



Figure 1.04: General Population by County, 1920-2020 (Table)

County	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
Becker	22,851	22,503	26,562	24,836	23,959	24,372	29,336	27,881	30,000	32,504	35,183
Beltrami	27,079	20,707	26,107	24,962	23,425	26,373	30,982	34,384	39,650	44,442	46,228
Clay	21,780	23,120	25,337	30,363	39,080	46,585	49,327	50,422	51,229	58,999	65,318
Clearwater	8,569	9,546	11,153	10,204	8,864	8,013	8,761	8,309	8,423	8,695	8,524
Hubbard	10,136	9,596	11,085	11,085	9,962	10,583	14,098	14,939	18,376	20,428	21,344
Kittson	10,638	9,688	10,717	9,649	8,343	6,853	6,672	5,767	5,285	4,552	4,207
Lake of the Woods	NA	4,194	5,975	4,955	4,304	3,987	3,764	4,076	4,522	4,045	3,763
Mahnomen	6,197	6,153	8,054	7,059	6,341	5,638	5,535	5,044	5,190	5,413	5,411
Marshall	19,443	17,003	18,364	16,125	14,262	13,060	13,027	10,993	10,155	9,439	9,040
Norman	14,880	14,061	14,746	12,909	11,253	10,008	9,379	7,975	7,442	6,852	6,441
Pennington	12,091	10,487	12,913	12,965	12,468	13,266	15,258	13,306	13,584	13,930	13,992
Polk	37,090	36,019	37,734	35,900	36,182	34,435	34,844	32,498	31,369	31,600	31,192
Red Lake	7,263	6,887	7,413	6,806	5,830	5,388	5,471	4,525	4,299	4,089	3,935
Roseau	13,305	12,621	15,103	14,505	12,154	11,569	12,574	15,026	16,338	15,629	15,331
Diocese of Crookston	211,322	202,585	231,263	222,323	216,427	220,130	239,028	235,145	215,862	253,865	269,909
Minnesota	2,387,125	2,563,953	2,792,300	2,982,483	3,413,864	3,804,911	4,075,970	4,375,665	4,919,492	5,303,925	5,706,494

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce. (1996). [Population of States and Counties of the United States: 1790 to 1990](#); U.S. Department of Commerce. (2002). [Minnesota: 2000 Summary Population and Housing Characteristics 2000 Census of Population and Housing](#); U.S. Department of Commerce. (2012). [Minnesota: 2010 Summary Population and Housing Characteristics 2000 Census of Population and Housing](#); 2020 Minnesota: Bureau, U.S.C. (2021). [Minnesota's Population at 5,706,494 in 2020, Up 7.6% Since 2010-Population and Housing](#).

Notes: Lake of the Woods County was created in 1923 from what was previously part of Beltrami County.





Figure 1.11: Projected Population by County, 2020-2060 (Table)

	2020 Census	2025 Projection	2040 Projection	2050 Projection	2060 Projection	Percent Change 2020-2025	Percent Change 2020-2060
Becker	35,183	35,771	38,074	38,943	39,614	2%	13%
Beltrami	46,228	48,439	50,776	51,359	51,620	5%	12%
Clay	65,318	68,638	76,850	81,117	85,017	5%	30%
Clearwater	8,524	8,959	8,910	8,700	8,440	5%	-1%
Hubbard	21,344	21,704	22,373	22,384	22,259	2%	4%
Kittson	4,207	3,943	3,165	2,614	2,091	-6%	-50%
Lake of the Woods	3,763	3,438	2,666	2,087	1,504	-9%	-60%
Mahnomen	5,411	5,584	5,519	5,365	5,181	3%	-4%
Marshall	9,040	9,246	8,599	7,941	7,204	2%	-20%
Norman	6,441	6,186	5,344	4,684	4,021	-4%	-38%
Pennington	13,992	14,331	13,900	13,190	12,286	2%	-12%
Polk	31,192	31,491	29,892	27,982	25,721	1%	-18%
Red Lake	3,935	3,896	3,542	3,222	2,878	-1%	-27%
Roseau	15,331	15,041	13,778	12,595	11,309	-2%	-26%
Diocese of Crookston	269,909	276,667	283,388	282,183	279,145	3%	3%
Minnesota	5,706,494	5,804,400	6,082,629	6,139,681	6,149,081	2%	8%

Source: 2020 Minnesota: Bureau, U.S.C. (2021). [Minnesota's Population at 5,706,494 in 2020, Up 7.6% Since 2010-Population and Housing.](#); Minnesota State Demographic Center. (2024). [Our Projections.](#)

Notes: 2020 is Census Data, 2025-2060 are Projections.





