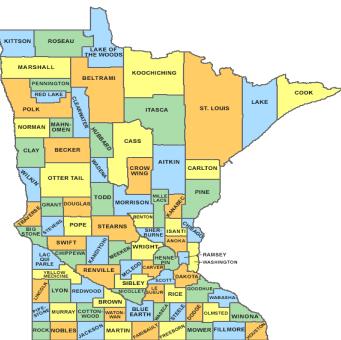


COUNTY PROFILE

## Cook Co.

Cook Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.



### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	<b>5,571 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>52.3 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	-29 people -0.5% decline	state:	38.6 years

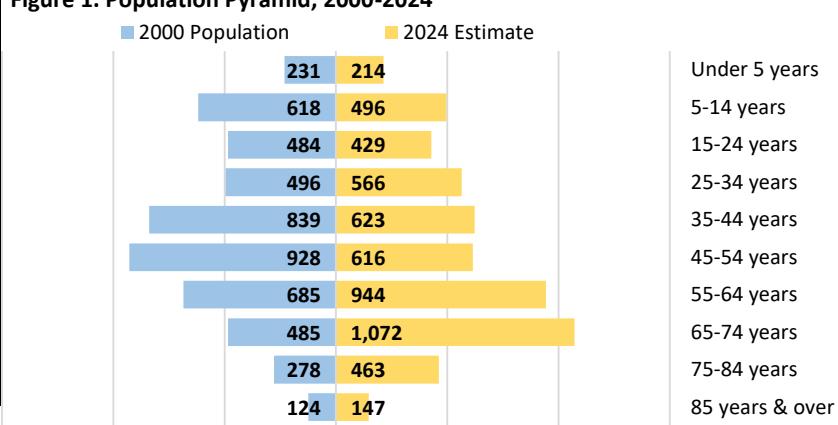
Cook Co. is the 80th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 55th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Cook Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population 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	214	3.8%
5-14 years	496	8.9%
15-24 years	429	7.7%
25-34 years	566	10.2%
35-44 years	623	11.2%
45-54 years	616	11.1%
55-64 years	944	17.0%
65-74 years	1,072	19.2%
75-84 years	463	8.3%
85 years & over	147	2.6%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5,571</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Cook Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Cook 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	
Cook Co.	-31	-86	151	237	56	68	-12
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

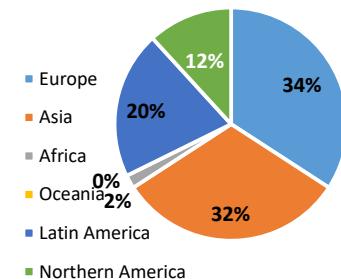
Compared to the state, Cook Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Cook Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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

	Cook Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	161	2.9%	2	1.3%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	55	34.2%	25	83.3%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	51	31.7%	11	27.5%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	3	1.9%	-20	-87.0%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	-5	-100.0%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	52	32.3%	-9	-14.8%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	33	20.5%	17	106.3%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	19	11.8%	-26	-57.8%	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

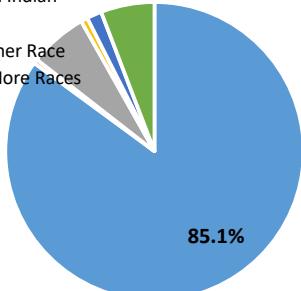


## COUNTY PROFILE Cook Co.

Cook 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	5,633	100.0%	8.4%	100.0%	6.8%
White	4,792	85.1%	5.8%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	26	0.5%	-13.3%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	355	6.3%	-3.0%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	41	0.7%	-26.8%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	91	1.6%	355.0%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	328	5.8%	69.1%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	156	2.8%	262.8%	6.2%	37.5%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

