

# THIEF RIVER FALLS REGIONAL INDICATORS 2020 DASHBOARD

THE REGIONAL INDICATORS DASHBOARD is a set of metrics that tracks Thief River Falls' position in relation to similar Greater Minnesota cities, on several important community, economic, and social characteristics.

2020 is the first year for the dashboard. In subsequent years, the dashboard will track change on these important metrics to build long-term success, and help to improve the region's economic competitiveness.

PEER RANK: 1=BEST, 11=WORST

## VITAL STATISTICS

COST BURDENED  
HOUSEHOLDS

22.9%

PEER RANK: 1

WORKERS LESS THAN 10  
MILES TO EMPLOYMENT

83.6%

PEER RANK: 1

PUBLIC SAFETY

#3

PEER RANK: 3\*

HOUSEHOLDS WITH  
HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND

90.8%

PEER RANK: 1\*  
DOWNLOAD SPEEDS OF 100 Mbps

## PEER CITIES AND DATA SOURCES

PEER CITIES WERE SELECTED based on demographic and economic characteristics, location, evidence of competition with Thief River Falls for business or talent, and positive economic trajectory.

Crookston  
Detroit Lakes  
East Grand Forks  
Fairmont

Fergus Falls  
Grand Rapids  
International Falls

Little Falls  
Stewartville  
Worthington

City-level data has been used in most instances. Other data is reported on the county in which a city is located and is noted with an asterisk.\* Data was sourced from Minnesota Compass, which is primarily derived from the U.S. Census Bureau. Additional sources include: Decennial Census, American Community Survey; Minnesota Demographic Center; Minnesota Departments of Education, Health, Human Services and Public Safety; Minnesota Center for Health Statistics; Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment; Minnesota Student Survey; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Minnesota Department of Public Safety; and Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.



# Compared to 10 peer cities, Thief River Falls ranks high on many key livability features.



Thief River Falls ranked #31 on "America's 50 Best Cities to Live In" (USA Today).

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- Northland Community and Technical College ranked #5 on "Best Community Colleges in the U.S. (WalletHub.com)
- Thief River Falls School District ranked #3 on "Safest School Districts in Minnesota (Niche.com)
- Thief River Falls Regional Airport is third busiest cargo shipping airport in Minnesota (FAA)

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE

**91.3%**  
PEER RANK: 1

## STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

**83.3%**  
PEER RANK: 1

## 8TH GRADE MATH PROFICIENCY

**52.7%**  
PEER RANK: 5

## MONTHLY COST OF CHILDCARE (2 in full time care)

**\$638**  
PEER RANK: 6

## OBSESITY

**27.5%**  
PEER RANK: 2

## HEALTH

## EDUCATION

## MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

**\$43,946**  
PEER RANK: 7

## WORKERS EARNING \$40,000 OR MORE/YEAR

**38.6%**  
PEER RANK: 3

## MEDIAN RENT PAID

**\$622**  
PEER RANK: 5

## PEOPLE BELOW POVERTY

**12.1%**  
PEER RANK: 4

## PERCENT LABORFORCE WITH SOME COLLEGE

**52.0%**  
PEER RANK: 9

## LABORFORCE PARTICIPATION

**84.0%**  
PEER RANK: 2

## DIVERSITY PEOPLE OF COLOR

**10.2%**  
PEER RANK: 5

## INCOME AND COST OF LIVING

## LABORFORCE AND DIVERSITY