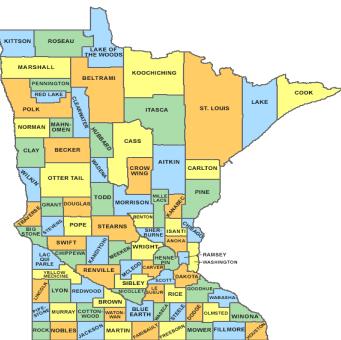


COUNTY PROFILE

## Kittson Co.

Kittson Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 1, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.



### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	<b>3,992 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>48.4 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	-215 people -5.1% decline	state:	38.6 years

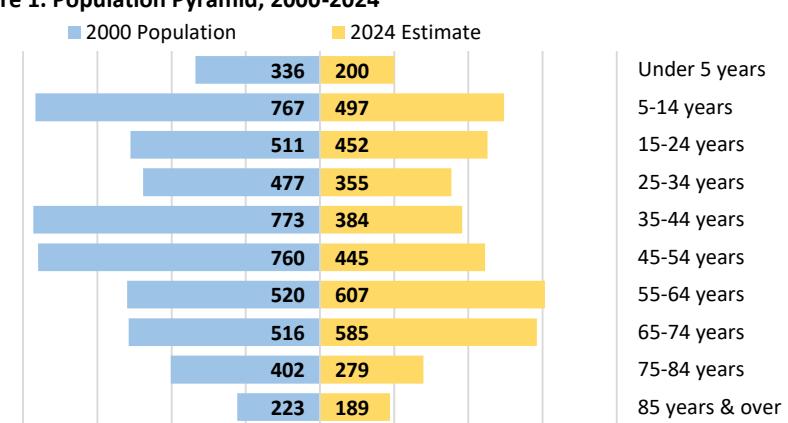
Kittson Co. is the 84th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 86th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Kittson Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. 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	200	5.0%
5-14 years	497	12.4%
15-24 years	452	11.3%
25-34 years	355	8.9%
35-44 years	384	9.6%
45-54 years	445	11.1%
55-64 years	607	15.2%
65-74 years	585	14.7%
75-84 years	279	7.0%
85 years & over	189	4.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,992</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Kittson Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Kittson 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	Domestic
Kittson Co.	-217	-162	157	319	-54	34	-88
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

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

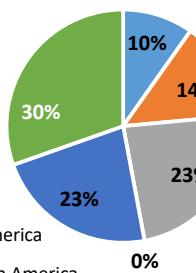
Compared to the state, Kittson Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Kittson Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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

	Kittson Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	102	2.5%	-17	-14.3%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	10	9.8%	-19	-65.5%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	14	13.7%	-31	-68.9%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	24	23.5%	19	380.0%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	54	52.9%	14	35.0%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	23	22.5%	20	666.7%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	31	30.4%	-6	-16.2%	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



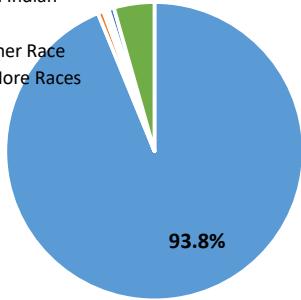
## COUNTY PROFILE

Kittson Co.

Kittson Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2013, the white population declined, but 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	4,163	100.0%	-8.1%	100.0%	6.8%
White	3,905	93.8%	-11.3%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	26	0.6%	62.5%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	9	0.2%	-25.0%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	16	0.4%	-62.8%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	24	0.6%	380.0%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	183	4.4%	251.9%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	104	2.5%	271.4%	6.2%	37.5%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

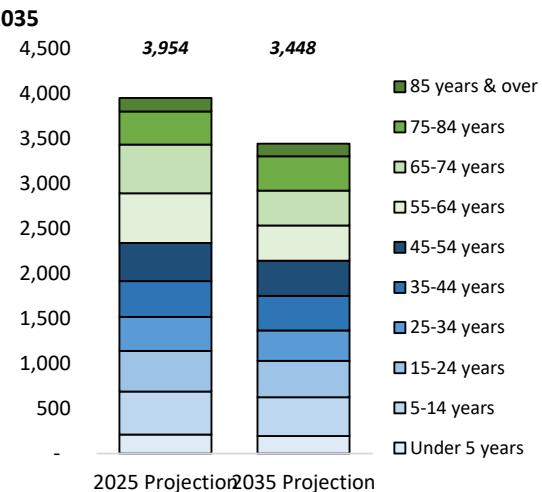
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Kittson Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

