

Community Indicators

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Vision: A vibrant community where all are valued and thrive.

Mission: A county of excellence working with you to enhance our quality of life.

Goals



WELL-BEING



PROSPERITY



OPPORTUNITY



ACCOUNTABILITY

Strengthen individual, family and community health, safety and wellbeing

through effective safety-net services, innovative programming, prevention and early intervention, and environmental stewardship.

Cultivate economic prosperity and invest in neighborhoods with concentrated financial poverty

through proactive leadership and inclusive initiatives that engage all communities in decisions about our future.

Enhance access to opportunity and mobility for all residents and businesses

through connections to education, employment and economic development throughout our region

Model fiscal accountability, transparency and strategic investments

through professional operations and financial management.





Performance Measures	Community Indicators	
Measures the outputs of our services	Measure values, conditions and outcomes	
Focuses on areas where we can be more efficient, cost-effective, and allocate resources	Produces the story of where our community in relation to historical trends over time	
We can control and influence our data and inputs	Our entire community is responsible for controlling, impacting and influencing community indicators	
	Data come from credible and reliable third-party sources	

COMMUNITY INDICATORS

SNAPSHOT OF COMMUNITY INDICATORS BY COUNTYWIDE GOAL

	Life Expectancy	79.9 Years	Weighted average for all census tracts
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	Serious Crime Rate	4,051 per capita	Part 1 Crimes per 100K residents
WELL-BEING	Waste Diverted from Landfills	46.2 percent	Percentage of mixed municipal solid waste recycled
	Affordability	7,881 dollars	Gap between cost of living and median income for a family of four
	Job Creation	-25,958 jobs	Annual average employment
	Workers in Poverty	2.4 percent	Full time workers who remain in poverty
PROSPERITY	Concentrated Poverty	28.8 percent	Residents living below the federal poverty level
	People of Color in Poverty	62.0 percent	Residents living below the poverty level who are a person of color
	Voter Turnout	77.4 percent	Residents eligible to vote who voted in the general elections
	Commute Times Under 30 Minutes	67.1 percent	Commuters who can reach work in less than 30 minutes
OPPORTUNITY	Population 25 to 34 years	16.6 percent	Residents who are between 25 and 34 years old
	Approved tax levy	\$318 million	Total dollar value of taxes levied
	Pavement Rating	6.21	Pavement quality index
U	Residential Assessment sales ratio	96.4 percent	Ratio of assessed value compared to market value
ACCOUNTABILITY	Bond Ratings	AAA	Bond Ratings by Standard & Poors and Moody's

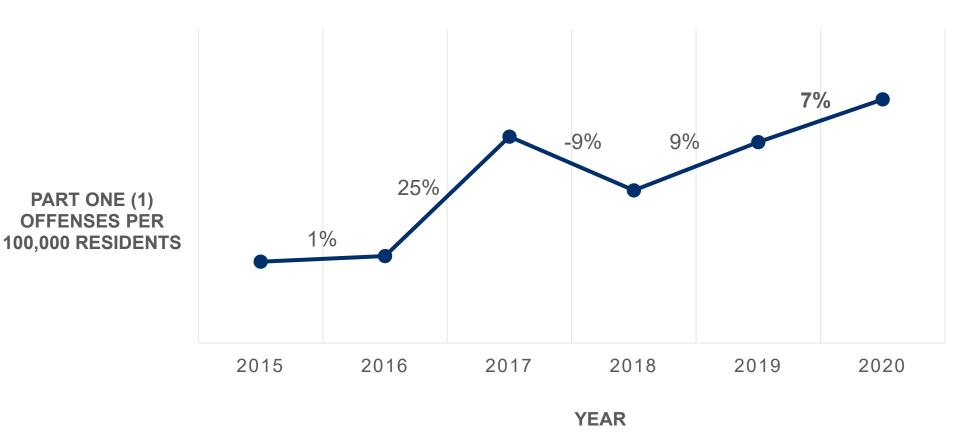


Considerations

- Limitations to gathering 2020 indicators
- COVID-19 impact on data tracking
- Delays in reporting from previous sources used to collect data
- Changes in data collection processes and definitions
- Inconsistency among the years for some indicators because of the above challenges
 - Some indicators are 2020 data points, some are from 2019
 - The identified indicators in the presentation have 2020 data



Rate of Serious Crime Rate (2015-2020)



Although the number of part one offenses have increased, the change of rate has reduced to 7% compared to last year.

