

COUNTY PROFILE

Benton Co.

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



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2023 population:	41,600 people	Median Age:	36.2 years
Population change, 2020-2023	221 people 0.5% increase	state:	38.5 years

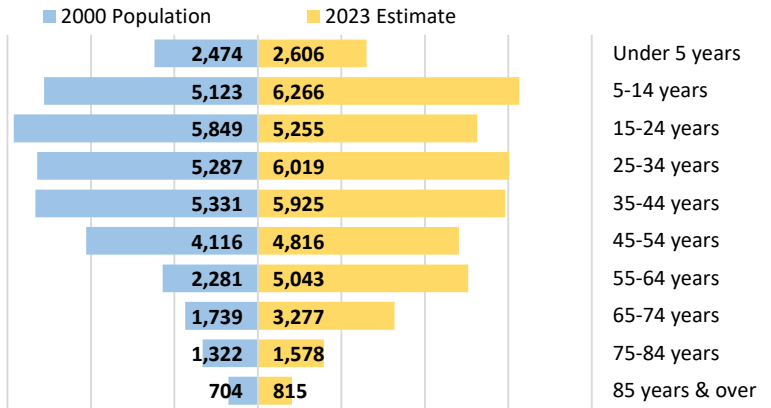
Benton Co. is the 24th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 42nd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Benton Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2023

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	2,606	6.3%
5-14 years	6,266	15.1%
15-24 years	5,255	12.6%
25-34 years	6,019	14.5%
35-44 years	5,925	14.2%
45-54 years	4,816	11.6%
55-64 years	5,043	12.1%
65-74 years	3,277	7.9%
75-84 years	1,578	3.8%
85 years & over	815	2.0%
Total Population	41,600	100.0%

Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Benton Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Benton 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, 2020-2023

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Benton Co.	224	213	1,565	1,352	-14	280	-294
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976

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

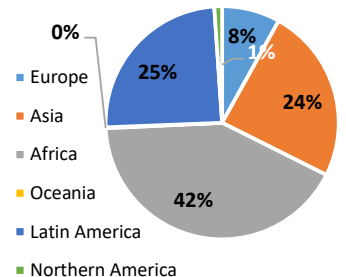
Compared to the state, Benton Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Benton Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2022

	Benton Co.		Change 2010-2022		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	1,760	4.3%	1,164	195.3%	8.5%	31.3%
Europe	142	8.1%	98	222.7%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	428	24.3%	82	23.7%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	737	41.9%	675	1088.7%	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	2	0.1%	2	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	451	25.6%	307	213.2%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	432	24.5%	301	229.8%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	19	1.1%	6	46.2%	2.5%	-4.6%

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

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



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Benton 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

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

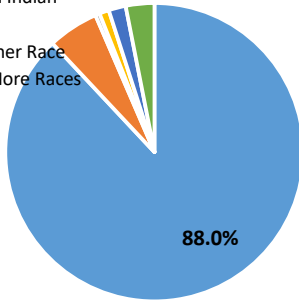


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Benton Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	41,300	100.0%	7.7%	100.0%	7.9%
White	36,349	88.0%	-0.1%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	2,274	5.5%	198.4%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	198	0.5%	-1.0%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	430	1.0%	-7.3%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	768	1.9%	3390.9%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	1,281	3.1%	151.7%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,268	3.1%	86.2%	5.7%	34.6%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

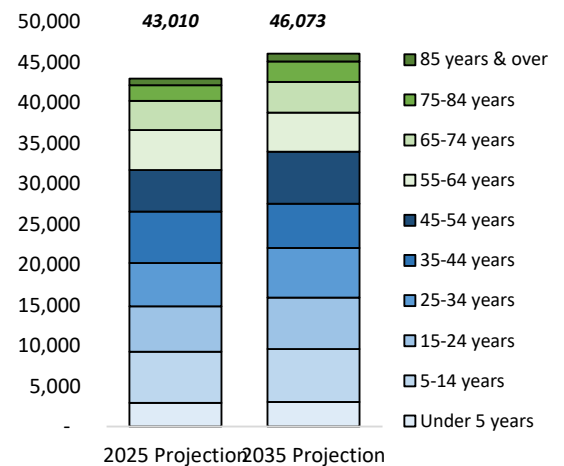
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Benton Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