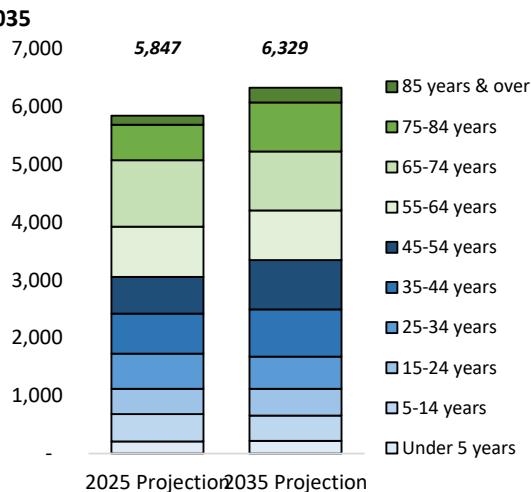
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Cook Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

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

Cook Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	209	222	13	6.2%
5-14 years	474	434	-40	-8.4%
15-24 years	439	462	23	5.2%
25-34 years	605	557	-48	-7.9%
35-44 years	695	821	126	18.1%
45-54 years	632	852	220	34.8%
55-64 years	872	857	-15	-1.7%
65-74 years	1,149	1,021	-128	-11.1%
75-84 years	614	848	234	38.1%
85 years & over	158	255	97	61.4%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5,847</b>	<b>6,329</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>8.2%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

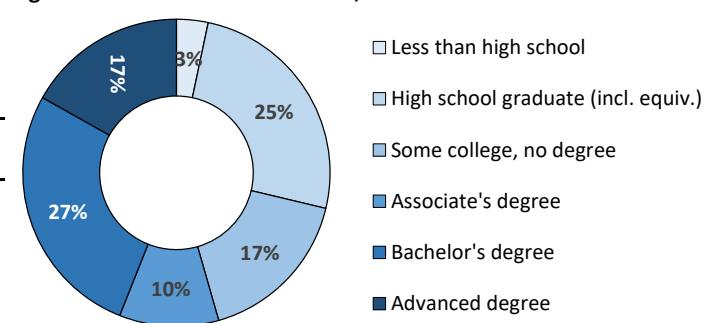


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Cook 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. Cook 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.

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
College-educated:	71.3%
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	10.5%
Bachelor's Degree:	27.1%
Advanced Degree:	16.9%

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



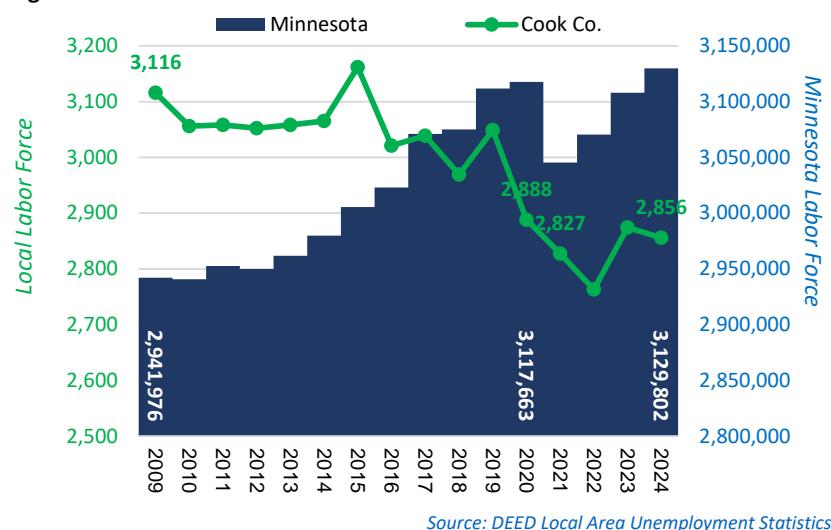
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.7%, Cook Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Cook Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.4% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Cook Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>2,856</b>	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2009-2024</i>	-260 workers -8.3% decline
<b>3.7%</b>	unemployment rate
2.8% state	
<b>106</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 gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Cook 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, Cook Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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

