

COUNTY PROFILE

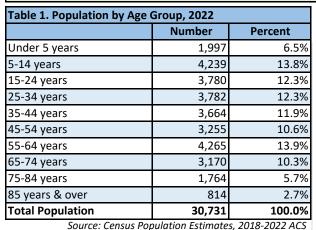
Polk Co.

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

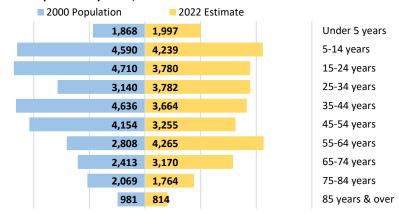
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Polk Co. is the 34th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 68th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Polk 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).







Polk Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Polk 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	Vital E	vents	Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Polk Co.	-463	-70	828	898	-379	76	-455	
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377	

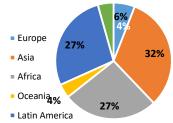
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

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Place of Birth for Polk Co. Change 2010-2022		Minnesota					
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change		
895	2.9%	176	24.5%	8.5%	31.3%		
53	5.9%	-35	-39.8%	9.3%	-0.6%		
286	32.0%	14	5.1%	36.7%	30.2%		
237	26.5%	210	777.8%	28.1%	93.1%		
35	3.9%	25	250.0%	0.4%	20.4%		
284	31.7%	-38	-11.8%	25.4%	7.5%		
245	27.4%	23	10.4%	22.9%	9.0%		
39	4.4%	-61	-61.0%	2.5%	-4.6%		
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2022



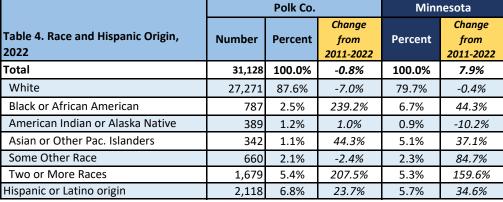
Northern America

Polk 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



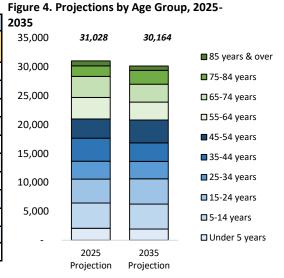
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

87.6%

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Polk 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 decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Polk Co. Projection Projection Change Change Under 5 years 2,068 1,952 -116 -5.6% 5-14 years 4,389 4,316 -73 -1.7% 4,121 4,372 6.1% 15-24 years 251 25-34 years 3,090 3,023 -67 -2.2% 35-44 years 3,999 3,181 -818 -20.5% 654 19.7% 45-54 years 3,316 3,970 55-64 years 3,737 3,103 -634 -17.0% 65-74 years 3,626 3,088 -538 -14.8% 75-84 years 1,830 2.399 569 31.1% -92 85 years & over 852 760 -10.8% **Total Population** 31,028 30,164 -864 -2.8%



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

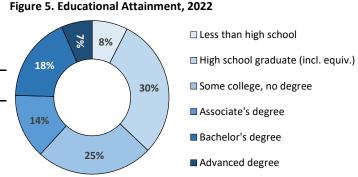
Polk Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Polk Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with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

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

92.5%

College-educated: 62.9% state: 68.5%

Associate's Degree: 13.6%
Bachelor's Degree: 18.1%
Advanced Degree: 6.5%



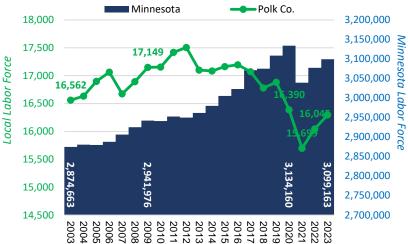
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3%, Polk Co. had a identical unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Polk Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.2% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Polk Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

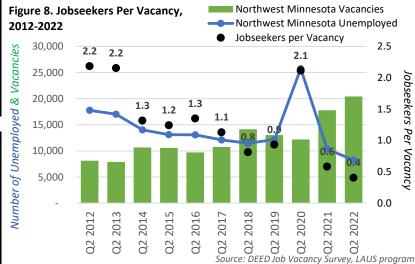
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Polk Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Polk Co. is expected to see a labor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

Polk Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 600 Average of 66 Average of 131 Average of -77 ew workers per year new workers per year fewer workers per year 400 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 200 0 -200 -400 -600 -800 -691 -1,000 -1,200 -1,400 2012-201 2011-201 2011-201 2019-2021ts 2019-2020tts 2018-2019-2020tts 2017-2019-2019-5tdistist 2015-2019-2019-5tdistist 2014-2014-2014-4-2014 2010-2011 2013-2014 2001-2002 2000-200: 2002-2003 2005-2006 2006-2007 1991-1992 2003-2004 2004-2005 2007-2008 2008-2009 2009-2010 1990-199 1992-1993 1997-1998 .993-1994 .994-1995 .995-1996 .996-1997 .998-1999 .999-200C

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	2,567	2,755		
25 to 54 years	9,017	8,809		
55 to 64 years	2,725	2,262		
65 years & over	984	877		
Total Labor Force	15,292	14,703		

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 Northwest 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).