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

Benton Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	2,922	3,026	104	3.6%
5-14 years	6,306	6,542	236	3.7%
15-24 years	5,614	6,370	756	13.5%
25-34 years	5,355	6,124	769	14.4%
35-44 years	6,379	5,481	-898	-14.1%
45-54 years	5,119	6,426	1,307	25.5%
55-64 years	4,932	4,830	-102	-2.1%
65-74 years	3,630	3,798	168	4.6%
75-84 years	1,940	2,533	593	30.6%
85 years & over	813	943	130	16.0%
Total Population	43,010	46,073	3,063	7.1%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Benton 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. Benton 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.

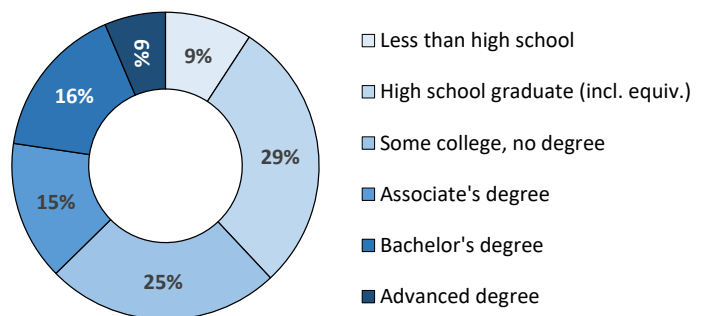
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

90.8%

College-educated: 62.0%
state: 68.5%

Associate's Degree: 14.7%
Bachelor's Degree: 16.2%
Advanced Degree: 6.4%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022



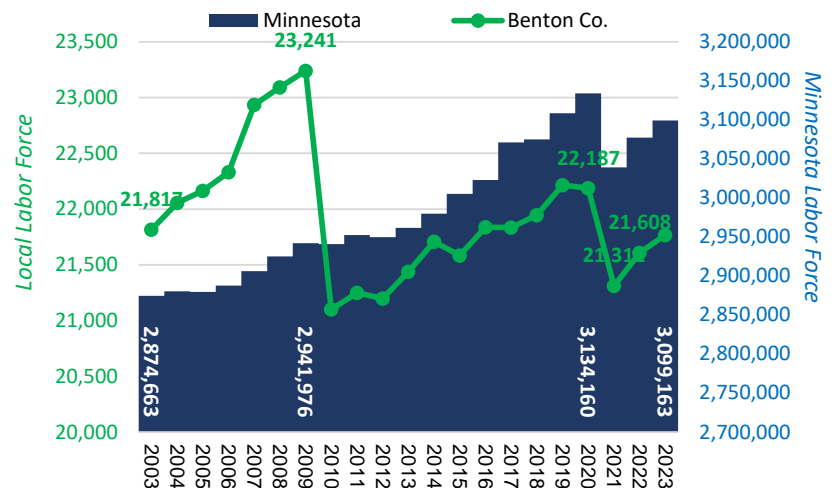
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.4%, Benton Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Benton Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.1% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Benton Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

21,608 available workers	
Labor Force change, 2008-2023	-1,326 workers -5.7% decline
3.4% unemployment rate	2.7% state
735 unemployed workers	

