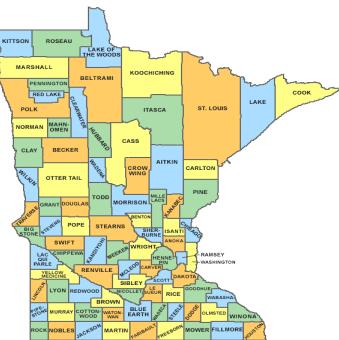


**COUNTY PROFILE**
**Pine Co.**

Pine Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 7E, which is located in the Central Planning Region.


**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

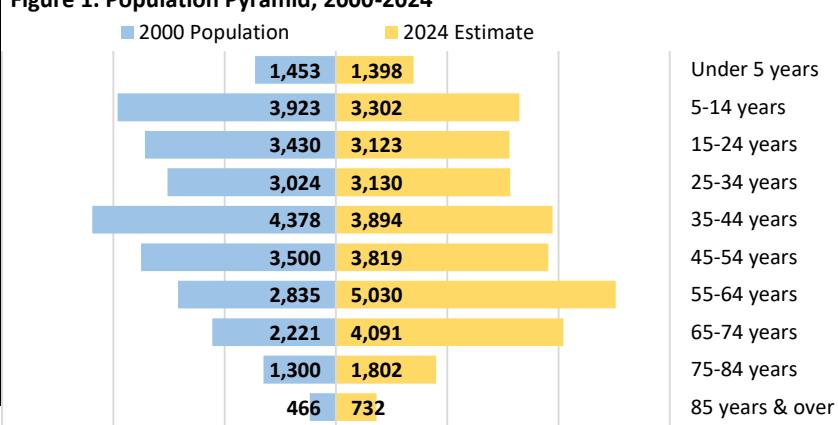
2024 population:	<b>30,319 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>45.8 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	1,443 people 5.0% increase	state:	38.6 years

Pine Co. is the 36th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 6th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Pine 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	1,398	4.6%
5-14 years	3,302	10.9%
15-24 years	3,123	10.3%
25-34 years	3,130	10.3%
35-44 years	3,894	12.8%
45-54 years	3,819	12.6%
55-64 years	5,030	16.6%
65-74 years	4,091	13.5%
75-84 years	1,802	5.9%
85 years & over	732	2.4%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>30,319</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024**


Pine 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. In addition to domestic in-migration, Pine 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	
Pine Co.	1,438	-438	1,078	1,516	1,884	88	1,796
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

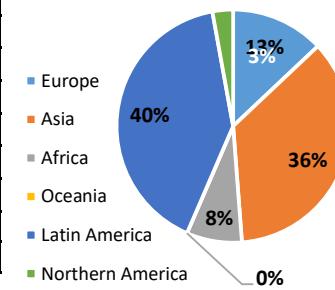
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Pine Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Pine 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**

	Pine Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	455	1.5%	-52	-10.3%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	59	13.0%	-77	-56.6%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	163	35.8%	61	59.8%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	35	7.7%	18	105.9%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	198	43.5%	-54	-21.4%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	185	40.7%	-35	-15.9%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	13	2.9%	-19	-59.4%	2.5%	0.4%

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

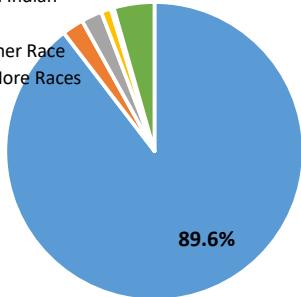
**Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023**


## COUNTY PROFILE Pine Co.

Pine 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	29,411	100.0%	-0.1%	100.0%	6.8%
White	26,349	89.6%	-2.4%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	690	2.3%	10.9%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	660	2.2%	-15.2%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	318	1.1%	101.3%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	96	0.3%	-52.5%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	1,298	4.4%	84.9%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	786	2.7%	7.2%	6.2%	37.5%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

