

**Resolution No. 2021-14**  
**Brown County Resolution**

The following Resolution was offered by Commissioner Veerkamp and moved for adoption at a Regular Meeting held on June 22, 2021 at the Brown County Courthouse, New Ulm, MN:

**WHEREAS**, Benefits to Brown County for participation in the Minnesota Council on Local Results and Innovation's comprehensive performance measurement program are outlined in MS 6.91 and include 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 Brown 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; and


**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT**, Brown County will continue to report the results of the performance measures to its citizenry by the end of the year by posting on the county's website.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Brown County will submit to the Office of the State Auditor the actual results of the performance measures adopted by the county.

Seconded by Commissioner Windschitl and the same being put to a vote was duly carried. This Resolution shall become effective immediately and without publication.

Adopted by the following vote: Ayes 5 Nays 0.  
Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2021.

ATTEST:

  
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Administrator, Brown County

  
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Chairman, Brown County

# 2021 Performance Measures Report

## Brown County, Minnesota



### This Report Contains:

- Resolution 2021-14 – Authorizing Participation in the 2021 Program
- Actual Results of the performance measures adopted by Brown County for 2020

Respectfully Submitted to the  
Minnesota Office of the State Auditor  
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## **Actual Results of 2021 Performance Measures Adopted by Brown County (All reported results are for 2020, except where otherwise noted)**

**Executive Summary:** The Brown County Board of Commissioners voted to participate in the 2021 Performance Measure Program on June 22, 2021. Resolution 2021-14 adopted twelve benchmarks on which to measure output that includes the areas of Environment, Public Works, Property Records, Valuation, & Assessment, Elections, Budget & Financial, Veterans' Services, Public Safety, and Public Health & Social Services. The actual results of those performance measures are included in the following report.

### **Benchmark 1: Environment**

Recycling percentage:

- Actual Results: 64% of total waste in the county is recycled. Brown County again experienced a significant increase in its residential recycling participation. Residents in municipalities have curbside recycling access, while rural residents have numerous collection points throughout the county.

*(Note: The state continues to make changes in its criteria and reporting scheme, so despite reporting a small decrease in total waste recycled, Brown County participation is increasing.)*

### **Benchmark 2: Environment**

Amount of hazardous household waste and electronics collected and disposed of:

- Actual Results:           63,362 lbs. of hazardous waste (14% increase from 2019)  
                                  405,822 lbs. of electronic waste (21% reduction from 2019)

### **Benchmark 3: Public Works**

Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating:

- Actual Results: 92.2 was the average rating for the 145 bridges throughout the county, on a scale of 1-100.

### **Benchmark 4: Public Works**

Hours to plow complete system during a snow event:

- Actual Results: On average it took 2-3 hours to clear driving lanes and another 2-3 hours to make a second pass to clear shoulders, depending on the amount of snow fall and ice.

### **Benchmark 5: Public Works**

Average county pavement condition rating:

- Actual Results: The Average Pavement Condition remained at 3.4 PQI after the last MnDOT road survey in 2019. This rating falls into the good category. In 2020, 32.4 miles of surface rehabilitation projects were completed.

### **Benchmark 6: Property Records, Valuation, Assessment**

Turn-around time for recording, indexing and returning real estate documents:

- Actual Results: MN Statutes 357.182, Subd 6 requires a 10-day turnaround time, 90% of the time. Brown County's practice is for electronically filed documents to be completed and returned within 5 business days or less and paper filed documents returned within 10 business days or less. Brown County was 100% compliant in both 2019 and 2020, averaging 8.34 and 8.28 days to return paper documents and 1.65 and 1.6 days to return electronically filed documents, respectively.

### **Benchmark 7: Property Records, Valuation, Assessment**

Level of Assessment Ratio:

- Actual Results: The three types of assessment ratios submitted to the Department of Revenue were:

Ag: 97.56% | Residential: 92.19% | Commercial/Industrial: 91.25%

### **Benchmark 8: Elections**

Accuracy of post-election audit (% of ballots counted accurately):

- Actual Results: Post election review by hand count of Sleepy Eye W2 and Prairieville precincts indicated 100% accuracy in ballot counts, which was completed by precinct election judges and overseen by representatives of each political party.

Sleepy Eye W2 was also selected by the state canvassing board for post-election audit. They validated that the election was conducted in accordance with statutes.

### **Benchmark 9: Budget/Financial**

Bond rating:

- Actual Results: Standard & Poor's Global Ratings "AA". This rating was certified in 2017 at the time of bond issuance and remains unchanged.

### **➤ Benchmark 10: Veterans' Services**

Dollars brought into the county for veterans' benefits:

- Actual Results: During 2019, Brown County veterans received \$15,895,000 in benefits.

*(Note: Veteran Affairs had not released 2020 data at the time Brown County's 2021 performance measures report was completed.)*

### **Benchmark 11: Public Safety**

Total number of accidents that occur on County State Aid Highways, County Roads and Township Roads that involve fatalities and injury:

- Actual Results: There were 0 fatalities in 2020.
- Actual Results: There were 14 personal injury accidents in 2020.

## **Benchmark 12: Public Health**

General life expectancy:

- Actual Results: Female life expectancy is 83 years and male life expectancy is 77.1 years, according to Census data. Using the USALEEP interactive tool, Brown County's life expectancy is 80.77 years, as of 2019.

Public Health continues to work with county residents of all ages and community organizations to promote healthy physical and social/emotional lifestyles. Initiatives included safe routes to school, improved food environments, complete and safe street work for walking and biking, worksite wellness, chemical health addiction prevention and better access to treatment, community and individual mental health and well-being, and prevention of COVID 19 transmission.