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

Kittson Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	211	194	-17	-8.1%
5-14 years	479	431	-48	-10.0%
15-24 years	451	407	-44	-9.8%
25-34 years	379	336	-43	-11.3%
35-44 years	397	385	-12	-3.0%
45-54 years	425	393	-32	-7.5%
55-64 years	551	391	-160	-29.0%
65-74 years	545	388	-157	-28.8%
75-84 years	365	380	15	4.1%
85 years & over	151	143	-8	-5.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,954</b>	<b>3,448</b>	<b>-506</b>	<b>-12.8%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

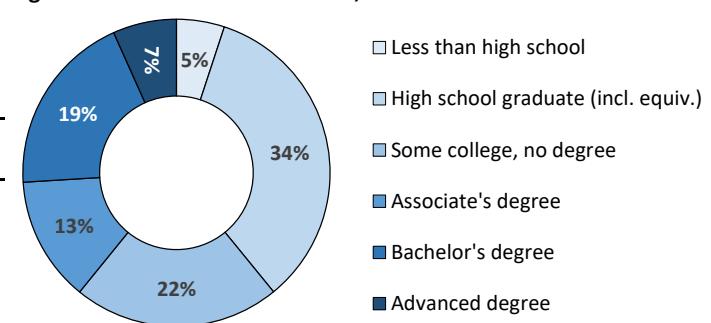


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>95.0%</b>
College-educated:	60.9%
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	13.2%
Bachelor's Degree:	19.3%
Advanced Degree:	6.7%

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



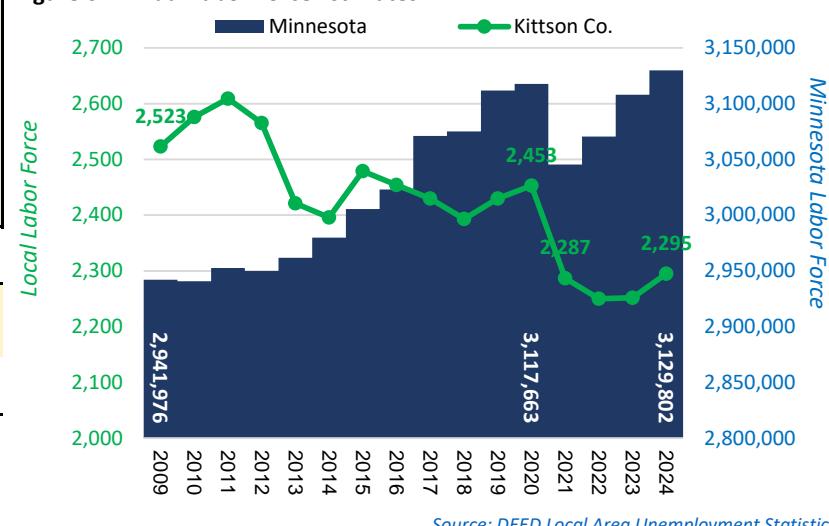
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.9%, Kittson Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Kittson Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.6% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Kittson Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>2,295</b>	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2009-2024</i>	-228 workers -9.0% decline
<b>2.9%</b>	unemployment rate
2.8% state	
<b>67</b>	unemployed workers

Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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

