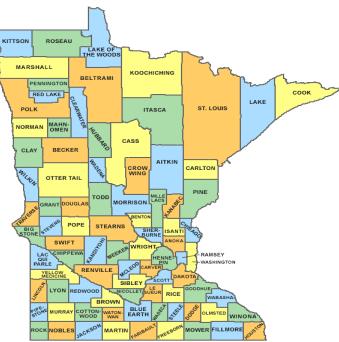


COUNTY PROFILE

## Washington Co.

Washington Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 11, which is located in the Twin Cities Planning Region.



### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	<b>283,960 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>39.9 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	16,392 people 6.1% increase	state:	38.6 years

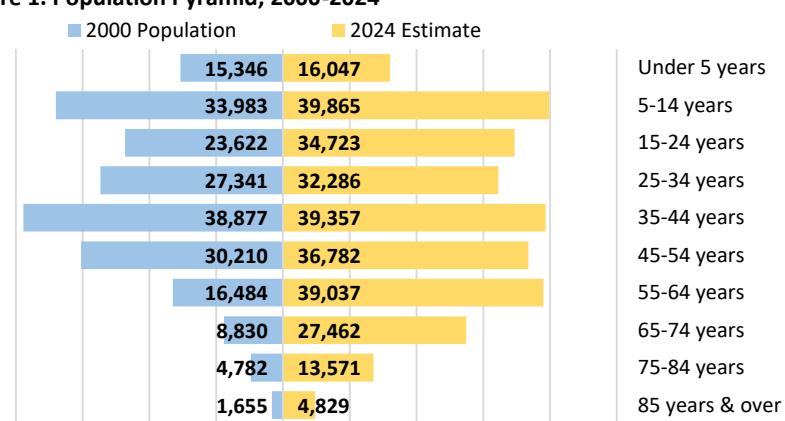
Washington Co. is the 5th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 3rd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Washington Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2024

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	16,047	5.7%
5-14 years	39,865	14.0%
15-24 years	34,723	12.2%
25-34 years	32,286	11.4%
35-44 years	39,357	13.9%
45-54 years	36,782	13.0%
55-64 years	39,037	13.7%
65-74 years	27,462	9.7%
75-84 years	13,571	4.8%
85 years & over	4,829	1.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>283,960</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Washington Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Washington Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2024

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024				
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration	
			Births	Deaths	Total	International
Washington Co.	16,403	3,132	11,764	8,632	13,426	2,558
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

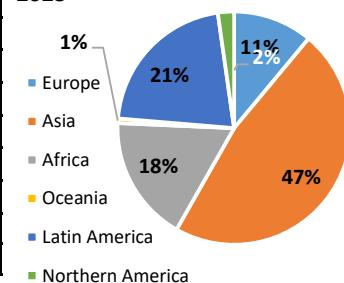
Compared to the state, Washington Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Washington Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023

	Washington Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	21,682	8.0%	6,745	45.2%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	2,395	11.0%	343	16.7%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	10,229	47.2%	2,787	37.4%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	3,788	17.5%	1,419	59.9%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	138	0.6%	8	6.2%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	5,132	23.7%	2,188	74.3%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	4,645	21.4%	2,372	104.4%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	487	2.2%	-184	-27.4%	2.5%	0.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023



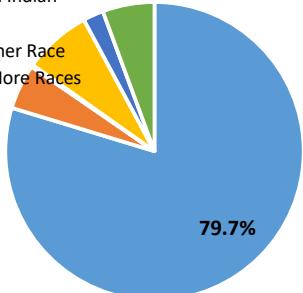
## COUNTY PROFILE

Washington Co.

Washington Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2013, the white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2023**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



**Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023**

	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	272,298	100.0%	12.8%	100.0%	6.8%
White	217,018	79.7%	2.4%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	13,314	4.9%	55.7%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	615	0.2%	-13.9%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	19,977	7.3%	57.6%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	6,038	2.2%	248.4%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	15,336	5.6%	170.4%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	13,798	5.1%	61.8%	6.2%	37.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