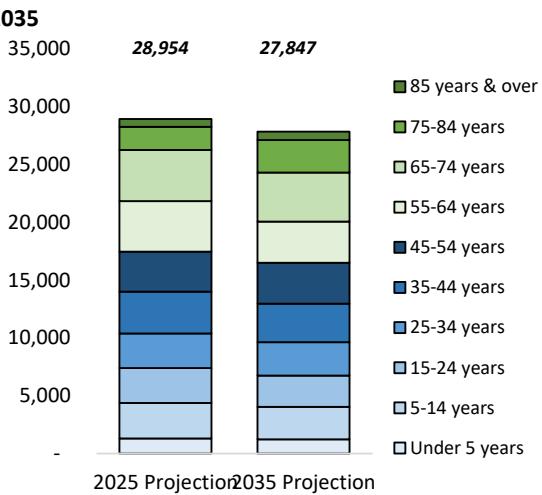
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Pine Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the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

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

Pine Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,307	1,216	-91	-7.0%
5-14 years	3,076	2,822	-254	-8.3%
15-24 years	3,003	2,719	-284	-9.5%
25-34 years	2,998	2,879	-119	-4.0%
35-44 years	3,623	3,329	-294	-8.1%
45-54 years	3,447	3,545	98	2.8%
55-64 years	4,393	3,570	-823	-18.7%
65-74 years	4,418	4,235	-183	-4.1%
75-84 years	2,008	2,798	790	39.3%
85 years & over	681	734	53	7.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>28,954</b>	<b>27,847</b>	<b>-1,107</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

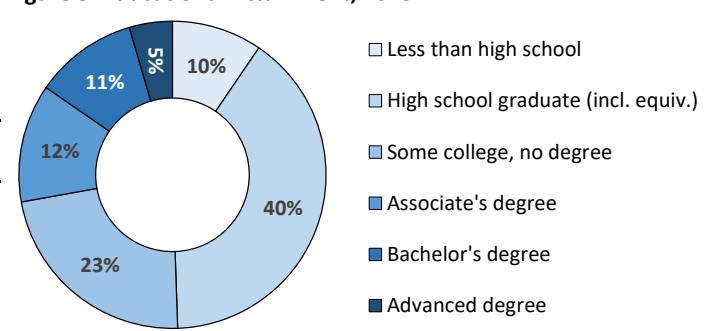


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Pine Co. has a lower 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. Pine 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>90.5%</b>
College-educated:	50.5%
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	12.5%
Bachelor's Degree:	10.8%
Advanced Degree:	4.5%

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



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

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 5.4%, Pine Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Pine Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 6.2% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Pine Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

**13,245** available workers

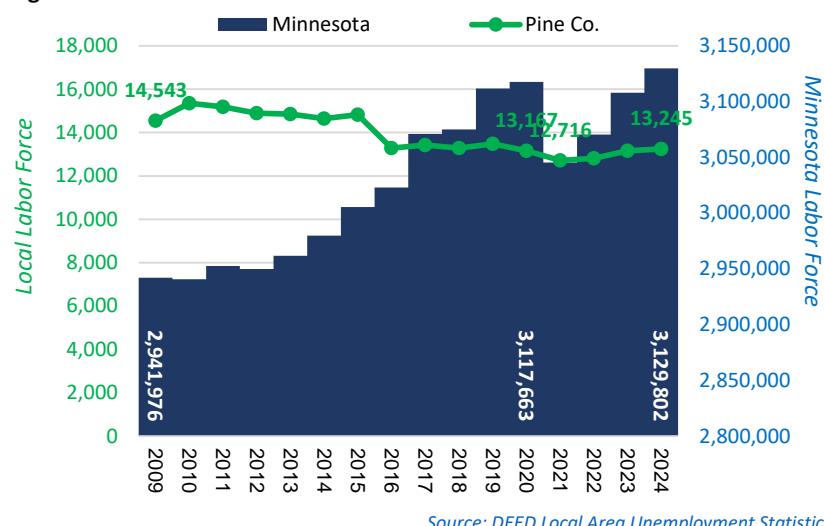
Labor Force change, 2009-2024  
-1,298 workers  
-8.9% decline

**5.4%** unemployment rate

2.8% state

**715** 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, Pine Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Pine 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