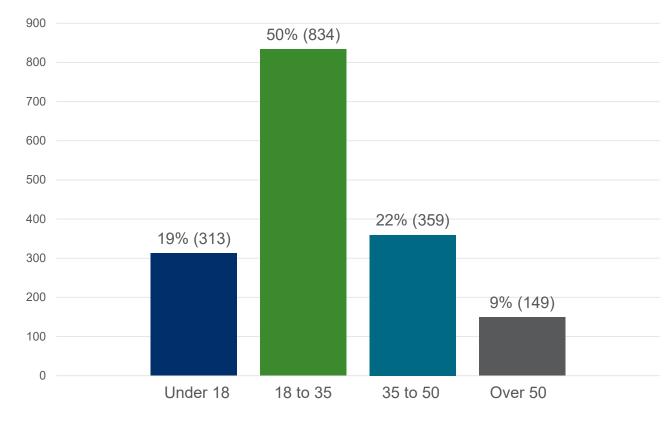


TOTAL NUMBER

OF PART ONE (1)

ARRESTS

Arrests by Age (2020)



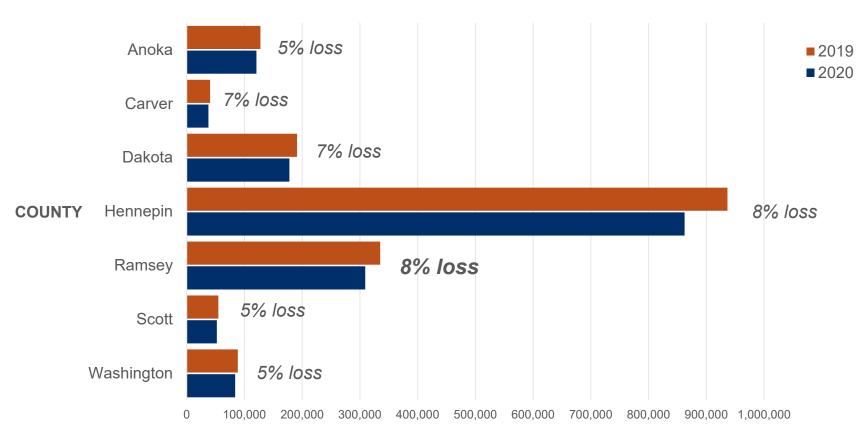
Nearly 70% of arrests were under the age of 35.

Almost 20% of arrests were under the age of 18. There is a continued need for alternative solutions to support youth and young adults outside of law enforcement.

AGE RANGE



Metro Counties Job Creation

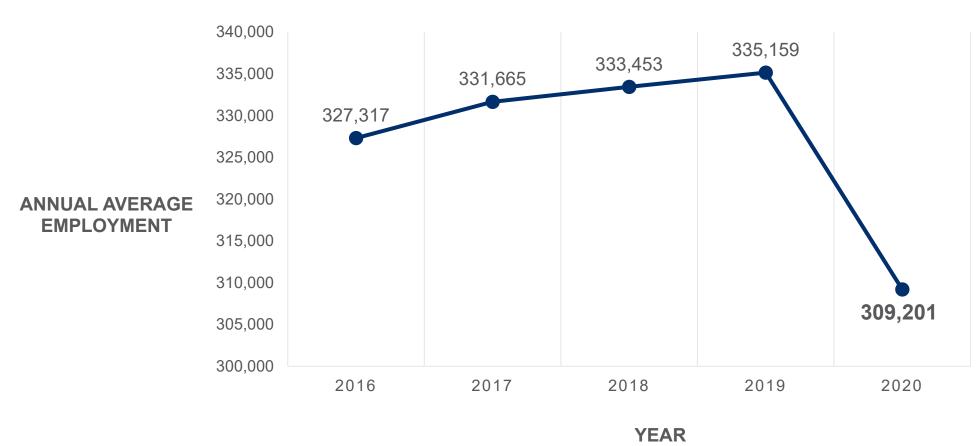


All counties faced a decrease in employment in the past year.

Illustrates the COVID-19 impact and continued need for workforce recovery resources.

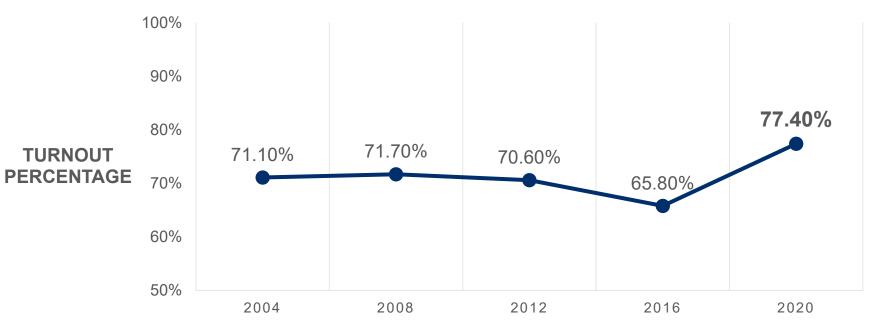
ANNUAL AVERAGE EMPLOYMENT

Job Creation (2016 – 2020)



Important to continue current and upcoming workforce programs that focus on residents who were disproportionately impacted.