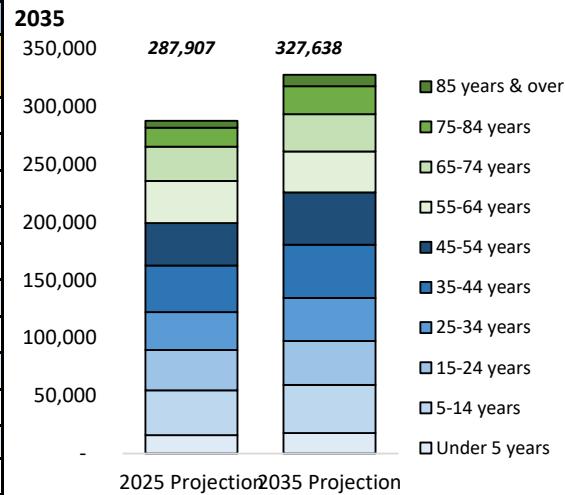
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Washington Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

Washington Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	15,922	17,846	1,924	12.1%
5-14 years	38,660	41,535	2,875	7.4%
15-24 years	35,066	37,971	2,905	8.3%
25-34 years	32,741	37,191	4,450	13.6%
35-44 years	40,392	46,110	5,718	14.2%
45-54 years	36,500	45,313	8,813	24.1%
55-64 years	36,435	35,237	-1,198	-3.3%
65-74 years	29,873	32,313	2,440	8.2%
75-84 years	16,398	24,162	7,764	47.3%
85 years & over	5,920	9,960	4,040	68.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>287,907</b>	<b>327,638</b>	<b>39,731</b>	<b>13.8%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

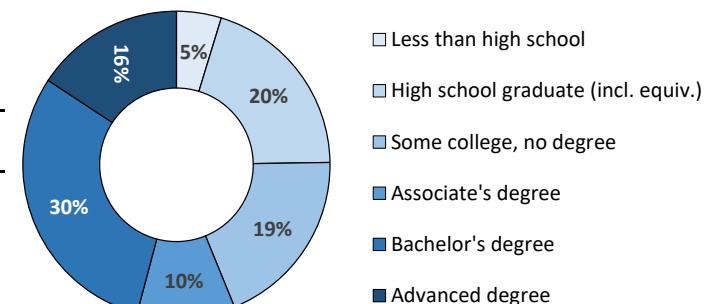
Washington Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Washington Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a higher percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**95.3%**

<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>75.2%</b>
state:	68.8%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>10.3%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>30.1%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>15.7%</b>

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.4%, Washington Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Washington Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 2.9% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Washington Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

**150,237** available workers

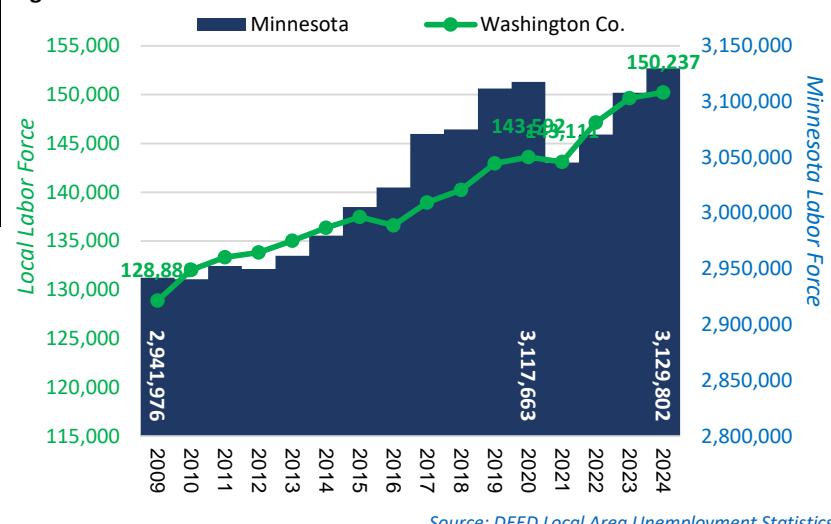
Labor Force change, 2009-2024  
21,351 workers  
16.6% increase

**2.4%** unemployment rate

2.8% state

**3,606** unemployed workers

Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Washington Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Washington Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2024