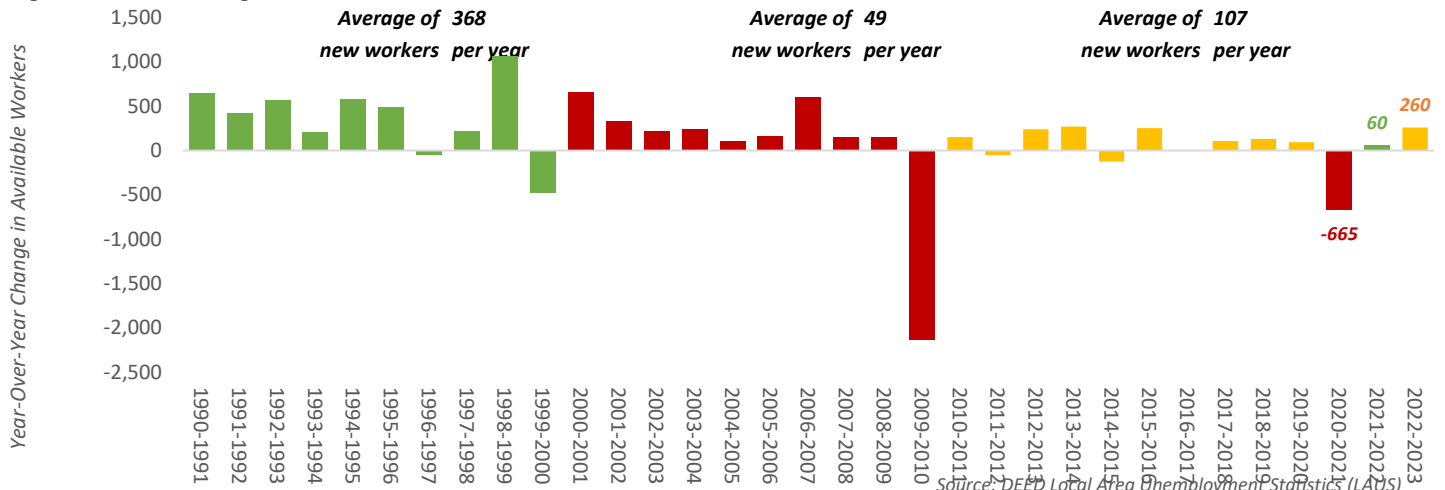
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Benton 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, Benton Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023



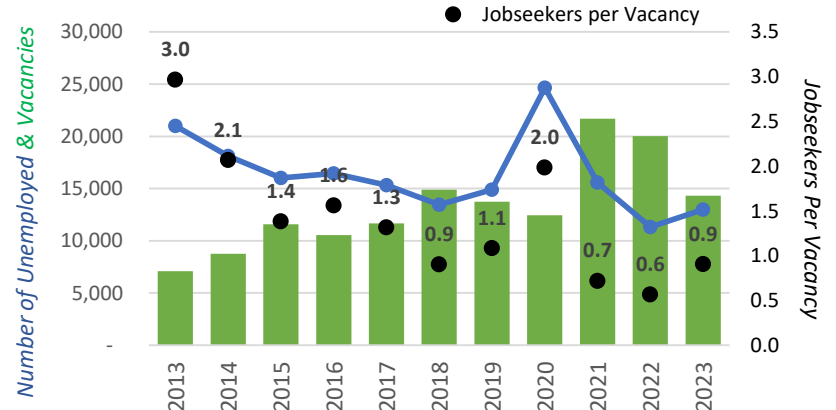
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	3,917	4,510
25 to 54 years	15,178	16,253
55 to 64 years	3,727	3,649
65 years & over	1,081	1,198
Total Labor Force	23,903	25,611

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. In 2023, 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, 2013-2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

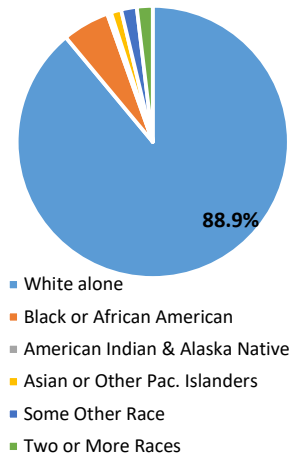
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Benton Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Benton 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

