



Community Benchmarks

How does Shoreview compare?

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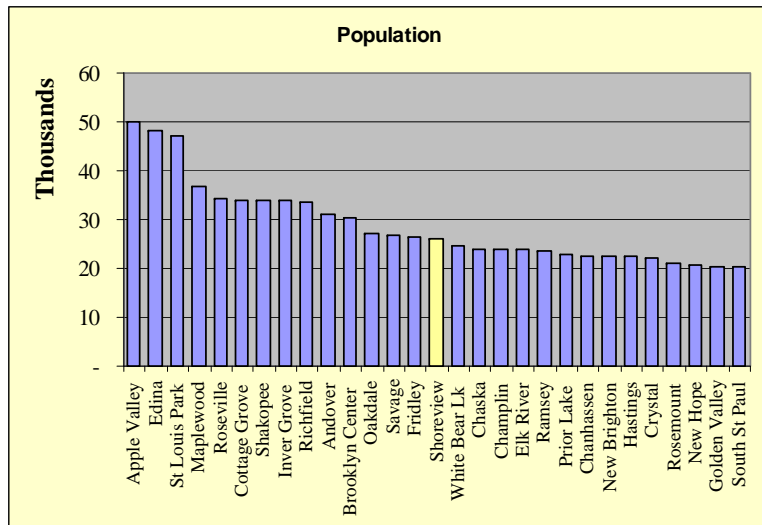
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Introduction

Each year, as part of the budget process, staff prepares comparisons between Shoreview and 28 other metro-area cities. Population is used to select cities closest to Shoreview in size by choosing 14 cities larger and 14 cities smaller than Shoreview. Data used in the comparisons includes the most recent property tax information as well as actual spending and revenue statistics per capita.

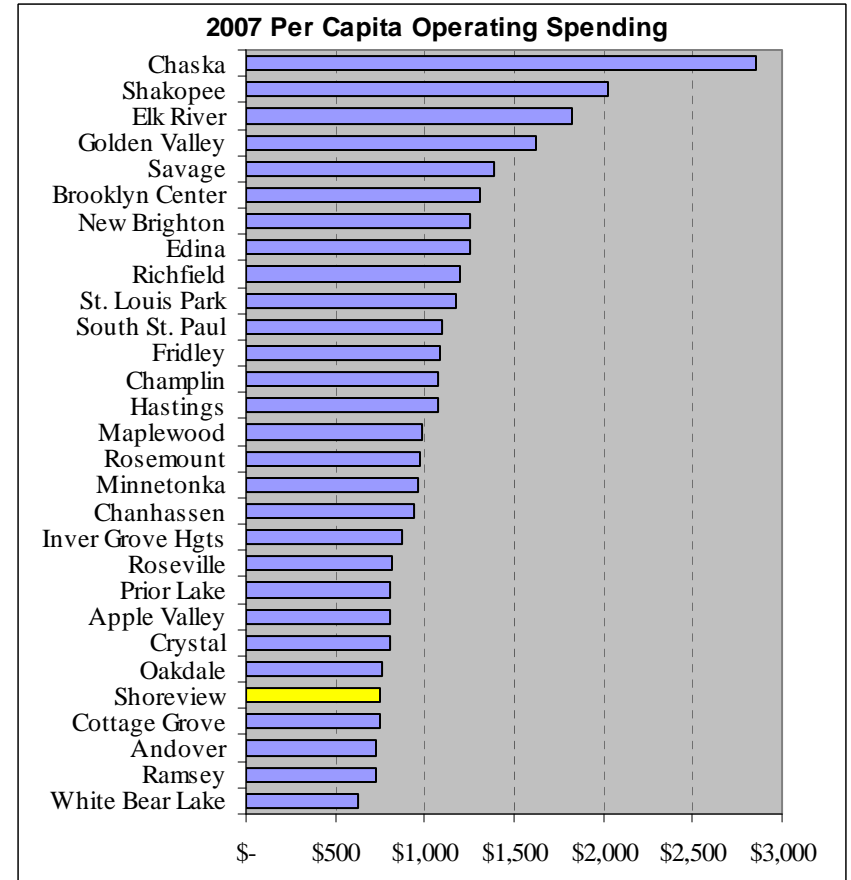
Population



The first graph contains population levels for Shoreview and comparison cities. By design, Shoreview falls exactly in the middle of the comparison cities.

