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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
CC: JOSHUA TETZLAFF, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
FROM: KEN ONDICH, PLANNING / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: APRIL 1, 2024 POPULATION ESTIMATE
DATE: JULY 8, 2025

The City has received its April 1, 2024 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, 2023, the 2022 population estimate was:

Population: 8,283
Households: 3,066

As of April 1, 2024 (over one year ago), the City's Population Estimate was:

Population: 8,244 (-39)
Households: 3,057 (-9)

The immediate reaction staff had to the estimates, similar to last years estimates, was that it did not make sense that the City's population and households went down from 2023 to 2024. Unlike last year, the estimate shows a persons per household reduction from 2.661 to 2.652. In the 2023 estimate, the reduction was due to an error in the state double counting homes constructed that year. In the 2024 estimate, the reduction is based on reduction in the persons per household which his used in their estimate equations. In reality, the City did add 11 new single family homes during this estimate time period, but the estimates do not include occupancy for all those units in the estimate. In summary, the estimates showing a decline in population are not alarming, staff believes our population is actually increasing based on local data, and ultimately the estimates are just estimates and the official Census that occurs every 10 years are the only official numbers.

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, 2024)

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	1,776	1,281	3,057
Total population	4,645	3,599	8,244
Population in households	4,580	3,528	8,108
Population in group quarters	65	71	136
Average household size	2.579	2.754	2.652