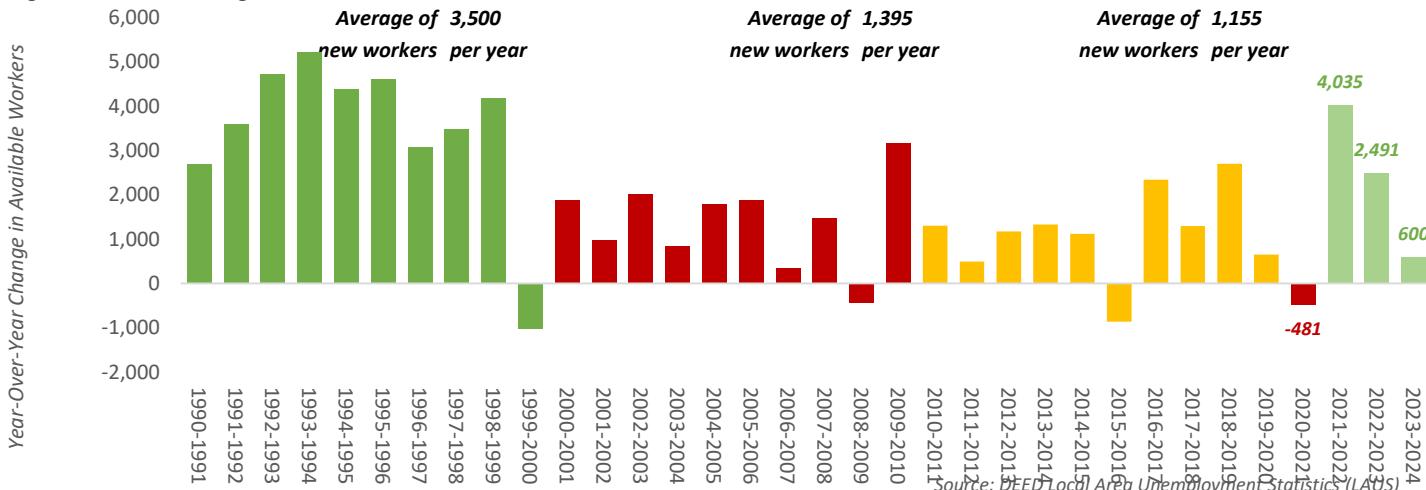


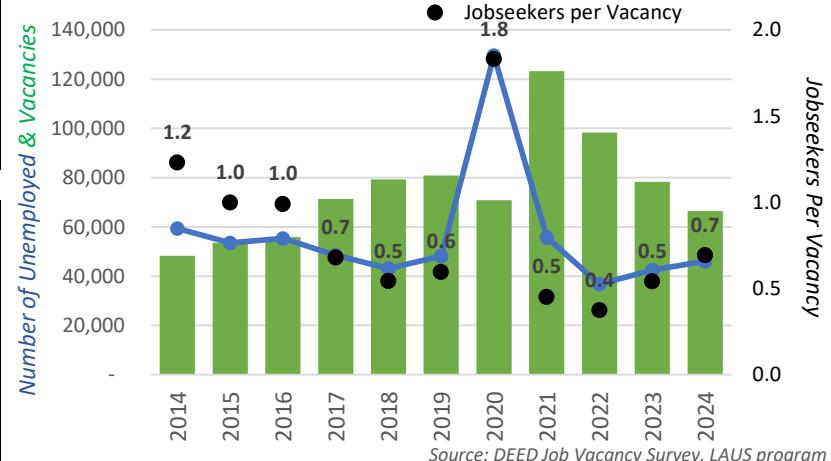
Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035

	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	20,428	22,243
25 to 54 years	98,658	115,770
55 to 64 years	26,684	25,806
65 years & over	8,039	9,244
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>153,809</b>	<b>173,063</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2019-2023 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. In 2024, job vacancies in Twin Cities returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2014-2024



## COUNTY PROFILE

Washington Co.

### LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

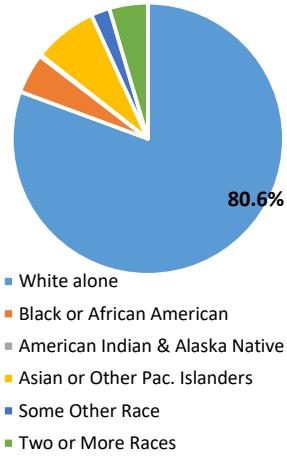
Washington Co. had a same as labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Washington Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023

	Washington Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>146,972</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>75,926</b>	<b>71,021</b>
16 to 19 years	6,716	47.6%	10.2%	52.7%	9.9%	3,479	3,233
20 to 24 years	12,276	81.5%	7.0%	83.4%	6.5%	6,066	6,202
25 to 44 years	61,546	89.6%	2.9%	88.7%	3.5%	32,016	29,518
45 to 54 years	32,026	90.8%	2.2%	87.8%	2.9%	16,378	15,658
55 to 64 years	27,415	73.2%	2.2%	72.8%	3.0%	14,194	13,229
65 to 74 years	6,004	22.8%	3.1%	27.8%	3.4%	3,206	2,802
75 years & over	970	5.5%	1.4%	6.6%	3.1%	587	379
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	118,482	67.2%	3.1%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	7,001	70.7%	4.3%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	281	51.2%	10.3%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	11,173	76.5%	2.6%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	3,279	73.1%	2.4%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	6,728	77.3%	7.6%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	7,534	78.1%	5.1%	77.1%	5.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	6,924	60.1%	7.3%	55.3%	9.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	121,044	85.6%	2.6%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	3,515	68.7%	3.8%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	17,029	74.2%	2.1%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	34,173	85.5%	3.4%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	66,254	90.3%	1.8%	90.5%	2.0%		

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023

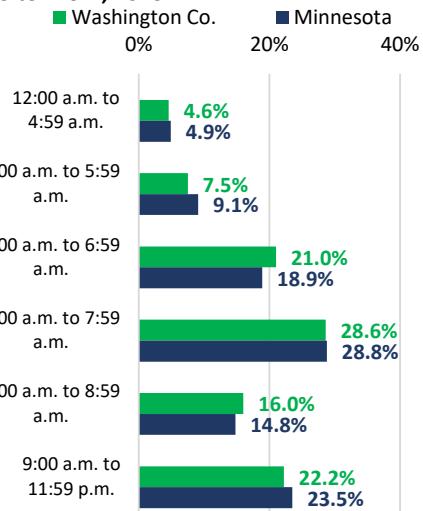


A smaller percentage of workers in Washington Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Washington Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022

	Washington Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	135,736	97.5%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	71,139	51.1%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	64,596	46.4%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	3,480	2.5%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	105,247	75.6%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	1,114	0.8%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	2,784	2.0%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	29,931	21.5%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	16,567	11.9%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	36,614	26.3%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	34,665	24.9%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	36,753	26.4%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	9,745	7.0%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	4,733	3.4%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>24.5 minutes</b>		<b>23.1 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2023



Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

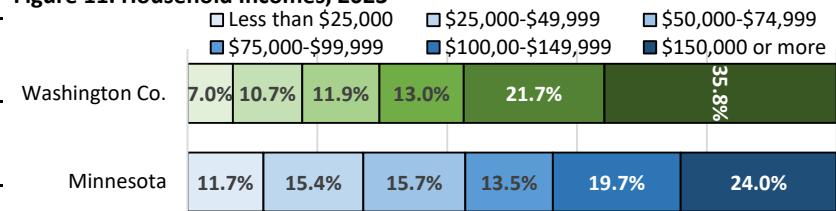
## COUNTY PROFILE Washington Co.

### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Washington Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Washington Co. had the 3rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$114,457</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$135,690</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$56,650</b>
state	\$46,957

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2023



Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Washington Co. had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$19.21 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$24.34 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Washington Co.	\$39,947	\$19.21	\$0	\$417	\$158	\$1,345	\$561	\$408	\$440
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392
<b>Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child</b>									
Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs							
		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes	
Washington Co.	\$75,945	\$24.34	\$659	\$949	\$567	\$1,669	\$1,000	\$606	\$879
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

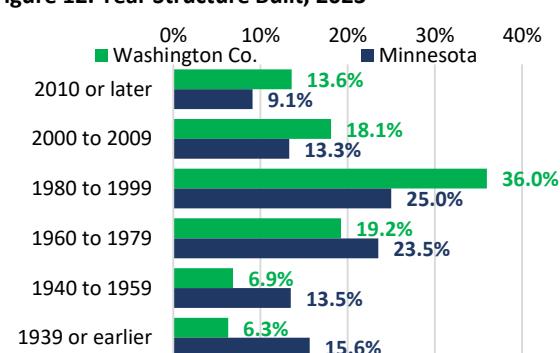
Washington Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 2nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Washington Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2022

