COUNTY PROFILE

Cook Co.

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

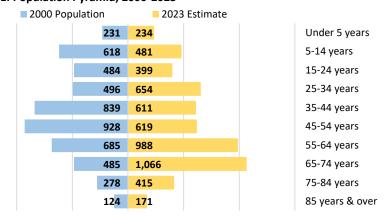
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Cook Co. is the 81st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 39th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Cook Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2023 Number Percent Under 5 years 234 4.2% 481 8.5% 5-14 years 15-24 years 399 7.1% 25-34 years 654 11.6% 35-44 years 611 10.8% 45-54 years 619 11.0% 55-64 years 988 17.5% 1,066 65-74 years 18.9% 75-84 years 415 7.4% 3.0% 171 85 years & over **Total Population** 5,639 100.0% Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Cook Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Cook Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2023							
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023				
	Population	Natural	Vital E	Events Net Migration			on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Cook Co.	38	-59	108	167	100	39	61
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, Cook Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Cook Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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Cool	k Co.	Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota				
Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change			
212	3.8%	123	138.2%	8.5%	31.3%			
48	22.6%	16	50.0%	9.3%	-0.6%			
57	26.9%	26	83.9%	36.7%	30.2%			
3	1.4%	3	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%			
0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%			
104	49.1%	78	300.0%	25.4%	7.5%			
53	25.0%	45	562.5%	22.9%	9.0%			
51	24.1%	33	183.3%	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

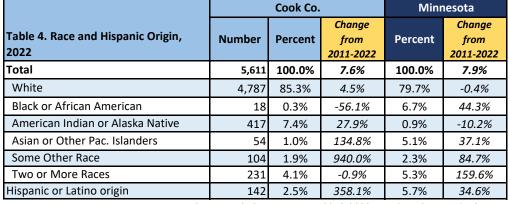


COUNTY PROFILE

Cook Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population increased and 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



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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

85.3%

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Cook Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is 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 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Cook Co. Projection Projection Change Change Under 5 years 231 244 13 5.6% 5-14 years 547 569 22 4.0% 441 26.8% 15-24 years 559 118 25-34 years 555 489 -66 -11.9% 35-44 years 640 697 57 8.9% 625 749 124 19.8% 45-54 years 55-64 years 865 761 -104 -12.0% 65-74 years 1,103 888 -215 -19.5% 75-84 years 605 769 164 27.1% 92 85 years & over 156 248 59.0%

5,768



205

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 7,000 5,768 5,973 ■ 85 years & over 6.000 ■ 75-84 years 5.000 **□** 65-74 years **□** 55-64 years 4,000 ■ 45-54 years 3,000 ■ 35-44 years ■ 25-34 years 2,000 ■ 15-24 years 1,000 ■ 5-14 years □ Under 5 years

2025 Projection 2035 Projection

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Total Population

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

3.6%

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

97.1%

5,973

College-educated: 73.7% 68.5% state:

Associate's Degree: 10.0% Bachelor's Degree: 28.1% Advanced Degree: 17.4%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022 ■ Less than high school 17% ■ High school graduate (incl. equiv.) 23% ■ Some college, no degree Associate's degree 28% 18% ■ Bachelor's degree 10% ■ Advanced degree

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

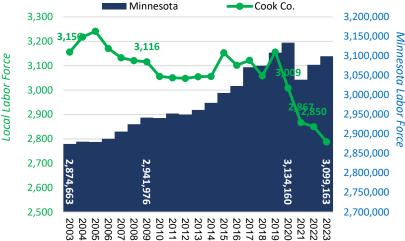
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LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.5%, Cook Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Cook Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.6% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Cook Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

2022-2023

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

Cook Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 300 Average of 88 Average of -8 Average of -5 new workers per year fewer workers per year fewer workers per year 250 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 200 150 100 31 50 0 -50 -100 -150 2012-201 2011-201 2011-201 2021-202

2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008

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Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	265	347		
25 to 54 years	1,555	1,645		
55 to 64 years	610	536		
65 years & over	437	380		
Total Labor Force	2,867	2,909		

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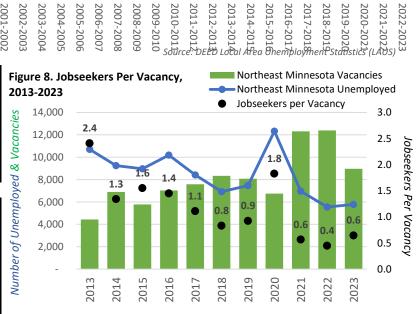
Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2018-2022 ACS