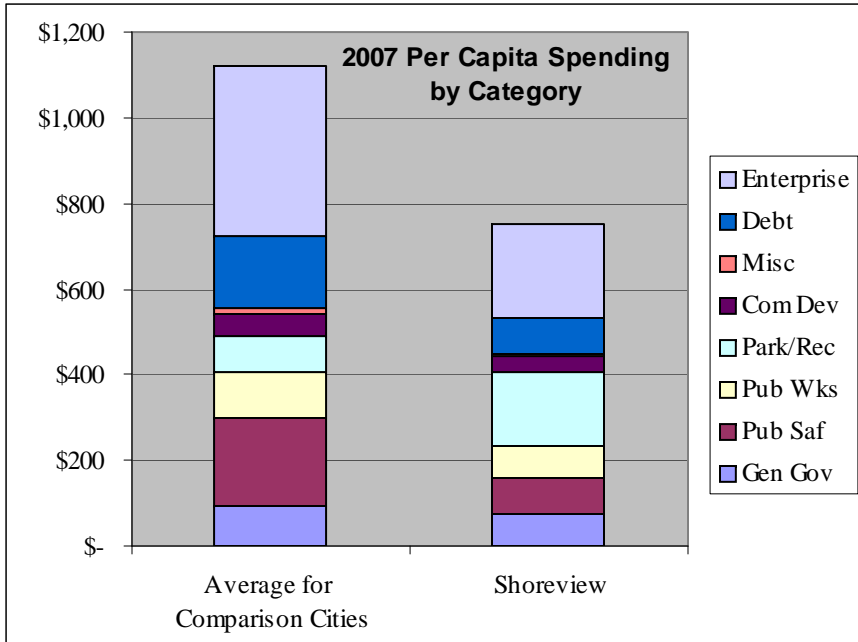
Operating Spending Per Capita

The second graph shows 2007 operating expense stated in spending per capita (total operating spending



divided by population). Spending levels range from a high of \$2,851 in Chaska to a low of \$631 in White Bear Lake.

Shoreview ranks 5th lowest among comparison cities at \$752, and is 33% below the average of \$1,122.



The next graph provides a comparison between the average spending per capita for comparison cities, along side the per capita spending in Shoreview. Shoreview spends considerably less than average on public safety, public works, debt service and utility operations. Conversely, Shoreview spends more on park and recreation due to the community center and recreation programs (primarily supported by user fees).

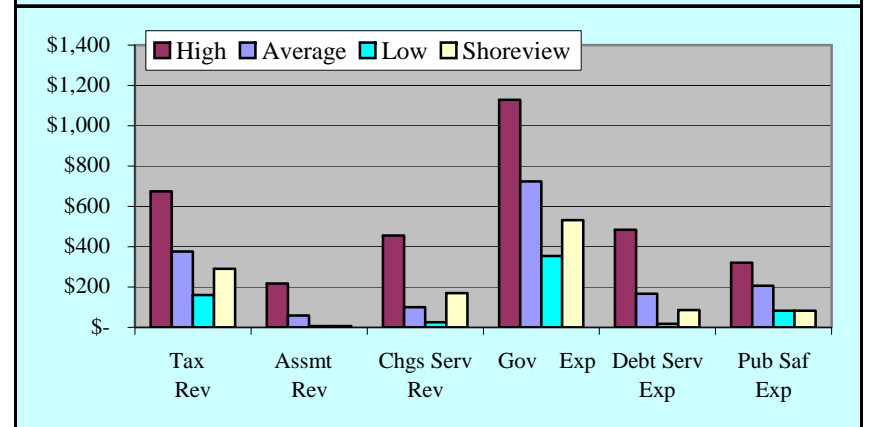
Revenue and Expense Per Capita

The table on the next page provides selected revenue and expense statistics per capita.