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

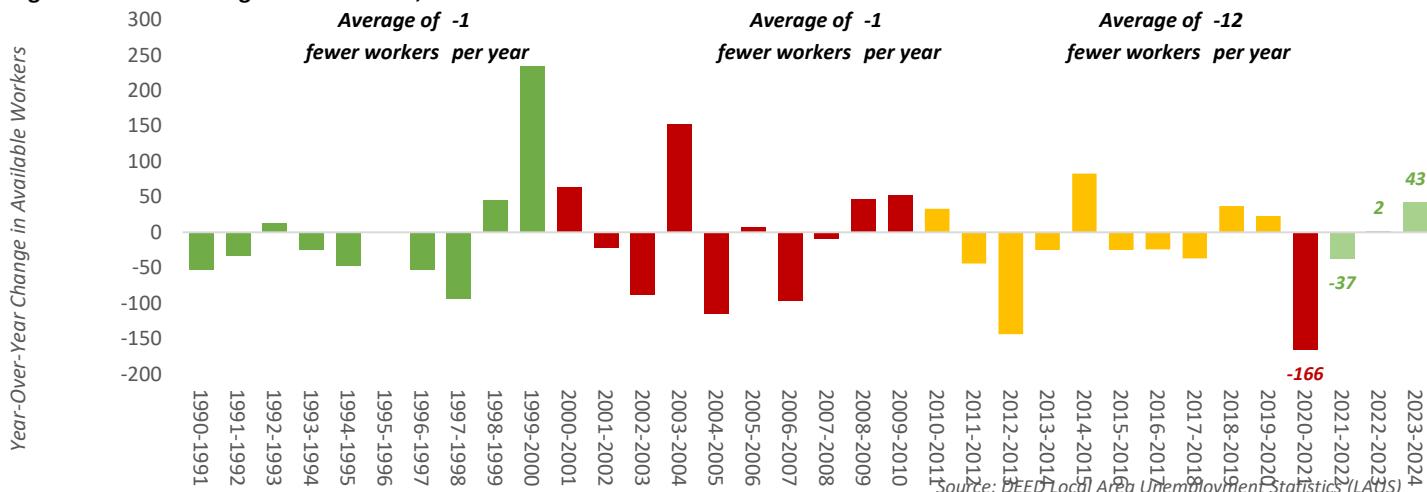


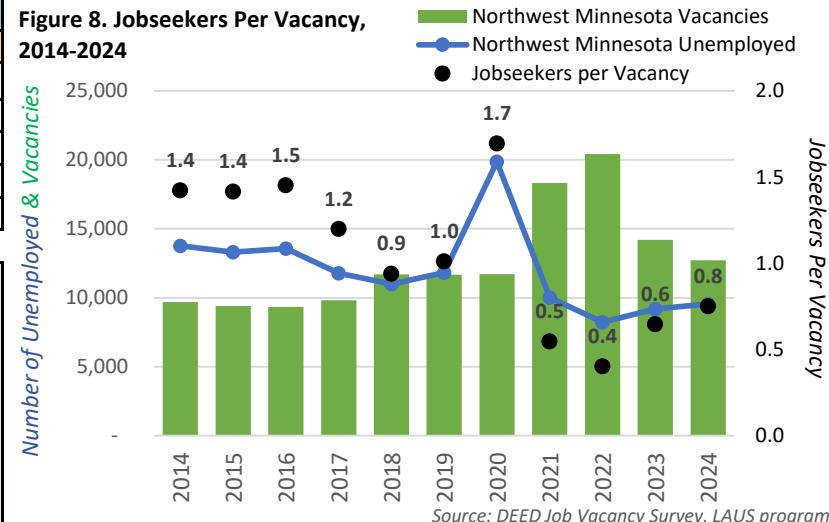
Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035

	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	283	258
25 to 54 years	1,069	991
55 to 64 years	385	273
65 years & over	215	166
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>1,689</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 Northwest 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



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

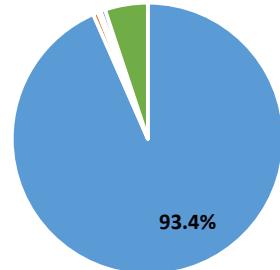
Kittson Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Kittson Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023