1995-1996

996-1997

1997-1998 1998-1999

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



2013-2014

2010-2011

2008-2009 2009-2010

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

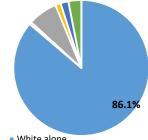
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LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	Cook 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
2,969	60.9%	3.1%	68.7%	4.0%	1,544	1,423
63	42.0%	3.2%	53.0%	9.8%	40	23
196	87.9%	0.0%	83.1%	6.7%	81	115
1,118	88.8%	3.9%	88.8%	3.5%	582	536
487	79.1%	1.4%	87.8%	2.9%	233	254
693	70.5%	4.9%	72.8%	3.1%	363	330
369	34.8%	0.0%	27.6%	3.3%	228	141
41	7.0%	12.2%	6.6%	3.2%	17	24
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force l
2,557	60.3%	2.2%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
16	88.9%	31.3%	71.5%	8.7%		
208	64.2%	6.3%	57.6%	11.9%		
38	80.9%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		WI -
56	61.5%	7.1%	76.1%	6.1%		
91	58.7%	15.4%	74.3%	6.6%		
76	71.7%	5.3%	77.0%	6.3%		
20 to 64 years						
118	44.5%	26.3%	54.4%	10.2%		
l Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
2,298	80.4%	3.7%	84.4%	3.3%		
41	56.9%	6.9%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
576	80.1%	0.0%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
630	77.4%	5.2%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
1,051	83.9%	0.7%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race
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Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022

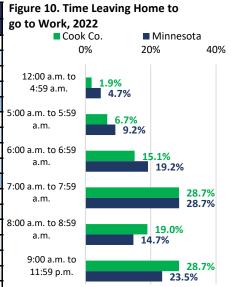


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

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

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

	Cook (Co.	Minne	esota	İ
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1
Worked in state of residence	2,741	99.4%	2,867,086	97.7%	ĺ
Worked in county of residence	2,661	96.5%	1,957,366	66.7%	ĺ
Worked out of county of residence	80	2.9%	909,720	31.0%	ĺ
Worked outside state of residence	17	0.6%	67,495	2.3%	İ
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					ĺ.
Car, truck, or van	1,898	68.8%	2,387,561	81.6%	5
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	28	1.0%	81,926	2.8%	İ
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	339	12.3%	122,889	4.2%	6
Worked at home	491	17.8%	333,556	11.4%	İ
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					į ,
Less than 10 minutes	1,316	47.6%	465,223	15.9%	ĺ
10 to 19 minutes	571	20.7%	895,335	30.6%	ĺ
20 to 29 minutes	276	10.0%	649,557	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	381	13.8%	567,631	19.4%	ĺ
45 to 59 minutes	121	4.4%	190,186	6.5%	ĺ
60 or more minutes	99	3.6%	158,000	5.4%	ĺ
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	16.3	minutes	23.3	minutes	ĺ

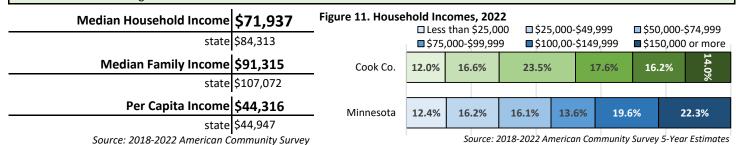


Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

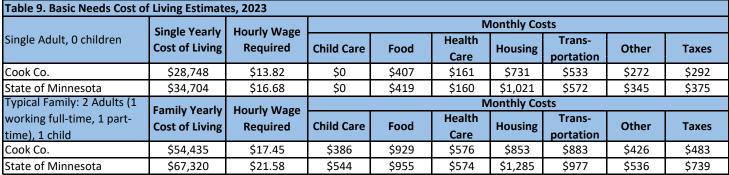
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INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Cook Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Cook Co. had the 32nd 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. Cook Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.82 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.45 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

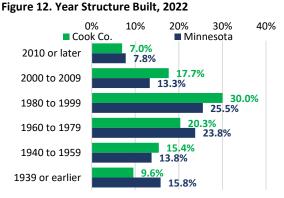


Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Cook Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 10th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Cook Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Cook Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	2,086	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	72	3.5%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	68	3.3%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	129	6.2%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	264	12.7%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	575	27.6%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	613	29.4%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	365	17.5%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$289,5	500	\$286,800

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



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

34.1%

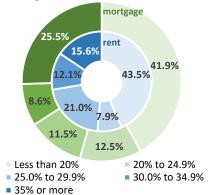
Median monthly rent costs \$874

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

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



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OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.41 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 5th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$45.28) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.4) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
		Regio	n 3		Stat	e 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	\$23.41	138,010	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$45.28	7,740	5.6%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.89	5,970	4.3%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.37	2,090	1.5%	0.4	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.12	2,180	1.6%	0.8	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$35.31	1,820	1.3%	1.3	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$25.46	4,280	3.1%	1.5	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$40.53	540	0.4%	0.6	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.65	8,350	6.1%	1.1	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.33	1,250	0.9%	0.7	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$39.02	11,510	8.3%	1.3	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$17.99	9,260	6.7%	1.1	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$26.04	3,070	2.2%	1.4	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.40	13,910	10.1%	1.3	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.48	4,560	3.3%	1.2	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.17	3,050	2.2%	1.1	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.96	11,740	8.5%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.44	16,760	12.1%	1.0	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.88	220	0.2%	1.3	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$32.73	7,590	5.5%	1.4	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.94	6,760	4.9%	1.4	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$24.87	6,550	4.7%	0.7	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.66	8,810	6.4%	0.8	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