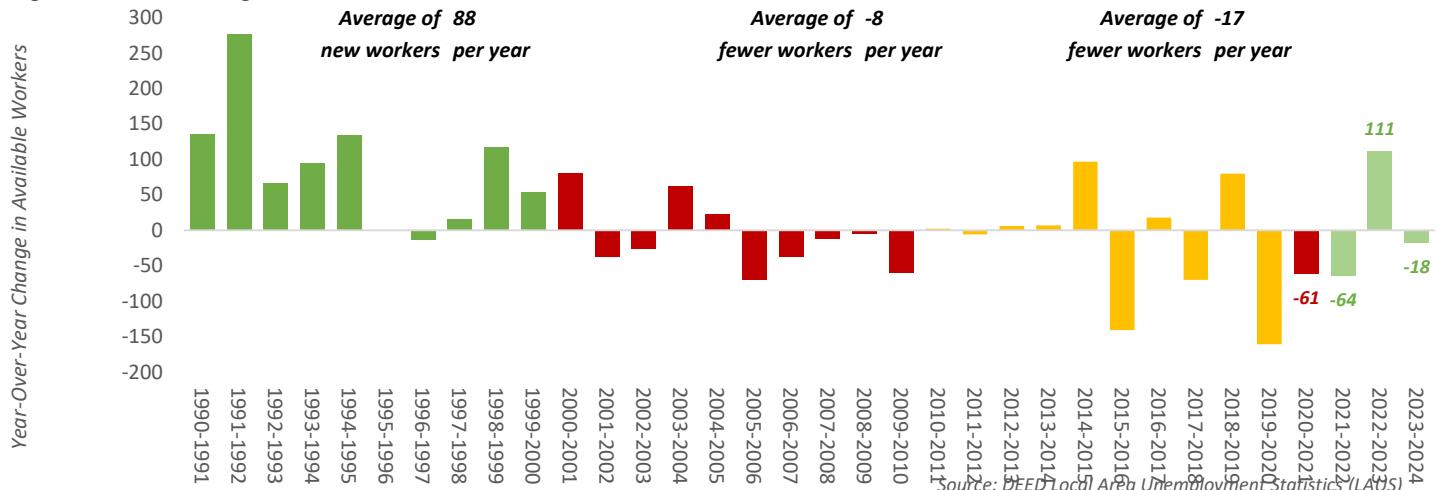
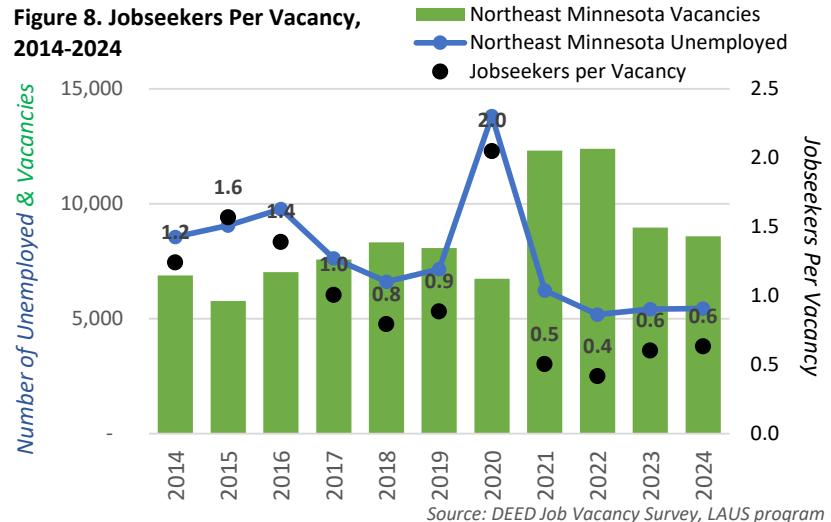


Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2014-2024



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 Northeast returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

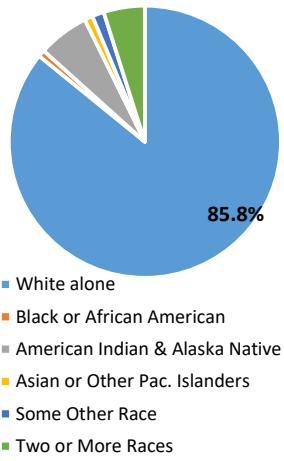
Cook Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Cook Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023**