	Washington Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>83,919</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	2,322	2.8%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	591	0.7%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	959	1.1%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,746	3.3%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	16,249	19.4%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	34,985	41.7%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	26,067	31.1%	17.5%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$400,900</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$2,227</b>
state	\$1,890

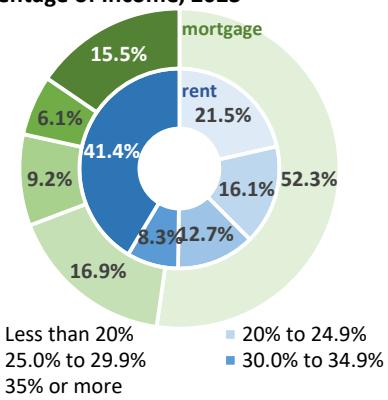
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>21.5%</b>
state	22.5%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$1,637</b>
state	\$1,235

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>49.8%</b>
state	47.2%

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023



## OCCUPATIONS

At \$28.48 in 2024, wages were higher in Region 11 than the state. Overall, Region 11 had the highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$63.62) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$16.93) (see Table 11).

**Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025**

Occupational Group	Region 11				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$28.48</b>	<b>1,762,280</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$63.62	130,080	7.4%	1.1	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$41.34	151,080	8.6%	1.2	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$51.35	71,750	4.1%	1.2	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$47.56	40,480	2.3%	1.2	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$40.63	18,450	1.0%	1.0	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.01	34,680	2.0%	1.0	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$53.02	16,390	0.9%	1.3	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.44	98,540	5.6%	1.0	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$30.28	24,600	1.4%	1.1	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$48.50	105,470	6.0%	0.9	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.64	110,250	6.3%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.42	27,730	1.6%	1.0	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$16.93	141,110	8.0%	1.0	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$19.44	46,640	2.6%	0.9	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.89	39,470	2.2%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$21.11	143,270	8.1%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$24.71	204,770	11.6%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.71	930	0.1%	0.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$38.33	59,580	3.4%	0.9	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$31.26	56,240	3.2%	0.9	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$24.01	110,390	6.3%	0.9	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.20	130,360	7.4%	0.9	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

*Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025*

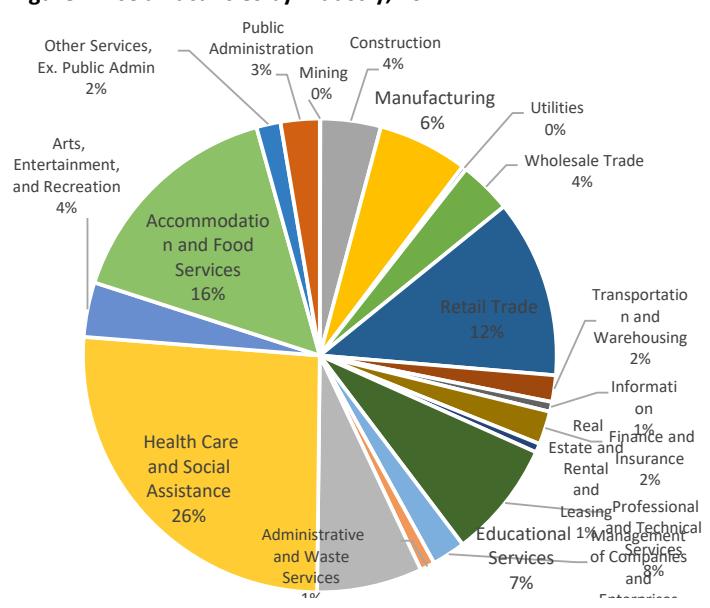
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Washington Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region. There were 66411 job vacancies posted by employers in 2024, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

**Table 12. Twin Cities Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024**

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>66,411</b>	<b>\$22.30</b>
Management	4,460	\$42.50
Business & Financial Operations	3,525	\$33.68
Computer & Mathematical	2,465	\$52.17
Architecture & Engineering	1,449	\$42.92
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	586	\$31.86
Community & Social Service	2,687	\$23.98
Education, Training & Library	3,109	\$23.24
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	7,696	\$35.69
Healthcare Support	4,904	\$18.91
Protective Service	769	\$17.16
Food Preparation & Serving Related	10,433	\$15.83
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,016	\$17.91
Personal Care & Service	2,189	\$17.36
Sales & Related	7,399	\$18.30
Office & Administrative Support	2,971	\$19.96
Construction & Extraction	779	\$25.58
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	2,284	\$24.75
Production	2,014	\$23.61
Transportation & Material Moving	3,175	\$19.91

**Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024**



*Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024*

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Twin Cities Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2024

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$35,514/yr	Nursing Assistants \$46,080/yr	Registered Nurses \$103,847/yr	Software Developers \$131,741/yr
Retail Salespersons \$36,304/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$64,047/yr	Dental Hygienists \$97,477/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$81,809/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$49,374/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$53,952/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$69,564/yr	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$83,647/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$45,909/yr	Medical Assistants \$52,350/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$83,266/yr	Project Management Specialists \$101,522/yr
Cashiers \$34,855/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$61,708/yr	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$66,277/yr	General and Operations Managers \$106,095/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$39,688/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$54,327/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$48,503/yr	Management Analysts \$100,289/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$47,597/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$58,858/yr	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and \$74,713/yr	Financial Managers \$165,961/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$49,788/yr	Computer User Support Specialists \$66,022/yr	Surgical Technologists \$80,249/yr	Industrial Engineers \$103,880/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$39,304/yr	Machinists \$63,126/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$95,455/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$65,327/yr
Office Clerks, General \$48,707/yr	Pharmacy Technicians \$49,721/yr	Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers \$42,360/yr	Human Resources Specialists \$79,466/yr

*Source: DEED Occupations in Demand*

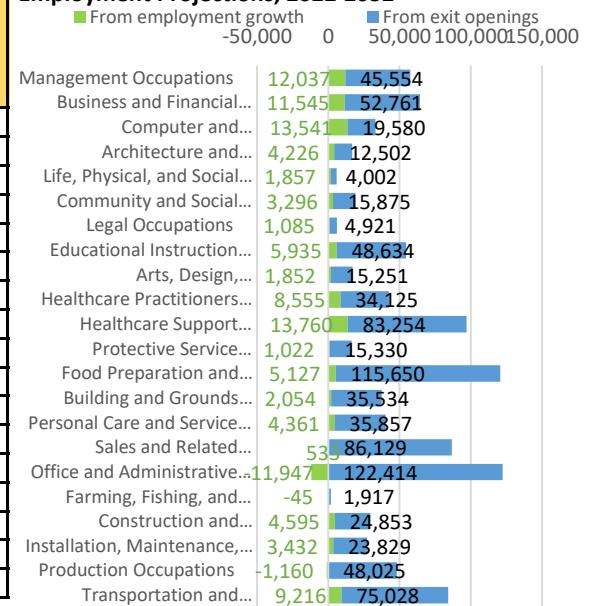
Washington Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region, which is projected to see a 4.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Twin Cities Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
Total, All Industries	1,927,280	2,022,157	4.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	4,299	4,497	4.6%
Utilities	5,966	5,918	-0.8%
Construction	76,624	81,639	6.5%
Manufacturing	175,365	178,983	2.1%
Wholesale Trade	88,950	95,889	7.8%
Retail Trade	155,453	153,000	-1.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	69,046	74,385	7.7%
Information	33,947	36,573	7.7%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	152,950	158,767	3.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	219,218	239,258	9.1%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	103,764	106,039	2.2%
Educational Services	140,511	146,053	3.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	274,229	299,555	9.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	159,585	169,263	6.1%
Other Services	70,450	72,988	3.6%
Public Administration	107,703	109,441	1.6%

*Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook*

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



## ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Washington Co. had the 6th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Washington Co. was the 22nd fastest growing in the past year and the 5th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Washington Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

<b>7,000</b>	business establishments	<b>\$60,709</b>	annual average wage
<b>95,582</b>	jobs	<b>\$5,802,699,031</b>	total industry payroll
Job change, 2019-2024	11,577 jobs 13.8% increase		

