

PROPOSED MEASURES FOR REGIONAL GOAL: OUR REGION IS EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE



Regional indicators

These measures describe high-level trends about the Twin Cities metro or region. Regional indicators can provide context on whether—and to what extent—our region’s trends are similar to other places and offer a sense of scale and persistence. These measures reflect the impacts of intersecting “macro” systems and require collective and sustained action to counter or advance. For that reason, it may be difficult to understand what drives change in regional indicator trends without additional analysis or data.

Regional indicator description	Regional goals			
	Healthy and safe	Dynamic and resilient	Climate change	Natural systems
Unemployment rate	X	X		
Labor force participation rate	X	X		
Share or rate of youth (age 16 to 24) who are not attending school or employed ('Youth Disconnection' rate)	X	X		
Percentage of the population age 25-44 with a certificate, an Associate Degree or higher, or an industry-recognized credential	X	X		
Share of region's population under age 65 without health insurance	X	X		
(Estimated) Households with at least \$2,000 in emergency savings	X	X		
(Estimated) Median net worth (households)	X	X		
Share of full-time year-round workers age 25 - 64 earning a family sustaining wage		X		
Change in median hourly wage compared with change in cost of living	X	X		
Rate of households experiencing housing cost burden (per 100,000)	X	X		
Number of deeply affordable housing units per 10,000 very low-income households	X	X		

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	Healthy and safe	Dynamic and resilient	Climate change	Natural systems
Bias motivated crime rate per 10,000 residents				
Rate of people experiencing food insecurity	X			
Rate of people experiencing homelessness	X			
Age-adjusted premature deaths	X			
Share of region's population living in areas with extreme heat	X		X	
Regional average of tree canopy coverage				X
Regional average of tree canopy coverage in areas with extreme heat			X	
Developed acreage in Flood Impact Zones (FIZ)		X		X
Share of region's population living in Flood Impact Zones (FIZ), i.e., areas with heightened risk of localized flooding	X		X	
Share of region's housing units at high risk for localized flooding		X		
Growth rate of impervious surface acreage per household				X

Regional measures

These measures describe how Met Council's local partners advance Imagine 2050 goals, objectives, and policies. They may capture work among local governments, regional parks implementing agencies, community organizations, or other organizations or agencies within the region. Regional measures acknowledge that the regional values, visions, and goals described in Imagine 2050 cannot be achieved alone. These measures are often derived from primary data collection efforts led by Met Council, through surveys, plan reviews, and other research methods. The development of these data, as well as their findings, further our understanding of systems change within the region.

Regional measure description	Regional goals			
	Healthy and safe	Dynamic and resilient	Climate change	Natural systems
Visits to regional parks and trails per capita	X			
Share of region's population within a 10-minute walk to a park	X	X		
Regional acreage under conservation easement				X

Met Council measures

As a large organization with a diverse portfolio of work and roles within the region, Met Council measures highlight how our own grant and investment programs, services and operations, engagement practices, convening and coordinating of partners—among other actions—advance the regional goals and policy direction established in Imagine 2050. Incorporating Met Council measures in the Imagine 2050 Outcomes Measurement Program not only facilitates internal alignment and a clearer communication of our role, it also demonstrates how the Met Council leads by example.

Met Council measure description	Regional goals			
	Healthy and safe	Dynamic and resilient	Climate change	Natural systems
Number of trees planted in areas with extreme heat supported by Met Council Community Tree Planting Grants	X			X