

**COUNCIL STUDY SESSION
MEETING**

City Hall Council Chambers
June 8, 2026

AGENDA



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- 1. Call to Order - 6:00 p.m.**
 - 2. Council Miscellaneous Discussion Items**
 - 3. City Manager Miscellaneous Discussion Items**
 - a. Budget Calendar Update
 - b. Safety Communications with City Council
Provide input
 - c. Metropolitan Council Preliminary Population and Household Estimates
This is an informational presentation only — no formal action required.
 - d. Early Voting Law Change Options
- Staff is looking for Council consensus on options regarding the Early Voting law change
 - 4. Adjournment**

Proposed 2027 Budget Development Schedule
City of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota

When?	What?	Who?	Where?
May 11	Review 2026 Financial Management Plan	City Council	Work Session
June 22 or July 13	Review Proposed 2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)	City Council & Finance Commission	Work Session
August 10	Review Proposed Budget & Property Tax Levy Scenarios	City Council & Finance Commission	Work Session
August 24	Review Proposed Budget & Property Tax Levy Scenarios (if needed)	City Council & Finance Commission	Work Session
September 14	Adopt Proposed 2027 Property Tax Levy	City Council	Regular Meeting
By September 30	Certify the Proposed 2027 Property Tax Levy	Finance Director	N/A
By September 30	Review & Submit 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report	City Council & Finance Commission	Regular Meeting
October 26	Review Proposed 2027 Utility Rates	City Council & Finance Commission	Work Session
November 9	Hold Utility Rates Public Hearing & Adopt 2027 Utility Rates	City Council	Regular Meeting
November 23	Discuss Proposed 2027 Budget (if needed)	City Council	Work Session
December 14	Hold Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing, Adoption 2027 Budget, Adopt 2027 Budget, Adopt 2027 CIP	City Council	Regular Meeting
By December 28	Certify the Adopted 2027 Property Tax Levy & Budget	Finance Director	N/A

Please note that the Proposed 2027 Budget Development Calendar may change at the discretion of the City Council and/or Interim City Manager



Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: Council Study Session
FROM: Ginny McIntosh, Planning Manager
THROUGH: Daren Nyquist, Interim City Manager
BY: Shannon Pettit, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Metropolitan Council Preliminary Population and Household Estimates

Requested Council Action:

This is an informational presentation only — no formal action required.

Background:

The Metropolitan Council recently informed the City of Brooklyn Center that preliminary population and housing estimates for Brooklyn Center are now available.

As directed under Minnesota Statute [§473.24](#), community development researchers prepare annual population and household estimates for cities, townships, and counties within the Twin Cities region. These estimates:

- Inform funding decisions for state programs such as [Local Government Aid](#), [State Aid for Local Transportation](#), and the region's [Fiscal Disparities Program](#).
- Provide local governments and other stakeholders with timely estimated counts of people, households, and housing units for small geographic areas.
- Allow community development researchers to highlight recent and relevant population and development trends in the Twin Cities region to policymakers.

According to the data collected by the Metropolitan Council:

- The City of Brooklyn Center has a total of:
 - 12,070 housing units
 - 11,855 households with an average household size of 2.90 persons per household
 - 34,122 people (of whom 525 lived in group quarters facilities)

It is important to note that: (1) these estimates **do not** include building permits issued in 2025, as those units likely would not have been completed by the estimate date of April 1, and (2) data inputs are refreshed each year, so these estimates should not be compared directly with 2024 estimates sent last year. The 2020 U.S. Census provides a more comparable reference point.

Population and household estimates are reviewed by local governments before they are revised and certified by the Metropolitan Council. These estimates have a one-year lag; the most recent set was published in July 2025 and describes population and households in 2024.

How does the Metropolitan Council develop annual estimates?

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The most recent decennial U.S. Census (2020) provides a count of all housing units by type that serves as a baseline for annual estimates throughout the decade. From here, the Metropolitan Council complete three (3) main steps to produce annual estimates:

1. The Metropolitan Council uses residential building permits provided by local governments (and other secondary sources) to determine how many units to add or subtract from the 2020 baseline. These calculations create the Metropolitan Council's

- annual Housing Stock Estimates.
2. Next, the Metropolitan Council applies occupancy rates customized to each housing type to estimate the number of households.
 3. The Metropolitan Council uses an average household size customized to each housing type to estimate the number of people within households. Lastly, the Metropolitan Council adds residents living in facilities that are not considered part of the housing stock (known as group quarters) to generate the total estimated population count.

Imagine 2050 Plan

Website: <https://imagine2050.metrocouncil.org/>

The Metropolitan Council is the regional planning agency charged with planning and coordinating the growth and development of the seven-county metropolitan area. State law requires that the Metropolitan Council create regional plans and policies to guide growth and manage regional systems for transportation, aviation, water resources, and regional parks. The law also requires local governments to update their comprehensive plans. This planning cycle begins with the release of data from the decennial U.S. Census (i.e. 2020 Census) and serves as the starting point for the Metropolitan Council to develop forecasts of regional and local changes in population and the number of households and jobs looking ahead 10, 20, and 30 years.

The Imagine 2050 Plan is the regional development guide created by the Metropolitan Council, is the latest long-range plan for the seven-county metro region and, like our City’s comprehensive plan, is updated every 10 years. Similar to our City’s comprehensive plan, there are a series of five policy plans with their own objectives, policies, and actions that align with regional vision, values, and goals: Land Use, Water, Regional Parks and Trails, Transportation, and Housing (<https://imagine2050.metrocouncil.org/read-the-plans/>).

