

Steele County
2019 Performance Measurements





Mission Statement

Exceptional Public Service

Vision Statement

To make Steele County the place of choice to live,
work, play and grow in southern Minnesota.

About the Program

In 2010, the Legislature created the Council on Local Results and Innovation. In February 2011, the Council released a standard set of ten performance measures for counties and ten performance measures for cities that will aid residents, taxpayers, and state and local elected officials in determining the efficacy of counties and cities in providing services and measure residents' opinions of those services. In February of 2012, the Council created a comprehensive performance measurement system for cities and counties to implement. In 2013, the Council revised the performance measures and clarified the system requirements to increase participation in the program.

Participation in the standard measures program by a city or a county is voluntary. Counties and cities that choose to participate in the standard measures program must officially adopt and implement the ten minimum performance measures and system developed by the Council.

A county or city that elects to participate in the standard measures/performance measurement program is eligible for a reimbursement of \$0.14 per capita, not to exceed \$25,000 and is also exempt from levy limits under sections 275.70 to 275.74 for taxes payable in the following calendar year, if levy limits are in effect. However, participation in the standard measures/performance measurement program does not exempt a county or city from the new 2013 property tax levy limits, which are found in a different section of law.

Public Works

<i>Hours to Plow Complete System During a Snow Event</i>	2017	2018
2 to 4 inches of snowfall	6 hours	6 hours
6 plus inches of snowfall	8 hours	8 hours

<i>Pavement Conditions</i>	2017	2018
Average County Pavement Condition Rating	70.0	74.6

The Minnesota Department of Transportation rates Steele 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.

<i>Bridge Sufficiency</i>	2017	2018
Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating	79.3	89.2

A measurement of the overall rating of a bridge's fitness on a scale from 0 (poor) to 100 (excellent) for the duty that it performs based on factors derived from over 20 National Bridge Inventory (NBI) data fields, including fields that describe its structural evaluation, functional obsolescence, and its essentiality to the public.

Public Health, Social Services

<i>Tobacco and Alcohol Use</i>	2017	2018
Tobacco Use, Steele County	16%	14%
Tobacco Use, State of Minnesota	16%	15%
Excessive Alcohol Use, Steele County	21%	23%
Excessive Alcohol Use, State of Minnesota	21%	23%

A statistic from County Health Rankings, adult smoking is based on Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) data and is the percentage of the adult population in a county who both report that they currently smoke every day or most days and have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime. Excessive alcohol use measures the percentage of a county's adult population that reports binge or heavy drinking in the past 30 days.

<i>Number of Low-Weight Births</i>	2017	2018
Steele County	6%	6%
State of Minnesota	6%	6%

Another statistic from County Health Rankings, low birthweight is the percentage of live births where an infant weighed less than 2,500 grams (approximately 5 lbs. 8 oz.).

Property Records, Valuation, Assessment

<i>Level of Assessment Ratio</i>	2017	2018
Assessment Year	2016	2017
Residential Property	92.2%	92.4%
Apartments	96.0%	N/A*
Agricultural Property	96.8%	95.0%
Commercial / Industrial Property	N/A*	93.2%

The level of assessment ratio is an indication of the quality and accuracy of the County's property value assessments. It is based on the difference between a property's assessed value and the actual sale price of the property. If the median ratio falls between 90% and 105%, the level of assessment is determined to be acceptable.

** Median ratio based on six or more sales transactions during the assessment year.*

Budget and Financial

<i>Bond Rating</i>	2017	2018
Moody's Investors Service	A3	A3
Standard & Poor's	AA	AA

<i>Outstanding Bonded Debt</i>	2017	2018
Debt Service Levy Per Capita	\$ 66.77	\$ 36.18
Total Outstanding Debt Per Capita	\$ 398.01	\$ 429.70

The debt service levy includes the amount of bonded debt funded by the property tax levy. The total outstanding debt includes both levied and non-levied bonded debt outstanding. Each of these figures are divided by the Minnesota State Demographic Centers estimated population of Steele County.

Environmental

<i>Recycling</i>	2017	2018
Steele County Recycling Percentage	50.3%	63.0%

The recycling percentage is a calculation of the total tonnage collected for recycling divided by the total municipal solid waste (MSW) generated. In 1989, Minnesota Legislation set county recycling goals. Each Greater Minnesota County (outside of the seven-county Metro Area) must recycle a minimum of 35% by weight of total solid waste generation.

<i>Waste Collections</i>	2017	2018
Household Hazardous Waste Collections	19,031 lbs.	22,128 lbs.
Electronics Collected	57,835 lbs.	45,535 lbs.

Proper disposal of leftover chemicals, household products, and electronics help protect the environment and people's health. The Steele County Landfill collects unwanted electronics for recycling and household hazardous products, such as paints, cleaners, oils, and pesticides.

Data Sources

Hours to Plow Complete System	Steele County Highway Department
County Pavement Condition Rating	Steele County Highway Department
Bridge Sufficiency Rating	Steele County Highway Department
Tobacco and Alcohol Use	County Health Rankings: http://www.countyhealthrankings.org
Low-weight Births	County Health Rankings: http://www.countyhealthrankings.org
Level of Assessment Ratio	Steele County Assessor's Office
Bond Rating	Steele County Treasurer's Office
Debt Outstanding	Steele County Treasurer's Office
Recycling	Score Report
Waste Collections	Steele County Landfill