	Benton 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
Total Labor Force	23,334	73.3%	3.7%	68.7%	4.0%	12,076	11,247
16 to 19 years	1,278	64.3%	7.1%	53.0%	9.8%	471	808
20 to 24 years	2,322	90.3%	4.1%	83.1%	6.7%	1,132	1,190
25 to 44 years	10,626	89.6%	3.5%	88.8%	3.5%	5,554	5,070
45 to 54 years	4,355	91.1%	1.6%	87.8%	2.9%	2,374	1,981
55 to 64 years	3,783	75.6%	5.4%	72.8%	3.1%	2,030	1,754
65 to 74 years	690	21.2%	3.8%	27.6%	3.3%	363	328
75 years & over	268	11.3%	0.7%	6.6%	3.2%	152	116
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin							
White alone	20,739	72.2%	3.5%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	1,307	92.5%	1.5%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	106	74.6%	29.2%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	288	78.1%	15.7%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	434	74.7%	1.8%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	439	72.6%	7.7%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	616	68.1%	8.9%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,345	55.2%	14.0%	54.4%	10.2%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	18,767	86.7%	3.5%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,254	75.2%	6.4%	67.2%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	4,233	80.9%	3.1%	76.8%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	8,138	88.4%	3.2%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	5,141	92.8%	1.1%	90.3%	2.0%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022



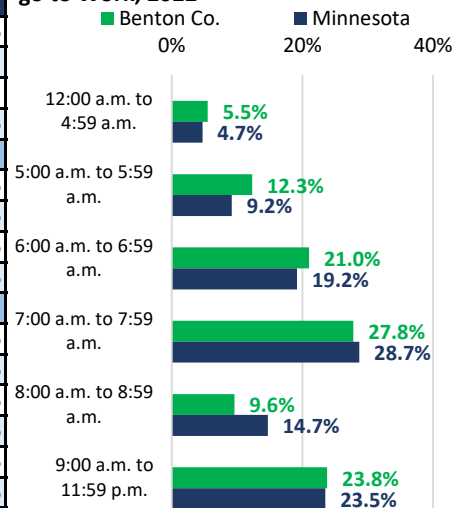
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022

	Benton Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	21,950	99.7%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	7,662	34.8%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	14,288	64.9%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	66	0.3%	67,495	2.3%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	19,550	88.8%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	154	0.7%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	881	4.0%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	1,431	6.5%	333,556	11.4%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	3,390	15.4%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	8,212	37.3%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	4,844	22.0%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,192	14.5%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	1,079	4.9%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	1,321	6.0%	158,000	5.4%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.6 minutes		23.3 minutes	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022



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

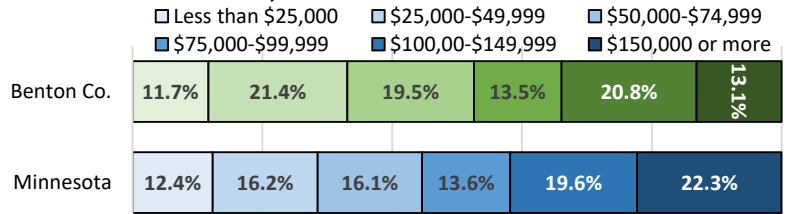
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Benton Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Benton Co. had the 40th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$70,346
state	\$84,313
Median Family Income	\$90,316
state	\$107,072
Per Capita Income	\$35,885
state	\$44,947

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2022



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

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Benton Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.64 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.06 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023

Category	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Single Adult, 0 children									
Benton Co.	\$30,457	\$14.64	\$0	\$401	\$161	\$802	\$567	\$288	\$319
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child									
Benton Co.	\$59,468	\$19.06	\$445	\$914	\$576	\$1,004	\$968	\$459	\$590
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739

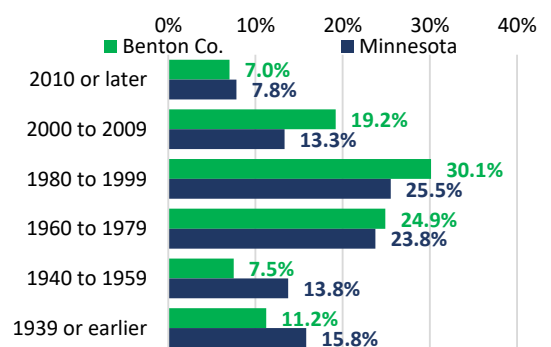
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Benton Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 29th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Benton 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	Benton Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	10,842	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	664	6.1%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	476	4.4%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,302	12.0%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,761	16.2%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,668	33.8%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,250	20.8%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	721	6.7%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$229,300		\$286,800