2050 Housing Policy Plan

The Metropolitan Council adopted its 2050 Housing Policy Plan to provide leadership and guidance on regional housing needs and challenges. Similar to the 2040 Plan, this housing plan focuses on the development and preservation of housing; however, the 2050 Plan goes beyond the topic of “housing supply” by focusing on housing that meets the needs of residents. This includes housing affordability, stability, services, and connection to cultural and neighborhood amenities.

Every sewer-serviced city or township in the region is required to provide a certain allocation of Future Affordable Housing Need by affordability band for the years 2031 through 2040.

According to the 2050 Housing Policy Plan, the estimated number of future affordable housing units in Brooklyn Center is:

City	County	Total local allocation of Future Affordable Housing Need units	Allocation of Future Affordable Housing Need units affordable up to 30% AMI	Allocation of Future Affordable Housing Need units affordable up to 31%-50% AMI	Allocation of Future Affordable Housing Need units affordable up to 51% to 60% AMI
Brooklyn Center	Hennepin County	52	32	14	6

Source. Figure 1-17. Future Affordable Housing need by local jurisdiction (2050 Metropolitan Council Housing Policy Plan).

According to the Metropolitan Council, households are “cost burdened” if they spend more than 30% of their pre-tax income on housing costs. In the Twin Cities seven-county region, 26% of all households are cost burdened. In the City of Brooklyn Center, 35% of all households are cost burdened.

The City of Brooklyn Center is also considered an “Urban Edge” community, which guides for the second-highest densities within the Metropolitan Urban Service Areas (MUSA). In the case of Brooklyn Center, the expected minimum *average net* density is set at 14 dwelling units per acre (DU/Acre).

To learn more about Brooklyn Center’s housing needs:

<https://arcgis.metc.state.mn.us/portal/apps/experiencebuilder/experience?id=7779371609e44e6697a1c8e40683697e&page=Download->

[Data](#)

City of Brooklyn Center 2050 Comprehensive Plan

At least once every 10 years, city councils, town boards, and county boards throughout the region take on the job of updating their local comprehensive plans. The local comprehensive plan represents the community's vision of how it wants to grow and change — how it will develop its land, redevelop older areas, ensure adequate housing, provide sewers and roads, protect natural areas, and meet other community objectives.

Local governments, including Brooklyn Center, will be required to submit their updated comprehensive plans to the Metropolitan Council by December 31, 2028, for review. The City is currently applying for a grant through the Metropolitan Council to support this work and has started the comprehensive plan process. The 2025 Population and Housing Estimates along with the Imagine 2050 Plan, its policy plans, objectives, vision, and actions will all be used by the City of Brooklyn Center as it undertakes its plan update.

You can review the full list of 2050 Comprehensive Plan Minimum Requirements for the City of Brooklyn Center here: https://handbook.metrocouncil.org/media/hl2peyri/2393428_brooklyncenter_checklist2050.pdf

What's Next?

The Metropolitan Council is requesting any comments with respect to the 2025 Preliminary Population and Housing Estimates for the City of Brooklyn Center be submitted in writing by **June 24, 2026**. Estimates would then be finalized on July 15, 2026.

Community Development staff will continue to work with the City's consultant, Bolton & Menk, on drafting the comprehensive plan update and will coordinate with other departments as necessary. As with the 2040 Comprehensive Plan process, it is anticipated City staff and the consultant will engage with City Council, City advisory commissions, and the public as this work advances.

Copies of the letter sent to Interim City Manager Daren Nyquist (dated May 26, 2026), 2025 Preliminary Population Estimates for the City of Brooklyn Center, and 2025 Metro-wide Preliminary Population and Housing Estimates are included for Council review and comment.

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. PowerPoint Presentation — Metropolitan Council Preliminary Population and Household Estimates
2. Metropolitan Council Preliminary Population and Housing Estimates Letter to the City of Brooklyn Center (May 26, 2026)
3. Metropolitan Council — City of Brooklyn Center 2025 Annual Population Preliminary Estimates (May 26, 2026)
4. Metropolitan Council — Metro-wide 2025 Preliminary Population and Household Estimates (May 2026)

Metropolitan Council Preliminary Population and Household Estimates:

City of Brooklyn Center



City Council Study Session — June 8, 2026

Ginny McIntosh, Interim Deputy Community Development Director and Planning Manager

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- These plans are used by local governments as a guide, along with a set of minimum checklist requirements, to develop a community's own comprehensive plan update.
- The 2050 comprehensive plan updates for local governments are due to the Metropolitan Council for review on December 31, 2028.
- The City of Brooklyn Center is currently applying for a grant through the Metropolitan Council to support the updating of its plan and has started the comprehensive plan process.
- City staff will continue to work with the City's consultant on drafting the update the plan and will coordinate with other departments as necessary. City staff and the consultant will eventually engage with the City Council, City advisory commissions, and the public as this work progresses.



Next Steps

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Questions?



May 26, 2026

Daren Nyquist, Interim City Manager
City of Brooklyn Center
6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430-2113

Dear Interim City Manager Nyquist:

The Metropolitan Council has prepared preliminary population and household estimates for your community as of April 1, 2025. This is an annual process governed by *Minnesota Statutes* 473.24.

