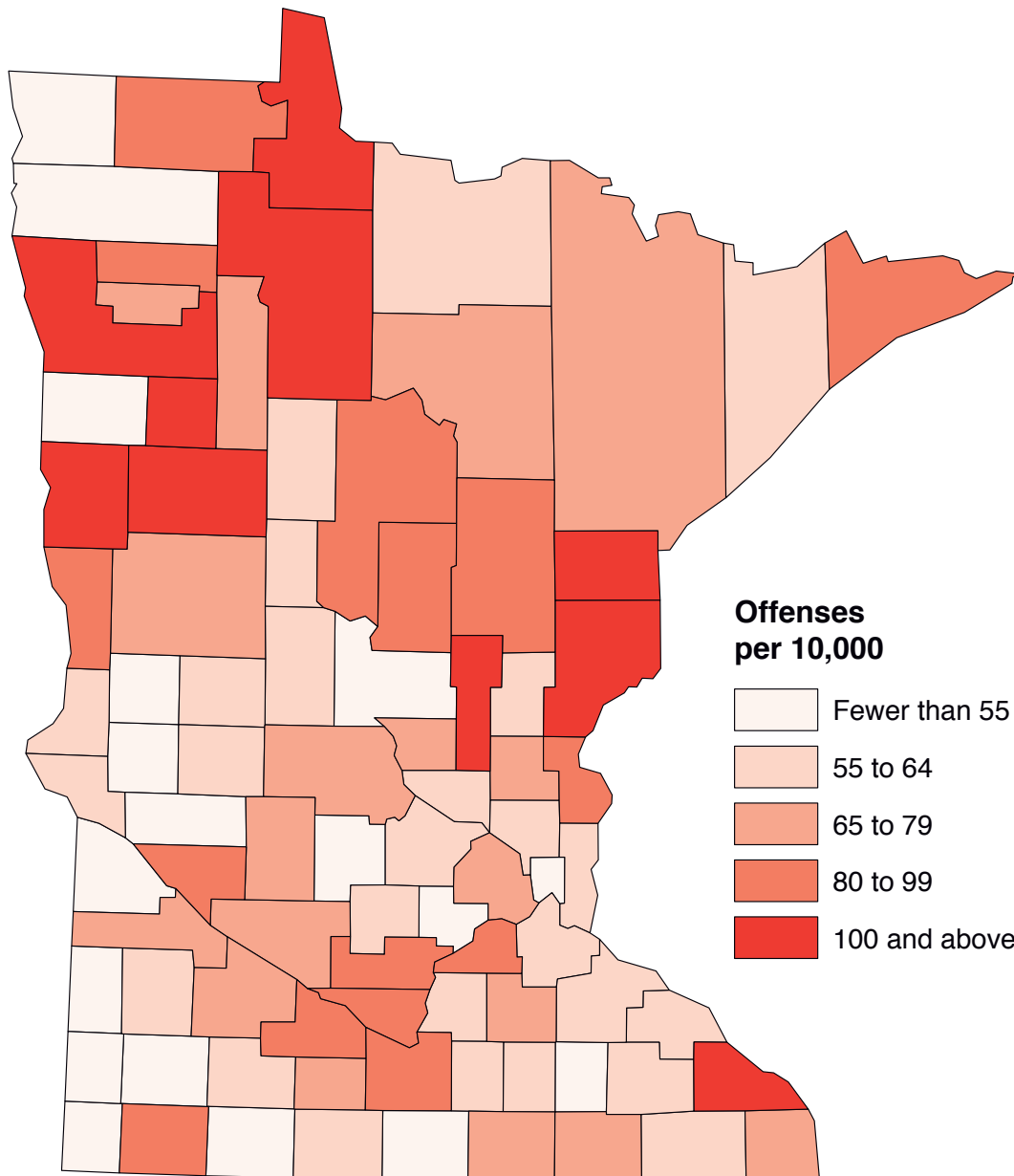


DUI Arrests, 2004

Arrest rates for driving under the influence (DUI) in 2004 were higher in central and northern Minnesota, and to a lesser extent in isolated counties in southern Minnesota. Looking at a single year, though, can be deceptive when it comes to DUI arrests. Several outside factors can affect where arrests are concentrated in any one year: the weather, traffic situations, law enforcement staffing in a particular county, one-time enforcement waves, and even the economy can all affect how many DUI arrests are made in any given area in any one year. These external factors have made it difficult for law enforcement agencies to track trends over time.

The ratio used for this map is the number of incidents per 10,000 residents. This ratio makes it possible to compare the crime rates in counties with very small populations to those with very large populations. It should not, however, be confused with the actual number of incidents reported, which can be much smaller or much larger, depending on the population of the county.



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