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Data Points
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Workforce Readiness (15+)

- Significant Job Growth:
  - 42,214 is the current number of jobs in the county
  - Private sector added 1,385 jobs from Q1 2014 to Q1 2015 up 4.4%
- $46,176 average annual wage for jobs in the county ($91,688 median income)
- Low unemployment rate locally and statewide (September: Scott County 2.9% and Minnesota 3.2%)
- 10.5% of 16 to 19 year olds and 11% of 20-24 year olds are unemployed
- Despite a growth in the population, the number of residents aged 25-44 (prime working age) has decreased by 4,330 people from 2005 to 2015
- Minnesota is projected to have 500,000 job openings by 2020 (75% will come from people retiring)
- Lack of post-secondary options: Scott County has one of the lowest BA completion percentages in the 7 county metro at 38% despite some of the highest graduation rates
- Scott County's population of color has tripled since 2000. New immigrant numbers have increased at a high rate; 16% of Shakopee's population in 2014 was foreign born.

Housing:

- Maxfield is reporting a current vacancy rate of .9% (1% for seniors) while according to Minnesota Housing 4.5%-5% is a health vacancy rate
- Scott County has a low lot inventory. Of the available lots sold, single family homes sell for $450,000 and multifamily homes sell for $350,000
- 8% of owners and 22% of renters pay 50% of their income towards housing
- Income disparity for home owners ($95,959) vs. renters($43,338)
- From 2005 – 2015 there have been 6,000 foreclosures in Scott County
- Renters' incomes have fallen by .2% while rents have increased by 13% since 2000
- Home ownership is at 82% in Scott County

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Transportation:

- 50,000+ people leave the county every day to work somewhere else
- Average commute times for county residents have increased from 22.8 minutes in 2000 to 26.3 minutes in 2014(compared to 24.2 in metro region).
- In 2015, Smartlink Dial-A-Ride service had 4,022 more denials compared to zero denials in 2005. Denials are highest mid-day from 10 am to 2 pm. Denials do not include requests for service on evenings and weekends, when this service is not available.
- The number of Scott County workers driving alone has increased from 80 percent to 84 percent since 1990 to 2014. Workers carpooling has declined in Scott County since 1990 by 5 percent, but transit commuters have increased by only 1 percent. The percent of workers at home has remained stable since 1990.
- Countywide within cities, the percent of county roads that have trails/sidewalks on at least one side has increased from 47% in 2009 to 71% in 2015. The 3 northern communities where there is some fixed route transit service, have trails on 76% of the county road system as of the end of 2015.
- Crashes on county highways have remained constant over the past 6 years with about 1 crash or less per million vehicle miles traveled. This is well below the state and metro area average.
- Smartlink operates well above the regional safety benchmark. It experiences one crash per 648,000 miles of travel, which is 12 times lower that the regional standard.

Educational Preparedness (birth to 15):

- 0-17 year olds increased by 19.2% of the population between 2005-2015
- In 2015, almost 700 3rd graders were not reading at grade level. This benchmark is trending downward, and is correlated to poor future outcomes.

  This data can be reviewed by district:

  - Shakopee – 65.1% proficient
  - Prior Lake-Savage – 64.9% proficient
  - New Prague – 62.1% proficient
  - Jordan – 70.2% proficient
  - Belle Plaine – 63.9% proficient

  And by demographic (county-wide average):

  - Special Education – 27.6% proficient
  - American Indian – 33.2% proficient
  - English as a Second Language – 38.7% proficient
  - Free and Reduced Lunch – 48.5% proficient
  - Hispanic – 48.5% proficient

- 7% of children in Scott County live in a household with no working parent.
- 20% of mothers in Scott County receive inadequate prenatal care.
- 12% of children under the age of 5 in Scott County have moved at least once in the past year.

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