The purpose of this report is to show high-level indicators of resident quality of life in Olmsted County, MN.

Data is focused on comparing Olmsted County’s measures to Minnesota and the nation. This report is not intended to be an organizational performance report.

Data sources include the United States Census: 2020 Decennial Census & American Community Survey, Minnesota DEED, EPA, and more (listed in references).
Community Indicators are intended to support county leadership by providing valuable data and information toward fulfilling the county's mission of “providing the foundation of a vibrant community.”

The report is utilized throughout the organization for:

- Benchmarking
- Funding Formulas
- Measuring Progress & Impact
- Grant Reporting
- Strategic Planning
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Olmsted County’s population is rapidly growing, with a 12% increase in the last decade. Among the 87 counties in Minnesota, it has the 7th largest population and is projected to grow by 8% over the next ten years.

### Demographics

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<td><strong>POPULATION</strong> (2021)</td>
<td>163,436</td>
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<td>0.3% ↑ in 1 yr.</td>
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<td><strong>MEDIAN AGE</strong> (2021)</td>
<td>37.5</td>
<td>38.8</td>
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**VETERANS** (2021)
- Compared with MN: 6.1%
- USA: 6.8%
- 5.4%

**FOREIGN BORN** (2021)
- Compared with MN: 8.5%
- USA: 13.6%
- 10.3%

**OLDER POPULATION** (2021)
- 65 YEARS AND OLDER
- Compared with MN: 16.8%
- USA: 16.8%
- 15.7%

Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2021). American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year estimates.
Diversity

➢ Olmsted County’s diverse population grew by 7.8% in a decade (redistricting data) and continues to grow.

➢ Olmsted County’s population is projected to grow 8% by 2033.

➢ 5.6% of Olmsted County’s population identifies as Hispanic or Latino

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Population by Race in Olmsted County (2020)
Population = 162,847

- 77.8% White
- 6.3% Black or African American
- 6.1% Asian
- 6.8% Hispanic or Latino
- 0.4% Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone
- 0.1% American Indian and Alaska Native alone
- 0.1% Some Other Race alone
- 0.4% Two or More Races

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Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2020) Decennial Census Redistricting Data
Olmsted County has the highest population group among its 25 to 34 years old and sees a higher younger population (14 and below) than the State and Nation.
Foreign-Born Population

- 11% of Olmsted County’s population are foreign-born, among which 55.3% have become naturalized US citizens (↑ from 2020; 51.4%).
- As of 2020, 94.8% of Olmsted County residents were US citizens, which is higher than the national average of 93.4%.

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<td>2010 %</td>
<td>2021 %</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
<td>13.1 %</td>
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<td>Asia</td>
<td>42 %</td>
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<td>Africa</td>
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<td>Oceania</td>
<td>2.6 %</td>
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<td>18.1%</td>
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<td>Northern America</td>
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Trends are displayed using arrows: red displays a negative trend, green shows a positive trend, and yellow shows no change.

Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2021) American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.
Different languages are spoken in Olmsted County (public school district data)

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<th>Types of Language Spoken at Home in Olmsted County</th>
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<td>English only</td>
<td>86.1%</td>
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<td>Spanish</td>
<td>3.3%</td>
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<td>Other Indo-European languages</td>
<td>2.6%</td>
<td>3.1%</td>
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<td>Asian and Pacific Island languages</td>
<td>3.9%</td>
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<td>Other languages</td>
<td>4.2%</td>
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Languages other than English spoken at home (2021)

- **Olmsted County**
  - 2021: 14.3%  
  - 2020: 14.3%

- **Minnesota**
  - 2021: 12%  
  - 2020: 11.9%

- **USA**
  - 2021: 21.7%  
  - 2020: 21.5%

Ancestry

- 31% of Olmsted county’s population has German ancestry, 13% Norwegian, 11% Irish, 7% English and 4% African

Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2021) American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
➢ Olmsted county has a higher educational rate than MN and USA and at least 75% of people of all races have attained a high school diploma, with rates slightly lowering for Hispanic, black, and white populations.