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

		Polk Co.		Minne	esota	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	
Total Labor Force	15,869	64.9%	3.4%	68.7%	4.0%	
16 to 19 years	1,003	57.9%	1.9%	53.0%	9.8%	
20 to 24 years	1,439	82.9%	1.9%	83.1%	6.7%	Г
25 to 44 years	6,563	87.0%	5.2%	88.8%	3.5%	
45 to 54 years	2,832	85.9%	3.5%	87.8%	2.9%	
55 to 64 years	3,150	72.9%	1.0%	72.8%	3.1%	
65 to 74 years	764	23.8%	2.2%	27.6%	3.3%	
75 years & over	118	4.5%	3.4%	6.6%	3.2%	
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					
White alone	14,303	65.0%	2.5%	67.8%	3.4%	l
Black or African American	342	60.1%	4.1%	71.5%	8.7%	
American Indian & Alaska Native	136	47.7%	35.3%	57.6%	11.9%	ŀ
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	163	65.4%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%	
Some Other Race	316	64.5%	0.6%	76.1%	6.1%	ĺ
Two or More Races	605	70.8%	18.5%	74.3%	6.6%	ŀ
Hispanic or Latino	962	72.2%	15.5%	77.0%	6.3%	ĺ
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty, 20 to 64 years					l
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	888	46.3%	8.2%	54.4%	10.2%	ĺ
Employment Characteristics by Educati	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years				l
Population, 25 to 64 years	12,536	82.7%	3.8%	84.4%	3.3%	ĺ
Less than H.S. Diploma	666	72.0%	5.6%	67.2%	4.6%	ĺ
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,926	77.5%	2.5%	76.8%	2.5%	
Some College or Assoc. Degree	5,034	82.1%	1.7%	85.1%	3.6%	ĺ
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,916	90.5%	2.1%	90.3%	2.0%	ĺ

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022

Labor Force by Gender

Female

7,196

477 605

3,109

1,278

1,413

281

33

Male

8,670

526

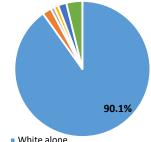
834 3,452

1,554

1,736

483

85

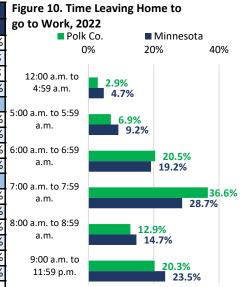


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

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

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

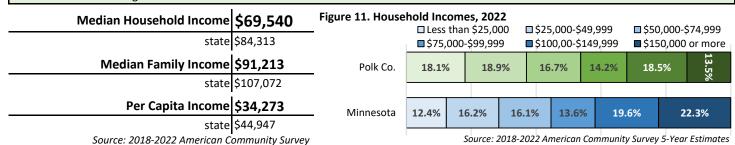
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Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Worked in state of residence	10,493	70.1%	2,867,086	97.7%	1
Worked in county of residence	9,416	62.9%	1,957,366	66.7%	ı
Worked out of county of residence	1,078	7.2%	909,720	31.0%	ı
Worked outside state of residence	4,476	29.9%	67,495	2.3%	ı
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					
Car, truck, or van	12,903	86.2%	2,387,561	81.6%	5
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	120	0.8%	81,926	2.8%	ı
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,063	7.1%	122,889	4.2%	Е
Worked at home	883	5.9%	333,556	11.4%	ı
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					. 7
Less than 10 minutes	4,595	30.7%	465,223	15.9%	,
10 to 19 minutes	5,074	33.9%	895,335	30.6%	ı
20 to 29 minutes	2,171	14.5%	649,557	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	1,632	10.9%	567,631	19.4%	ı
45 to 59 minutes	913	6.1%	190,186	6.5%	ı
60 or more minutes	569	3.8%	158,000	5.4%	ı
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.3	minutes	23.3	minutes	i