General Election Voter Turnout (2004-2020)

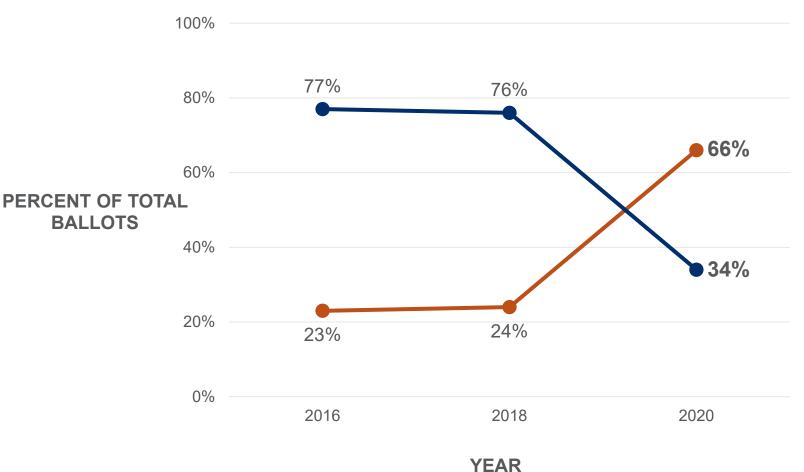


Total turnout for the presidential general election was the highest in Ramsey County history!

That totals to 297,466 voters out of 384,291 eligible voters.

YEAR

Voter Turnout



Absentee Voters

→Polling Place Voters

The number of absentee voters to polling place voters reversed compared to previous elections.

Potential factors:

- COVID-19
- Ballot Return Locations
- Partnerships with community organizations



Residential Sales Assessment Ratio

94-95% ratio meets industry standards and reflects a strong real estate market.

The County Assessor's
Office continues to find
ways to reduce inequities
among home
assessments that may
not always be highlighted
in data.



Source: Ramsey County Assessor



Connection with Upward Mobility

\$125,000 grant and technical assistance to develop a holistic set of Mobility Metrics for better understanding and advancing economic mobility



Economic Success

Being Valued in Community

Power & Autonomy

Strong & **Healthy Families**

FINANCIAL WELL-BEING

Income

Financial security

HOUSING

Affordable housing

Housing instability and homelessness

Family structure and stability

HEALTH

Overall health

Access to and utilization of health services

Neonatal health

Supportive Communities

LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Political participation

Descriptive representation among local officials

SAFETY

Exposure to trauma

Exposure to crime

Overly punitive policing

NEIGHBORHOODS

Economic inclusion

Racial diversity

Belongingness Social capital

Transportation access

Environmental quality

Opportunities to Learn & Earn

EDUCATION

Access to preschool

Effective public education

Student poverty concentration

College readiness

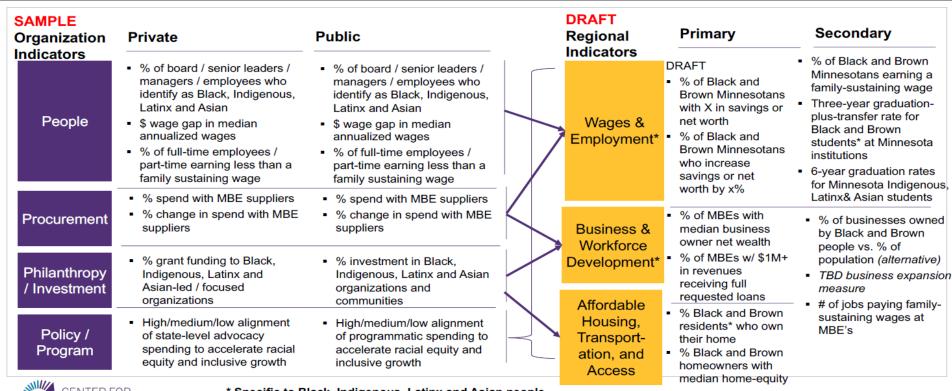
Employment Access to jobs paying a living wage



ECONOMIC INCLUSION

Anti-Racism and Economic Justice (AREJ) Trust

RBA Metrics: Bringing it all together SAMPLE



^{*} Specific to Black, Indigenous, Latinx and Asian people



Key Takeaways

- Pandemic had a huge impact in our indicators this year
- Shift from response to recovery and resilience
- Racial disparities continue to exist and intentionality and investments in racially and ethnically diverse communities need to continuously be uplifted
- Impact and value of research, data analysis and evaluation
- Refine performance measures to better connect, collaborate and align with community, regional partnerships and key stakeholders





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Community Indicators on Open Data Portal

ramseycounty.us/CommunityIndicators