Shoreview ranks as follows:

- Tax revenue rank of 24 (23% below average), and 57% below the highest City
- Assessment revenue rank of 29 (lowest), and 97% below the highest City
- Charges for service rank of 4, due to community center memberships, daily admissions, and recreation program fees
- Governmental expense rank of 27 (26.5% below average), and 53% below the highest City
- Debt service expense rank of 24 (6th lowest and 49% below average)

2007 Per Capita Data	High	Average	Low	Shoreview	
				Shoreview	Shoreview Rank
Tax revenue	\$ 674.74	\$ 376.09	\$ 160.62	\$ 289.70	24
Assessment revenue	\$ 216.72	\$ 59.24	\$ 5.84	\$ 5.84	29
Charges for service	\$ 456.33	\$ 99.44	\$ 25.67	\$ 169.55	4
Governmental exp	\$ 1,128.55	\$ 723.23	\$ 353.29	\$ 531.73	27
Debt service exp	\$ 484.05	\$ 166.92	\$ 17.37	\$ 85.43	24
Public safety exp	\$ 320.90	\$ 205.60	\$ 83.17	\$ 83.17	29



- Public safety expense rank of 29 (lowest among comparison cities), and 74% below the highest City

Shoreview's public safety expense is the lowest among comparison cities primarily due to the efficiencies gained through cooperative agreements with other governments. Shoreview contracts for police services with the Ramsey County Sheriff Department (along with 6 other cities) and contracts for fire service with the Lake Johanna Fire Department (along with Arden Hills and North Oaks).

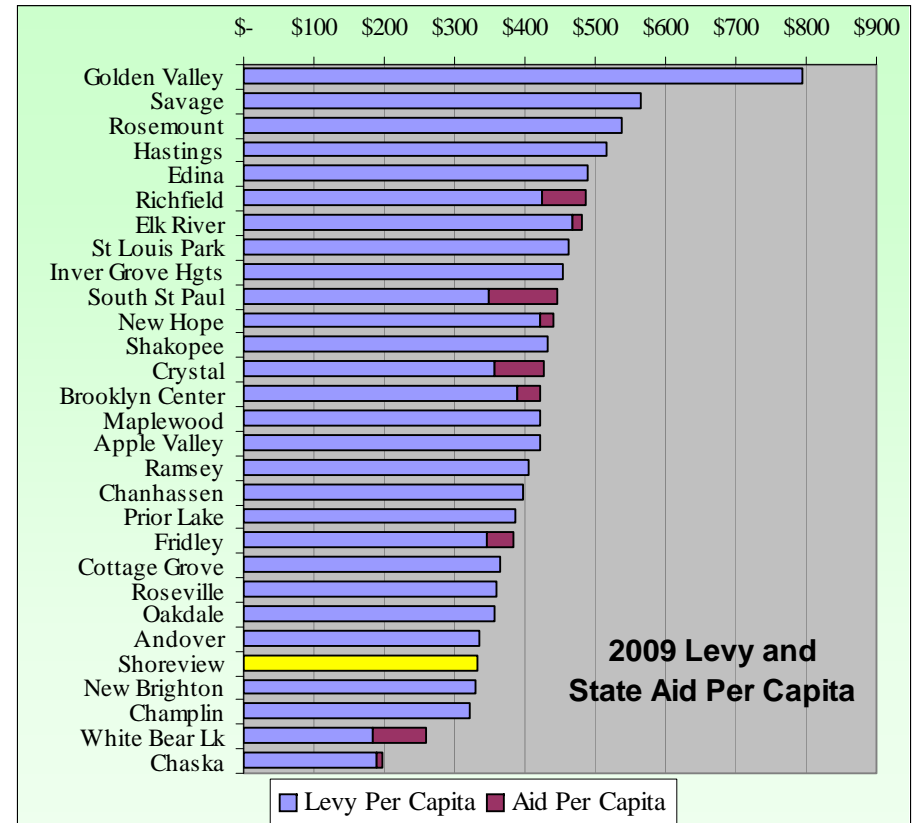
Note: It should be noted that revenue and spending statistics for the year 2007 were used on the previous pages because 2007 is the most recent data released by the State Auditor's Office.