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,593
state	\$1,818

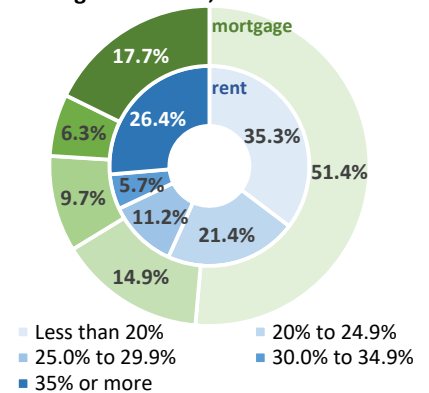
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	24.0%
state	22.0%

Median monthly rent costs	\$907
state	\$1,178

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	32.0%
state	46.7%

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

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2022



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.85 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 7W than the state. Overall, Region 7W had the 3rd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$49.28) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.86) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024

Occupational Group	Region 7W				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
Total, All Occupations	\$23.85	175,560	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$49.28	10,050	5.7%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$36.54	7,440	4.2%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.21	2,020	1.2%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.46	2,180	1.2%	0.6	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$38.17	970	0.6%	0.5	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$29.06	3,000	1.7%	0.8	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$42.84	610	0.3%	0.5	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$29.80	11,820	6.7%	1.2	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$24.61	1,410	0.8%	0.6	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$41.29	11,000	6.3%	1.0	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$17.97	9,000	5.1%	0.9	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$30.48	2,750	1.6%	1.0	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.86	15,280	8.7%	1.1	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.49	5,480	3.1%	1.1	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.27	3,330	1.9%	0.9	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$18.13	16,610	9.5%	1.1	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.15	20,100	11.4%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.15	190	0.1%	0.9	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$31.65	10,400	5.9%	1.5	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.23	7,460	4.2%	1.2	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$23.06	18,010	10.3%	1.5	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.19	16,470	9.4%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

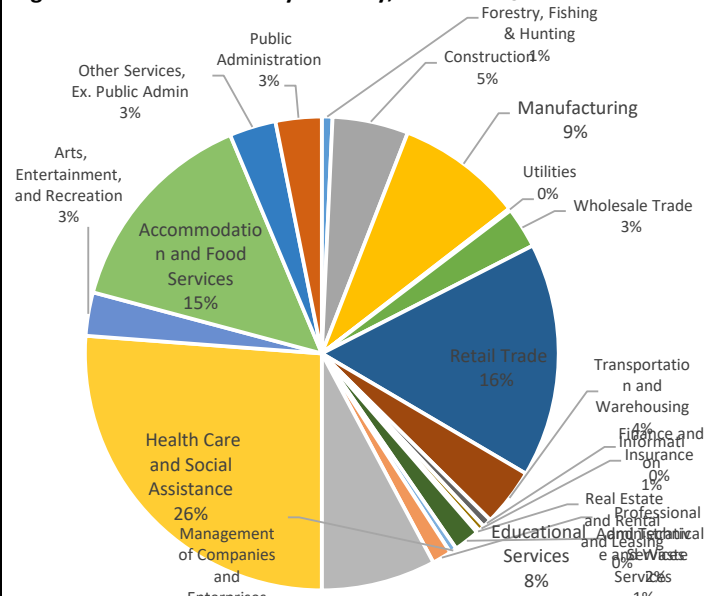
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Benton Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 14320 job vacancies posted by employers in 2023, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
Total, All Occupations	14,320	\$19.13
Management	281	\$28.24
Business & Financial Operations	220	\$26.20
Computer & Mathematical	132	\$32.07
Architecture & Engineering	230	\$30.57
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	60	\$31.02
Community & Social Service	417	\$25.91
Education, Training & Library	597	\$19.04
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,967	\$28.25
Healthcare Support	1,097	\$17.11
Protective Service	272	\$24.39
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,319	\$14.84
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	318	\$16.27
Personal Care & Service	433	\$14.55
Sales & Related	1,632	\$17.55
Office & Administrative Support	747	\$17.98
Construction & Extraction	297	\$23.74
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	589	\$24.92
Production	993	\$20.14
Transportation & Material Moving	1,275	\$19.17

