

2023 Performance Measures Report

Brown County, Minnesota



This Report Contains:

- Resolution 2023-08 – Authorizing Participation in the 2023 Program
- Actual Results of the performance measures adopted by Brown County for 2022

Respectfully Submitted to the
Minnesota Office of the State Auditor
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Actual Results of 2023 Performance Measures Adopted by Brown County (All reported results are for 2022, except where otherwise noted)

Executive Summary: The Brown County Board of Commissioners voted to participate in the 2023 Performance Measure Program on June 20, 2023. Resolution 2023-08 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: 40% of total waste in the county is recycled. Although this number is lower than the prior year (60%), Brown County switched from Volume based to Weight based for measuring.

Benchmark 2: Environment

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

- Actual Results: 47,440 lbs. of hazardous waste (3% reduction from 2021)
129,700 lbs. of electronic waste (47% reduction from 2020)

Benchmark 3: Public Works

Average Bridge Sufficiency Rating:

- Actual Results: 92.0 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 increased to 3.6 Pavement Quality Index (PQI) after the last Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) road survey in 2021. This rating falls into the good category. In 2022, 1.3 miles of surface rehabilitation projects were completed. This is determined every other year, so new data will be conducted this year.

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 2022, averaging 7.55 days to return paper documents and 1.45 days to return electronically filed documents.

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: 94.59% | Residential: 92.37% | Commercial/Industrial: 96.15%/94.31%

Benchmark 8: Elections

The process of redistricting was complete in the Spring of 2022. Brown County had a substantial change with Congressional Districts, splitting the county in half between CD 1 and CD 7. The following townships and cities were moved to CD 7 after redistricting: Bashaw, Burnstown, Cobden, Comfrey, Leavenworth, Mulligan, North Star Springfield and Stately. Prairieville Township resulted in a split between these two districts, creating two precincts for the township: Prairieville Twp P-1 and Prairieville Twp P-7.

Accuracy of post-election audit (% of ballots counted accurately): 100% of ballots counted accurately during the post-election review.

- There were 3 Elections held in 2022.

Primary Special Election for Congressional District 1 – Held on May 24th, to replace Representative Hagedorn. This election used districting data from prior years.

General Primary & Special Election for Congressional District 1 – Held on August 9th, 2022. The General Election Primary used district information based off the new redistricting data, splitting our county between the CD 1 and CD 7. The Special Election for CD 1 used the districting data from prior years.

General Election – Held on November 8th, 2022. This Election was completed based off the new redistricting results.

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 2022, Brown County veterans received \$20,929,000 in benefits.
- Prior year was \$19,546,000.

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 2022.
- Actual Results: There were 6 personal injury accidents in 2022.
- Actual Results: There were 44 property damage accidents in 2022.

Benchmark 12: Public Health

General life expectancy:

- Actual Results: Using the County Health Rankings data, Brown County's life expectancy is 80 years of age, as of 2022.

Brown County recognizes the everyday choices we make can help us become happier, healthier, and more fulfilled with our lives at work and at home. Since 2013, Brown County implemented a Wellness Program designed to improve the overall physical, mental, and social well-being for all staff by providing education to employees on wellness topics and offers programs that encourage physical activity, healthy eating habits and emotional wellbeing.

Brown County Public Health continues to participate in Heart of New Ulm action teams such as: Mental Health and Wellness Action Team, Chemical Health Action Team, Worksite Wellness, Food Environment Action Team, Complete and Safe Streets, and The Heart of New Ulm Leadership team. Through these action teams, education and programs are provided to professionals and community members throughout Brown County. Initiatives include 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 the prevention of communicable disease transmission.