Levy and State Aid Per Capita

The graph on the next page shows the amount of property tax and state aid received by each city on a per capita basis.

The highest City is Golden Valley at \$793 of tax levy per capita, and the lowest is Chaska at \$197 (\$188 of tax and \$9 of state aid).

South St. Paul receives the most state aid per capita, at \$98, combined with \$348 of tax levy per capita (for a total of \$446). White Bear Lake receives the second highest state aid per capita at \$74, combined with \$185 of tax levy per capita (for a total of \$259).

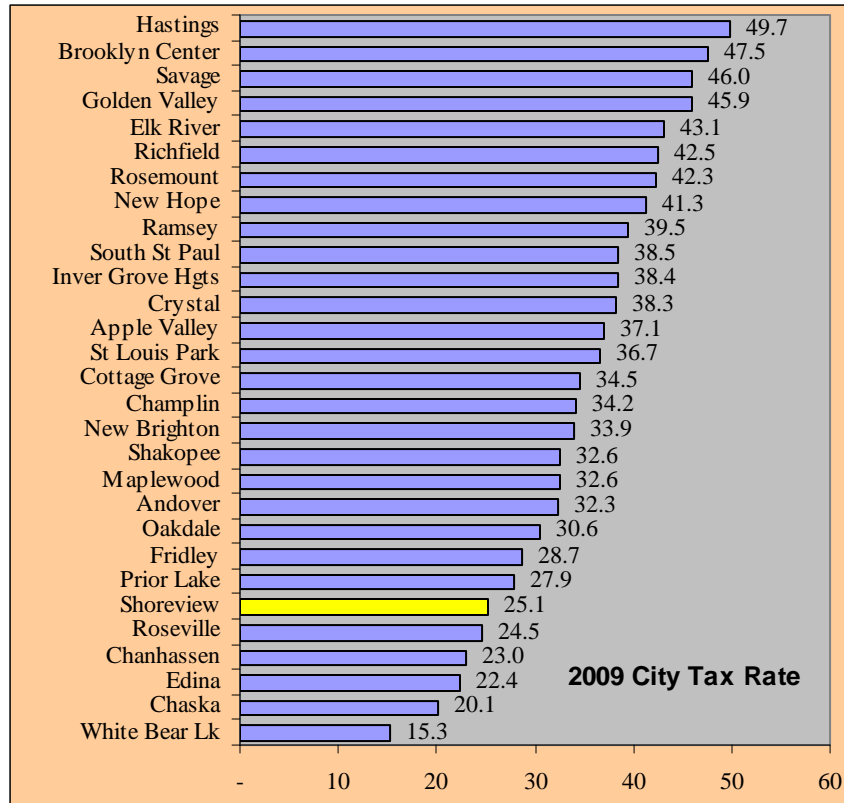


Shoreview receives no local government aid (LGA), ranks 5th lowest among comparison cities (at \$332 per capita), and is 21% below the average of \$422.

27.5% below the average tax rate of 34.65 for comparison cities.

City Tax Rate

The next graph provides a comparison of the City tax



rate in each community. Tax rates provide a useful comparison because they are the best measure of both levies and values in a City (the levy is divided by the taxable value to get the tax rate).

