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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CC: JOSHUA TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: KEN ONDICH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: APRIL 1, 2025 POPULATION ESTIMATE
DATE: JUNE 25, 2026

The City has received its April 1, 2025 population estimates from both the Minnesota State Demographer (for the LeSueur County side of the City) and from the Metropolitan Council (for the Scott County side of the City).

As of April 1, 2024, the population estimate was:

Population: 8,244
Households: 3,057

As of April 1, 2025 (over one year ago), the City's Population Estimate was:

Population: 8,259 (+15)
Households: 3,044 (-13)

As with past estimates, staff had concerns about the numbers on the estimate. Specifically, this year's concern is why the estimate shows a reduced number of households, while the population is shown going up. This is explained by the average household size being estimated to have gone up from 2.659 to 2.669, but the estimate also includes what they believe is a lower general occupancy rate. It is also noted that each year's estimate is not based off the prior year's estimate but rather the 2020 Census number and the assumptions change annually. Different methods are also used for Scott County (Met Council) versus Le Sueur County (State Demographer).

It is also notable that the Bohemia Flats Apartment building is not reflected in the estimates for this year as that building did not open until October of 2025 and this estimate is as of April 1, 2025. Residents in that apartment will begin to be reflected in next years estimate.

Staff Recommendation

No action is needed on this item. It was provided for informational purposes only.

Summary of New Prague's population (as of April 1, 2025)

The Metropolitan Council and the State Demographic Center estimate New Prague's population jointly.

The Metropolitan Council produces estimates for the Scott County portion of New Prague,

while the State Demographic Center does so for the Le Sueur County portion.

Here is the population breakdown for the two portions of New Prague.

A more detailed report covering the Scott County portion is also enclosed.

	New Prague, Scott County (Metropolitan Council)	New Prague, Le Sueur County (State Demographic Center)	Total
Total households	1,763	1,281	3,044
Total population	4,671	3,588	8,259
Population in households	4,606	3,517	8,123
Population in group quarters	65	71	136
Average household size	2.613	2.746	2.669

