Code	Offenses Reported or Known	Crime Rate per 100,000	Cleared by Arrest	Cleared by Exceptional Means	Cleared Involving only Under 18 Years Old
Animal Cruelty	720	Total	3	8	0	0
Arson	200	Total	1	3	1	0
Assault Offenses						
Aggravated Assault	13A		21	58	13	0
Simple Assault	13B		61	167	33	1
Intimidation	13C		26	71	8	1
	Total		108	296	54	2
Bribery	510	Total	1	3	0	0
Burglary/Breaking & Entering	220	Total	11	30	0	0
Counterfeiting/Forgery	250	Total	8	22	0	0
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	290	Total	27	74	6	0
Drug/Narcotic Violations	35A	Total	30	82	21	0
Drug Equipment Violations	35B	Total	0	0	0	0
Embezzlement	270	Total	0	0	0	0
Extortion/Blackmail	210	Total	0	0	0	0
Fraud Offenses						
False Pretenses/Swindle/Confidence Game	26A		27	74	4	0
Credit Card/Automated Teller Machine Fraud	26B		2	5	1	0
Impersonation	26C		2	5	1	0
Welfare Fraud	26D		1	3	1	0
Wire Fraud	26E		0	0	0	0
Identity Theft	26F		10	27	2	0
Hacking/Computer Invasion	26G		0	0	0	0
	Total		42	115	9	0
Gambling Offenses						
Betting/Wagering	39A		0	0	0	0
Operating/Promoting/Assisting Gambling	39B		0	0	0	0
Gambling Equipment Violations	39C		0	0	0	0
Sports Tampering	39D		0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0
Homicide Offenses						
Murder and Nonnegligent Manslaughter	09A		0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	09B		1	3	1	0
	Total		1	3	1	0
Human Trafficking Offenses						
Commercial Sex Acts	64A		0	0	0	0
Involuntary Servitude	64B		0	0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	100	Total	1	3	0	0
Larceny - Theft Offenses						
Pocket-Picking	23A		0	0	0	0
Purse-Snatching	23B		0	0	0	0
Shoplifting	23C		6	16	0	0
Theft from Building	23D		7	19	1	0
Theft From Coin-Operated Machine or Device	23E		0	0	0	0
Theft from Motor Vehicle	23F		6	16	0	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle Parts or Accessories	23G		0	0	0	0
All Other Larceny	23H		54	148	0	0
	Total		73	200	1	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	240	Total	10	27	0	0
Pornography/Obscene Material	370	Total	2	5	0	0
Prostitution Offenses						
Prostitution	40A		0	0	0	0
Assisting or Promoting Prostitution	40B		0	0	0	0
Purchasing Prostitution	40C		1	3	1	0
	Total		1	3	1	0
Robbery	120	Total	0	0	0	0
Sex Offenses						
Forcible Rape	11A		15	41	3	2
Sodomy (Decommissioned November 2025)	11B		1	3	0	0
Sexual Assault With An Object (Decommissioned November 2025)	11C		0	0	0	0

Offense	Offense Code	Offenses Reported or Known	Crime Rate per 100,000	Cleared by Arrest	Cleared by Exceptional Means	Cleared Involving only Under 18 Years Old
Forcible Fondling	11D	7	19	1	0	0
	Total	23	63	4	2	1
Sex Offenses, Nonforcible						
Incest	36A	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	36B	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	0	0	0	0	0
Stolen Property Offenses	280	3	8	2	0	0
Weapon Law Violations	520	12	33	8	0	0
Grand Total		357	980	108	4	9

Group B Arrests by Classification

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Agency: Otter Tail County Sheriff

Report Period: 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2025

ORI: MN0560000

Offense	Offense Code	Total Arrests	Total Arrests Involving only Under 18 Years Old
Bad Checks (Decommissioned January 2022)	90A	0	0
Curfew/Loitering/Vagrancy Violations	90B	0	0
Disorderly Conduct	90C	1	0
Driving Under the Influence	90D	101	1
Drunkenness (Decommissioned January 2022)	90E	0	0
Family Offenses, Nonviolent	90F	0	0
Liquor Law Violations	90G	22	12
Peeping Tom (Decommissioned January 2022)	90H	0	0
Runaway	90I	0	0
Trespass of Real Property	90J	0	0
All Other Offenses	90Z	30	0
Grand Total		154	13

Deputy Response Time:

Time it takes on top-priority calls from dispatch to the first officer on scene.