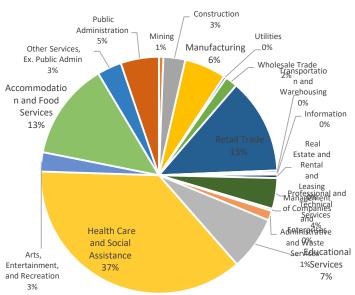
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Cook Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 8963 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. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023						
	Number of Wag					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer				
Total, All Occupations	8,963	\$18.49				
Management	144	\$39.89				
Business & Financial Operations	246					
Computer & Mathematical	35					
Architecture & Engineering	195					
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	70	T				
Community & Social Service	333					
Education, Training & Library	426					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,244	•				
Healthcare Support	982					
Protective Service	129					
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,043	\$14.24				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	436					
Personal Care & Service	346					
Sales & Related	826					
Office & Administrative Support	594	\$16.61				
Construction & Extraction	59	\$23.67				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	760	\$20.03				
Production	420					
Transportation & Material Moving	499	\$17.36				

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

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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 & Mechanics	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians	Secondary School Teachers			
\$28,649/yr	\$48,638/yr	\$62,998/yr	\$64,162/yr			
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General	Medical Assistants	Dental Hygienists	Social & Community Service Managers			
\$51,214/yr	\$44,580/yr	\$80,434/yr	\$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

Cook 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).

	Estimated Employment	Projected Employ-	Percent Change
Northeast Planning Region	2020	ment 2030	
Total, All Industries	148,527	156,642	5.5%
Natural Resources & Mining	4,938	5,018	1.6%
Utilities	1,295	1,097	-15.3%
Construction	6,111	6,368	4.2%
Manufacturing	8,329	8,166	-2.0%
Wholesale Trade	3,122	3,127	0.2%
Retail Trade	16,275	15,391	-5.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	4,783	4,977	4.1%
Information	1,145	1,210	5.7%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	5,760	5,883	2.1%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,359	5,695	6.3%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	2,916	3,095	6.1%
Educational Services	11,884	12,440	4.7%
Health Care & Social Assistance	32,183	35,151	9.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	14,347	17,531	22.2%
Other Services	5,703	6,304	10.5%
Public Administration	14,780	15,572	5.4%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

	Employment Projection	s, 2020	-2030			
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	Computer and	209	442			
	Architecture and	91	623			
	Life, Physical, and Social	71	369			
7	Community and Social	465	1 ,799			
4	Legal Occupations	45	200			
4	Educational Instruction and	657	3,631			
	Arts, Design,	184	859			
	Healthcare Practitioners	961	3,284	4		
	Healthcare Support	1,290	6,74	4		
	Protective Service	249	1,403			
7	Food Preparation and	2,06	7 9,6	37		
-	Building and Grounds	526	3,401			
_	Personal Care and Service	524	2,966			
_	Sales and Related	-59	7,506			
	Office and Administrative	-465 I	7,812			
	Farming, Fishing, and	181	290			
	Construction and Extraction	276	2, 492			
1	Installation, Maintenance,	199	2, 286			
-	Production Occupations	-241	2,588			
	Transportation and	513	4,567			
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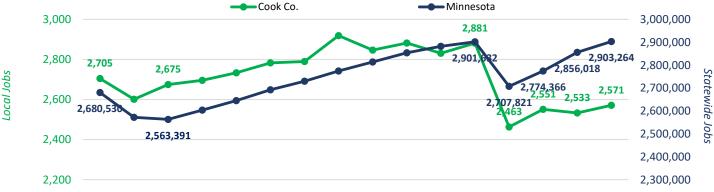
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Cook Co. had the 75th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Cook Co. was the 35th fastest growing in the past year and the 86th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Cook Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

338 business establishments \$44,001 annual average wage

2,571 jobs \$113,126,473 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2023 -10.8% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023

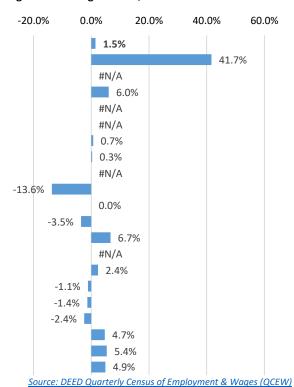


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Source: DEED QCEW program

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Table 15. Cook Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	2,571	100.0%	\$44,001
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	9	0.3%	\$15,823
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	158	6.1%	\$51,918
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	49	1.9%	\$60,361
Retail Trade	320	12.4%	\$29,037
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	19	0.7%	\$34,560
Finance & Insurance	34	1.3%	\$60,576
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	55	2.1%	\$33,010
Professional & Technical Services	16	0.6%	\$19,602
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	43	1.7%	\$47,134
Educational Services	174	6.8%	\$48,122
Health Care & Social Assistance	218	8.5%	\$63,060
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	201	7.8%	\$40,864
Accommodation & Food Services	758	29.5%	\$33,511
Other Services	39	1.5%	\$23,292
Public Administration	407	15.8%	\$61,459

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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