

2018 Ramsey County and the Minnesota Local Government Performance Measures Report

Ramsey County participates in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation’s comprehensive performance measurement system for cities and counties. This program encourages local governments to publish and compare information on their activities. The data items were selected from a list provided by the state. Many of the items in the State system are included in the County’s performance measurement process.

Public Safety: Crime Rates (per 100,000 people)	2013	2014	2015	2016
Part I Crimes (Serious Crimes)	3,930	3,738	3,356	3,054
Part II Crimes (Other Crimes)	3,878	3,731	3,903	3,221
Total	7,808	7,469	7,259	6,275
The uniform crime statistics program is a standard way of comparing crime patterns across jurisdictions.				

Public Works: Pavement Conditions	2013	2014	2015	2016
Average pavement condition rating for county roads	59	61	62	60
Roads are regularly examined and rated, on a scale of 1 to 100, using a standardized system developed by MnDOT. The results are used to plan and implement county maintenance operations efficiently.				

Public Health, Social Services: Low Birth Weight	2013	2014	2015	2016
Low birth weight births (percent of all live, singleton births with weight < 2500 grams)	5.5%	5.7%	5.7%	5.8%
Babies born weighing less than 2500 grams (5lb. 8 oz.) have greater health risks than babies born at a higher birth weight, including poorer health outcomes and a greater likelihood of death before their first birthday. Reducing such risks will reduce health care costs, decrease use of social services programs, and increase family wellbeing.				

Property Records, Evaluation, Assessment: Assessment Ratios	2013	2014	2015	2016
Residential Assessment Ratio	98.1	94.6	96.2	96.0
Apartment Assessment Ratio	99.2	95.1	91.2	104.0
Commercial Assessment Ratio	96.3	96.3	101.4	94.0
Industrial Assessment Ratio				99.5
Assessment ratios of assessed values to market sales are part of the Minnesota Department of Revenue’s annual analysis of the accuracy of property value assessments. Assessors are required to have ratios between 90% and 105%. If values are less than 100, the assessed values tend to be lower than market sales. Values over 100 indicate that assessed values tend to be more than market sales. In 2016, the Commercial Assessment Ratio was divided into commercial and industrial ratios.				

Elections: Accuracy of post-election audit	2013	2014	2015	2016
Ballots counted accurately -- post-election review	**	99.94%	**	99.97%
After elections, the results of ballot counting are reviewed to determine the accuracy of the counting process. 99.5% is the minimum accuracy required by the state. (**State-county elections are not conducted in odd-numbered years.)				

Veterans Services: Benefits Received by Veterans	2013	2014	2015	2016
Federal pension and disability benefits for veterans and survivor	\$60.85 million	\$70.61 million	\$68.63 million	\$72.97 million
Value of VA Medical Care Services which includes state of the art Primary and Specialty Care as well as many programs and services.	\$75.50 million	\$81.61 million	\$86.61 million	\$84.92 million
Veterans Services provides counseling and other assistance, including: advocacy for veterans, their dependents, and survivors who are entitled to federal and state benefits; enrollment in the VA Medical Care System; and referral to other programs and services provided within the VA Medical Care System.				

Parks, Libraries: Visits	2013	2014	2015	2016
Ramsey County Regional Parks (visits per 1,000 residents)	4,657	4,457	3,822	3,526
Ramsey County Library (physical visits per 1,000 residents)	7,464	6,967	6,808	6,793
Ramsey County Library (virtual visits per 1,000 residents)	8,818	9,020	8,886	8,811
Parks: Numbers indicate visits to Ramsey County's six regional parks and six regional trails. They do not include visits to nine county parks, which are not tracked.				
Libraries: Traditionally, libraries have tracked physical visits as a measure of services. As the use of digital library materials becomes more common, Ramsey County is also tracking virtual visits.				

Budget, Financial: Bond ratings	2013	2014	2015	2016
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services	AAA	AAA	AAA	AAA
Moody's Investor Services	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa	Aaa
Rating agencies examine a county's financial and management characteristics to rate whether the bonds will be safe investments.				

Environment: Recycling percentage	2013	2014	2015	2016
Mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) recycled	50.4%	52.5%	55.1%	55.0%
Recycling is critical for reducing the impact of waste on the environment.				

Data sources:

- Crime Rates: State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, "Uniform Crime Report," 2012 (Table 46), 2013 (Table 46), 2014 (Table 48), 2015 (Tables 312 & 38), and 2016 (Table 4.4.2).
- Low birth weight births: Minnesota Department of Health, *Minnesota County Health Tables (2013-2016)*, "Natality Table 2: Prematurity and Low Birth Weight of Singleton Births in Minnesota By State, County and Community Health Board (CHB)."
- Park Use: Metropolitan Council, "Annual Use Estimate of the Regional Parks System for 2016: Based on a Four-Year Average of Visit Data from 2013 through 2016," Table 11: Comparison of estimated visits from 2010 to 2016 (July 2017).
- All other measures: Ramsey County Performance Measures reported in the County Manager's 2019 Proposed Interim Budget or departmental data.