As of April 1, 2025, the City of Brooklyn Center had 12,070 housing units, 11,585 households, and 34,122 people (of whom 525 lived in group quarters facilities). Household size averaged 2.90 persons per household.

Metropolitan Council estimates use a housing stock-based method, which involves three questions:

1. *How many housing units did each community have?*
2. *How many households occupied these housing units?*
3. *How many people lived in these occupied housing units?*

This envelope includes a report showing the data inputs and calculations used to develop the preliminary estimates for your community. For more information, visit <https://www.metrocouncil.org/populationestimates>.

We welcome discussion of the preliminary estimates and invite you to review and comment on them. Please send any comments or questions to Samuel.Limerick@metc.state.mn.us (preferred) or to Sam Limerick, Community Development Research, 390 Robert St N, Saint Paul, MN 55101. Under *Minnesota Statutes* 473.24, we must receive your comments or specific objections, in writing, by **June 24, 2026**.

When reviewing the estimates, please note two things. First, **housing unit counts do not include building permits issued in 2025**; those units are unlikely to have been completed by the estimate date of April 1. Second, data inputs are refreshed each year, so **these estimates should not be compared directly with the 2024 estimates** sent last year. The 2020 Census provides a more comparable reference point.

In accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* 473.24, final estimates will be certified by July 15, 2026 for state government use in allocating certain funds.

Sincerely,



Sam Limerick
Principal Data Scientist

Brooklyn Center city, Hennepin County

2025 Annual Population Estimate

Published May 26, 2026 (preliminary; distributed for local government review)



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The Metropolitan Council estimates population using the housing unit method, which answers three main questions for each jurisdiction as of April 1, 2025.

First, how many housing units did the community have?

- We start with housing units measured by the 2020 Census. We broke down the total number of housing units in the 2020 Census into different housing types using county parcel data and other data sources.
- We then add units built between April 1, 2020 and April 1, 2025, based on permits reported to us by communities. Permit data is [available on our website](#).
 - We assume that 90% of single-family detached units and 85% of townhome/duplex/triplex/quadplex units permitted in 2024 were completed and occupiable by April 1, 2025.
 - Multifamily units permitted in and after 2020 are assumed to be completed if they received a certificate of occupancy by April 1, 2025. Multifamily units permitted before 2020 that were not open at the time of the 2020 Census are also included.
 - Building permits from 2025 are not included; they are unlikely to have been completed by the estimate date of April 1.
 - Manufactured home data comes from our annual surveys of manufactured home park operators and local governments.
 - Data on other housing (boats, RVs, etc. used as housing) comes from the [most recent American Community Survey data](#); this housing is included in the estimates only if occupied.
- We also examine other housing stock changes reported by jurisdictions. These include demolitions, building conversions (units added or lost), boundary changes (units annexed in or out), and other changes.

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Second, how many of these housing units were occupied by households?

- Each housing type has an estimated occupancy rate. These data come from the most recent American Community Survey estimates for **housing units** and **households, decennial census data** from the U.S. Census Bureau, and **CoStar** (a proprietary data source covering the apartment market).
- Multiplying the number of housing units of each type by the occupancy rate yields the number of households (occupied housing units).

Third, how many people lived in these occupied housing units?

- Each housing type has an estimated average household size. These data come from the most recent American Community Survey estimates of **households** and **population in households** as well as decennial census data from the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Multiplying the number of households in each housing type by the average household size yields the population in households.

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To obtain the total population, we also add the number of residents in group quarters facilities.

These are residences that are not part of the standard housing market, such as college dormitories, nursing homes, prisons and jails, and group homes. Data come from the Metropolitan Council's annual survey. A list of facilities in each community can be found at <https://www.metrocouncil.org/populationestimates>.

Population in households	Population in group quarters	Total population April 1, 2025
33,597	525	34,122

Due to rounding, not all estimates can be reproduced exactly from the above inputs.

For more information, see our methodology document, available from <https://www.metrocouncil.org/populationestimates>.