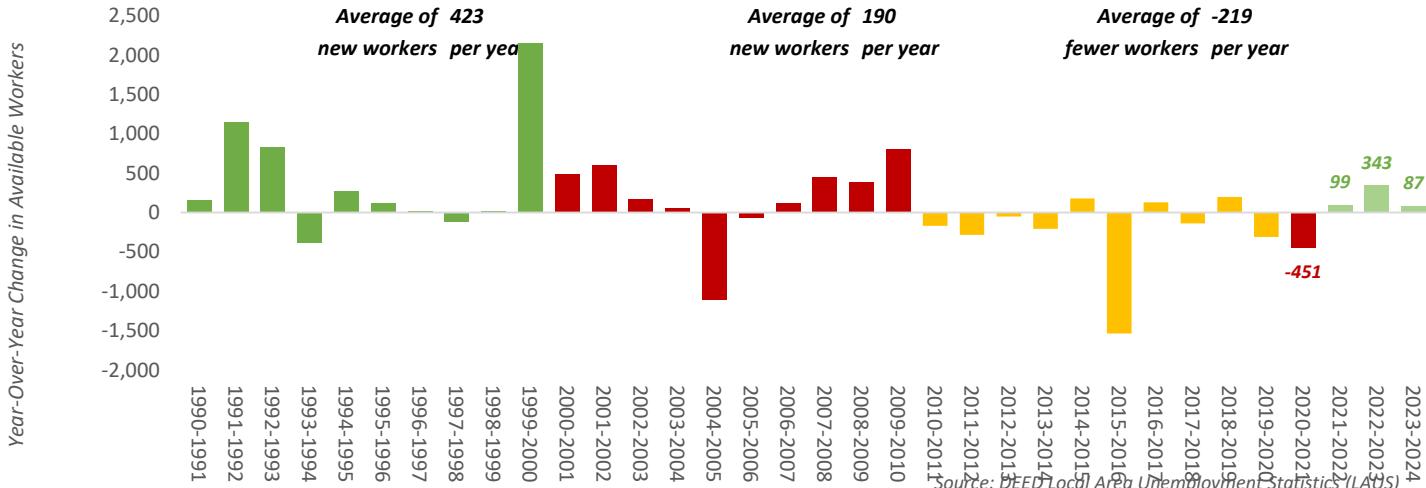
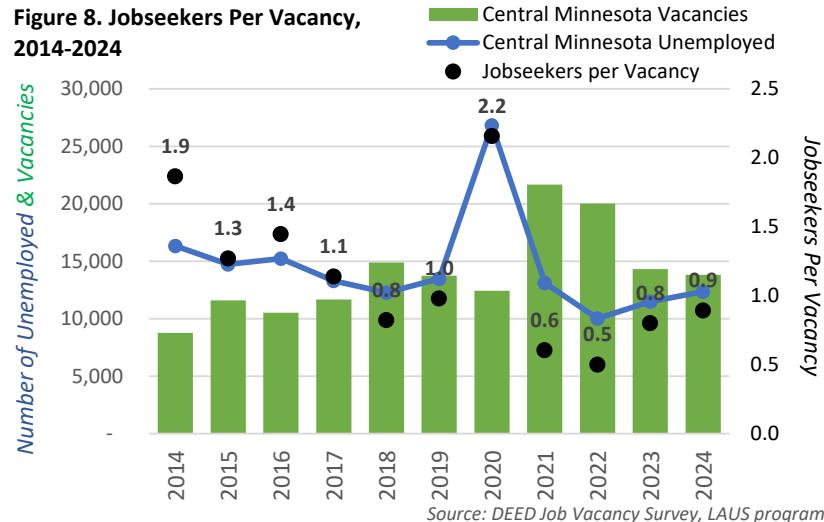


Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	1,873	1,701
25 to 54 years	7,814	7,568
55 to 64 years	2,671	2,171
65 years & over	1,048	1,060
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>13,407</b>	<b>12,500</b>

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 Central 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



## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

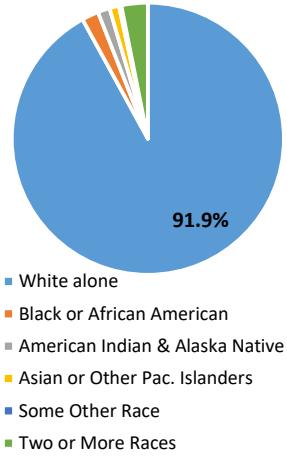
Pine Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Pine Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023**

