

2024 District Fact Sheet MnDOT: District 7

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Demographics

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Counties by Area Transportation Partnership (ATP) Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Nobles, Rock, Sibley, Waseca and Watonwan	13	14.9%	87
Cities, population of more than 5,000 (by ATP) Mankato, North Mankato, New Ulm, Worthington, St. Peter, Fairmont, Waseca and New Prague	8	5.3%	151
2023 population estimate (by ATP)	290,180	5.1%	5,717,184
Land area, square miles (by ATP)	7,680	9.6%	79,721
Population density (people per square mile, by ATP)	38	NA	1,257
Metropolitan Planning Organizations	1	12.5%	8

NA indicates data that is not available.

Roadways

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Trunk highway (includes interstate) Centerline miles	1,269	10.8%	11,705
Trunk highway (includes interstate) Lane miles	3,233	11.1%	29,204
Interstate system Centerline miles	143	15.6%	914
Interstate system Lane miles	571	14%	4,085
Bridges, State-owned (10 feet or greater)	475	9.8%	4,822

Traffic Safety

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Roundabouts	37	25.9%	143
J-Turns	11	8.1%	135
Road Weather Information System (RWIS) sites	17	10.4%	164
Dynamic variable message signs	19	4.6%	411
Traffic cameras	11	0.8%	1,297
Snow fence miles (permanent, native prairie, temporary)	28.2	15.9%	177.6

Toward Zero Deaths (TZD): Its mission is to move Minnesota toward zero deaths on our roads using the five E's: Education, Enforcement, Engineering, Emergency Medical and Trauma Services, and Everyone.

Since TZD began in 2003, Minnesota has seen a 37 percent decline in traffic-related deaths. The incremental goal is set for 2025: 225 or fewer traffic-related deaths and 980 or fewer serious injuries.

Budget and Economics

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Fiscal Year 2023 (millions of dollars) Operations budget to deliver construction program	40.1	7.6%	527.9
Fiscal Year 2024 (millions of dollars) Operations budget to deliver construction program	42.1	7.2%	586.8
Average annual construction prog. cost (millions of dollars)	161.2	15.8%	1,020.5
Average annual number of projects (millions of dollars)	24	10.6%	226

Non-Auto Modes

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Public Transit (FY2023) Counties Covered	12	NA	87
Public Transit (FY2023) Ridership - Fixed	373,794	NA	51,315,580
Public Transit (FY2023) Ridership – Dial-a-Ride	421,566	NA	5,661,772
Public Transit (FY2023) System usage: Vehicle miles traveled	2,321,527	NA	73,566,387
Rivers – Navigable miles	0	NA	232
Airports – Publicly owned that receive state funds	14	10.5%	133

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Railroads – Rail line miles	506	11.2%	4,534
Railroads – Signalized Crossings	154	NA	1,641
Railroads – Non-signalized Crossings	388	NA	2,381

Workforce and Facilities

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Full-time employees, Fiscal Year 2023	350	6.5%	5,396.6
Regional offices/headquarters/maintenance sites	2	NA	20
Buildings square footage	607,268	8.9%	6,817,987
Rest areas (Class 1)	10	20%	50

Maintenance

Five-year average, fiscal years 2019-23, unless otherwise stated.

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Average annual Snow & Ice delivery cost (thousands of dollars)	14,760	8.5%	173,937
Average annual bare lane performance (frequency in target number of hours)	75%	NA	83%
Snow & Ice lane miles, Fiscal Year 2024	3,264	10.8%	30,309

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Average route length (lane miles), Fiscal Year 2024	39.3	NA	44.2
Light vehicles (pickups, vans and cars)	144	8.8%	1,627
Snow removal trucks, Fiscal Year 2024	83	10.7%	777
Average annual number of Snow & Ice events	23.2	NA	25.6
Average annual snow accumulation (inches)	64.5	NA	75

Material Use and Storage

Five-year average, fiscal years 2019-23, unless otherwise stated.

Description	District Total	Percent of State	Statewide Total
Rock salt usage (tons)	17,245	8.0%	215,615
Liquid salt brine usage (gallons)	1,444,638	17.5%	8,232,873
Sand usage (tons; includes sand/salt mix)	946	3.3%	28,275
Salt storage capacity (tons)	22,325	8.1%	274,421
Fuel usage, all types (gallons)	566,904.16	10.8%	5,256,444.7