- > Due to the size of the county¹, the County has not established deputy response time parameters.
- > The Sheriff's Office assigns deputies to areas to ensure prompt response to law enforcement calls.

Total Number of Accidents:

Total number of accidents that occur on County State Aid Highways, County Roads and Un-Organized Township Roads that involve fatalities and injury: Source – "Towards Zero Death".

Crashes in Otter Tail County in 2025:

- > Fatal Crashes: 6
- > Injury Crashes: 137
- > PDO Crashes: 292
- > Total Crashes: 435

Crashes in Otter Tail County in 2024:

- > Fatal Crashes: 10
- > Injury Crashes: 105
- > PDO Crashes: 528
- > Total Crashes: 643

¹ Geographically, Otter Tail County is the seventh (7th) largest Minnesota County. Total area is 2,225 square miles, of which 1,972 square miles are comprised of land and 252 square miles (11%) are covered by water.

Crashes in Otter Tail County in 2023:

- > Fatal Crashes: 7
- > Injury Crashes: 127
- > PDO Crashes: 340
- > Total Crashes: 474

Crashes in Otter Tail County in 2022:

- > Fatal Crashes: 9
- > Injury Crashes: 153
- > PDO Crashes: 383
- > Total Crashes: 545

Crashes in Otter Tail County in 2021:

- > Fatal Crashes: 12
- > Injury Crashes: 153
- > PDO Crashes: 332
- > Total Crashes: 497

2.0 PROBATION/CORRECTIONS

Percent of Adult Offenders without A New Felony Conviction Within 3 Years of Discharge (*MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission*):

Adult offenders who are placed on a formal, supervised probation to County Probation will be tracked for three years following their discharge to determine if they have a new Felony conviction in the State of Minnesota.

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Cases Closed	238	222	319	310	429
Subsequent Felony Convictions	15	14	21	12	12
Percentage without New Felony	93.70%	93.70%	93.40%	96.10%	97.20%

3.0 PUBLIC WORKS

Hours to Plow Complete System During a Snow Event:

- > During the 2025-2026 winter, we used twenty-six full time plow trucks to clear approximately 2,350 lane miles of road in four to five hours. During most events, the majority of the miles are plowed and/or treated twice during our normal eight to ten hour day, which typically begins between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.

Average County Pavement Condition Rating:

Pavement Quality/Condition Index. Provide average rating and the rating system program/type. Example, 70 rating on the Pavement Condition Index (PCI).

- > Average Pavement Quality Index (PQI) is 3.1, which equates to 69 on a 1 – 100 scale (PCI). This represents 2023 actual data with manual updates after 2024 and 2025 improvements.
- > PQI determined by use of Mn/DOT Pavement Condition survey. Surveys are conducted every other year, and 2025 data has been delayed.

Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating:

County records/MN Department of Transportation

- › Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating (also referred to as Local Planning Index) for Otter Tail County bridges at the end of 2025 was 84.2. Bridges are considered deficient when the Local Planning Index is 60 or below.

4.0 PUBLIC HEALTH/SOCIAL SERVICES

General Life Expectancy ([Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation](#)):

Findings: Life expectancy at birth (years) – 2014

Gender	Otter Tail County	Minnesota	National	National Rank	% Change (1980-2014)
Female	82.8	82.9	81.5	333	+2.8
Male	78.2	78.9	76.7	435	+7.1

Tobacco and Alcohol Use (See Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)):

	Otter Tail County	Minnesota (Rank of 87 Counties)	Top U.S. Performers
Adult Smoking	16%	16%	16%
Excessive Drinking	21%	21%	19%
Alcohol-impaired Driving Deaths	27%	30%	26%
Physical Inactivity	24%	24%	27%
Adult Obesity	34%	37%	38%

Percentage of Low Birth-Weight Births (MN Dept. of Human Services or [County Health Rankings & Roadmaps](#)):

- › Otter Tail County 6%
- › Minnesota (Rank of 87 Counties) 7%
- › Top U.S. Performers 8%

Workforce Self-Support Index Among MFIP and DWP Recipients:

Defined as "Percent of MFIP/DWP adults working 30 or more hours per week or off cash assistance three years after baseline"; data available from MN Department of Children, Youth, and Families:

- › Self-Support Index among Otter Tail County's MFIP and DWP recipients^[1]: 70.52% The expected performance range is between 66.08% and 75.35%.
- › Source Data: DCYF's Human Services Performance Management MFIP/DWP Self-Support Index April 2024 – March 2025

^[1] MFIP stands for Minnesota Family Investment Program. DWP stands for Diversionary Work Program.