	Cook 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>2,987</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>1,490</b>	<b>1,495</b>
16 to 19 years	54	35.8%	1.9%	52.7%	9.9%	31	23
20 to 24 years	207	86.3%	0.0%	83.4%	6.5%	110	97
25 to 44 years	1,076	89.5%	3.1%	88.7%	3.5%	496	580
45 to 54 years	523	83.9%	0.6%	87.8%	2.9%	262	261
55 to 64 years	688	72.1%	4.2%	72.8%	3.0%	318	370
65 to 74 years	391	36.1%	0.0%	27.8%	3.4%	261	130
75 years & over	46	7.5%	15.2%	6.6%	3.1%	12	34
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	2,561	60.5%	1.6%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	24	92.3%	20.8%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	181	65.6%	5.5%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	29	80.6%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	42	53.8%	9.5%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	146	65.5%	9.6%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	73	70.2%	5.5%	77.1%	5.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	131	45.6%	24.4%	55.3%	9.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,288	82.3%	2.8%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	22	45.8%	5.2%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	557	79.3%	0.0%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	631	79.8%	4.8%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,077	86.9%	0.4%	90.5%	2.0%		

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

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023**

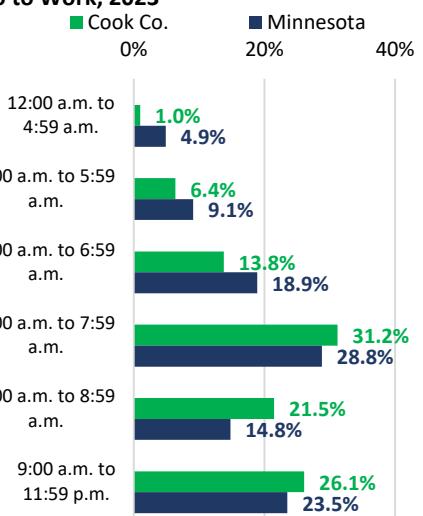


A larger percentage of workers in Cook Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Cook Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	Cook Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	2,796	99.6%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	2,768	98.6%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	28	1.0%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	11	0.4%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	1,987	70.8%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	3	0.1%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	289	10.3%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	528	18.8%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,314	46.8%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	727	25.9%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	241	8.6%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	314	11.2%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	98	3.5%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	109	3.9%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>15.8 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

Cook Co.

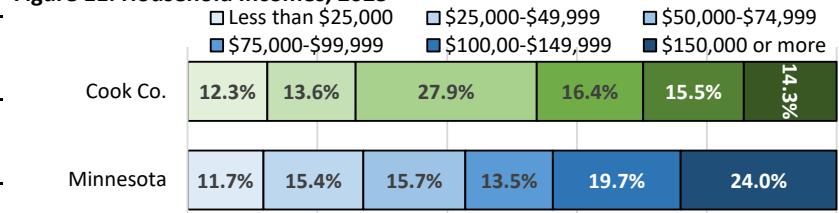
### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Cook Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Cook Co. had the 42nd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$71,643</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$87,419</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$45,390</b>
state	\$46,957

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2023



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. Cook Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.18 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.53 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
Cook Co.	\$29,491	\$14.18	\$0	\$412	\$150	\$804	\$525	\$281	\$286
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	
Cook Co.	\$54,696	\$17.53	\$388	\$937	\$530	\$931	\$909	\$432	\$431
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Cook Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 13th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Cook 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

	Cook Co.		Minnesota	
	Total	Percent	Percent	
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,150</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Less than \$50,000	80	3.7%	4.0%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	67	3.1%	4.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	146	6.8%	6.2%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	233	10.8%	8.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	580	27.0%	25.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	602	28.0%	33.6%	
\$500,000 or more	442	20.6%	17.5%	
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$294,000</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>	