	Kittson 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>2,081</b>	<b>61.4%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>936</b>
16 to 19 years	100	51.3%	21.0%	52.7%	9.9%	44	56
20 to 24 years	208	90.8%	9.1%	83.4%	6.5%	107	101
25 to 44 years	684	88.9%	1.2%	88.7%	3.5%	387	297
45 to 54 years	414	89.2%	0.7%	87.8%	2.9%	209	205
55 to 64 years	442	69.8%	1.8%	72.8%	3.0%	261	181
65 to 74 years	191	31.3%	14.7%	27.8%	3.4%	112	79
75 years & over	42	8.6%	11.9%	6.6%	3.1%	25	17
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	1,943	61.0%	3.7%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	13	68.4%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	0	0.0%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	7	58.3%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	11	78.6%	0.0%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	106	70.7%	19.8%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	69	79.3%	27.5%	77.1%	5.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	89	50.3%	9.0%	55.3%	9.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	1,540	82.5%	1.2%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	32	55.2%	1.6%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	376	73.4%	3.4%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	636	85.0%	0.9%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	496	90.3%	0.2%	90.5%	2.0%		

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

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023



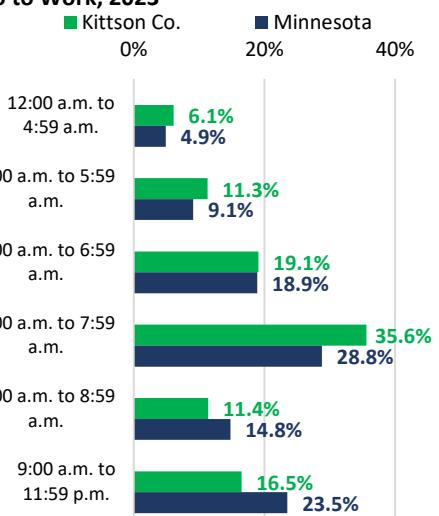
- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022

	Kittson Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	1,743	88.5%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	1,414	71.8%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	331	16.8%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	227	11.5%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	1,637	83.1%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	0	0.0%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	138	7.0%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	195	9.9%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	705	35.8%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	459	23.3%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	264	13.4%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	254	12.9%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	162	8.2%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	128	6.5%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>21.0 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

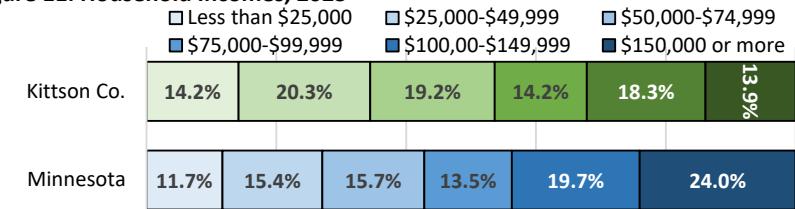
Kittson Co.

### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Kittson Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Kittson Co. had the 61st highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$69,615</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$94,471</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$37,697</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. Kittson Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.69 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
Kittson Co.	\$29,130	\$14.00	\$0	\$420	\$150	\$699	\$609	\$259	\$291
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
Kittson Co.	\$58,305	\$18.69	\$356	\$955	\$530	\$931	\$1,121	\$436	\$530
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

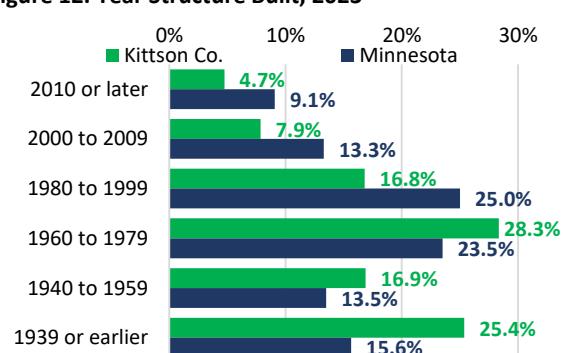
Kittson Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 84th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Kittson Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

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

	Kittson Co.		Minnesota	
	Total	Percent	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,449</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Less than \$50,000	231	15.9%	4.0%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	289	19.9%	4.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	242	16.7%	6.2%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	230	15.9%	8.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	242	16.7%	25.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	160	11.0%	33.6%	
\$500,000 or more	55	3.8%	17.5%	
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$134,400</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>\$1,346</b>
state	\$1,890