As shown, Shoreview ranks 6th lowest, and is about

Shoreview's tax rate rank has remained relatively

1999			2009		
Rank	City	Tax Rate	Rank	City	Tax Rate
1	Hastings	41.87%	1	Hastings	49.73%
2	Rosemount	41.71%	2	Brooklyn Center	47.52%
3	Brooklyn Center	36.27%	3	Savage	46.01%
4	Prior Lake	34.06%	4	Golden Valley	45.91%
5	Apple Valley	32.29%	5	Elk River	43.12%
6	Golden Valley	32.26%	6	Richfield	42.53%
7	Chanhassen	31.08%	7	Rosemount	42.32%
8	South Saint Paul	29.83%	8	New Hope	41.29%
9	New Hope	29.59%	9	Ramsey	39.47%
10	Cottage Grove	29.33%	10	South Saint Paul	38.53%
11	Elk River	29.32%	11	Inver Grove Heigl	38.40%
12	Richfield	28.59%	12	Crystal	38.29%
13	Crystal	28.05%	13	Apple Valley	37.09%
14	Savage	26.99%	14	St Louis Park	36.67%
15	Inver Grove Heigl	26.67%	15	Cottage Grove	34.55%
16	Champlin	26.32%	16	Champlin	34.18%
17	Oakdale	25.13%	17	New Brighton	33.90%
18	Andover	23.38%	18	Shakopee	32.63%
19	Shakopee	23.30%	19	Maplewood	32.57%
20	Ramsey	22.98%	20	Andover	32.29%
21	St Louis Park	21.57%	21	Oakdale	30.59%
22	Maplewood	21.02%	22	Fridley	28.66%
23	New Brighton	20.28%	23	Prior Lake	27.95%
24	Roseville	20.00%	24	Shoreview	25.13%
25	Shoreview	19.92%	25	Roseville	24.55%
26	Fridley	18.40%	26	Chanhassen	22.98%
27	Edina	17.81%	27	Edina	22.45%
28	Chaska	16.50%	28	Chaska	20.13%
29	White Bear Lake	16.34%	29	White Bear Lake	15.30%
Average		26.58%	Average		34.65%
Shvw to Avg		-25.1%	Shvw to Avg		-27.5%

constant in the last 10 years. Shoreview ranked 25 in

1999 (26% below average), and ranks 24 in 2009 (34% below average).