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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Polk Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Polk Co. had the 43rd 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. Polk Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.73 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.79 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 Polk Co. \$28,567 \$13.73 \$0 \$399 \$693 \$264 \$194 \$163 \$668 State of Minnesota \$159 \$961 \$16.82 \$0 \$760 \$34,992 \$403 \$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 portation Polk Co. \$46,146 \$14.79 \$203 \$912 \$896 \$437 \$97 \$528 \$773 State of Minnesota \$574 \$60,720 \$19.46 \$921 \$555 \$1,216 \$886 \$517 \$391

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Polk Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 42nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Polk 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-	Polk C	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total Percent		Percent
Total	8,925	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	710	8.0%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,003	11.2%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,208	13.5%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,391	15.6%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,779	31.1%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,422	15.9%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	412	4.6%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$204,6	\$286,800	

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

0% 10% 20% 30% Polk Co ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 7.8% 8.9% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 16.8% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 28.4% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 16.3% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 23.8% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage \$1,52

state \$1,818

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

21.1%

state 22.0%

Median monthly rent costs \$822

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

49.9%

state 46.7%

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



Less than 20%

20% to 24.9%

25.0% to 29.9%35% or more

■ 30.0% to 34.9%

OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.83 in 2023, 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 (\$44.29) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.29) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023							
	Region 1				Stat	te of Minnes	ota
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	\$22.83	35,000	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$44.29	1,910	5.5%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$29.61	1,490	4.3%	0.6	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$40.83	580	1.7%	0.5	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$34.55	530	1.5%	0.8	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$29.30	290	0.8%	0.8	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$25.84	680	1.9%	1.0	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$38.99	90	0.3%	0.4	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.26	2,540	7.3%	1.3	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$22.37	220	0.6%	0.5	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$34.06	1,740	5.0%	0.8	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$18.21	1,430	4.1%	0.7	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$28.12	500	1.4%	1.0	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.29	2,500	7.1%	0.9	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.98	950	2.7%	1.0	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.62	660	1.9%	0.9	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.88	3,000	8.6%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.08	4,700	13.4%	1.1	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.39	190	0.5%	3.8	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$27.62	1,110	3.2%	0.8	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.88	1,460	4.2%	1.2	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$20.79	3,730	10.7%	1.4	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.79	4,670	13.3%	1.7	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

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

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Polk Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 20409 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. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022					
	Number of Wage				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	20,409	\$17.06			
Management	407				
Business & Financial Operations	249	\$21.46			
Computer & Mathematical	101				
Architecture & Engineering	138				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	127				
Community & Social Service	379	•			
Education, Training & Library	1,540				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,348				
Healthcare Support	1,732				
Protective Service	217	\$15.16			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,904	\$14.05			
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,063				
Personal Care & Service	497	\$12.88			
Sales & Related	4,519				
Office & Administrative Support	750	\$16.22			
Construction & Extraction	155	\$21.84			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	845	\$21.35			
Production	1,218	\$18.24			
Transportation & Material Moving	1,684	\$18.83			

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022 Construction Public Other Administration Services, Ex. Accommodatioublic Admin Agriculture, 2% ForestMining & Hunting 2% Manufacturing n and Food 1% Utilities Services 9% 0% 13% Arts, Wholesale Trade Entertainmen 2% t, and Recreation 2% Health Care and Social Assistance 18% Educationation Serviceand William