	Pine 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>13,922</b>	<b>56.8%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>7,513</b>	<b>6,403</b>
16 to 19 years	764	56.2%	9.3%	52.7%	9.9%	375	389
20 to 24 years	1,086	81.8%	11.0%	83.4%	6.5%	579	507
25 to 44 years	5,306	77.9%	7.3%	88.7%	3.5%	2,874	2,430
45 to 54 years	2,857	77.1%	2.9%	87.8%	2.9%	1,616	1,239
55 to 64 years	2,966	60.8%	3.4%	72.8%	3.0%	1,509	1,456
65 to 74 years	802	20.2%	7.5%	27.8%	3.4%	478	322
75 years & over	143	5.8%	2.1%	6.6%	3.1%	82	60
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	12,798	57.7%	5.8%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	277	43.7%	6.5%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	199	41.6%	14.6%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	157	66.0%	0.6%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	40	51.3%	5.0%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	435	48.3%	8.7%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	227	37.3%	11.0%	77.1%	5.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,271	52.2%	10.0%	55.3%	9.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	11,117	72.2%	5.2%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	614	48.5%	6.7%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,901	64.9%	5.6%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	4,531	79.9%	3.8%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,078	84.9%	1.5%	90.5%	2.0%		

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

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

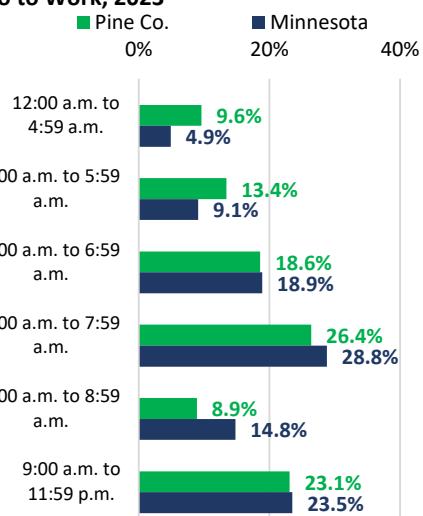


A smaller percentage of workers in Pine Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Pine Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	Pine Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	12,543	98.0%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	7,167	56.0%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	5,363	41.9%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	256	2.0%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	11,097	86.7%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	26	0.2%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	435	3.4%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	1,254	9.8%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	2,035	15.9%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	3,213	25.1%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	1,907	14.9%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,945	15.2%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	1,050	8.2%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	2,649	20.7%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>32.7 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

Pine Co.

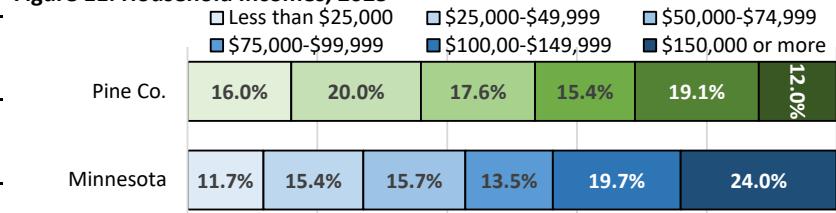
### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Pine Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Pine Co. had the 59th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$69,666</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$83,709</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$34,104</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. Pine Co. had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$17.02 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$22.9 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
Pine Co.	\$35,406	\$17.02	\$0	\$410	\$150	\$896	\$798	\$302	\$395
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	
Pine Co.	\$71,460	\$22.90	\$427	\$933	\$530	\$1,179	\$1,598	\$489	\$799
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Pine Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 40th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Pine 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

	Pine Co.		Minnesota	
	Total	Percent	Percent	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,848</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Less than \$50,000	574	5.8%	4.0%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	850	8.6%	4.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,047	10.6%	6.2%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,591	16.2%	8.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,897	29.4%	25.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,107	21.4%	33.6%	
\$500,000 or more	782	7.9%	17.5%	
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$225,600</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>	