Metropolitan Council 2025 Preliminary Population and Household Estimates

Published May 2026



City or Township	Population, 2020 Census	Population, 2025 Estimate	2020-2025 Population Change	Households, 2020 Census	Households, 2025 Estimate	2020-2025 Household Change
Region Total	3,163,104	3,285,548	122,444	1,239,526	1,321,722	82,196
Anoka County Total	363,887	382,119	18,232	133,879	142,219	8,340
Andover	32,601	33,421	820	10,782	11,365	583
Anoka	17,921	18,728	807	7,578	7,835	257
Bethel	476	488	12	186	190	4
Blaine (part)	70,222	77,871	7,649	25,172	27,498	2,326
Centerville	3,896	4,010	114	1,411	1,490	79
Circle Pines	5,025	5,064	39	2,037	2,064	27
Columbia Heights	21,973	21,862	-111	8,777	8,946	169
Columbus	4,159	4,161	2	1,553	1,559	6
Coon Rapids	63,599	63,963	364	24,518	25,292	774
East Bethel	11,786	11,905	119	4,262	4,433	171
Fridley	29,590	30,792	1,202	11,695	12,315	620
Ham Lake	16,464	16,879	415	5,718	5,968	250
Hilltop	958	986	28	391	377	-14
Lexington	2,248	3,119	871	916	1,381	465
Lino Lakes	21,399	23,182	1,783	6,957	7,876	919
Linwood township	5,334	5,345	11	1,993	1,988	-5
Nowthen	4,536	4,813	277	1,510	1,568	58
Oak Grove	8,929	9,269	340	3,078	3,210	132
Ramsey	27,646	30,084	2,438	9,591	10,716	1,125
St. Francis	8,142	8,706	564	2,877	3,097	220
Spring Lake Park (part)	6,983	7,471	488	2,877	3,051	174
Carver County Total	106,922	118,006	11,084	38,863	43,928	5,065
Benton township	753	735	-18	300	305	5
Camden township	924	944	20	338	347	9
Carver	5,241	7,378	2,137	1,669	2,410	741
Chanhausen (part)	25,947	26,304	357	9,644	10,089	445
Chaska	27,810	31,105	3,295	10,438	11,948	1,510
Cologne	2,047	2,214	167	734	818	84
Dahlgren township	1,442	1,441	-1	503	521	18
Hamburg	566	569	3	219	224	5
Hancock township	336	308	-28	129	123	-6
Hollywood township	1,058	1,006	-52	387	378	-9
Laketown township	1,966	2,090	124	611	630	19
Mayer	2,453	2,600	147	800	876	76
New Germany	464	493	29	180	192	12
Norwood Young America	3,863	4,226	363	1,551	1,694	143
San Francisco township	871	903	32	325	342	17
Shorewood (part)	4	0	-4	1	0	-1
Victoria	10,546	12,853	2,307	3,542	4,420	878
Waconia	13,033	14,810	1,777	4,659	5,582	923
Waconia township	1,068	1,091	23	396	412	16

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City or Township	Population, 2020 Census	Population, 2025 Estimate	2020-2025 Population Change	Households, 2020 Census	Households, 2025 Estimate	2020-2025 Household Change
Watertown	4,659	5,012	353	1,714	1,864	150
Watertown township	1,188	1,210	22	462	478	16
Young America township	683	714	31	261	275	14
Dakota County Total	439,882	462,163	22,281	168,008	180,971	12,963
Apple Valley	56,374	56,865	491	21,464	22,213	749
Burnsville	64,317	66,725	2,408	25,480	26,952	1,472
Castle Rock township	1,350	1,397	47	506	512	6
Coates	147	145	-2	62	63	1
Douglas township	748	749	1	261	266	5
Eagan	68,855	69,857	1,002	27,609	29,073	1,464
Empire	3,177	3,069	-108	1,021	1,007	-14
Eureka township	1,373	1,360	-13	524	519	-5
Farmington	23,632	25,074	1,442	7,906	8,601	695
Greenvale township	796	798	2	285	290	5
Hampton	744	728	-16	274	275	1
Hampton township	832	837	5	328	332	4
Hastings (part)	22,152	23,814	1,662	9,128	9,720	592
Inver Grove Heights	35,791	36,495	704	14,338	14,887	549
Lakeville	69,490	78,810	9,320	23,265	27,463	4,198
Lilydale	809	991	182	543	671	128
Marshan township	1,153	1,166	13	426	432	6
Mendota	183	200	17	78	83	5
Mendota Heights	11,744	11,967	223	4,787	4,960	173
Miesville	138	136	-2	57	56	-1
New Trier	86	88	2	38	40	2
Nininger township	865	862	-3	312	320	8
Northfield (part)	1,261	1,224	-37	503	516	13
Randolph	466	461	-5	166	168	2
Randolph township	760	773	13	276	280	4
Ravenna township	2,354	2,402	48	826	826	0
Rosemount	25,650	29,535	3,885	8,931	10,669	1,738
Sciota township	460	444	-16	155	155	0
South St. Paul	20,769	20,715	-54	8,432	8,687	255
Sunfish Lake	522	528	6	179	181	2
Vermillion	441	437	-4	168	168	0
Vermillion township	1,290	1,314	24	479	482	3
Waterford township	538	526	-12	205	202	-3
West St. Paul	20,615	21,671	1,056	8,996	9,902	906
Hennepin County Total	1,281,565	1,313,127	31,562	528,547	560,122	31,575
Bloomington	89,987	92,613	2,626	38,080	40,307	2,227
Brooklyn Center	33,782	34,122	340	11,309	11,585	276
Brooklyn Park	86,478	83,968	-2,510	28,749	28,658	-91
Champlin	23,919	25,010	1,091	8,879	9,206	327
Chanhasen (part)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Corcoran	6,185	9,577	3,392	2,174	3,494	1,320
Crystal	23,330	23,231	-99	9,552	9,549	-3
Dayton (part)	7,212	11,347	4,135	2,438	3,991	1,553
Deephaven	3,899	3,815	-84	1,403	1,422	19
Eden Prairie	64,198	64,748	550	24,892	25,873	981
Edina	53,494	55,391	1,897	22,093	24,233	2,140
Excelsior	2,355	2,380	25	1,148	1,166	18
Fort Snelling unorganized	438	653	215	283	448	165
Golden Valley	22,552	22,171	-381	9,957	9,770	-187
Greenfield	2,903	3,096	193	1,013	1,089	76
Greenwood	726	705	-21	286	276	-10
Hanover (part)	666	750	84	236	279	43
Hopkins	19,084	19,709	625	9,110	9,628	518
Independence	3,755	3,874	119	1,288	1,333	45
Long Lake	1,741	1,858	117	737	836	99
Loretto	646	669	23	268	269	1
Maple Grove	70,253	74,639	4,386	26,728	29,122	2,394
Maple Plain	1,743	1,912	169	734	866	132
Medicine Lake	337	357	20	154	160	6
Medina	6,837	7,996	1,159	2,298	2,693	395
Minneapolis	429,956	435,246	5,290	187,671	198,932	11,261
Minnnetonka	53,776	56,327	2,551	23,694	25,593	1,899
Minnnetonka Beach	546	537	-9	198	201	3
Minnetrista	8,262	9,275	1,013	2,765	3,178	413
Mound	9,398	9,328	-70	4,160	4,283	123
New Hope	21,986	21,242	-744	8,984	8,915	-69
Orono	8,315	8,378	63	3,152	3,157	5
Osseo	2,688	2,662	-26	1,285	1,266	-19
Plymouth	81,026	80,025	-1,001	32,041	32,555	514
Richfield	36,994	38,275	1,281	15,940	16,956	1,016
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St. Bonifacius	2,307	2,180	-127	896	874	-22
St. Louis Park	50,010	50,351	341	23,830	25,403	1,573
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Wayzata	4,434	4,677	243	2,206	2,249	43
Woodland	384	397	13	150	160	10
Ramsey County Total	552,352	557,123	4,771	218,077	227,028	8,951
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Blaine (part)	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Lauderdale	2,271	2,471	200	1,170	1,288	118
Little Canada	10,819	10,866	47	4,601	4,812	211
Maplewood	42,088	41,873	-215	15,994	16,195	201
Mounds View	13,249	12,893	-356	5,207	5,191	-16
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Spring Lake Park (part)	205	184	-21	79	73	-6
Vadnais Heights	12,912	13,381	469	5,407	5,897	490
White Bear township	11,049	10,747	-302	4,399	4,349	-50
White Bear Lake (part)	24,486	23,991	-495	10,240	10,255	15
Scott County Total	150,928	161,562	10,634	52,645	56,706	4,061
Belle Plaine	7,388	7,556	168	2,627	2,759	132
Belle Plaine township	870	920	50	318	325	7
Blakeley township	408	400	-8	152	152	0
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Helena township	1,795	1,868	73	610	627	17
Jackson township	1,616	1,661	45	537	540	3
Jordan	6,656	7,383	727	2,279	2,545	266
Louisville township	1,342	1,354	12	462	450	-12
New Market township	3,525	3,680	155	1,212	1,257	45
New Prague (part)	4,706	4,671	-35	1,802	1,763	-39
Prior Lake	27,617	29,780	2,163	10,350	10,816	466
St. Lawrence township	492	500	8	179	176	-3
Sand Creek township	1,497	1,525	28	545	549	4
Savage	32,465	33,394	929	11,181	11,756	575
Shakopee	43,698	48,913	5,215	14,722	16,921	2,199
Spring Lake township	3,464	3,738	274	1,278	1,368	90
Washington County Total	267,568	291,448	23,880	99,507	110,748	11,241
Afton	2,955	3,100	145	1,091	1,178	87
Bayport	4,024	3,766	-258	1,038	1,107	69
Baytown township	2,088	2,267	179	726	795	69
Birchwood Village	863	877	14	348	355	7
Cottage Grove	38,839	44,711	5,872	13,105	15,402	2,297
Dellwood	1,171	1,142	-29	391	383	-8
Denmark township	1,801	1,940	139	664	717	53