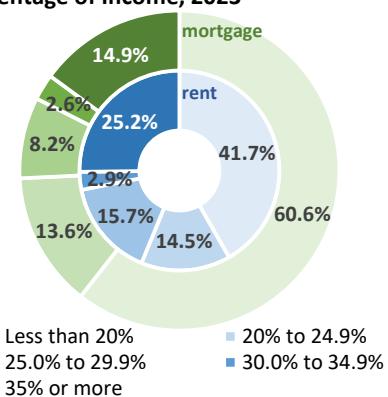
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>17.6%</b>
state	22.5%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$728</b>
state	\$1,235

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>28.1%</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 \$23.94 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 1 than the state. Overall, Region 1 had the 4th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$48.45) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.98) (see Table 11).

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

Occupational Group	Region 1				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>\$23.94</b>	<b>35,860</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$48.45	1,900	5.3%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.40	1,640	4.6%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.33	540	1.5%	0.5	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.90	530	1.5%	0.7	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.72	250	0.7%	0.6	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.59	630	1.8%	0.9	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$31.56	90	0.3%	0.4	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.09	2,590	7.2%	1.2	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$22.60	250	0.7%	0.6	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.79	1,740	4.9%	0.8	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.94	1,480	4.1%	0.7	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.41	590	1.6%	1.0	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.98	2,870	8.0%	1.0	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.40	1,010	2.8%	1.0	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.52	590	1.6%	0.8	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.02	3,030	8.4%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$24.49	4,450	12.4%	1.1	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.74	140	0.4%	3.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.61	1,210	3.4%	0.9	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.90	1,430	4.0%	1.1	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$22.30	4,590	12.8%	1.8	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.93	4,290	12.0%	1.5	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

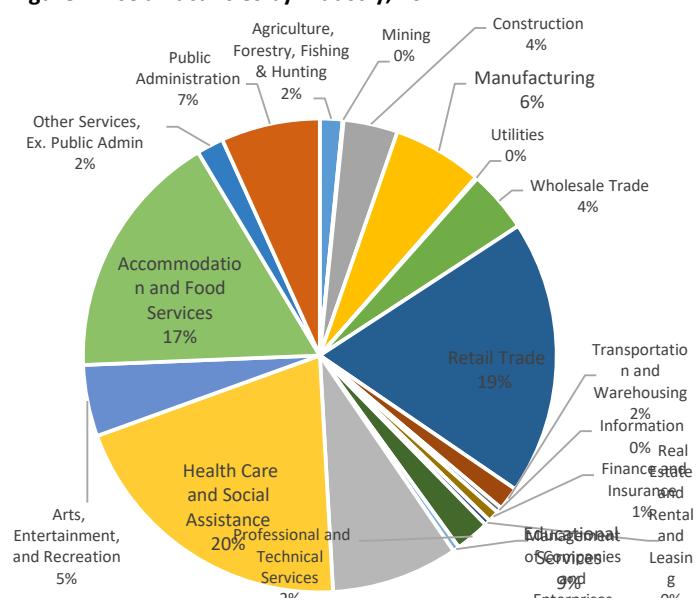
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Kittson Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 12718 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. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024**

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>12,718</b>	<b>\$18.57</b>
Management	171	\$30.60
Business & Financial Operations	215	\$21.51
Computer & Mathematical	63	\$19.52
Architecture & Engineering	322	\$34.28
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	57	\$25.42
Community & Social Service	386	\$21.69
Education, Training & Library	638	\$20.64
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,009	\$31.22
Healthcare Support	1,082	\$18.32
Protective Service	188	\$23.57
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,330	\$15.00
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	625	\$17.65
Personal Care & Service	327	\$18.14
Sales & Related	1,850	\$15.63
Office & Administrative Support	525	\$18.77
Construction & Extraction	441	\$23.70
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	751	\$20.05
Production	604	\$19.93
Transportation & Material Moving	662	\$18.81