Figure 4.10: Diocesan-Wide Total Catholic Population, Mass Attendance, and Mass Attendance Percentage, 2006-2024 (Table)

Year	Total General Population	Total Catholic Population	Average Sunday Mass Attendance	Percent of Catholics Attending Sunday Mass	Percent of General Population Attending Sunday Mass
2006	250,941	35,780	16,362	45.7%	6.5%
2007	253,262	35,250	15,765	44.7%	6.2%
2008	252,994	35,285	NA	NA	NA
2009	252,944	35,285	15,374	43.6%	6.1%
2010	252,944	35,478	15,101	42.6%	6.0%
2011	260,616	34,410	15,211	44.2%	5.8%
2012	260,616	34,410	13,619	39.6%	5.2%
2013	259,516	32,936	14,599	44.3%	5.6%
2014	272,928	31,278	12,932	41.3%	4.7%
2015	259,466	32,089	13,582	42.3%	5.2%
2016	276,322	32,628	13,387	41.0%	4.8%
2017	277,689	33,995	12,381	36.4%	4.5%
2018	277,690	35,014	13,058	37.3%	4.7%
2019	277,689	34,649	12,560	36.2%	4.5%
2020	227,689	34,875	NA	NA	NA
2021	269,909	35,472	9,705	27.4%	3.6%
2022	269,335	27,395	9,513	34.7%	3.5%
2023	269,335	29,794	10,061	33.8%	3.7%
2024	270,221	33,662	10,150	30.2%	3.8%

Source: Total Catholic Population: Official Catholic Directory. Average Sunday Attendance: October Mass Counts.

Notes:

- Total Catholic population not available for 2023.
- October Mass Counts based on parish submissions of total weekend (Saturday night and Sunday) attendance for Mass.
- Average Sunday Attendance is not available for 2008 and 2020. Due to Covid-19 regulations, 2020 October Mass attendance was not collected.





Figure 4.15: Mass Attendance and Church Capacity, 2024 (Table)

City	Parish	Sunday Masses per Weekend	Average Weekend Mass Attendance (Oct. 2024)	Attendance per Mass	Max Capacity per Mass	Max Capacity for Weekend	Percent of Capacity Used
Ada	St. Joseph	1	82	82	350	350	23.4%
Argyle	St. Rose of Lima	1	110	110	250	250	44.0%
Badger	St. Mary	1	68	68	120	120	56.7%
Bagley	St. Joseph's	1	79	79	200	200	39.5%
Barnesville	Assumption	2	237	119	300	600	39.5%
Baudette	Sacred Heart	1	75	75	150	150	50.0%
Beaulieu	St. Joseph	1	57	57	250	250	22.8%
Bemidji	St. Philip	4	1005	251	450	1800	55.8%
Big Elbow Lake	St. Frances	1	23	23	60	60	38.3%
Blackduck	St. Ann	1	67	67	235	235	28.5%
Brooks	St. Joseph	1	62	62	140	140	44.3%
Callaway	Assumption	1	70	70	150	150	46.7%
Crookston	Cathedral	2.5	420	168	800	2000	21.0%
Detroit Lakes	St. Mary of the Lakes	1	230	230	540	540	42.6%
Detroit Lakes	Holy Rosary	3	735	245	900	2700	27.2%
Dilworth	St. Elizabeth	1	88	88	350	350	25.1%
East Grand Forks	Sacred Heart	4	675	169	450	1800	37.5%
Euclid	St. Mary	1	41	41	150	150	27.3%
Falun	St. Philip	1	33	33	100	100	33.0%
Fertile	St. Joseph	1	101	101	200	200	50.5%
Fisher	St. Francis of Assisi	1	43	43	125	125	34.4%
Florian	Assumption	1	87	87	280	280	31.1%
Fosston	St. Mary's	1	85	85	450	450	18.9%
Frazee	Sacred Heart	3	274	91	280	840	32.6%
Gentilly	St. Peter	1	67	67	150	150	44.7%
Georgetown	St. John	1	56	56	168	168	33.3%
Goodridge	St. Ann	1	34	34	100	100	34.0%
Greenbush	Blessed Sacrament	2	128	64	200	400	32.0%
Grygla	St. Clement	1	68	68	100	100	68.0%
Hallock	St. Patrick's	2	144	72	150	300	48.0%
Halstad	Holy Family	1	28	28	125	125	22.4%
Hawley	St. Andrew	1	170	170	500	500	34.0%
Karlstad	St. Edward	1	51	51	125	125	40.8%
Kelliher	St. Patrick's	1	105	105	200	200	52.5%
Lake Park	St. Francis Xavier	1	112	112	200	200	56.0%
Lancaster	Holy Rosary	1	37	37	90	90	41.1%
LaPorte	St. Theodore of Tarsus	1	64	64	120	120	53.3%
Mahnomen	St. Michael	2	110	55	500	1000	11.0%
Mentor	St. Lawrence	1	120	120	250	250	48.0%
Middle River	St. Joseph	1	51	51	120	120	42.5%