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Forest Lake	20,611	21,484	873	8,131	8,626	495
Grant	3,970	4,311	341	1,453	1,530	77
Grey Cloud Island township	283	290	7	97	102	5
Hastings (part)	2	2	0	1	1	0
Hugo	15,766	17,753	1,987	5,939	6,861	922
Lake Elmo	11,335	15,280	3,945	4,004	5,583	1,579
Lakeland	1,710	1,642	-68	695	690	-5
Lakeland Shores	339	349	10	120	123	3
Lake St. Croix Beach	1,043	1,078	35	470	477	7
Landfall	843	801	-42	304	293	-11
Mahtomedi	8,134	8,494	360	3,156	3,261	105
Marine on St. Croix	664	725	61	289	317	28
May township	2,670	2,905	235	1,058	1,135	77
Newport	3,797	4,545	748	1,473	1,899	426
Oakdale	28,303	30,047	1,744	11,304	12,442	1,138
Oak Park Heights	4,849	4,873	24	2,258	2,276	18
Pine Springs	377	378	1	137	134	-3
St. Marys Point	353	352	-1	143	143	0
St. Paul Park	5,544	5,390	-154	2,044	2,057	13
Scandia	3,984	4,160	176	1,559	1,592	33
Stillwater	19,394	19,530	136	7,750	8,003	253
Stillwater township	1,866	1,826	-40	718	705	-13
West Lakeland township	3,976	4,073	97	1,324	1,362	38
White Bear Lake (part)	397	348	-49	207	177	-30
Willernie	515	519	4	220	216	-4
Woodbury	75,102	82,490	7,388	27,290	30,806	3,516