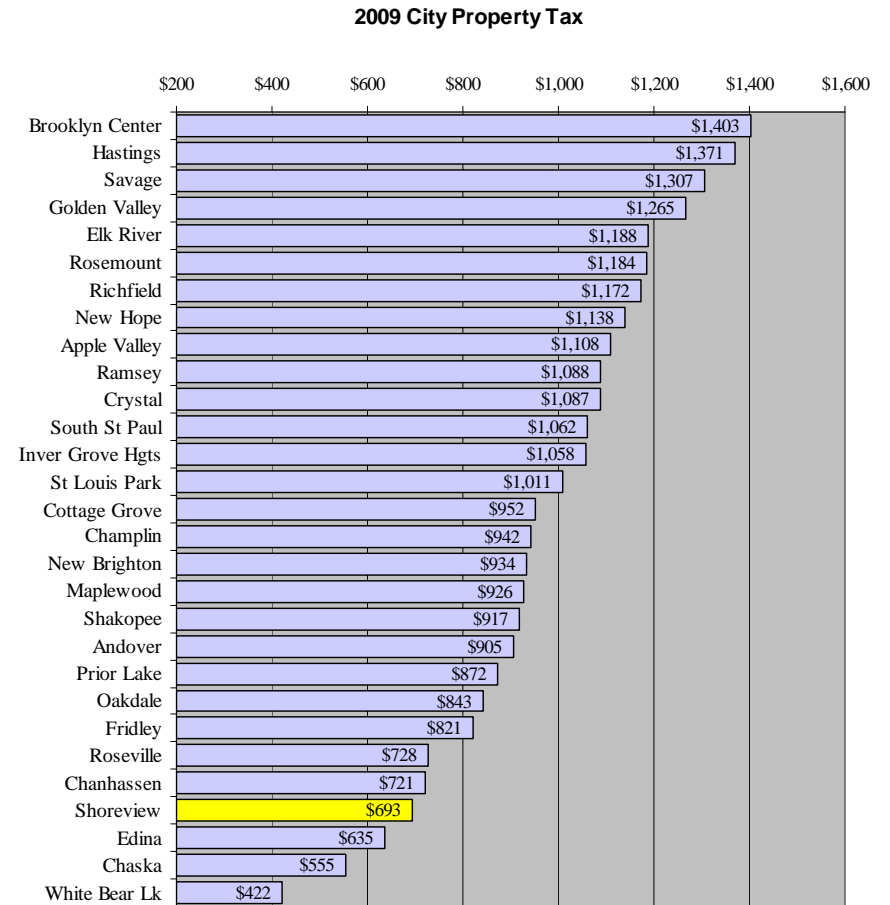
Tax Levy Rankings

Shoreview's tax levy rank among comparison cities has improved in the last 10 years. In 1999 Shoreview ranked

1999			2009		
Rank	City	Levy	Rank	City	Levy After MVHC Cuts
1	Edina	\$ 13,285,217	1	Edina	\$ 23,316,797
2	Apple Valley	10,583,654	2	St Louis Park	21,177,407
3	St Louis Park	9,521,575	3	Apple Valley	20,287,357
4	Golden Valley	7,449,314	4	Golden Valley	15,780,798
5	Maplewood	7,008,683	5	Maplewood	14,958,015
6	Brooklyn Center	6,973,853	6	Inver Grove Hgts	14,909,763
7	Roseville	6,401,040	7	Savage	14,759,590
8	Richfield	6,207,158	8	Richfield	14,305,342
9	Inver Grove Hgts	5,459,471	9	Shakopee	14,221,765
10	Chanhassen	5,443,985	10	Cottage Grove	12,034,184
11	Cottage Grove	5,274,687	11	Roseville	11,892,102
12	Hastings	4,754,720	12	Brooklyn Center	11,804,525
13	New Hope	4,696,460	13	Hastings	11,547,323
14	Rosemount	4,489,116	14	Elk River	11,190,213
15	Shoreview	4,204,887	15	Rosemount	10,919,077
16	Prior Lake	4,045,318	16	Andover	10,079,961
17	Fridley	4,035,107	17	Oakdale	9,405,530
18	Oakdale	4,019,262	18	Ramsey	9,204,041
19	Crystal	3,791,603	19	Fridley	9,170,139
20	Andover	3,641,003	20	Chanhassen	8,810,197
21	Elk River	3,629,029	21	New Hope	8,769,583
22	South St Paul	3,541,714	22	Prior Lake	8,612,894
23	Shakopee	3,484,091	23	Shoreview	8,357,413
24	Savage	3,281,485	24	Crystal	7,916,924
25	New Brighton	3,101,102	25	Champlin	7,673,334
26	Champlin	3,036,815	26	New Brighton	7,302,179
27	White Bear Lk	2,863,263	27	South St Paul	7,053,743
28	Ramsey	2,499,576	28	White Bear Lk	4,556,720
29	Chaska	1,618,762	29	Chaska	4,529,045
Average		\$ 5,115,240	Average		\$ 11,536,068
Shvw to Avg		-17.8%	Shvw to Avg		-27.6%

15, and has dropped 8 positions since then to rank 23 in 2009. Shoreview's tax levy was about 18% below the average of comparison cities in 1999, and is about 28% below the average for 2009.

City Tax on Median Home



The next comparison shows the City property tax paid on a home valued at \$275,600 in the comparison cities. This value is chosen because it is the median home value in Shoreview for 2009.

Additional information on the City's budget, capital improvement program and tax levy will be made available in late November on the City's website and at city hall.

The budget hearing on the City's 2010 Budget is scheduled for December 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., in conjunction with the first regular Council meeting in December.

Adoption of the final tax levy, budget, capital improvement program and utility rates is scheduled for December 21, 2009 (the second regular Council meeting in December).

Other informational booklets available on City operations include:

- Budget Summary
- Utility Operations
- Property Tax System
- Capital Improvement Planning
- Resident Guide

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