City	Parish	Sunday Masses per Weekend	Average Weekend Mass Attendance (Oct. 2024)	Attendance per Mass	Max Capacity per Mass	Max Capacity for Weekend	Percent of Capacity Used
Moorhead	St. Francis de Sales	3	429	143	400	1200	35.8%
Moorhead	St. Joseph	5	1132	226	750	3750	30.2%
Naytahwaush	St. Anne	1	44	44	100	100	44.0%
Nebish	St. John	1	48	48	125	125	38.4%
Nevis	Our Lady of the Pines	2	220	110	140	280	78.6%
Ogema	Most Holy Redeemer	1	62	62	180	180	34.4%
Oklee	St. Francis Xavier	1	61	61	150	150	40.7%
Oslo	St. Joseph	1	29	29	250	250	11.6%
Park Rapids	St. Peter	2	450	225	500	1000	45.0%
Pennington	St. Charles	0	0	0	80	0	NA
Ponsford	St. Theodore	1	19	19	75	75	25.3%
Red Lake	St. Mary's Mission	1	15	15	75	75	20.0%
Red Lake Falls	St. Joseph	2	244	122	270	540	45.2%
Roseau	Sacred Heart	2	159	80	180	360	44.2%
Sabin	St. Cecilia	1	75	75	175	175	42.9%
Stephen	St. Stephen	1	70	70	200	200	35.0%
Tabor	Holy Trinity	1	39	39	200	200	19.5%
Thief River Falls	St. Bernard	2	415	208	600	1200	34.6%
Twin Valley	St. William	1	48	48	250	250	19.2%
Two Inlets	St. Mary	1	102	102	150	150	68.0%
Warren	Sts. Peter and Paul	1	128	128	340	340	37.6%
Warroad	St. Mary	2	130	65	300	600	21.7%
Waubun	St. Ann	2	58	29	150	300	19.3%
White Earth	St. Benedict	1	23	23	120	120	19.2%
Wilton	Sacred Heart	1	98	98	150	150	65.3%