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Andover	Anoka	32,601	33,421	820	10,782	11,365	583
Anoka	Anoka	17,921	18,728	807	7,578	7,835	257
Bethel	Anoka	476	488	12	186	190	4
Blaine (part)	Anoka	70,222	77,871	7,649	25,172	27,498	2,326
Centerville	Anoka	3,896	4,010	114	1,411	1,490	79
Circle Pines	Anoka	5,025	5,064	39	2,037	2,064	27
Columbia Heights	Anoka	21,973	21,862	-111	8,777	8,946	169
Columbus	Anoka	4,159	4,161	2	1,553	1,559	6
Coon Rapids	Anoka	63,599	63,963	364	24,518	25,292	774
East Bethel	Anoka	11,786	11,905	119	4,262	4,433	171
Fridley	Anoka	29,590	30,792	1,202	11,695	12,315	620
Ham Lake	Anoka	16,464	16,879	415	5,718	5,968	250
Hilltop	Anoka	958	986	28	391	377	-14
Lexington	Anoka	2,248	3,119	871	916	1,381	465
Lino Lakes	Anoka	21,399	23,182	1,783	6,957	7,876	919
Linwood township	Anoka	5,334	5,345	11	1,993	1,988	-5
Nowthen	Anoka	4,536	4,813	277	1,510	1,588	58
Oak Grove	Anoka	8,929	9,269	340	3,078	3,210	132
Ramsey	Anoka	27,646	30,084	2,438	9,591	10,716	1,125
St. Francis	Anoka	8,142	8,706	564	2,877	3,097	220
Spring Lake Park (part)	Anoka	6,983	7,471	488	2,877	3,051	174
Benton township	Carver	753	735	-18	300	305	5
Camden township	Carver	924	944	20	338	347	9
Carver	Carver	5,241	7,378	2,137	1,669	2,410	741
Chanhassen (part)	Carver	25,947	26,304	357	9,644	10,089	445
Chaska	Carver	27,810	31,105	3,295	10,438	11,948	1,510
Cologne	Carver	2,047	2,214	167	734	818	84
Dahlgren township	Carver	1,442	1,441	-1	503	521	18
Hamburg	Carver	566	569	3	219	224	5
Hancock township	Carver	336	308	-28	129	123	-6
Hollywood township	Carver	1,058	1,006	-52	387	378	-9
Laketown township	Carver	1,966	2,090	124	611	630	19
Mayer	Carver	2,453	2,600	147	800	876	76
New Germany	Carver	464	493	29	180	192	12
Nonwood Young America	Carver	3,863	4,226	363	1,551	1,694	143
San Francisco township	Carver	871	903	32	325	342	17
Shorewood (part)	Carver	4	0	-4	1	0	-1
Victoria	Carver	10,546	12,853	2,307	3,542	4,420	878
Waconia	Carver	13,033	14,810	1,777	4,659	5,582	923
Waconia township	Carver	1,068	1,091	23	396	412	16
Watertown	Carver	4,659	5,012	353	1,714	1,864	150
Watertown township	Carver	1,188	1,210	22	462	478	16
Young America township	Carver	683	714	31	261	275	14
Apple Valley	Dakota	56,374	56,865	491	21,464	22,213	749
Burnsville	Dakota	64,317	66,725	2,408	25,480	26,952	1,472
Castle Rock township	Dakota	1,350	1,397	47	506	512	6
Coates	Dakota	147	145	-2	62	63	1
Douglas township	Dakota	748	749	1	261	266	5
Eagan	Dakota	68,855	69,857	1,002	27,609	29,073	1,464
Empire	Dakota	3,177	3,069	-108	1,021	1,007	-14
Eureka township	Dakota	1,373	1,360	-13	524	519	-5
Farmington	Dakota	23,632	25,074	1,442	7,906	8,601	695
Greenvale township	Dakota	796	798	2	285	290	5
Hampton	Dakota	744	728	-16	274	275	1
Hampton township	Dakota	832	837	5	328	332	4
Hastings (part)	Dakota	22,452	23,814	1,362	9,128	9,720	592
Inver Grove Heights	Dakota	35,791	36,495	704	14,338	14,887	549
Lakewood	Dakota	69,490	78,810	9,320	23,265	27,463	4,198
Lilydale	Dakota	809	991	182	543	671	128
Marshall township	Dakota	1,153	1,166	13	426	432	6
Mendota	Dakota	183	200	17	78	83	5
Mendota Heights	Dakota	11,744	11,967	223	4,787	4,960	173
Miesville	Dakota	138	136	-2	57	56	-1
New Trier	Dakota	86	88	2	38	40	2
Niminger township	Dakota	865	862	-3	312	320	8
Northfield (part)	Dakota	1,251	1,224	-27	503	516	13
Randolph	Dakota	466	461	-5	166	168	2
Randolph township	Dakota	760	773	13	276	280	4
Ravenna township	Dakota	2,354	2,402	48	826	826	0
Rosemount	Dakota	25,650	29,535	3,885	8,931	10,669	1,738
Sciota township	Dakota	460	444	-16	155	155	0
South St. Paul	Dakota	20,769	20,715	-54	8,432	8,687	255
Sunfish Lake	Dakota	522	528	6	179	181	2
Vermillion	Dakota	441	437	-4	168	168	0
Vermillion township	Dakota	1,290	1,314	24	479	482	3
Waterford township	Dakota	538	536	-2	202	202	0
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Shakopee	Scott	43,698	48,913	5,215	14,722	16,921	2,199
Spring Lake township	Scott	3,464	3,738	274	1,278	1,368	90
Alton	Washington	2,955	3,100	145	1,091	1,178	87
Bayport	Washington	4,024	3,766	-258	1,038	1,107	69
Baytown township	Washington	2,088	2,267	179	726	795	69
Birchwood Village	Washington	863	877	14	348	355	7
Cottage Grove	Washington	38,839	44,711	5,872	13,105	15,402	2,297
Dellwood	Washington	1,171	1,142	-29	391	383	-8
Denmark township	Washington	1,801	1,940	139	664	717	53
Forest Lake	Washington	20,611	21,484	873	8,131	8,626	495
Grant	Washington	3,970	4,311	341	1,453	1,530	77
Grey Cloud Island township	Washington	283	290	7	97	102	5
Haslings (part)	Washington	2	2	0	1	1	0
Hugo	Washington	15,766	17,753	1,987	5,939	6,881	922
Lake Elmo	Washington	11,335	15,280	3,945	4,004	5,583	1,579
Lakeland	Washington	1,710	1,642	-68	695	690	-5
Lakeland Shores	Washington	339	349	10	120	123	3
Lake St. Croix Beach	Washington	1,043	1,078	35	470	477	7
Landfall	Washington	843	801	-42	304	293	-11
Mahtomedi	Washington	8,134	8,494	360	3,156	3,261	105
Marine on St. Croix	Washington	664	725	61	289	317	28
May township	Washington	2,670	2,905	235	1,058	1,135	77
Newport	Washington	3,797	4,545	748	1,473	1,899	426
Oakdale	Washington	28,303	30,047	1,744	11,304	12,442	1,138
Oak Park Heights	Washington	4,849	4,873	24	2,258	2,276	18
Pine Springs	Washington	377	378	1	137	134	-3
St. Marys Point	Washington	353	352	-1	143	143	0
St. Paul Park	Washington	5,544	5,390	-154	2,044	2,057	13
Scandia	Washington	3,984	4,160	176	1,559	1,592	33
Stillwater	Washington	19,394	19,530	136	7,750	8,003	253
Stillwater township	Washington	1,866	1,826	-40	718	705	-13
West Lakeland township	Washington	3,976	4,073	97	1,324	1,362	38
White Bear Lake (part)	Washington	397	348	-49	207	177	-30
Wilmette	Washington	515	519	4	220	216	-4
Woodbury	Washington	75,102	82,490	7,388	27,290	30,806	3,516

