



2025 At-A-Glance

Population

Population (2020)	267,568* (+12% since 2010)
Population (2025 estimate)	287,907 [†]
Population rank in Minnesota	5 of 87 counties [‡]
Population age 18 years and over	76.3% ^{**}
Population age 65 years and over	17.3% ^{**}
Percent with bachelor's degree or higher	51.3% ^{**}
Median age	40.8 ^{**}
Housing units	111,824 ^{**}
Households	109,093 ^{**}
Average household size	2.61 ^{****}

Projected Growth 2020 to 2050:	
Number of new residents forecast	67,704 (+25%) ^{***}
Number of new households forecast	34,840 (+35%) ^{***}
Projected population in 2050	335,272 ^{***}
Projected households in 2050	134,347 ^{***}
Projected employment in 2050 (jobs available in Washington County)	116,173 ^{***}

Source: ^{*}U.S. Decennial Census
[†]Minnesota State Demographic Center Projections, May 2024
^{**}2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (margin of error not included)
^{***}Metropolitan Council Imagine 2050 Forecasts, August 2024
^{****}Metropolitan Council Annual Estimates (2023)

Labor Force & Business

Employment Statistics (a):	
Annual labor force	143,847
Residents employed	140,080
Residents unemployed	3,767
Unemployment rate	2.6% (Minnesota 2.9%)

Occupations (b):	
Management, business, science, and arts	53.1%
Sales and office	18.3%
Service	13.5%
Production, transportation, and material moving	9.7%
Natural Resources, construction, and maintenance	5.4%

2024 Top 10 Taxable Market Values (c):	
Xcel Energy	\$454,977,900
Tamarack Village Shopping Center LP	\$107,169,600
10285 Grand Forest Owner LLC	\$100,927,500
Ramco-Gershenson Properties LP	\$93,613,500
Ireit Woodbury City Place LLC	\$78,587,500
3M Company	\$76,349,600
NP BGO Cottage Grove Logistics Park LLC	\$56,598,100
Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust	\$49,842,400
Woodbury Village Shopping Center LP	\$48,520,500
Dayton Hudson Corp	\$47,408,900

Source: (a) Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS), November 2024
(b) 2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (margin of error not included)
(c) Washington County Property Records and Taxpayer Services, payable in 2024

Economic

Median household income	\$110,729 [*]
Per capita personal income (2023)	\$84,018 ^{**}
Percent of people below the poverty level	4.8% [*]
Percent of families below the poverty level	3.2% [*]
Median Residential Taxable Market Value Assessment	\$417,000 ^{***}
New houses (single family dwelling/townhouse/condo) started	1,284 ^{***}
Mean commute travel time for work	24.0 minutes [*]

Source: ^{*}2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (margin of error not included)
^{**}U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, November 2024
^{***}Washington County Property Records and Taxpayer Services, payable in 2024

Human Services

No health insurance coverage [†]	2.1% [†]
Rate of homelessness per 100,000 residents (2023)	40.0 ^{**}
Minnesota healthcare programs (2020)	\$260 million ^{***}
Cash and food support (2020)	\$30 million ^{***}

Source: ^{*}2023 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates (margin of error not included)
[†]Wilder Foundation Minnesota Homeless Study 2023
^{**}Department of Human Services Minnesota County Human Services Cost Report, 2020
^{***}Includes civilian non-institutionalized population

County Budget & Percentages

Total 2025 Budget:	\$361,627,600
Revenue Sources: – all amounts rounded –	
Property taxes	39%
Intergovernmental revenue	26%
Other taxes	12%
Fees for services	7%
Other financing sources	6%
Miscellaneous investment income, rents, fines	4%
County program aid	4%
Licenses and permits	2%

Expenditures: – all amounts rounded –	
Health & Community Services	25%
Streets & Highways	22%
Public Safety	21%
General Government	20%
Debt Service	5%
Culture & Recreation	5%
Other Capital Outlay	2%

County Budget Comparison:	2024	2025
Operating	\$292.2 million	\$278.6 million
Capital	\$63.8 million	\$64.9 million
Debt	\$15.3 million	\$18.1 million
Total	\$371.3 million	\$361.6 million

County General Obligation Bond Rating: [*]	
Moody's Aaa	Standard & Poor's AAA

County Tax Rate with Library (d):	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 estimate
	27.44%	27.45%	23.63%	21.99%	23.72%

Source: ^{*}Washington County Office of Administration
(d) Washington County Property Records and Taxpayer Services, payable in 2024

Land Use

	Total Acres:	%:
Agricultural and underdeveloped	140,399	51.9%
Residential	57,973	21.4%
Institutional; park and recreational	33,973	12.5%
Open water bodies	25,465	9.4%
Industrial	5,139	1.9%
Commercial	3,895	1.4%
Major roadways	2,757	1.0%
Airport and Railway	705	0.3%
Mixed Use	455	0.2%
Total	270,761	100%

Source: Metropolitan Council Land Use Inventory 2020

Geography

Total area	423 sq. miles*
Land area (without water)	385 sq. miles**
Maximum county width	13.8 miles
Maximum county length	40.4 miles
County total area rank in Minnesota	83 of 87 counties*
Number of major water bodies†	585*

Washington County Parks	5,023.3 acres*
Lake Elmo Park Reserve	2,178.9 acres*
Big Marine Park Reserve	1104.3 acres*
St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park	685.6 acres*
Cottage Grove Ravine Regional Park	530.5 acres*
Pine Point Regional Park	335.4 acres*
Grey Cloud Island Regional Park	135.1 acres*
Square Lake Park	24.9 acres*
Point Douglas Park	8.6 acres*

Washington County Trails	22.6 miles*
Hardwood Creek Regional Trail	10.1 miles*
Point Douglas Regional Trail	2.5 miles*
Central Greenway Regional Trail	10 miles*

Source: †Washington County Public Works

**U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File, 2020

†Department of Natural Resources Public Waters Inventory (PWI)

†Note: Lakes and type 3, 4, 5 wetlands. Wetlands are defined as over 10 acres in unincorporated areas or 2 1/2 acres in incorporated areas. Lakes are defined as "all natural enclosed depressions, 10 acres or more in area, which have substantial banks capable of containing water, and which are discernible on aerial photographs," from "Inventory of Minnesota Lakes," Minnesota Conservation Department, Bulletin No. 25, 1968.

Washington County Commissioners - 2025

- District 1 – Fran Miron
- District 2 – Stan Karwoski, Chair
- District 3 – Bethany Cox
- District 4 – Karla Bigham, Vice Chair
- District 5 – Michelle Clasen

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Washington County Facilities

Type of Facility (number of facilities):	Contact #:
Government Center - Stillwater (County Seat) (1)	651-430-6000
County Service Center - Cottage Grove (1)	651-430-4075
County Service Center - Forest Lake/Headwaters (1)	651-275-7200
County Service Center - Woodbury (1)	651-275-8600
County Branch Libraries (includes Law Library) (8)	651-275-8500
License Centers (3)	651-275-8600
County Parks (7)	651-430-8368
Historic Courthouse (1)	651-275-7075
Law Enforcement Center (1)	651-439-9381
Household Hazardous Waste (2)	651-430-7475
Transit Centers (2)	651-430-4300
Yard Waste (1)	651-430-7475
Recycling & Energy Center (1)	651-768-6670
Transportation Offices (2)	651-430-4300

Local Units of Governments

Number of Cities 27*

*Includes portions of Hastings and White Bear Lake located in Washington County

Number of Townships 6

