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Minnesota Milestones, the state's 30-year plan, was developed with the help of more than 10,000 Minnesotans in 1991 and 1992. This is a summary of the annual progress report since the completion of the long-range plan one year ago. The full report, *Minnesota Milestones: 1993 Progress Report*, includes a more complete description of influential policy changes and advancement toward achieving the state's goals.

Progress toward the 20 long-range goals is measured by 79 indicators. Collectively, the indicators serve as an early warning about positive or negative trends related to the goals. Intended to help focus on the long-term outlook, the indicators signal whether the state is achieving the future chosen by Minnesotans. These early signs allow the state time to take corrective action on long-term problems. The indicators show what works, what doesn't and where to put resources.

Overall, Minnesota earned a positive report card for its efforts thus far to achieve the Milestones goals. Six of the 13 goals that could be graded received positive grades, while three registered negative. Three showed mixed results, and one had no change.

Contact Minnesota Planning for more information about *Minnesota Milestones*; for copies of the full progress report, *Minnesota Milestones: 1993 Progress Report*; or for copies of the 30-year plan, *Minnesota Milestones: A Report Card for the Future*.



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Grading Minnesota's Progress

Minnesota Milestones is intended to measure progress over the next five, 10, 15 and 20 years. Therefore, this first progress report will not show marked trends. Because just one year has passed, only the direction of change for each of the goals will be assigned.

Grades were given to each of the goals based on the indicators for which data was available. A positive grade means that half or more of the indicators showed

a positive change; a minus grade means the change was negative in half or more of these indicators. A grade of plus and minus was assigned where there was an equal number of positive and negative changes among indicators, and "no change" means the change was neither positive nor negative. In some cases, no comparative data was available yet; the grade for these goals was either "not available" or the date when such data will be available.

Grade Key

+	Of the indicators with data, half or more were positive.
-	Half or more of the indicators with data were negative.
± -	The goal had an equal number of positive and negative indicators.
No Change	The data remained the same for both years.
Not Available	Data is not collected yet for some indicators. Dates when data will be available are provided for other indicators.

**Grade
2000
Census**

Goal: Our children will not live in poverty	1990	1992	1995
1. Percentage of children living in households below the poverty line	12.4%	2000 Census	10%
2. Percentage of parents who receive full payment of awarded child support	Not Available		

Grade —	Goal: Families will provide a stable environment for their children	1990	1992	1995
	3. Teen pregnancy rate (per 1,000 girls 10 to 17 years old)	17.4	11.8	12
	4. Runaways (per 1,000 children)	8.6	8.9	8.5
	5. Percentage of 12th-grade students who have ever attempted suicide	13% (1992)	1995 Student Survey	13%
	6. Apprehensions of children (per 1,000 children)	38.3	39.4	37.5
	7. Percentage of children who use alcohol or illegal drugs at least monthly (12th-graders)	42% (1992)	1995 Student Survey	39%
	8. Rate of divorces involving children	Not Available		
	9. Percentage of students who move more than once a year	Not Available		

Grade —	Goal: All children will come to school ready to learn	1990	1992	1995
	10. Percentage of sixth-graders watching television or videos more than 40 hours per week Boys Girls	18% 11% (1992)	1995 Student Survey	16% 10%
	11. Percentage of parents satisfied with their child-care arrangements	Not Available		
	12. Percentage of children who have healthy diets	Not Available		
	13. Abused or neglected children (per 1,000 children)	7.9	9.4	7.9

**Grade
No
Change****Goal: Minnesotans will excel in based academic skills**

	1990	1992	1995
14. Achievement test scores	Not Available		
15. Number of school districts with a 12th-grade dropout rate over 10 percent	14	14 (1991)	7

**Grade
+****Goal: Minnesotans will be healthy**

	1990	1992	1995
16. Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	7.3	7.1	6.5
17. Percentage of low birthweight babies	5.1%	5.2%	4.5%
18. Percentage of children who are adequately immunized	57%	61%	70%
19. Percentage of Minnesota adults who do not smoke	78%	78%	81%
20. Life expectancy (in years)	77.9	2000 Census	79.1

**Grade
+
-****Goal: Our communities will be safe, friendly and caring**

	1990	1992	1995
21. Percentage of people who feel they can rely on another person in their community for help	Not Available		
22. Violent crimes reported (per 100,000 Minnesotans)	292	354	292
23. Percentage of people who feel safe in their communities	Not Available		
24. Percentage of people who have been crime victims	Not Available	31%	
25. The rate of violent and injury-related deaths (per 100,000 Minnesotans)	49.8	48.4	45
26. Percentage of Minnesotans who volunteer for community activities	Not Available		
27. Percentage of youths who volunteer at least an hour a week	34% (1992)	1995 Student Survey	37%

Grade

-

Goal: People who need help will receive it**1990****1992****1995**

28. Number of people using homeless shelters

2,599

3,738
(1993)

2,500

29. Percentage of recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children on assistance more than 24 consecutive months

Not Available

30. Percentage of unemployed people remaining unemployed more than 26 weeks (five-year average)

11%

15%

10%

31. Quality of life for people with long-term limitations

Not Available

**Grade
Not
Available****Goal: People with disabilities will participate in society****1990****1992****1995**

32. Percentage of public facilities that are accessible

Not Available

25%

Grade

+

Goal: We will value all cultures, races and ethnic backgrounds**1990****1992****1995**

33. Number of discrimination complaints filed in Minnesota

Not Available

34. Percentage of people who say they have been discriminated against in the past year

Not Available

35. Percentage of state legislators and constitutional officers who are members of an underrepresented racial or ethnic group

2%

2%

*

36. Percentage of state legislators and constitutional officers who are female

19%

26%
(1994)

28%

*The 1995 goal is to represent the racial and ethnic composition of the state's population.