Recurrence of Maltreatment Within 12 Months:

The most current 12 months of reporting from the MN Department of Children, Youth, and Families – Human Services Performance Management is the mid-year report for calendar year 2025, the percentage of children with a substantiated maltreatment report who do not experience a repeat substantiated maltreatment report within 12 months:

- > 97.8%
- > The DCYF Child Welfare Dashboard defines this measure as: *Of all children who were victims of a substantiated maltreatment report during a 12-month reporting period, the percent who were not victims of another substantiated maltreatment report within 12 months of their initial report.*
- > Why is this measure important? *County social services should increase the likelihood that children are safe from abuse and neglect. When a maltreatment determination is made, there is a heightened responsibility of the county to mitigate the threat of future harm to children. A repeat maltreatment determination may indicate that the risk for the child has not been fully mitigated.*

Child Support Program Cost Effectiveness:

- > Otter Tail County's FFY 2025 (10/01/24 to 09/30/25) cost effectiveness was 3.15%, i.e., for every \$1.00 expended, the child support team collected \$3.15 in child support from non-custodial parents. These funds were redirected to the children living with the custodial household family.

Per Capita Cost Report: The most current year of Human Services Cost Report available is 2022, posted on PartnerLink (MN DHS)

- > In 2022, Otter Tail County's human services comparative per capita cost was ranked 32nd of 87 counties. Otter Tail County's per capita cost was \$3,410. Otter Tail County's levy funds portion of this per capita cost was \$162 or 4.75% of the total overall costs. In other words, for every \$100.00 spent on health and human service programs, the county expends \$4.75 of county funds and county residents receive an additional \$95.25 of state & federal funds.
- > In 2022, Otter Tail County's total human service expenditures \$206,485,776. Of that amount, \$102,363,613 was federally funded, \$93,470,563 was state funded, \$9,807,215 was county funded and \$844,387 was miscellaneous revenues.
- > The Per Capita Ranking lists a county's "Total" human services costs per capita ranking. The per capita county cost is the portion of total costs paid by the county (not funded by federal, state, or miscellaneous revenues).

5.0 PROPERTY RECORDS, VALUATION, ASSESSMENT

Level of Assessment Ratio:

- > Otter Tail County's 2026 Assessment median sales ratios were compliant to be within the 90%-105% range with no State Board Orders of Equalization. Of the three types of assessment ratios utilized by the Minnesota Department of Revenue (DOR), our median ratios were as shown below (sales period 10-1-2024 to 9-30-2025):

Residential (Property Type 91)	93.26% on 755 sales
Commercial/Industrial Properties (Property Type 6)	91.52% on 15 sales
Agricultural & Rural Lands (Property Type 95 – 34.5 or more acres)	95.41% on 109 sales

Turn-Around Time (Recording/indexing/returning real estate documents):

MS357.182, Subd 3 states: For calendar year 2011 and thereafter, the maximum time allowed for completion of the recording process for documents presented in recordable form will be ten business days. Instruments recorded electronically must be returned no later than five business days after receipt by the county in a recordable format. MS357.182, Subd 4 states: for calendar year 2010 and later years, at least 90 percent of all recordable instruments must be recorded and returned in compliance with the recording requirements. In 2025-2026, Otter Tail County's turn-around time for land documents, including land transfers, has been 3 days or less.

6.0 ELECTIONS

Accuracy of Post-Election Audit:

100% accuracy based on our most recent data collected via our Post Election Review Worksheets, State General Elections, on Tuesday, November 5, 2024.

Note – the next post-election audit will be conducted in November 2026.

7.0 VETERANS SERVICES

Dollars Brought into County for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors Federal and State Expenditures:Federal Expenditures

FY2024 (07/01/23 through 06/30/24), Otter Tail County's veteran population increased 3.4% to an estimated 3962. Federal funds expended totaled \$75.59 million (up from 71.83 million in FY 2023), including: \$41.94 million – VA medical Care; \$30.26 million – Compensation & Pension; \$562,000 Education/Vocational Rehabilitation; \$136,000 Insurance and Indemnities; \$206,000 Memorial Benefits. Otter Tail County ranks 7th (up from 12th in FY2020) in Federal Expenditures in the state, given the 7 Metro Counties Otter Tail County Ranks 3rd in outstate MN.

State Expenditures

FY2024 (07/01/2023 through 6/30/2024), the MN Department of Veterans Affairs' State Soldiers Assistance Program (SSAP) allocated \$65,255 (down from \$73,400 in FY 2020) to eligible veterans and dependents. SSAP services include Dental, Optical, Subsistence, Mortgage, and Rental assistance.