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

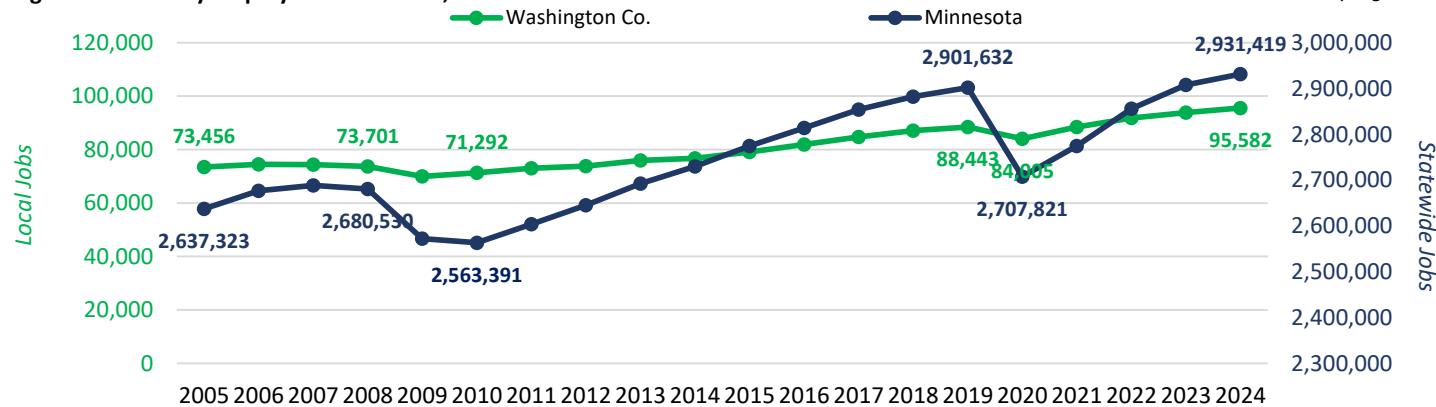
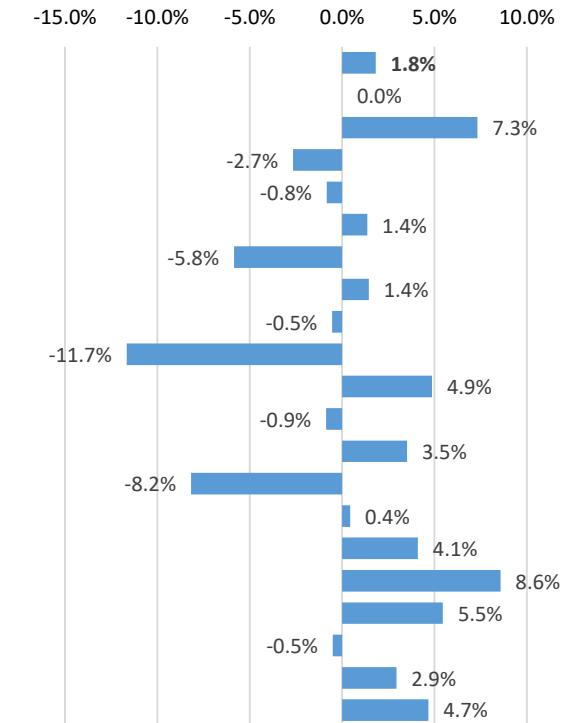


Table 15. Washington Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>95,582</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$60,709</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	906	0.9%	\$48,168
Mining	54	0.1%	\$81,638
Construction	4,979	5.2%	\$82,868
Manufacturing	11,621	12.2%	\$82,375
Utilities	298	0.3%	\$140,137
Wholesale Trade	2,914	3.0%	\$99,298
Retail Trade	14,630	15.3%	\$36,072
Transportation & Warehousing	3,355	3.5%	\$52,903
Information	705	0.7%	\$71,981
Finance & Insurance	2,887	3.0%	\$107,500
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	921	1.0%	\$53,205
Professional & Technical Services	4,179	4.4%	\$87,101
Management of Companies	1,841	1.9%	\$128,141
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	2,778	2.9%	\$54,201
Educational Services	7,840	8.2%	\$57,338
Health Care & Social Assistance	15,697	16.4%	\$63,438
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2,415	2.5%	\$23,413
Accommodation & Food Services	9,942	10.4%	\$24,290
Other Services	3,741	3.9%	\$38,402
Public Administration	3,880	4.1%	\$77,345

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment &amp; Wages (QCEW)

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