

Minnesota County Human Service Cost Report Calendar Year 2020

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Going back to 1989, the Department of Human Services (DHS) has been providing counties with a report called Minnesota County Human Service Cost Report. It provides cost and revenue tables for all programs and provides trend and per capita comparisons.

We have a few dates that make our county per capita comparisons not comparing apples to apples to other counties.



- In 1999, the Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center Red Wing office integrated with Goodhue County Social Services. In the per capita costs from 1999 to 2013, all of those costs would be included in our human service cost report.
- In August of 2010, the Goodhue County Public Health and Goodhue County Social Services integrated to form Goodhue County Health & Human Services. The funds and accounting for the two departments were not integrated until January 1, 2011.
- On April 1, 2014 the Goodhue County Mental Health Center closed and mental health services were purchased.



 The cost reports for Goodhue County since 2011 now also include a majority of the public health costs. What we need to keep in mind is that there are a few counties that have integrated their Public Health and Social Services funds into one fund, but majority are integrated only by name and not funds.



- The end result is that our HHS Department's numbers for costs are being compared to other counties Human Services Departments' costs only, which does not provide apples to apples comparison.
- Although the numbers increased as expected from 2010, this is actually one of the financial benefits of being a true integrated department. In our HHS setting more staff are providing services as HHS staff in which costs can be shared and revenues can be maximized.
- Page 12 of this report shows the Least Admin Cost/Capita Ranking. In 2010 the last year HS was by itself that ranking was 14th. In 2011 our first year of HHS we ranked 49th and has since been decreasing.



Program Areas for Human Services Costs

Support Programs Aid

Minnesota Supplemental Aid (MSA)

Minnesota Family Investment Program (MFIP)

General Assistance (GA)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Child Support Enforcement (Title IV-D)

Housing Support (formerly Group Residential Housing, or GRH)

Health Program Aid

Medical Assistance (MA)

Social Services Programs

Children's Services

Child Care

Chemical Dependency (CD)

Mental Health

Developmental Disabilities (DD)

Adult Services



Goodhue County Total Human Services Costs

	2019	2020	2021
Support Program Aid	\$6,510,467	\$8,265,818	\$10,875,117
Health Program Aid	\$57,375,850	\$62,193,626	\$72,238,494
Social Service Programs	\$40,213,889	\$42,699,915	\$41,728,254
Total Human Services Costs	\$104,100,206	\$113,159,359	\$124,841,865

^{*} Table 1



Goodhue County Total Human Services Revenue

	2019	2020	2021
Federal	\$49,803,038	\$54,913,889	\$62,585,301
State	\$46,993,028	\$51,012,641	\$55,218,619
County	\$5,038,829	\$4,749,512	\$4,462,503
Misc	\$2,265,311	\$2,483,316	\$2,575,442
Total Human Services Revenues	\$104,100,206	\$113,159,359	\$124,841,865

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Goodhue County Total Human Services Comparative Data – Total Cost Per Capita

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Least Total Cost/Capita Ranking	9	13	14	15	22	13
Goodhue Total Cost/Capita	\$1,983	\$2,091	\$2,295	\$2,241	\$2,378	\$2,611
State Average Total Cost/Capita	\$2,499	\$2,601	\$2,800	\$2,707	\$2,881	\$3,333

^{*} Table 24



Goodhue County Total Human Services Comparative Data – Admin Cost Per Capita

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Least Admin Cost/Capita Ranking	30	27	28	27	24	19
Goodhue Admin Cost/Capita	\$180	\$184	\$191	\$201	\$200	\$202
State Average Admin Cost/Capita	\$196	\$208	\$215	\$220	\$225	\$228

^{*} Table 24



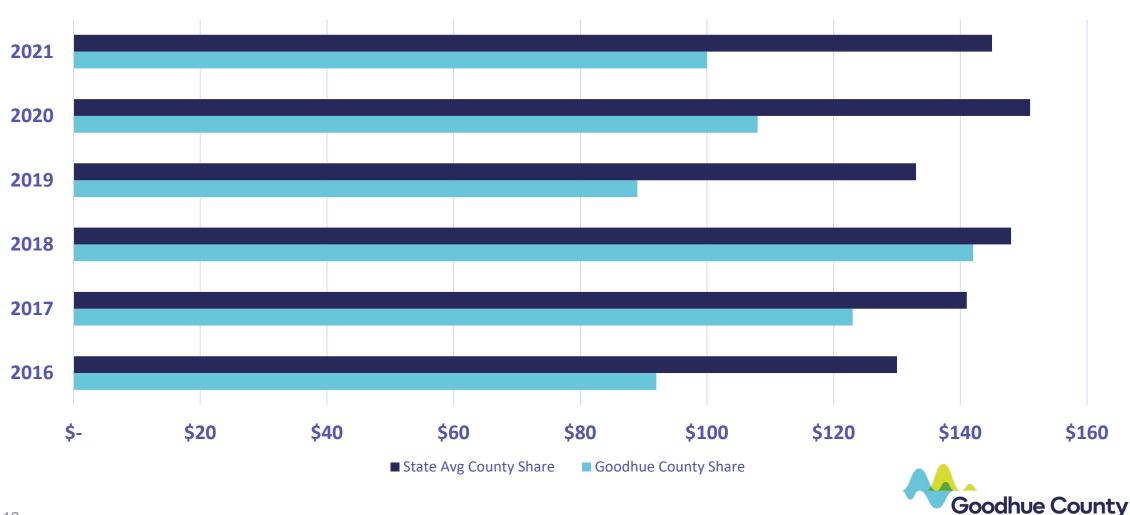
Goodhue County Total Human Services Comparative Data – County Cost Per Capita

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Least County Cost/Capita Ranking	32	38	17	17	14	9
Goodhue County Cost/Capita	\$123	\$142	\$89	\$108	\$100	\$93
State Average County Cost/Capita	\$141	\$148	\$133	\$151	\$145	\$146

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County Portion of Total Cost per Capita



Total Human Services Per Capita Ranking by Total Cost Region 10 Counties

County	HHS	Total Cost/Capita	2021 Admin Cost	County Portion of Total Cost	Per Capita Ranking
Wabasha	No	\$2,401	\$151	\$70	10
Houston	Yes	\$2,473	\$202	\$98	11
Goodhue	Yes	\$2,611	\$202	\$93	13
Fillmore	No	\$2,704	\$120	\$79	15
Rice	No	\$2,715	\$187	\$109	16
Olmsted	Yes	\$2,748	\$329	\$199	19
MNPrairie	No	\$2,781	\$217	\$128	20
Winona	Yes	\$2,957	\$206	\$163	28
Freeborn	No	\$3,463	\$246	\$156	43
Mower	Yes	\$3,696	\$205	\$113	54

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Total Human Services Per Capita Ranking by Total Cost Health & Human Services Counties

County	Population	Total Cost/Capita	2021 Admin Cost	County Portion of Total Cost	Per Capita Ranking
Goodhue	47,819	\$2,611	\$202	\$93	13
Itasca	41,878	\$2,837	\$181	\$104	24
Benton	41,204	\$3,312	\$201	\$119	40
Carlton	36,529	\$3,650	\$356	\$198	51
Kandiyohi	43,809	\$3,653	\$262	\$197	52
Beltrami	46,358	\$5,257	\$263	\$175	77

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