

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-073

DATE June 16, 2026
MOTION
BY COMMISSIONER Miron

DEPARTMENT Administration
SECONDED BY
COMMISSIONER Bigham

PARTICIPATION IN THE 2026 PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation in 2010, setting it in state law; and

WHEREAS, the Council on Local Results and Innovation released a standard set of performance measures for counties that will aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials to determine the effectiveness of counties in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services; and

WHEREAS, the County Board began the county's participation in the voluntary standard measures program in 2011; and

WHEREAS, a county that chooses to participate in the standard measures program for 2026 may be eligible for a reimbursement of 14 cents per capita in county government aid, not to exceed \$25,000; and

WHEREAS, counties must file a report with the Office of the State Auditor by July 1, 2026, with a declaration adopting and implementing performance measures developed by the Council on Local Results and Innovation; and

WHEREAS, the county has a longstanding commitment to performance measurement and continuous improvement that focuses on outcome goals and performance results; and

WHEREAS, the county has implemented a local performance measurement system, including the use of measurement and reporting to help plan, budget, manage, and evaluate programs and processes; and

WHEREAS, the county is implementing an internal continuous improvement plan with a framework for countywide continuous improvement work, which includes setting targets, measuring progress, reporting on progress, and making improvements; and

WHEREAS, the county will report the results of the 10 adopted measures from this program to residents by posting the results on the county's website; and

WHEREAS, the county will continue to communicate the results of its continuous improvement program with the community through the use of public meetings, news releases, website postings, and an annual report to the County Board and Washington County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopts 10 Model Performance Measures for Counties and authorizes the County Administrator to file the declaration to participate in the 2026 Performance Measurement Program and to file the Performance Measurement Review with the Office of the State Auditor by July 1, 2026.

ATTEST:

Kevin Corbaid
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Karla Bigham
COUNTY BOARD CHAIR

	YES	NO
MIRON	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
KARWOSKI	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
COX	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
BIGHAM	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
CLASEN	<u> </u>	<u>Absent</u>



2026 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: WashingtonCountyMN.gov/PerformanceMeasures.

Public Safety

Group A and Group B Crimes

	2023	2024	2025
Group A Crimes per 1,000 residents	29.4	25.1	20.7
Group B Crimes per 1,000 residents	12.2	12.7	11.7

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 2023, while Group B crimes have decreased slightly.

Note: Crimes per 1,000 residents for 2024 and 2025 were calculated using the 2024 population estimate, as the 2025 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 three years of discharge

	2023	2024	2025
Percent of adult offenders with a new felony conviction within 3 years of discharge	20%	22%	12%

Washington County recidivism rates for 2025 involve probation-sentenced offenders with a felony-level case discharged in 2021. The 2025 recidivism rate of 12% for Washington County probationers was lower than the overall Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area rate of 18% and the state of Minnesota rate of 16%. Data in future years will help determine if the decline in 2025 is part of an emerging trend.

Source: Washington County Community Corrections

Budget, Financial

Bond rating

	2023	2024	2025
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

	2023	2024	2025
Pavement Condition Index (PCI)	67	67	66

The Pavement Condition Index (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 2025, the system average PCI was 66, with 25 miles of county roads (8% of the county roadway system) below a 40 PCI rating.

Source: Washington County Public Works and Minnesota Department of Transportation

Bridge Local Planning Index

	2023	2024	2025
Number of bridges below a rating of 60	1	1	0

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. All Washington County-owned bridges have an LPI above 60. 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 for whom there is a recurrence of maltreatment within 12 months following intervention

	2023	2024	2025
Child maltreatment recurrence	1.1%	0.0%	2.0%

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 repeated 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

	2023	2024	2025
Recording compliance	100%	100%	78%
Timely recording, paper documents	5.6 days	3.5 days	6.2 days
Timely recording, electronic documents	1.0 days	1.5 days	3.7 days

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 of Washington County has implemented various workflow improvements that allow the division to meet statutory requirements in a cost-effective manner. Paper documents must be returned within 10 business days of receipt, and electronically submitted documents must be returned within five business days.

In 2025, the division's average processing time remained within statutory requirements for both paper and electronic documents. On-time performance was 78%, reflecting the operational impact of leadership changes, staff turnover, and employee leaves.

Source: Washington County Property Records and Taxpayer Services

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Libraries

Number of annual library visits per 1,000 residents

	2023	2024	2025
Number of annual library visits per 1,000 residents	2,780	2,607	2,622

The number of library visits per 1,000 residents remained steady from 2024 to 2025. 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 2024 Census population estimate was used to calculate 2024 and 2025 in-person library visits per 1,000 residents, as the 2025 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

	2023	2024	2025
Percentage of waste recycled	56.0%	55.6%	51.9%

The recycling percentage is the total tons of recyclable materials as a percentage of waste generated in the county and is dependent upon data reported by waste haulers. In 2025, there was a decrease in the recycling percentage from 55.6% to 51.9%. Despite this decline, Washington County remains committed to making 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 in pounds (lbs)

	2023	2024	2025
Household hazardous waste	1,245,621 lbs	1,285,100 lbs	1,546,535 lbs
Electronic waste	1,058,943 lbs	988,300 lbs	1,169,904 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 and household hazardous waste collected showed an increase from 2024.

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 2025 data is the county's 27th annual report and is expected to be published early fall 2026 under the title of Annual Report on Community Indicators (ARCI).

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