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<th>RACE BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT</th>
<th>High school graduate or higher</th>
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<td>2019</td>
<td>2021</td>
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<tr>
<td>Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
<td>100.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>American Indian or Alaska Native</td>
<td>93.6%</td>
<td>95.0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Some other race</td>
<td>73.8%</td>
<td>91.2%</td>
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<td>Two or more races</td>
<td>95.9%</td>
<td>97.7%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hispanic or Latino Origin</td>
<td>75.5%</td>
<td>79.6%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Black</td>
<td>77.4%</td>
<td>71.1%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asian</td>
<td>84.4%</td>
<td>88.2%</td>
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<tr>
<td>White (not Hispanic or Latino)</td>
<td>97.1%</td>
<td>97.5%</td>
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Minnesota 2021=37.6% ↑
2020=36.8%

USA 2021=33.7% ↑
2020=32.9%

Adults with Bachelor's degree or higher, 25 years+ (2021)

Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2021) American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
- Olmsted County has a per capita income of $45,507, which is 9% higher than MN and 19% higher than the USA
- Households identifying as Black or African American have the lowest median income in Olmsted County, with $38,694

Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2021) American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
7.6% of the population in Olmsted County live below the poverty line (according to federal poverty guidelines), a number lower than the national average of 12.8%.

Children younger than 18 years and young adults between the ages of 18-34 years experience the highest rates of poverty in Olmsted County.
Poverty Status

- Black or African American population has the highest percentage of people below the poverty line at **30.5%**, followed by some other races at 28.6%.

Olmsted County Poverty Status By Race and Ethnicity (2021)

- **White alone, not Hispanic or Latino**: 5.5%
- **Black or African American alone**: 30.5%
- **Asian alone**: 5.7%
- **Hispanic or Latino (of any race)**: 13.6%
- **Two or more races**: 6.2%
- **Some other race alone**: 28.6%
- **American Indian and Alaska Native alone**: 12.0%
- **Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone**: 22.7%

% below poverty level

County’s Poverty Rate 7.6%
**Health Factors**

- **Mental Health**
  - 34% of adults reported having mental health issue (↑ from 29% in 2019)
  - 20% of adults have clinically diagnosed depression (↑ from 17% in 2019)
  - 25% adults who self-reported depression (↑ from 20% in 2018) more than MN and USA (20%)

- **Financial Stress**
  - 33% of adults are financially stressed (⇔ in 2018)
  - 42% of residents pay more than 30% of income on housing in 2019 (↑ from 23% in 2018) more than MN (22%) and the USA (30%)

- **Substance Abuse**
  - 8% of adults use tobacco (⇔ in 2019)
  - 17% of adults use drugs (↑ from 14% in 2018)
  - 32% of adults binge drink (↑ from 28% in 2019) more than MN (18%) and USA (15%)

Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) 2022

A Collaborative Community Effort Led by Olmsted County Health, Housing & Human Services; Olmsted Medical Center; and Mayo Clinic
Health factors

- Olmsted County population with a disability (2021)

  9.6% ⇧
  2020 = 9.6 %

  Compared with
  MN: 11% ↑ (2020 = 10.9%)
  USA: 12.6% ↓ (2020 = 12.7%)

- Adults with health insurance (2021)

  95.0%
  92.0%
  89.0%

  Olmsted county  Minnesota  USA

- Disability by race in Olmsted County (2021)

  - Two or more races: 6.20%
  - Black or African American alone: 6.50%
  - Asian alone: 8.30%
  - White alone, not Hispanic or Latino: 10.10%
  - Hispanic or Latino (of any race): 10.70%
  - Some other race alone: 14.40%
  - American Indian and Alaska Native alone*: 34.70%

Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2021) American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates
## Housing and Living

**Homeownership rate**
- **Olmsted County**: 70.9%
- **Minnesota**: 73.0%

**Compared with**
- **MN**: 73.0%
- **USA**: 64.4%

### MEASURES

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<td>Persons per households</td>
<td>2.49</td>
<td>2.45</td>
<td>2.6</td>
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<td>Median home value</td>
<td>$249,400</td>
<td>$250,200</td>
<td>$244,900</td>
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<td>Median gross monthly rent</td>
<td>$1,097</td>
<td>$1,081</td>
<td>$1,163</td>
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<td>Households with no vehicles available</td>
<td>6.4%</td>
<td>6.5%</td>
<td>8.3%</td>
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<td>Households lacking complete kitchen facilities</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
<td>0.7%</td>
<td>0.8%</td>
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<td>Household heating fuel (utility gas)</td>
<td>70.7%</td>
<td>65.7%</td>
<td>47.5%</td>
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<td>Households without a broadband internet subscription</td>
<td>12.9%</td>
<td>15.2%</td>
<td>17.3%</td>
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**Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income**
- **Olmsted County**: 15.6%
  - Compared with **MN**: 22.7%
  - **USA**: 27.6%

**Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income**
- **Olmsted County**: 49.1%
  - Compared with **MN**: 48.3%
  - **USA**: 51.0%

*Citation: U.S. Census Bureau (2021) American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates*
➢ Olmsted County had a higher labor force participation rate than the state.
➢ 7.5% of employees worked from home in Olmsted County as compared to 8.56% in MN and 7.26% in the nation.
➢ Olmsted County also hires a higher number of employees with any disability (62.5%) when compared to MN (53%).

Citation: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Regional 2021 report
Although Olmsted County’s overall unemployment rate was lower than the state, the unemployment rates within the racial & ethnic categories - Black or African American and Two or more races were higher than the MN.
Election Trends

➢ Olmsted County observed an overall decrease in voter turnout in 2022 compared to 2020.
➢ Absentee voting in 2022 returned to pre-pandemic levels

Olmsted County General Election Voter Turnout

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Total Votes</th>
<th>Voted Absentee</th>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>78,681</td>
<td>11,437</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>50,733</td>
<td>5,323</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>80,736</td>
<td>24,394</td>
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<td>2018</td>
<td>71,584</td>
<td>25,111</td>
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<tr>
<td>2020</td>
<td>91,864</td>
<td>34,480</td>
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<td>2022</td>
<td>68,597</td>
<td>24,394</td>
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Citation: Olmsted County Election Data 2022
The table shows the three-year data of crime reported in Olmsted County and the City of Rochester. The data is collected from the FBI information services division, and the county's data does not overlap with the City of Rochester's data.

In 2021, there were 49 all violent crime incidents and 55 offenses reported by the Olmsted County Sheriff's Office and 305 all violent crime incidents and 357 offenses reported by the Rochester Police Department.

The location type for crimes was highest at residence home followed by highway/alley/street/sidewalk.

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<th>Crime Reporting</th>
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<td>All Violent crime</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>65</td>
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<tr>
<td>Homicide</td>
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<td>Robbery</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>3</td>
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<tr>
<td>Aggravated assault</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>44</td>
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<td>Property crime</td>
<td>228</td>
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<tr>
<td>Burglary</td>
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<td>Larceny-theft</td>
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<tr>
<td>Motor vehicle theft</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>33</td>
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Citation: FBI Criminal Justice Information Services Division
### Environmental factors

**Average travel time to work (in minutes) (2021)**

- **Olmsted County**: 18.6 mins
- **Minnesota**: 22.2 mins
- **USA**: 25.6 mins

- Olmsted County experiences cleaner air compared to the state.
- 89% of its air quality days are considered good in Olmsted County.

#### Number of “good” Air Quality Index days (AQI between 0-50)

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<td>Olmsted County</td>
<td>313</td>
<td>325</td>
<td>301</td>
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<tr>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>240</td>
<td>240</td>
<td>184</td>
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Water Quality

- **85%** of OC adults served by city water (2021) vs. **15%** of OC adults are served by private well water
- **19** private wells tested positive for bacteria in 2021 (from 23 in 2019)
- Most private wells that test positive for nitrates are at **9.9 ppm nitrate** or less compared to the benchmark*

*Citation: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency & 2022 Community Health Needs Assessment*
Olmsted County Highlights

➢ The population increased by 12% in the last decade and is projected to grow by 8% over the next ten years.

➢ 7th largest population among Minnesota counties (up from #8)

➢ Overall, it surpasses state and national rates in many areas, including a higher percentage of adults with bachelor’s degrees or higher, higher median household income, lower unemployment rate, and lower poverty rate.

➢ Like Minnesota and the nation, disparities exist for various resident groups who experience higher unemployment rates, lower median household income, and higher rates of poverty.
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4. Minnesota State Demographic Center: DEED – Department of Employment and Economic Development
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