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# Aitkin Co.

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

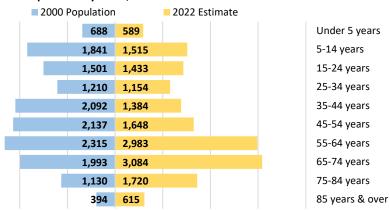
#### **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**



Aitkin Co. is the 53rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 50th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Aitkin 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, 2022 Number Percent Under 5 years 589 3.7% 1,515 9.4% 5-14 years 15-24 years 1,433 8.9% 25-34 years 1,154 7.2% 35-44 years 1,384 8.6% 10.2% 45-54 years 1,648 55-64 years 2,983 18.5% 65-74 years 3,084 19.1% 75-84 years 1,720 10.7% 615 85 years & over 3.8% **Total Population** 16,126 100.0% Source: Census Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS





Aitkin Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Aitkin 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, 2020-2022							
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022				
	Population	Natural	Natural Vital Events Net Migration				on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Aitkin Co.	423	-339	236	575	761	4	757
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377

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

Compared to the state, Aitkin Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Aitkin Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Aitkin Co.		Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	113	0.7%	-65	-36.5%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	23	20.4%	-40	-63.5%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	14	12.4%	-27	-65.9%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	3	2.7%	1	50.0%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	73	64.6%	1	1.4%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	45	39.8%	11	32.4%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	28	24.8%	-10	-26.3%	2.5%	-4.6%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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



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Aitkin Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022



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



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Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	15,859	100.0%	-2.7%	100.0%	7.9%
White	14,833	93.5%	-4.8%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	73	0.5%	192.0%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	303	1.9%	-8.5%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	29	0.2%	-42.0%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	117	0.7%	333.3%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	504	3.2%	72.0%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	229	1.4%	56.8%	5.7%	34.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

#### **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Aitkin 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 (4.5%). 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).

Percent

-2.7%

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035 Numeric **Projection** Projection 594 573

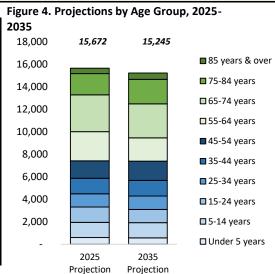
Aitkin Co. Change Change Under 5 years -21 -3.5% 5-14 years 1,355 1,346 -9 -0.7% 1,179 1,364 -185 -13.6% 15-24 years 25-34 years 1,182 1,190 8 0.7% 35-44 years 1,378 1,398 20 1.5% 1,554 1,709 155 10.0% 45-54 years 55-64 years 2,599 2,079 -520 -20.0% 65-74 years 3,274 3,015 -259 -7.9% 75-84 years 1,887 2.187 300 15.9% 85 years & over 485 569 84 17.3%

15,672

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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15,245



### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

**Total Population** 

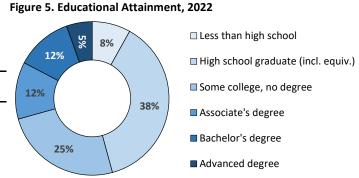
Aitkin Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Aitkin Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

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

91.9%

College-educated: 54.2% 68.5% state:

Associate's Degree: 12.0% 11.9% Bachelor's Degree: Advanced Degree: 5.4%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

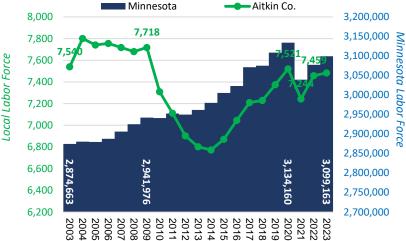
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#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.5%, Aitkin Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Aitkin Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 6.5% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Aitkin Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

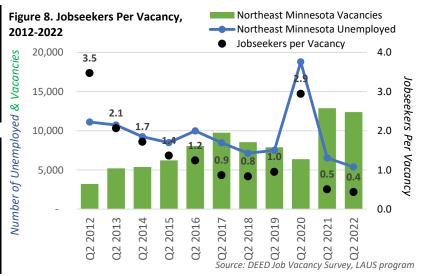
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Aitkin Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Aitkin Co. is expected to see a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

Aitkin Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 1,200 Average of 199 Average of 11 Average of 21 new workers per year new workers per year new workers per year 1,000 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 800 600 400 215 200 n -200 -400 -277 -600 2019-2021ts 2019-2020tts 2018-2019-2020tts 2017-2019-2019-5tdistist 2015-2019-2019-5tdistist 2014-2014-2014-4-2014 2010-2011 2012-201 2011-201 2011-201 2013-2014 2000-200: 2001-2002 2005-2006 2006-2007 1991-1992 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2007-2008 2008-2009 2009-2010 2022-2023 1990-199 1997-1998 1999-2000 .992-1993 .993-1994 .994-1995 .995-1996 .996-1997 .998-1999

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection		
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035	
16 to 24 years	798	702	
25 to 54 years	3,426	3,578	
55 to 64 years	1,423	1,138	
65 years & over	711	690	
Total Labor Force	6,358	6,107	

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2018-2022 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. Job vacancies in Northeast reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).