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023

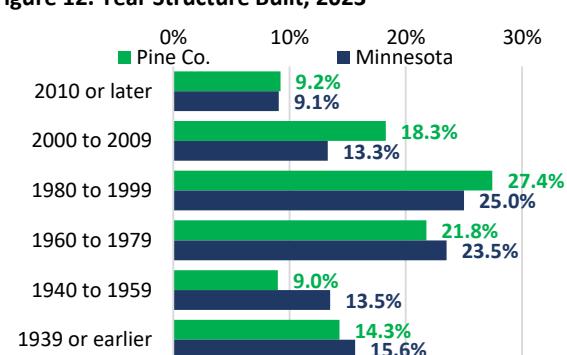
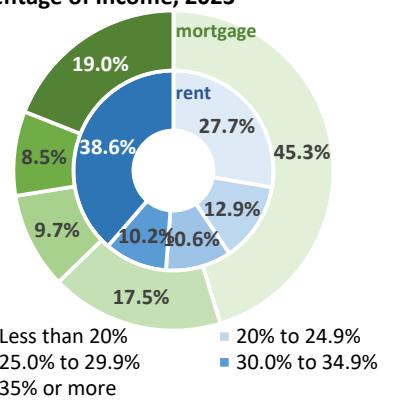


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,534</b>
state	\$1,890

<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>27.5%</b>
state	22.5%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$873</b>
state	\$1,235

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>48.8%</b>
state	47.2%

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

## OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.51 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 7E than the state. Overall, Region 7E had the 5th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$49.04) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$16.3) (see Table 11).

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

Occupational Group	Region 7E				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>\$23.51</b>	<b>49,570</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$49.04	2,650	5.3%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$37.30	1,690	3.4%	0.5	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$40.80	490	1.0%	0.3	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.58	740	1.5%	0.8	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$38.18	320	0.6%	0.6	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$29.53	1,380	2.8%	1.4	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$38.85	180	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$26.86	3,950	8.0%	1.4	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$27.01	280	0.6%	0.5	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$42.03	3,160	6.4%	1.0	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$19.18	3,420	6.9%	1.1	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.77	1,290	2.6%	1.6	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$16.30	5,400	10.9%	1.3	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$19.06	1,470	3.0%	1.1	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.54	1,220	2.5%	1.1	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.52	4,900	9.9%	1.2	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.54	5,490	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.85	80	0.2%	1.4	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.96	2,690	5.4%	1.4	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.77	1,930	3.9%	1.1	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$23.81	3,290	6.6%	0.9	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.24	3,540	7.1%	0.9	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

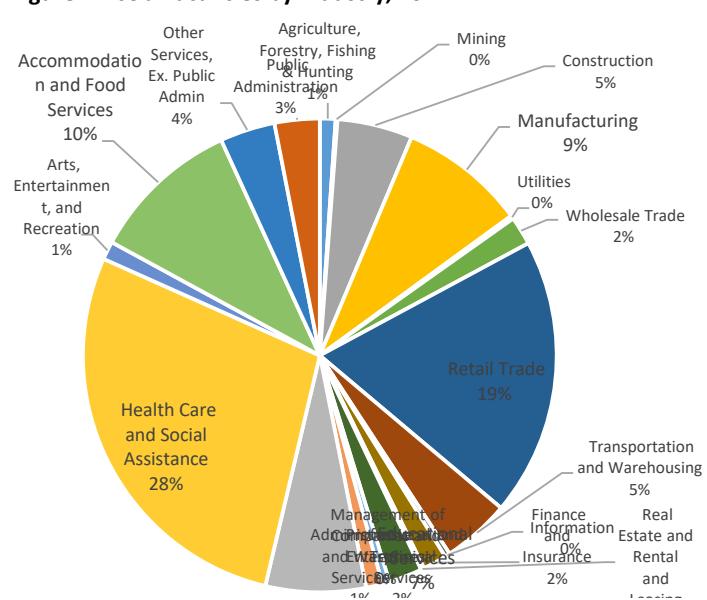
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Pine Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 13827 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. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024**