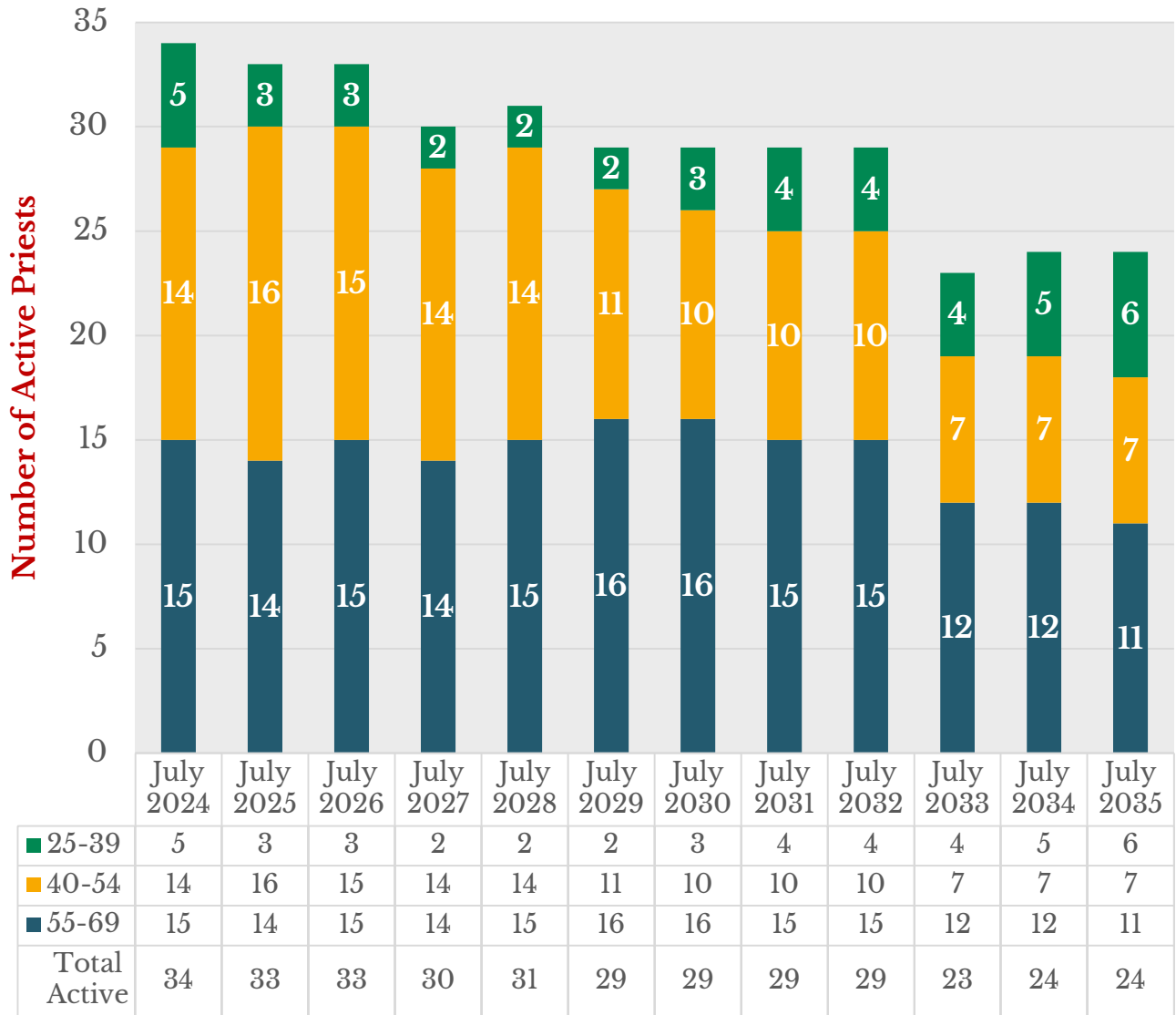
Source: Mass Attendance: 2024 October Mass Counts. Number of Masses: Diocese of Crookston Parish Finder. Maximum Capacity: 2024-2025 Parish Planning Survey.

Notes: Crookston: Cathedral has 2 English Masses each weekend and a Spanish Mass twice a month. Detroit Lakes: St. Mary of the Lakes has 3 Masses during the summer. Mentor: St. Lawrence has 2 Masses during the summer. Moorhead: St. Francis de Sales has 2 English Masses and 1 Spanish Mass. Pennington: St. Charles only has a Mass from Fishing Opener to Labor Day.





Figure 6.07: Age Distribution of Active Priests Projection, 2024-2035 (Graph)



Source: Diocese of Crookston Office of Administration.

Notes: Created with a modest anticipated ordination rate. Includes all types of active priests (diocesan, religious, and extern)