**Grade
Fall
1994****Goal: Minnesota will sustain above-average economic growth****1990****1992****1995**

37. Minnesota per capita gross state product as a percentage of U.S. per capita gross national product

103%

Fall
1994

103%

Grade +	Goal: Minnesota will have the advanced education to be a global economic leader	1990	1992	1995
	38. College graduation five-year rates			
	University of Minnesota	29%	33%	30%
	State universities	35%	35%	36%
	Private colleges	67%	(1991) 69%	67%
	39. Cost of college tuition (net cost as percent of disposable income)	9.7%	11.6%	10%
	40. Percentage of high school graduates who are pursuing advanced training, apprenticeship or higher education one year after high school	73%	74%	79%
			(1991)	
	41. Percentage of recent technical college graduates employed in a job related to their training	85%	Fall 1994	85%
	42. Percentage of Minnesotans who use public libraries	Not Available		

Grade +	Goal: All Minnesotans will have a reasonable standard of living	1990	1992	1995
	43. Minnesota median family income as a percentage of U.S. median family income	105%	2000 Census	105%
	44. Percentage of population living in households with incomes at least 200 percent of the poverty line	73%	2000 Census	75%
	45. Percentage of Minnesotans with health-care insurance	91%	92%	97%

Grade Summer 1994	Goal: All Minnesotans will have decent, safe and affordable housing	1990	1992	1995
	46. Percentage of low-income housing units with severe physical problems	22%	Summer 1994	20%
	47. Percentage of low-income renters paying more than 30 percent of their income for housing	67%	2000 Census	65%
	48. Homeownership rate	72%	2000 Census	72%

Grade
+
-

Goal: Small cities, rural and urban areas will be economically viable

	1990	1992	1995
49. Percentage of Twin Cities population living in census tracts with poverty rates 1.5 times the state average	13%	2000 Census	12%
50. Percentage of population living in counties with per capita income less than 70 percent of U.S. per capita income	4.6%	3.6% (1991)	4%
51. Minnesota nonmetropolitan per capita income as percent of U.S. nonmetropolitan per capita income	105.3%	103.5% (1991)	107%
52. Primary-care physicians per 10,000 people in nonmetropolitan Minnesota	5.5 (1988)	June 1994	5.7%
53. Minnesota's rank in telecommunications technology	Not Available		
54. Percentage of nonmetropolitan population in communities served by two or more options for shipping freight	37%	Summer 1994	37%

Grade
+
-

Goal: Minnesotans will protect and enhance their environment

	1990	1992	1995
55. Average annual energy use per person (million BTUs per person)	300	310 (1991)	285
56. Highway litter (bags collected per mile)	10 to 20	10 to 20	15
57. Total water use (billion gallons per day)	3.1	3.1	3.1
58. Solid waste produced and recycled Waste produced (million tons) Waste recycled (million tons)	4.4 22%	4.4 34%	4.6 31%
59. Percentage of students passing an environmental education test	Not Available		
60. Air pollutants emitted from stationary sources (thousands of tons)	Not Available		
61. Number of days per year that air-quality standards are not met	35	5 (1993)	0

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	1990	1992	1995
62. Percentage of river miles and lake acres that meet fishable and swimmable standards			
River miles	22%	Spring 1994	25%
Lake acres	11% (1992)		14%
63. Percentage of monitored wells showing ground-water contamination	Not Available		
64. Soil erosion per acre of cropland (in tons)	7 (1987)	Spring 1994	6
65. Toxic chemicals released or transferred (millions of pounds per year)	62.3	40	24
66. Quantity of hazardous waste generated (millions of pounds per year)	99	111	116
67. Number of Superfund sites identified and cleaned up			
Identified	178	184 (1993)	219
Cleaned up	45	60 (1993)	71

Goal: Minnesota's environment will support diverse plant and animal life

	1990	1992	1995
68. Diversity of song birds	Not Available		
69. Number of threatened, endangered or special-concern native wildlife and plant species	287	287 (1993)	287
70. Acres of natural and restored wetlands (in millions)	7.9	Spring 1994	7.9
71. Acres of forest land (in millions)	16.7	2000 Inventory	16.7
72. Land area in parks and wildlife refuges (millions of acres)	12 (1991)	Spring 1994	12

Grade +	Goal: Minnesotans will have opportunities to enjoy our natural resources	1990	1992	1995
	73. Miles of recreational trails (in thousands)	19	20	20
	74. Number of public access sites on lakes and rivers	2,200	Fall 1995	2,300

Grade Fall 1994	Goals: People will participate in government and politics	1990	1992	1995
	75. Percentage of eligible voters who vote in gubernatorial elections	57%	Fall 1994	62% (1994)
	76. Percentage of dollars contributed to campaigns coming from small contributions	64%	Fall 1994	65% (1994)

Grade Not Available	Goal: Government in Minnesota will be cost-efficient	1990	1992	1995
	77. Percentage of the state budget for which goals and outcome measures have been established	Not Available		
	78. Percentage of local government budgets for which goals and outcome measures have been established	Not Available		
	79. Percentage of Minnesotans who say they get their money's worth from their local and state taxes	Not Available		

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