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

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OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Plannir	Table 13. Northwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022					
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General & Operations Managers			
\$51,692/yr	\$37,961/yr	\$81,165/yr	\$67,488/yr			
Cashiers	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Elementary School Teachers			
\$28,802/yr	\$51,229/yr	\$64,102/yr	\$62,210/yr			
Home Health & Personal	Automotive Service Technicians &	Dental Hygienists	Secondary School Teachers			
Care Aides	Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Secondary School reachers			
\$32,976/yr	\$47,005/yr	\$84,508/yr	\$63,580/yr			
Retail Salespersons	Machinists	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$31,063/yr	\$48,430/yr	\$61,816/yr	\$39,171/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	Electricians	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	Accountants & Auditors			
\$44,044/yr	\$62,857/yr	\$68,070/yr	\$64,490/yr			
Maintenance & Repair	Medical Assistants	Computer Network Support	Preschool Teachers			
Workers, General	Wedical Assistants	Specialists	Freschool reachers			
\$48,600/yr	\$46,584/yr	\$71,089/yr	\$36,501/yr			
Teaching Assistants, exc.	Dental Assistants	Industrial Engineering	Special Education Teachers,			
Postsecondary	Dental Assistants	Technologists & Technicians	Kindergarten & Elementary School			
\$37,015/yr	\$51,999/yr	\$53,775/yr	\$63,611/yr			
Janitors & Cleaners, exc.	Computer User Support Specialists	Forest & Conservation	Child, Family, & School Social			
Maids & Housekeeping		Technicians	Workers			
\$37,767/yr	\$56,923/yr	\$51,299/yr	\$62,810/yr			
Stockers & Order Fillers	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	Business Operations Specialists, All			
	Technicians		Other			
\$39,215/yr	\$52,147/yr	\$53,542/yr	\$60,668/yr			
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &	Emergency Medical Technicians	Civil Engineering Technologists &				
Material Movers, Hand		Technicians	mental health counselors			
\$39,548/yr	\$39,707/yr	\$71,840/yr	\$47,988/yr			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Polk Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 5.1% 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					
Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030		
Total, All Industries	250,722	263,441	5.1%		
Natural Resources & Mining	5,790	5,740	-0.9%		
Utilities	1,135	970	-14.5%		
Construction	10,693	11,157	4.3%		
Manufacturing	27,999	28,618	2.2%		
Wholesale Trade	11,829	12,347	4.4%		
Retail Trade	26,846	25,467	-5.1%		
Transportation & Warehousing	6,436	6,741	4.7%		
Information	2,276	2,229	-2.1%		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,478	7,641	2.2%		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,587	6,025	7.8%		
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,889	4,139	6.4%		
Educational Services	22,015	23,101	4.9%		
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,901	41,390	12.2%		
Leisure & Hospitality	20,446	24,818	21.4%		
Other Services	9,052	10,144	12.1%		
Public Administration	22,824	23,240	1.8%		
So	urce: DEED 2020-2	2030 Employm	ent Outlook		

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2020-2030					
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Management Occupations	455	9.69	92		
Business and Financial	511	2 ,37	73		
Computer and	177	577			
Architecture and	140	861			
Life, Physical, and Social	103	450			
Community and Social	876	2,6	35		
Legal Occupations	62	373			
Educational Instruction and	1,313	6,7	45		
Arts, Design,	350	1,45	9		
Healthcare Practitioners	1,057	3,9	22		
Healthcare Support	2,24	0 8,	874		
Protective Service	219	1,72	3		
Food Preparation and	2,95	57 1	4,657		
Building and Grounds	643	5,34	10		
Personal Care and Service	1,061	5,1	4 3		
Sales and Related	-88	4 12,7	62		
Office and Administrative1	,027■	12,9	44		
Farming, Fishing, and	-59	1,52	0		
Construction and Extraction	615	3,70)4		
Installation, Maintenance,	292	3,32	3		
Production Occupations	221	7,36	8		
Transportation and	1,397	9,4	41		

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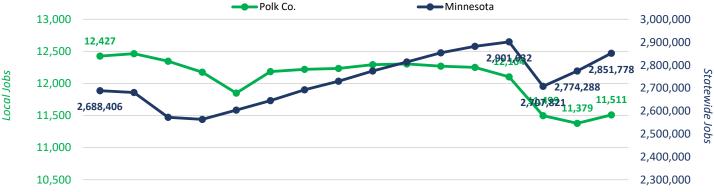
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Polk Co. had the 35th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Polk Co. was the 58th fastest growing in the past year and the 66th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Polk Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

1,023 business establishments \$49,696 annual average wage

11,511 jobs \$572,048,396 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2022 -4.9% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

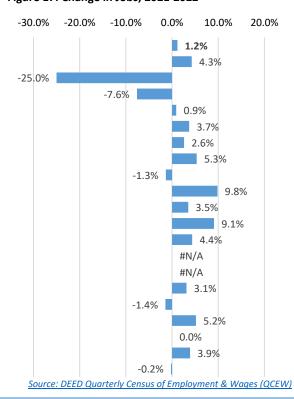


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Polk Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	11,511	100.0%	\$49,696
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	636	5.5%	\$50,314
Mining	20	0.2%	\$71,459
Construction	486	4.2%	\$72,729
Manufacturing	1,552	13.5%	\$67,886
Utilities	28	0.2%	\$120,508
Wholesale Trade	435	3.8%	\$65,818
Retail Trade	1,225	10.6%	\$29,560
Transportation & Warehousing	444	3.9%	\$55,387
Information	190	1.7%	\$38,235
Finance & Insurance	236	2.1%	\$67,291
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	48	0.4%	\$39,912
Professional & Technical Services	215	1.9%	\$65,470
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	1,481	12.9%	\$49,442
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,224	19.3%	\$52,586
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	61	0.5%	\$18,584
Accommodation & Food Services	792	6.9%	\$18,883
Other Services	373	3.2%	\$17,315
Public Administration	884	7.7%	\$51,345

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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