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023

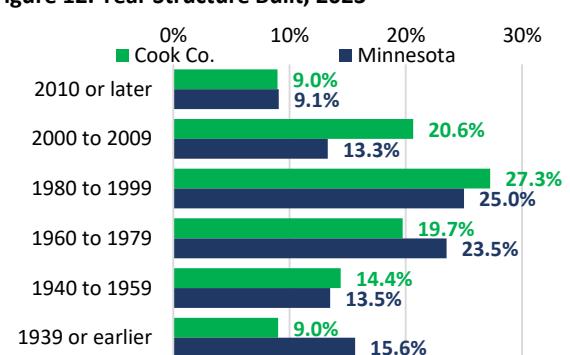
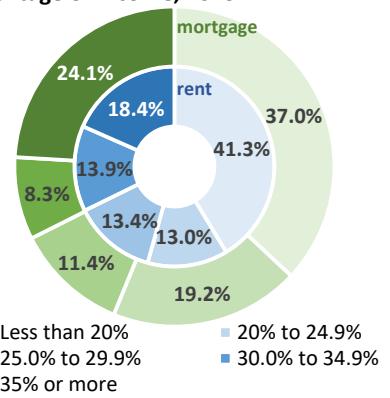


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,649</b>
state	\$1,890

<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>32.4%</b>
state	22.5%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$886</b>
state	\$1,235

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>32.3%</b>
state	47.2%

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

## OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.47 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.38) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.56) (see Table 11).

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

Occupational Group	Region 3				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>\$23.47</b>	<b>139,940</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$46.38	7,780	5.6%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$36.09	6,060	4.3%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.42	2,100	1.5%	0.4	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.58	2,240	1.6%	0.8	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$36.86	1,730	1.2%	1.1	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$27.67	4,330	3.1%	1.5	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$40.98	530	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.07	8,410	6.0%	1.0	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.54	1,280	0.9%	0.7	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40.04	11,570	8.3%	1.3	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.28	10,020	7.2%	1.2	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$27.12	3,020	2.2%	1.3	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.56	14,420	10.3%	1.2	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.77	4,660	3.3%	1.2	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.15	3,520	2.5%	1.2	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$16.71	11,750	8.4%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.70	16,400	11.7%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$24.08	230	0.2%	1.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$34.23	7,820	5.6%	1.4	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$30.21	6,770	4.8%	1.3	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$25.14	6,360	4.5%	0.6	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.57	8,930	6.4%	0.8	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

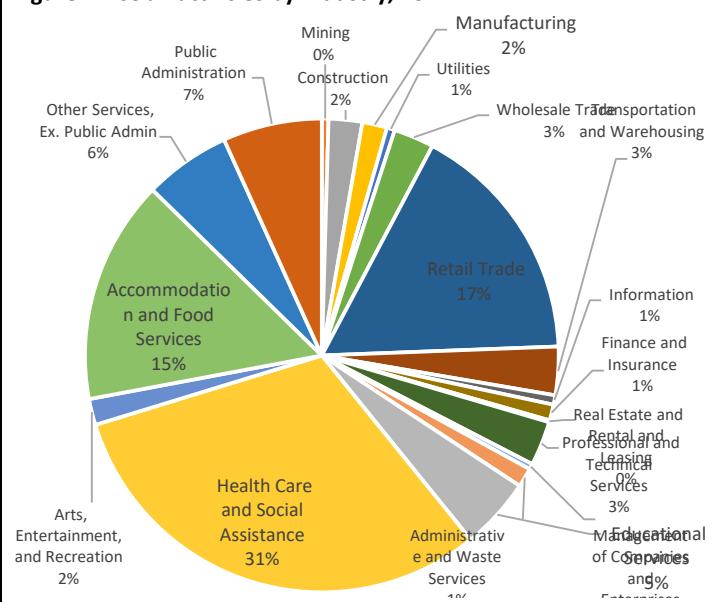
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Cook Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 8587 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. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024**