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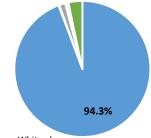
#### LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

average commute time than the state.

Aitkin Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Aitkin Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 81.3% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

	Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2022						
	1	Aitkin Co.		Minne	esota	Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	6,504	47.9%	5.8%	68.7%	4.0%	3,367	3,136
16 to 19 years	296	50.4%	4.1%	53.0%	9.8%	126	170
20 to 24 years	509	83.3%	7.5%	83.1%	6.7%	279	230
25 to 44 years	2,088	83.6%	6.1%	88.8%	3.5%	1,073	1,015
45 to 54 years	1,341	82.7%	7.9%	87.8%	2.9%	728	613
55 to 64 years	1,606	54.7%	4.1%	72.8%	3.1%	805	801
65 to 74 years	525	17.3%	5.7%	27.6%	3.3%	276	248
75 years & over	140	6.1%	0.7%	6.6%	3.2%	80	59
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hi	spanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force l
White alone	6,136	47.8%	5.1%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	14	34.1%	50.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	92	45.8%	29.3%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	19	95.0%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	33	29.2%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%		_\\
Two or More Races	214	58.2%	14.5%	74.3%	6.6%		V
Hispanic or Latino	120	72.7%	12.5%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability,	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	614	49.1%	9.3%	54.4%	10.2%		94.3%
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	5,034	71.4%	5.9%	84.4%	3.3%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	321	67.7%	8.0%	67.2%	4.6%		African Americ
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,472	62.9%	4.9%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,232	76.4%	5.0%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,009	76.7%	2.8%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022



- 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 Aitkin Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Aitkin Co. also had a longer

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

	Aitkin Co. Minnesota			ocoto	Γ
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Į i
Worked in state of residence	5,881	99.0%	2,867,086	97.7%	l
Worked in county of residence	4,087	68.8%	1,957,366	66.7%	ĺ
Worked out of county of residence	1,794	30.2%	909,720	31.0%	İ
Worked outside state of residence	59	1.0%	67,495	2.3%	ĺ
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					ĺ.
Car, truck, or van	5,061	85.2%	2,387,561	81.6%	
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	6	0.1%	81,926	2.8%	İ
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	244	4.1%	122,889	4.2%	6
Worked at home	630	10.6%	333,556	11.4%	İ
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					ĺ.
Less than 10 minutes	1,057	17.8%	465,223	15.9%	ĺ
10 to 19 minutes	1,800	30.3%	895,335	30.6%	ĺ
20 to 29 minutes	1,081	18.2%	649,557	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	939	15.8%	567,631	19.4%	İ
45 to 59 minutes	303	5.1%	190,186	6.5%	ĺ
60 or more minutes	760	12.8%	158,000	5.4%	ĺ
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	28.6 minutes 23.		23.3	minutes	ĺ

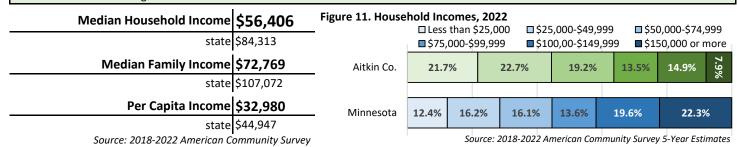
Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Aitkin Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 5.0% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 17.5% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 33.8% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 19.4% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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#### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Aitkin Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Aitkin Co. had the 85th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Aitkin Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.65 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.03 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022 **Monthly Costs Single Yearly Hourly Wage** Single Adult, 0 children Health Trans-**Cost of Living** Required **Child Care** Housing Food Other **Taxes** Care portation \$32,557 \$15.65 \$0 \$393 \$627 \$996 \$247 \$287 Aitkin Co. \$163 \$159 State of Minnesota \$16.82 \$0 \$34,992 \$403 \$961 \$760 \$330 \$303 Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 **Monthly Costs** Family Yearly **Hourly Wage** working full-time, 1 part-Health Trans-**Child Care Cost of Living** Required Food Housing Other Taxes time), 1 child Care ortation \$53,135 \$17.03 \$316 \$898 \$832 \$419 \$254 Aitkin Co. \$528 \$1,181 \$574 State of Minnesota \$60,720 \$19.46 \$921 \$555 \$1,216 \$886 \$517 \$391