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Central Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Fast Food & Counter Workers \$30,214/yr	Nursing Assistants \$39,353/yr	Registered Nurses \$86,694/yr	General & Operations Managers \$79,121/yr
Home Health & Personal Care Aides \$32,476/yr	Agricultural Technicians \$50,734/yr	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians \$40,013/yr	Elementary School Teachers \$64,300/yr
Cashiers \$29,935/yr	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses \$52,954/yr	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$74,178/yr	Secondary School Teachers \$64,602/yr
Retail Salespersons \$31,947/yr	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics \$50,038/yr	Architectural & Civil Drafters \$60,894/yr	Accountants & Auditors \$69,793/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$45,819/yr	Machinists \$57,338/yr	Electro-Mechanical & Mechatronics Technologists & Technicians \$52,181/yr	Middle School Teachers \$65,007/yr
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand \$39,815/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers \$64,161/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians \$62,998/yr	Preschool Teachers \$36,959/yr
Janitors & Cleaners, exc. Maids & Housekeeping \$36,758/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$63,521/yr	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians \$76,318/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral & mental health counselors \$51,463/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving \$39,562/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists \$35,910/yr	Dental Hygienists \$84,542/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$43,575/yr
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$57,479/yr	Electricians \$63,794/yr	Surgical Technologists \$64,849/yr	Financial Managers \$120,404/yr
Teaching Assistants, exc. Postsecondary \$38,154/yr	Medical Assistants \$46,901/yr	Computer Network Support Specialists \$72,592/yr	Medical & Health Services Managers \$100,201/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

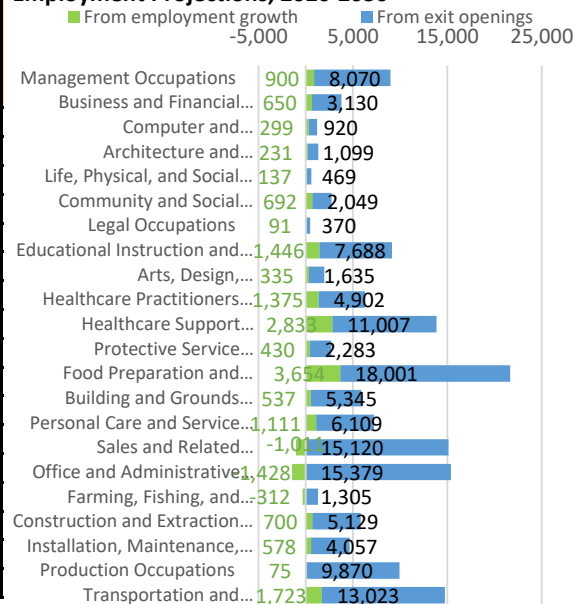
Benton Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
Total, All Industries	301,170	316,216	5.0%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,416	4,879	-9.9%
Utilities	1,952	1,686	-13.6%
Construction	18,984	19,792	4.3%
Manufacturing	39,543	40,646	2.8%
Wholesale Trade	10,123	10,516	3.9%
Retail Trade	35,588	33,781	-5.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	10,098	10,685	5.8%
Information	2,639	2,842	7.7%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	9,550	9,649	1.0%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	8,562	9,119	6.5%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	9,545	10,066	5.5%
Educational Services	23,734	24,976	5.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	46,672	52,213	11.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	21,963	26,961	22.8%
Other Services	10,108	11,290	11.7%
Public Administration	19,239	20,198	5.0%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Benton Co. had the 24th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Benton Co. was the 68th fastest growing in the past year and the 30th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Benton Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