County	Population, 2020 Census	Population, 2025 Estimate	2020-2025 Population Change	Households, 2020 Census	Households, 2025 Estimate	2020-2025 Household Change
Anoka	363,887	382,119	18,232	133,879	142,219	8,340
Carver	106,922	118,006	11,084	38,863	43,928	5,065
Dakota	439,882	462,163	22,281	168,008	180,971	12,963
Hennepin	1,281,565	1,313,127	31,562	528,547	560,122	31,575
Ramsey	552,352	557,123	4,771	218,077	227,028	8,951
Scott	150,928	161,562	10,634	52,645	56,706	4,061
Washington	267,568	291,448	23,880	99,507	110,748	11,241

Council Regular Meeting

DATE: 6/8/2026
TO: Council Study Session
FROM:
THROUGH:
BY: Shannon Pettit, City Clerk
SUBJECT: Early Voting Law Change Options

Requested Council Action:

- *Staff is looking for Council consensus on options regarding the Early Voting law change*

Background:

On May 18, 2026, the governor signed HF 4240, which allows municipalities to choose between conducting 18 days of in-person early voting or the full 46 days of in-person absentee voting. The League of Minnesota Cities has been advocating for this change for several years. During the first 28 days of the 46-day period, voters complete the voting process using absentee envelopes, similar to voting by mail. The City uses a secure and lockable ballot box and then coordinates delivery to Hennepin County. During the final 18 days, voters use the early voting process, which allows voters to insert their ballot directly into the ballot counter, which is then sent to Hennepin County via modem transfer. There are no envelopes or witness signatures required during early voting. This is the preferred method for many voters, which is reflected in the early voting statistics.

Voters will continue to have the option of voting absentee as well as utilize early voting at Hennepin County for the full 46 days.

Many election-related activities will still occur during the first 28 days, including equipment testing and election judge training. Staff will also still be conducting absentee voting at the health care facilities and will have extended hours at City Hall during the 18-day period, including Saturday hours as required by state statute.

As of June 4, 2026, the following cities have confirmed their change to 18-day early voting:

- Champlin
- Corcoran
- Crystal
- Dayton
- Excelsior
- Greenfield
- Hopkins
- Independence

- Long Lake
- Maple Grove
- Maple Plain
- Medina
- Minnetonka Beach
- Minnetrista
- Orono
- Robbinsdale
- Rogers
- Shorewood
- Spring Park
- St. Bonifacius
- Tonka Bay
- Wayzata

The following cities have confirmed the continuation of 46 days of early voting:

- Brooklyn Park
- Minneapolis
- Mound
- Plymouth

The city of Edina will be changing their early voting for the primary to 18 days, while continuing 46 days for the general election.

Below are the options staff would like the council to consider:

Option 1:

Do nothing - continue early voting for 46 days.

Option 2:

Consider changing early voting to 18 days for all elections moving forward.

Option 3:

Consider changing early voting to 18 days for primary elections, and 46 days for general elections.

Staff must notify Hennepin County no later than Friday, June 12, 2026, of their selection. Attached you will find a Q&A regarding the law change which was provided by Hennepin County, as well as statistics on early voting turnout for Hennepin County and Brooklyn Center.