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Aitkin Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 31st highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Aitkin 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-	Aitkin Co.		Minnesota	Figure 12. Year St	ructure	Built, 2	022
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent		%	10%	
Total	5,751	100.0%	100.0%	■ Aitki		E	■ M
Less than \$50,000	300	5.2%	4.1%	2010 or later		5.5% 7.8%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	611	10.6%	4.6%	2000 to 2009			
\$100,000 to \$149,999	699	12.2%	7.1%				13.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	907	15.8%	10.7%	1980 to 1999			
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,433	24.9%	27.1%	1960 to 1979			
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,353	23.5%	31.7%				
\$500,000 or more	448	7.8%	14.7%	1940 to 1959		1	1.4% 13.
Median (dollars)	\$222,1	.00	\$286,800	1939 or earlier		10	0.6%

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

20% 0% 10% 30% Aitkin Co Minnesota 2010 or later 18.9% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 27.1% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 26.5% 1960 to 1979 11.4% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 10.6% 1939 or earlier

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,818

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

33.0%

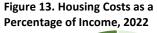
22.0%

Median monthly rent costs \$815

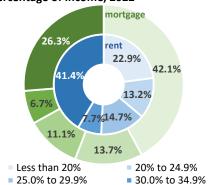
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 46.7%

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



35% or more



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#### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$22.57 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.6) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.05) (see Table 11).

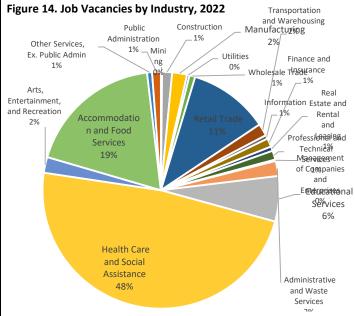
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023							
	Region 3				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$22.57	136,490	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$42.60	7,720	5.7%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.03	5,910	4.3%	0.6	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.38	2,150	1.6%	0.4	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.75	2,340	1.7%	0.9	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$32.18	1,680	1.2%	1.2	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$24.43	4,310	3.2%	1.6	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$41.44	530	0.4%	0.6	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.02	8,450	6.2%	1.1	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.52	1,280	0.9%	0.7	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.53	11,460	8.4%	1.3	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$17.05	9,180	6.7%	1.2	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$25.66	3,020	2.2%	1.5	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.05	13,630	10.0%	1.3	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.29	4,560	3.3%	1.2	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.33	3,110	2.3%	1.1	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$15.06	11,540	8.5%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.75	16,030	11.7%	1.0	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.49	240	0.2%	1.2	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.65	6,950	5.1%	1.3	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.17	6,400	4.7%	1.3	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$22.97	6,640	4.9%	0.7	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.53	9,370	6.9%	0.9	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

#### **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Aitkin Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 12388 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022				
	Number of	Wage		
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer		
Total, All Occupations	12,388			
Management	422	\$24.15		
Business & Financial Operations	273			
Computer & Mathematical	65	7		
Architecture & Engineering	139			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	26			
Community & Social Service	862			
Education, Training & Library	507			
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,703			
Healthcare Support	1,920			
Protective Service	165			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,974	•		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	509			
Personal Care & Service	371	\$14.87		
Sales & Related	776	\$20.46		
Office & Administrative Support	591			
Construction & Extraction	214	\$15.77		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	652	\$19.19		
Production	300			
Transportation & Material Moving	799	\$16.76		



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

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# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Northeast Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022				
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Home Health & Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Substance abuse, behavioral & mental health counselors	
\$32,409/yr	\$38,023/yr	\$78,892/yr	\$47,421/yr	
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	General & Operations Managers	
\$30,436/yr	\$50,965/yr	\$69,705/yr	\$74,719/yr	
Cashiers	Automotive Service Technicians &	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Secondary School Teachers	
\$28,649/yr	Mechanics \$48,638/yr	& Technicians \$62,998/yr	\$64,162/yr	
Maintenance & Repair	Medical Assistants	Dental Hygienists	Social & Community Service	
Workers, General \$51,214/yr	\$44,580/yr	\$80,434/yr	Managers \$65,308/yr	
Waiters & Waitresses	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	Elementary School Teachers	
\$23,385/yr	\$67,655/yr	\$67,078/yr	\$62,554/yr	
Janitors & Cleaners, exc.  Maids & Housekeeping	Dental Assistants	Surgical Technologists	Accountants & Auditors	
\$34,993/yr	\$54,500/yr	\$62,349/yr	\$66,865/yr	
Driver/Sales Workers	Electricians	Forest & Conservation Technicians	Pharmacists	
\$27,752/yr	\$77,859/yr	\$49,163/yr	\$137,104/yr	
Fast Food & Counter Workers	First-Line Supervisors of Personal Service Workers	Respiratory Therapists	Human Resources Specialists	
\$28,490/yr	\$41,164/yr	\$75,469/yr	\$63,477/yr	
Stockers & Order Fillers	Computer User Support Specialists	Cardiovascular Technologists & Technicians	Preschool Teachers	
\$32,400/yr	\$56,023/yr	\$79,749/yr	\$34,916/yr	
Maids & Housekeeping	Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, exc.	Computer Network Support	Child, Family, & School Social	
Cleaners	Engines	Specialists	Workers	
\$30,367/yr	\$63,006/yr	\$70,683/yr	\$66,072/yr	