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>8,587</b>	<b>\$18.66</b>
Management	185	\$50.94
Business & Financial Operations	276	\$26.51
Computer & Mathematical	30	\$29.91
Architecture & Engineering	305	\$31.47
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	77	\$28.87
Community & Social Service	229	\$20.86
Education, Training & Library	302	\$21.23
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,091	\$39.45
Healthcare Support	976	\$17.84
Protective Service	79	\$20.78
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,381	\$14.85
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	290	\$15.85
Personal Care & Service	453	\$16.99
Sales & Related	1,347	\$15.90
Office & Administrative Support	303	\$17.38
Construction & Extraction	61	\$24.60
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	331	\$22.85
Production	83	\$20.38
Transportation & Material Moving	435	\$19.58

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



*Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024*

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast 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 \$34,948/yr	Nursing Assistants \$40,605/yr	Registered Nurses \$81,894/yr	General and Operations Managers \$76,245/yr
Retail Salespersons \$33,663/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$54,185/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$76,015/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$71,413/yr
Cashiers \$29,976/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$61,962/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$71,154/yr	Human Resources Specialists \$65,973/yr
Cooks, Restaurant \$37,144/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$47,607/yr	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping \$48,119/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$63,522/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,037/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$54,132/yr	Dental Hygienists \$84,405/yr	Physician Assistants \$120,821/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,927/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$66,247/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$73,049/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$65,592/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$22,936/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$49,373/yr	Community Health Workers \$43,268/yr	Child, Family, and School Social Workers \$69,154/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$36,904/yr	Machinists \$62,131/yr	Surgical Technologists \$65,008/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$100,366/yr
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners \$33,611/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians \$39,523/yr	Forest and Conservation Technicians \$53,442/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$41,313/yr
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General \$50,367/yr	Medical Assistants \$47,014/yr	Respiratory Therapists \$80,721/yr	Nurse Practitioners \$132,823/yr

*Source: DEED Occupations in Demand*

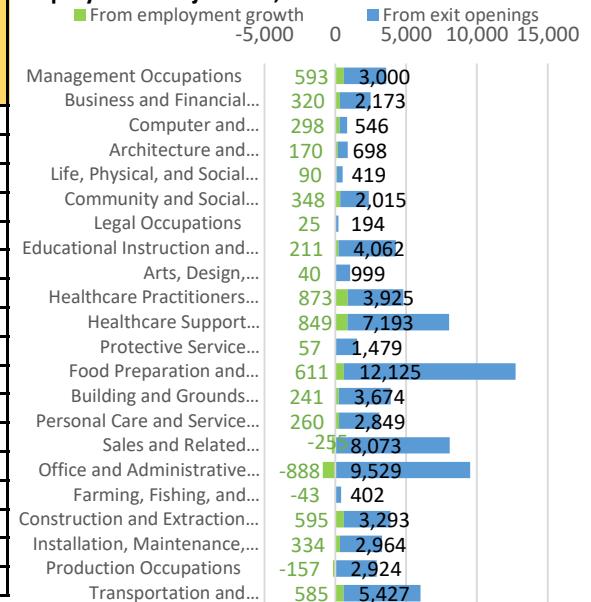
Cook Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 3.3% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Northeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
Total, All Industries	153,945	159,102	3.3%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,228	5,268	0.8%
Utilities	1,352	1,342	-0.7%
Construction	7,006	7,544	7.7%
Manufacturing	8,777	9,016	2.7%
Wholesale Trade	3,202	3,359	4.9%
Retail Trade	16,565	16,360	-1.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	4,151	4,437	6.9%
Information	1,222	1,208	-1.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	5,827	5,846	0.3%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,808	6,264	7.9%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,097	3,231	4.3%
Educational Services	12,004	12,056	0.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	31,799	33,864	6.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	17,159	18,243	6.3%
Other Services	5,953	6,118	2.8%
Public Administration	15,176	15,440	1.7%

*Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook*

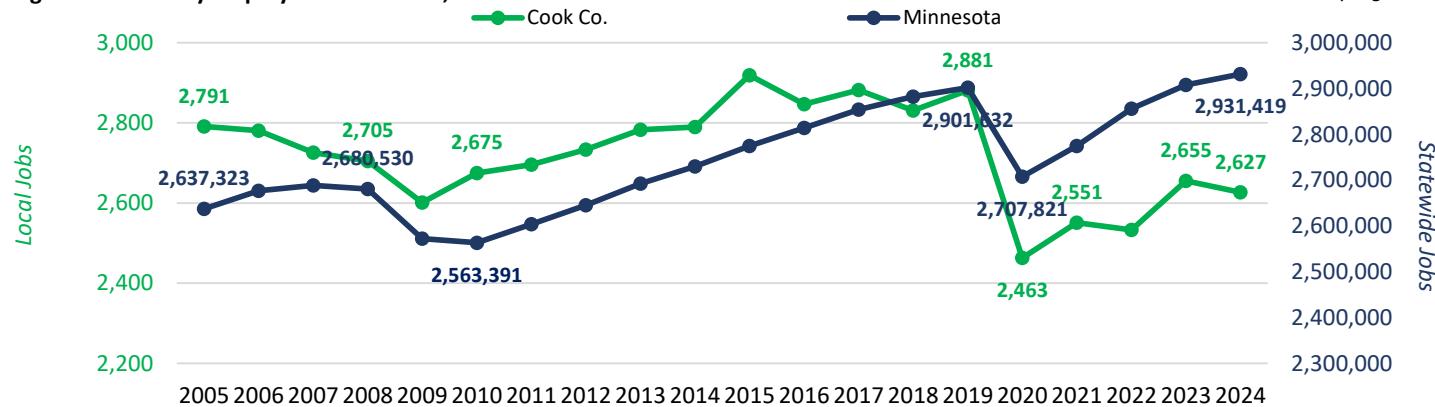
Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



**ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Cook Co. had the 74th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Cook Co. was the 72nd fastest growing in the past year and the 38th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Cook Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

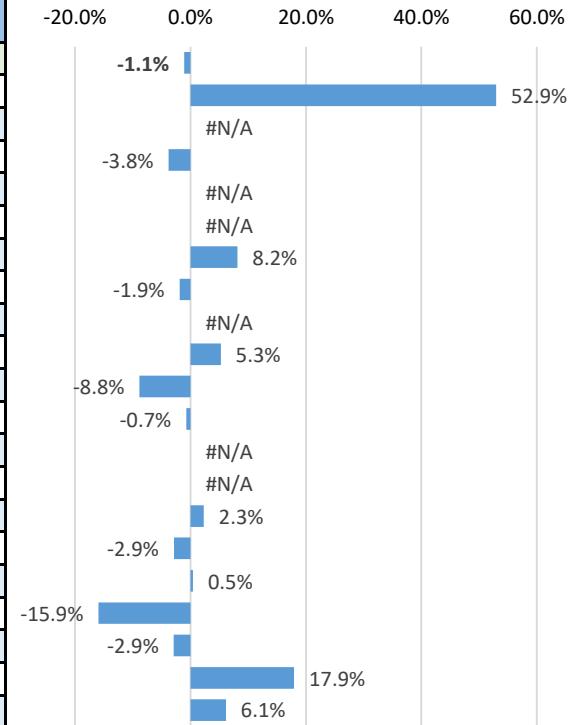
<b>333</b>	business establishments	<b>\$45,263</b>	annual average wage
<b>2,627</b>	jobs	<b>\$118,904,773</b>	total industry payroll
Job change, 2019-2024	164 jobs 6.7% increase		

**Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024**

Local Jobs

Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Cook Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>2,627</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$45,263</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	13	0.5%	\$13,783
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	152	5.8%	\$53,335
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	53	2.0%	\$65,558
Retail Trade	314	12.0%	\$30,717
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	20	0.8%	\$34,672
Finance & Insurance	31	1.2%	\$63,308
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	137	5.2%	\$29,325
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	44	1.7%	\$51,275
Educational Services	169	6.4%	\$51,772
Health Care & Social Assistance	219	8.3%	\$65,202
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	169	6.4%	\$44,089
Accommodation & Food Services	737	28.1%	\$34,108
Other Services	46	1.8%	\$23,980
Public Administration	432	16.4%	\$61,814

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

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

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