Budget Issues:

Inclusive Community Engagement:

Antiracist/Equity Policy Effect:

Strategic Priorities and Values:

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Early Voting Options



Q&A from Live Online Training on May 14, 2026

2026 Election Administration Certification

HF 4240 – Allows municipalities to choose between conducting 18 days of in-person early voting or the full 46 days of in-person absentee voting

Signed by the governor on May 18, 2026

Q: When does this change go into effect?

A: August 2026 Primary Election

Q: Can you share some of the reasoning behind this change, to help us present it to our city council?

A: The League of Minnesota Cities pushed it quite a bit, and Hennepin County supported it. Refer to LMC's [2026 City Policies advocacy agenda](#) for detailed reasoning (absentee voting changes start on page 61). Ted Bengtson (TBengtson@lmc.org) is the intergovernmental relations admin coordinator at LMC and can point people in the right direction.

Q: Are the options only 18 or 46 days, or can we choose a number in between?

A: No, the options are either 18 days or 46 days.

Q: Can we accept absentee ballot drop-offs starting 46 days before Election Day even if we choose to conduct only 18 days of in-person early voting?

A: Yes, cities can accept absentee ballot drop-offs starting 46 days before Election Day. All cities delegated to administer absentee voting must still establish an Absentee Ballot Board, even if

you choose to do only 18 days of in-person early voting. The ABB would be responsible for accepting/rejecting any dropped-off absentee ballots during the 46 days of absentee voting and on Election Day.

Q: Can we choose to do 18 days of in-person early voting for the primary election and the full 46 days of in-person absentee voting for the general election?

A: Yes, as long as we receive your notice by the deadline and your notice outlines 18 days for the primary election and 46 days for the general election, you can choose this option.

Q: Does this change apply to odd-year elections?

A: No, this change is not for city, town, and school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election.

Q: How do we provide notice to Hennepin County of our 18 vs. 46 days decision in 2026?

A: Notice is requested by June 1, required by June 12. No resolution is required; simply send an email notifying us of your decision to clerks@hennepin.us.

Q: Do we need to provide notice to Hennepin County of our 18 vs. 46 days decision every year or only when we wish to change it? By what date will we need to provide notice every year?

A: Notification is required when a change is made and at least 14 weeks prior to the state primary election.

Q: How would the 18 vs. 46 days decision impact a temporary voting location (i.e., pop-up) that is planned before the early voting period?

A: This law change does not impact temporary voting locations or Health Care Facility voting.

Q: If we choose to do 18/46 days for this year's elections, can we change for next year's elections?

A: Notification is required when a change is made.

Q: Hypothetically, if all cities opted to only do 18 days, is Hennepin County prepared to handle the influx of voters who may opt to vote by mail or in person at the Hennepin County Government Center?

A: We don't expect all cities will opt to do only 18 days, but we are prepared to handle additional mail or in-person voting at Hennepin County.

Q: Is the Hennepin County Government Center planning to be open for all 46 days of in-person absentee voting?

A: Yes.

Q: If we opt for the full 46 days of in-person absentee voting but end up having a special election, can we change to only 18 days of in-person early voting for the special election?

A: This change is only allowed for elections held on the same day as a statewide election, so it cannot be used for a municipal special election. For a state special election, a city can change to 18 days with notification 14 weeks prior to the primary election.

Q: If our city hall is typically closed on Fridays, do we need to be open for any Fridays during the 46-day absentee voting period or the 18-day early voting period?

A: This does not change the requirements for absentee voting hours.

Q: How can we obtain statistics on absentee voter turnout to help us decide whether we should do 18 or 46 days?

A: Below are Hennepin County statistics from the past few major elections on in-person voter turnout during the first 28 days of absentee voting (noted as "IP") vs. the last 18 days of direct balloting (noted as "DB").

2024 Primary Election	Percentage of Votes Cast
IP	25.72%
DB	74.28%
2024 General Election	Percentage of Votes Cast
IP	22.07%
DB	77.93%
2025 General Election	Percentage of Votes Cast
IP	20.71%
DB	79.29%

Absentee/Early Voter Turnout – City of Brooklyn Center

2022 Elections	Votes Cast During First 28 Days	Votes Cast During Last 18 Days	Total Votes Cast
Primary	128 (22.85%)	432 (77.15%)	560
General	354 (20.34%)	1386 (79.66%)	1740

2024 Elections	Votes Cast During First 28 Days	Votes Cast During Last 18 Days	Total Votes Cast
Presidential Primary	32 (22.53%)	110 (77.47%)	142
State Primary	50 (22.52%)	172 (77.48%)	222
State General	893 (22.82)	3020 (77.18%)	3913

Below are a few pros and cons from staff perspective:

	Pro	Con
Option 1 – No change (46-day option still available)	Status quo – know what to expect	Staffing and cost requirements
Option 2 – 18 Days for all state elections	Large reduction of staffing requirements and expenses	Misalignment with neighboring cities
Option 3 – Combination (18 day for primary; 46 for general)	Slight reduction of staffing requirements and expenses	Misalignment with neighboring cities for primary elections

2026 Primary Election Extended Hours:

- Saturday, August 8, 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 10, 8:00 – 5:00 p.m.

2026 General Election Extended Hours:

- Saturday, October 24, 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 27, 8:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 31, 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 1, 9:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 2, 8:00 – 5:00 p.m.