1,057 business establishments

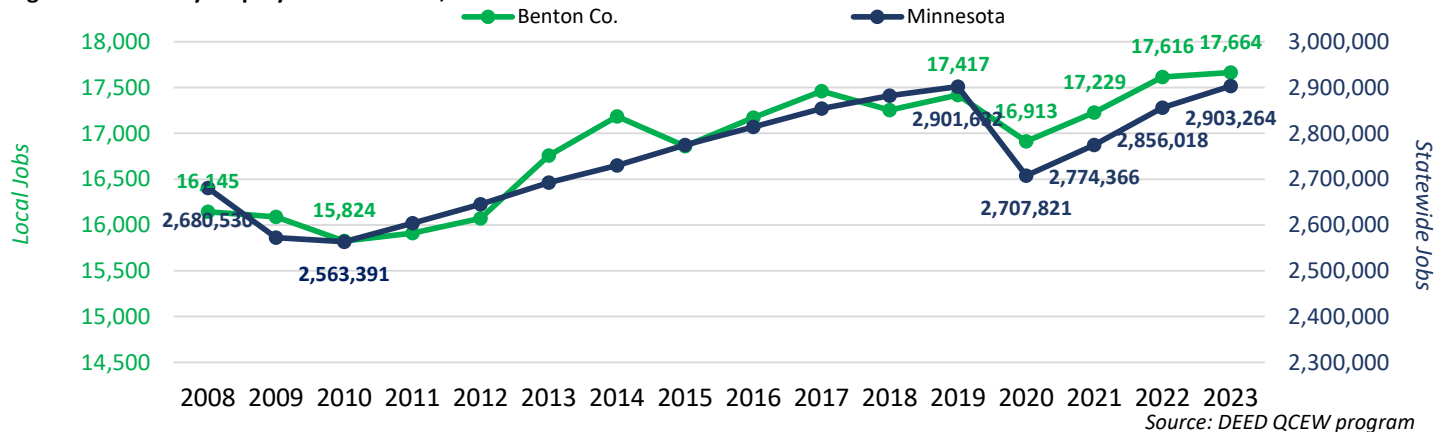
\$53,876 annual average wage

17,664 jobs

\$951,674,404 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2023: 247 jobs, 1.4% increase

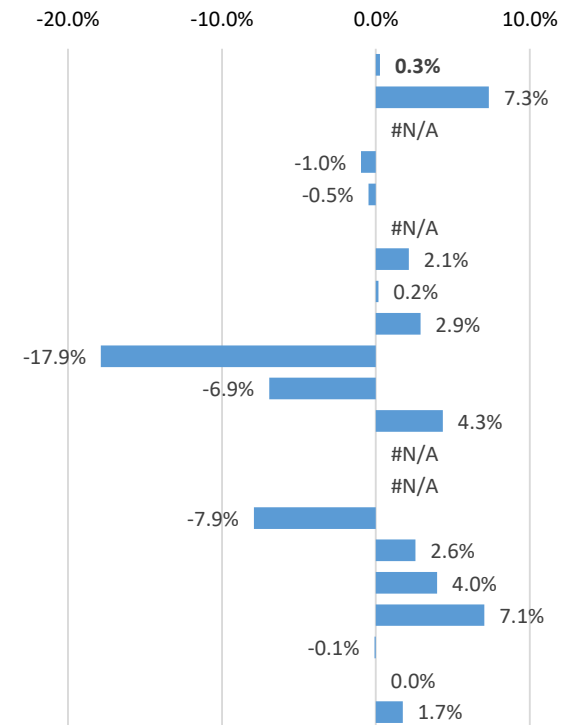
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Benton Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2023	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	17,664	100.0%	\$53,876
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	336	1.9%	\$53,437
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	2,466	14.0%	\$80,317
Manufacturing	3,546	20.1%	\$58,769
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	1,240	7.0%	\$70,955
Retail Trade	1,809	10.2%	\$35,472
Transportation & Warehousing	711	4.0%	\$52,313
Information	92	0.5%	\$69,522
Finance & Insurance	376	2.1%	\$62,718
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	120	0.7%	\$44,578
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	871	4.9%	\$45,060
Educational Services	1,161	6.6%	\$50,124
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,270	12.9%	\$35,411
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	167	0.9%	\$28,699
Accommodation & Food Services	1,053	6.0%	\$20,483
Other Services	389	2.2%	\$30,823
Public Administration	467	2.6%	\$61,882

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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

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