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>13,827</b>	<b>\$19.81</b>
Management	319	\$29.45
Business & Financial Operations	394	\$33.36
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$26.02
Architecture & Engineering	197	\$30.87
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	122	\$33.52
Community & Social Service	283	\$23.80
Education, Training & Library	735	\$19.62
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,450	\$29.97
Healthcare Support	1,363	\$18.33
Protective Service	189	\$21.58
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,814	\$15.03
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	260	\$16.97
Personal Care & Service	417	\$14.99
Sales & Related	1,861	\$15.92
Office & Administrative Support	911	\$20.11
Construction & Extraction	693	\$22.04
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	695	\$23.62
Production	598	\$20.21
Transportation & Material Moving	1,128	\$20.98

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



*Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024*

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Central Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2024

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons \$35,817/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$60,953/yr	Registered Nurses \$97,279/yr	General and Operations Managers \$82,833/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$35,952/yr	Nursing Assistants \$40,289/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$79,926/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$65,116/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,548/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$58,035/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$78,056/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,539/yr
Cashiers \$31,985/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$49,872/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$64,316/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$108,690/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$38,723/yr	Machinists \$61,397/yr	Calibration Technologists and Technicians \$51,876/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$38,309/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,511/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians \$43,830/yr	Dental Hygienists \$95,926/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$73,436/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$24,272/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$49,071/yr	Detectives and Criminal Investigators \$77,932/yr	Child, Family, and School Social Workers \$65,914/yr
Childcare Workers \$32,303/yr	Electricians \$79,223/yr	Surgical Technologists \$66,288/yr	Industrial Engineers \$97,918/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$47,389/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$54,808/yr	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping \$49,531/yr	Project Management Specialists \$85,453/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$44,527/yr	Medical Assistants \$48,462/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$46,438/yr	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School \$69,045/yr

*Source: DEED Occupations in Demand*

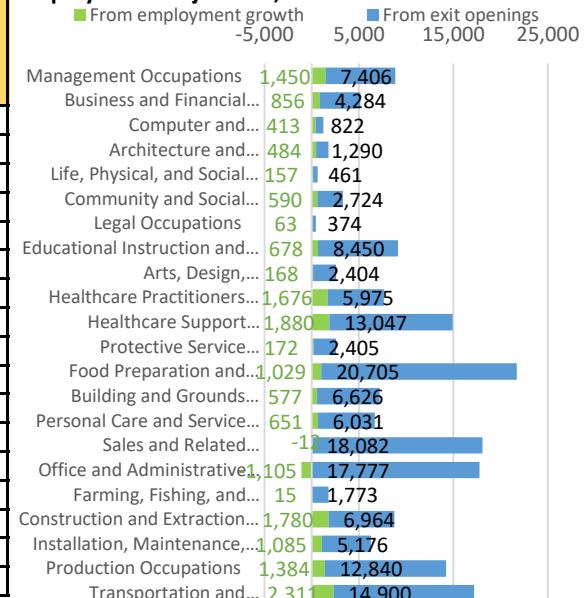
Pine Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5.2% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
Total, All Industries	315,929	332,231	5.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,649	5,809	2.8%
Utilities	1,986	1,998	0.6%
Construction	20,532	22,780	10.9%
Manufacturing	41,539	44,543	7.2%
Wholesale Trade	11,219	12,105	7.9%
Retail Trade	35,711	35,808	0.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	9,287	10,143	9.2%
Information	3,002	3,214	7.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	10,142	10,528	3.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	9,040	9,979	10.4%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	10,369	11,004	6.1%
Educational Services	24,622	24,913	1.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	45,668	49,836	9.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	26,046	27,642	6.1%
Other Services	10,880	11,311	4.0%
Public Administration	20,424	21,077	3.2%

*Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook*

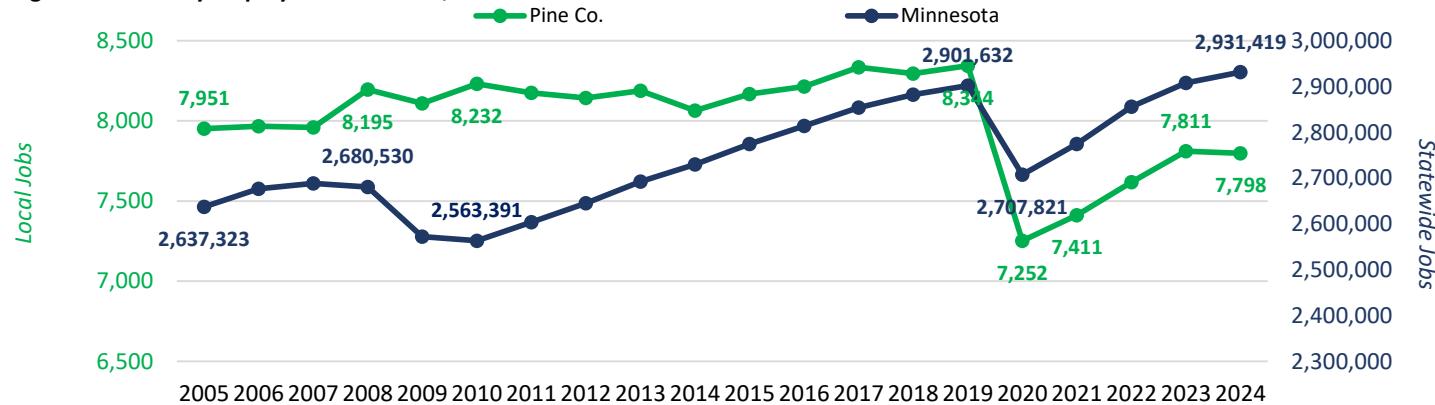
Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



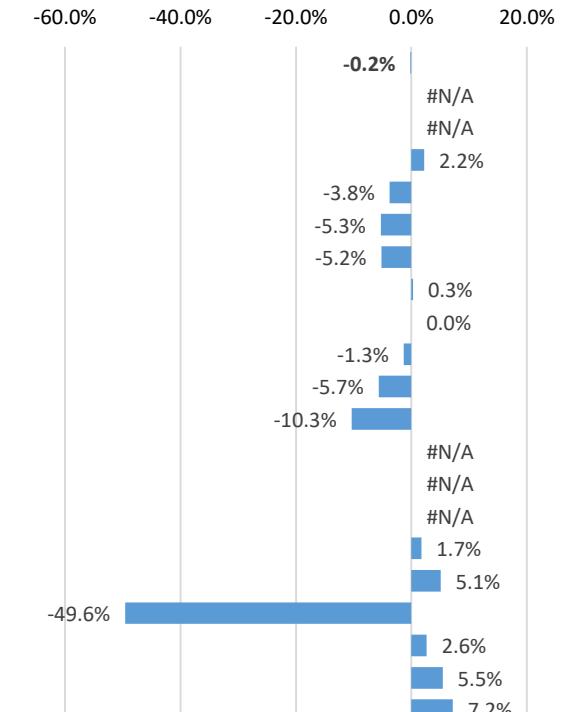
**ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Pine Co. had the 46th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Pine Co. was the 64th fastest growing in the past year and the 29th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Pine Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

<b>731</b>	business establishments	<b>\$44,273</b>	annual average wage
<b>7,798</b>	jobs	<b>\$345,240,490</b>	total industry payroll
Job change, 2019-2024	546 jobs 7.5% increase		

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

	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>7,798</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$44,273</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	508	6.5%	\$57,525
Manufacturing	308	3.9%	\$54,527
Utilities	36	0.5%	\$98,089
Wholesale Trade	92	1.2%	\$46,324
Retail Trade	1,086	13.9%	\$30,218
Transportation & Warehousing	186	2.4%	\$41,748
Information	150	1.9%	\$63,328
Finance & Insurance	150	1.9%	\$61,905
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	26	0.3%	\$25,847
Professional & Technical Services	197	2.5%	\$60,250
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	931	11.9%	\$50,241
Health Care & Social Assistance	807	10.3%	\$42,750
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	114	1.5%	\$27,219
Accommodation & Food Services	1,824	23.4%	\$31,401
Other Services	174	2.2%	\$29,322
Public Administration	899	11.5%	\$65,177

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

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

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