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



*Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024*

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest 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 \$36,108/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$54,491/yr	Registered Nurses \$84,785/yr	General and Operations Managers \$77,521/yr
Retail Salespersons \$35,088/yr	Nursing Assistants \$40,033/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$71,010/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$64,121/yr
Cashiers \$30,773/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$54,946/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$78,771/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,299/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,126/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$47,486/yr	Dental Hygienists \$85,989/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$64,893/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$40,709/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$48,131/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$71,227/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$46,162/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$38,122/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$49,479/yr	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$59,200/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$102,974/yr
Cooks, Restaurant \$36,830/yr	Machinists \$51,295/yr	Occupational Therapy Assistants \$59,627/yr	Child, Family, and School Social Workers \$63,680/yr
Food Preparation Workers \$31,855/yr	Electricians \$65,524/yr	Computer Network Support Specialists \$70,049/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$37,999/yr
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators \$40,826/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$59,152/yr	Surgical Technologists \$64,809/yr	Pharmacists \$140,993/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$46,395/yr	Paramedics \$64,134/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$60,791/yr	Physical Therapists \$98,061/yr

*Source: DEED Occupations in Demand*

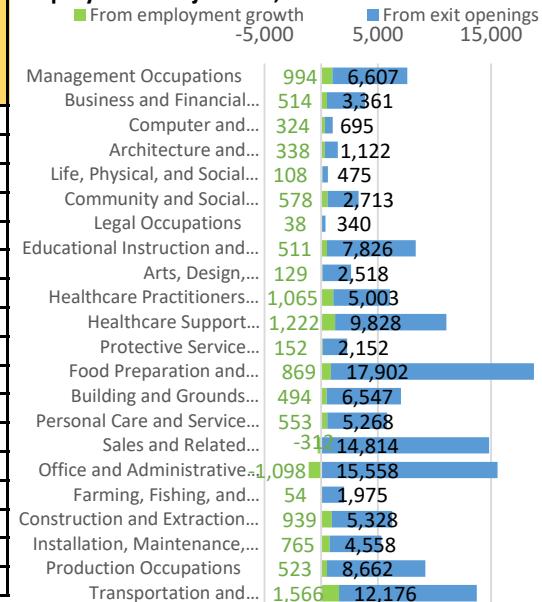
Kittson Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
Total, All Industries	265,321	275,647	3.9%
Natural Resources & Mining	6,095	6,335	3.9%
Utilities	1,126	1,125	-0.1%
Construction	11,719	12,715	8.5%
Manufacturing	29,871	31,429	5.2%
Wholesale Trade	12,936	14,034	8.5%
Retail Trade	27,705	27,590	-0.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	5,579	5,997	7.5%
Information	2,451	2,470	0.8%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,067	8,366	3.7%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,609	6,152	9.7%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,192	4,460	6.4%
Educational Services	22,849	22,989	0.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,421	38,978	7.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	24,958	26,706	7.0%
Other Services	9,824	10,129	3.1%
Public Administration	24,161	24,869	2.9%

*Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook*

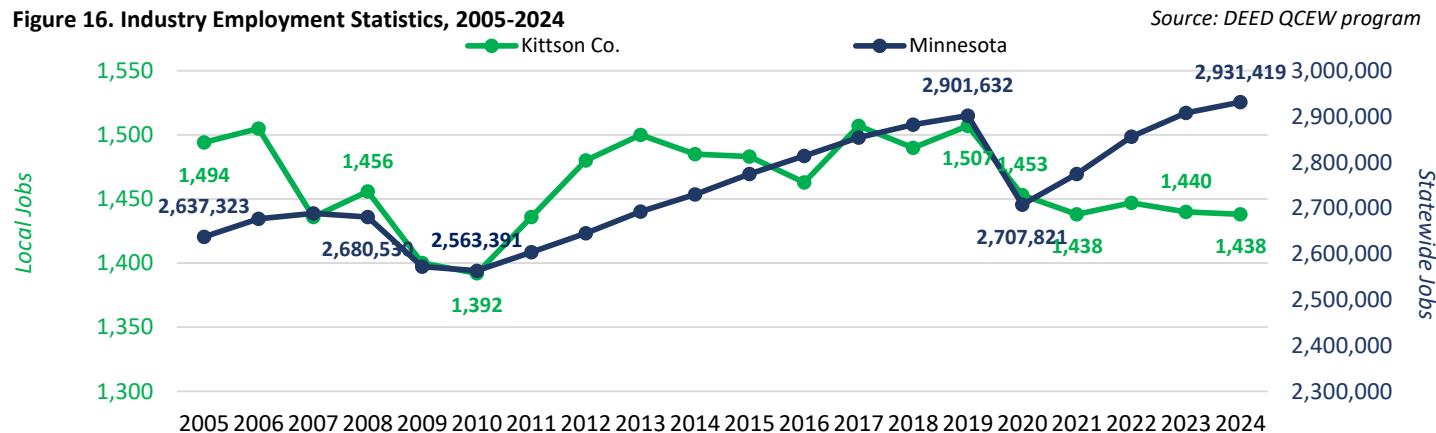
Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



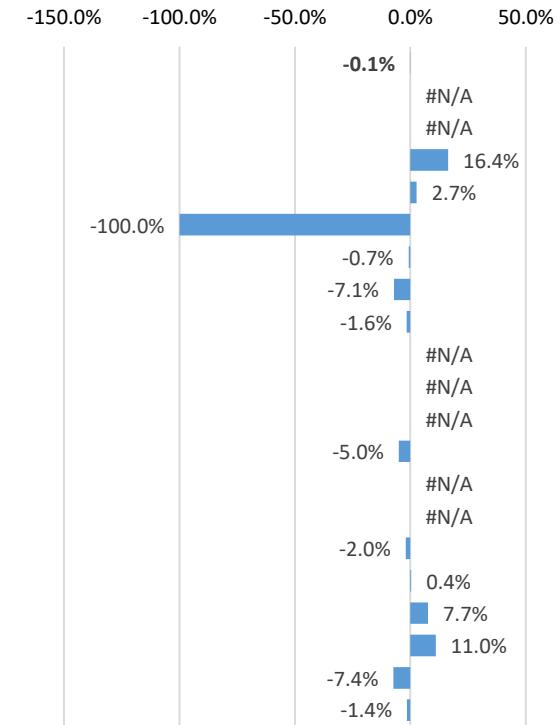
**ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Kittson Co. had the 85th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Kittson Co. was the 60th fastest growing in the past year and the 78th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Kittson Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

<b>197</b>	business establishments	<b>\$49,844</b>	annual average wage
<b>1,438</b>	jobs	<b>\$71,676,012</b>	total industry payroll
Job change, 2019-2024	-15 jobs -1.0% decline		

**Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024****Table 15. Kittson Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024**

	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>1,438</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$49,844</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	64	4.5%	\$49,625
Manufacturing	189	13.1%	\$66,457
Utilities	0	0.0%	#DIV/0!
Wholesale Trade	134	9.3%	\$57,636
Retail Trade	169	11.8%	\$28,416
Transportation & Warehousing	62	4.3%	\$53,170
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	19	1.3%	\$74,296
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	146	10.2%	\$50,325
Health Care & Social Assistance	244	17.0%	\$40,689
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	23	1.6%	\$18,474
Accommodation & Food Services	30	2.1%	\$11,991
Other Services	63	4.4%	\$20,844
Public Administration	137	9.5%	\$64,241

**Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024**

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

For more information on Kittson Co.'s population, labor force, and economic trends, contact:

**Anthony Schaffhauser** | Regional Analyst, Northwest Minnesota

CareerForce Bemidji | 616 America Avenue NW, Suite 210 | Bemidji, MN 56601

Office: 320-441-6594 | Email: anthony.schaffhauser@state.mn.us

web: [www.mn.gov/deed/data/regional-lmi/](http://www.mn.gov/deed/data/regional-lmi/)

Data updated: May 23, 2025