Percentage of Veterans Receiving Federal Benefits:

FY 2024 (07/01/23 through 06/30/24) Otter Tail County veteran population was estimated to be 3962. A summary of Expenditures by State indicates 2,163 "unique patients" were served. Based on this data nearly 57% of our county veterans received treatment at a VA Care facility same as 2023).

FY 2024, Minnesota's veteran population was estimated at 285,734. A summary of Expenditures by State indicates 117,358 "Unique Patients" were served. Based on this data, an average 41 % of all Minnesota county veterans received treatment at a VA Care facility (same as 2023).

8.0 PARKS, LIBRARIES

Parks:

Phelps Mill – 114 acres

Fort Juleson – 10.11 acres

Echo Bay – 168.41 acres

Total Acres: 292.52

Trails:

Heart of the Lakes Regional Trail:

- › Perham Segment (CSAH 34): 6.4 miles
- › McDonald Lakes Segment: 5.8 miles
- › Silent Lake Segment: 8.1 miles
- › Pelican Rapids Segment (CSAH 3): 6.8 miles
- › Maplewood Segment: 3.8 miles

Glacial Edge Trail:

- › No segments currently built but applications for funding is ongoing.
- › Maplewood Segment funding obtained in 2023, construction of 2.4 miles of trail in Maplewood State Park will take place in 2026

Existing trail segments along county roads:

- › CSAH 1 South – 0.7 miles (Tower Road in Fergus Falls)
- › CSAH 1 North – 3.3 miles (Friberg Ave – Fergus Falls & Northeasterly)
- › CSAH 16 – 0.5 miles (Glendalough State Park)
- › CSAH 27 – 0.5 miles (Cleveland Ave in Fergus Falls)
- › CSAH 34 – 0.7 miles (Perham)
- › CSAH 82 – 2.0 miles (Fir Ave in Fergus Falls)
- › CSAH 88 – 0.7 miles (Pebble Lake Road in Fergus Falls)
- › CSAH 89 – 0.9 miles (Lake Shore Drive in Battle Lake)

Total Trails: 40.2 miles

9.0 BUDGET, FINANCIAL

Bond Rating:

S&P Global Ratings has assigned its 'AA' long-term rating to Otter Tail County, Minnesota's 2023A general obligation (GO) transportation sales tax revenue bonds. S&P Global Ratings has also affirmed its 'AA' long-term rating and underlying rating on the County existing General Obligation debt, with a stable outlook.

Debt Service Levy Per Capita; Outstanding Debt Per Capita:

- › The Pay 2026 debt service levy per capital is \$16.78 (Pay 2026 Levy - \$1,024,461/61,041 – July 1, 2025 population estimate). The Pay 2026 debt service levy decreased \$1,786 when compared to the 2025 debt service levy.

- › The outstanding debt per capita as of December 31, 2025 is the following:
 - Outstanding debt requiring county levy: $\$10,450,000/61,461 = \171.20
 - Outstanding debt paid by local sales tax: $\$19,550,000/61,461 = \320.28
 - Outstanding debt paid by other revenue sources (rents and funds held in escrow): $\$4,415,000/61,041 = \72.33
 - Outstanding debt (issued by Otter Tail County but technically the responsibility of the joint powers group) paid by other revenues: $\$16,615,000/61,041 = \272.19

Total Outstanding Debt Per Capita as of 12/31/2025: \$836.00, a decrease of \$72.90 Per Capita from 12/31/2024.

10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL

Recycling Percentage Available in The SCORE Report:

Otter Tail County's calculated recycling percentage for:

- › 2021 was 69%
- › 2022 was 73%
- › 2023 was 78%
- › 2024 was 65%
- › 2025 was 59%

Amount of Hazardous Household Waste and Electronics Collected (2021 to 2025):

Removed from Waste Stream (in pounds)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Household Hazardous Waste	191,906	182,866	163,502	203,763	177,579
Electronics	270,840	283,480	331,560	307,320	318,825
Appliances	399,400	425,380	391,200	367,280	433,950

11.0 LAND AND RESOURCE

2025 Data

- › 600 permits issued for structures in the Shoreland District
- › 187 permits issued for shoreland alteration
- › 590 septic system permits issued
- › 776 compliance inspections of existing septic systems
 1. 582 compliant (75%)
 2. 194 noncompliant (25%)
- › 104 waterbodies infested with Zebra Mussels