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Aitkin Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 5.5% 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, 2020-2030				
Estimated Employment	Projected Employ-	Percent Change		
		5.5%		
•	-	1.6%		
	1,097	-15.3%		
	6,368	4.2%		
8,329	8,166	-2.0%		
3,122	3,127	0.2%		
16,275	15,391	-5.4%		
4,783	4,977	4.1%		
1,145	1,210	5.7%		
5,760	5,883	2.1%		
5,359	5,695	6.3%		
2,916	3,095	6.1%		
11,884	12,440	4.7%		
32,183	35,151	9.2%		
14,347	17,531	22.2%		
5,703	6,304	10.5%		
14,780	15,572	5.4%		
	Estimated Employment 2020 148,527 4,938 1,295 6,111 8,329 3,122 16,275 4,783 1,145 5,760 5,359 2,916 11,884 32,183 14,347 5,703 14,780	Estimated Employment         Projected Employment 2030           148,527         156,642           4,938         5,018           1,295         1,097           6,111         6,368           8,329         8,166           3,122         3,127           16,275         15,391           4,783         4,977           1,145         1,210           5,760         5,883           5,359         5,695           2,916         3,095           11,884         12,440           32,183         35,151           14,347         17,531           5,703         6,304		

# Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2020-2030					
■ From employment gr -5,0	rowth From exit openings 5,000 10,000 15,000				
Management Occupations	577 2,535				
Business and Financial					
Computer and					
Architecture and	91 623				
Life, Physical, and Social	71 369				
Community and Social	465 1,799				
Legal Occupations	45   200				
Educational Instruction and	657 3,631				
Arts, Design,	184 859				
Healthcare Practitioners	961 3,284				
Healthcare Support	1,290 6,744				
Protective Service	249 1,403				
Food Preparation and	2,067 9,637				
Building and Grounds	526 3,401				
Personal Care and Service	524 2,966				
Sales and Related	-5 <mark>90 7,506</mark>				
Office and Administrative	-465 <b>7,812</b>				
Farming, Fishing, and	181 290				
Construction and Extraction	276 2,492				
Installation, Maintenance,	199 2,286				
Production Occupations	-241 2,588				
Transportation and	513 4,567				

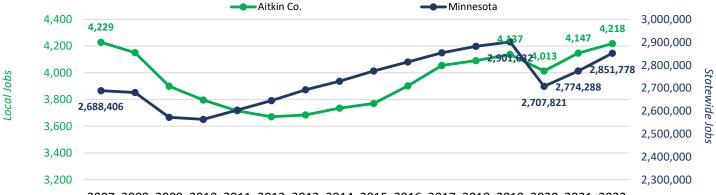
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#### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Aitkin Co. had the 66th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Aitkin Co. was the 45th fastest growing in the past year and the 11th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Aitkin Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

474business establishments\$44,310annual average wage4,218jobs\$186,901,427total industry payrollJob change, 2019-202281 jobs 2.0% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

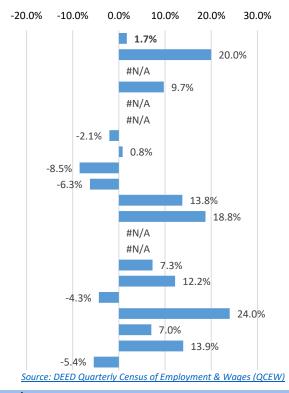


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Aitkin Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	4,218	100.0%	\$44,310
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	30	0.7%	\$46,352
Mining	47	1.1%	\$71,641
Construction	248	5.9%	\$48,755
Manufacturing	371	8.8%	\$54,494
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	111	2.6%	\$42,117
Retail Trade	613	14.5%	\$30,508
Transportation & Warehousing	140	3.3%	\$14,175
Information	15	0.4%	\$59,278
Finance & Insurance	91	2.2%	\$50,890
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	19	0.5%	\$33,258
Professional & Technical Services	88	2.1%	\$36,155
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	96	2.3%	\$23,272
Educational Services	433	10.3%	\$21,060
Health Care & Social Assistance	771	18.3%	\$42,890
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	93	2.2%	\$30,014
Accommodation & Food Services	564	13.4%	\$17,625
Other Services	139	3.3%	\$20,341
Public Administration	330	7.8%	\$51,664

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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