

COUNTY PROFILE

Pennington Co.

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

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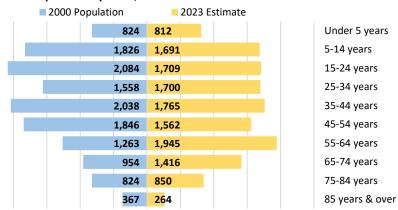
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2023 population:	13,714 people		
Population change,	-278 people	Median Age:	39.8 years
2020-2023	-2.0% decline	state:	38.5 years

Pennington Co. is the 59th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 75th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Pennington 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 5.9% 1,691 12.3% 5-14 years 15-24 years 1,709 12.5% 25-34 years 1,700 12.4% 35-44 years 1,765 12.9% 45-54 years 1,562 11.4% 55-64 years 1,945 14.2% 65-74 years 1,416 10.3% 75-84 years 850 6.2% 264 1.9% 85 years & over **Total Population** 13,714 100.0% Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Pennington Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Pennington Co. welcomed net international inmigration - 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 Events Net Migration			Vital Events		on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Pennington Co.	-274	-36	458	494	-232	14	-246	
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976	

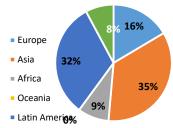
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Pennington Co.		Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	358	2.6%	101	39.3%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	59	16.5%	29	96.7%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	125	34.9%	38	43.7%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	31	8.7%	19	158.3%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	143	39.9%	15	11.7%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	115	32.1%	84	271.0%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	28	7.8%	-69	-71.1%	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

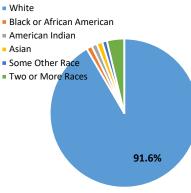


Northern America

Pennington 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
- American Indian
- Asian



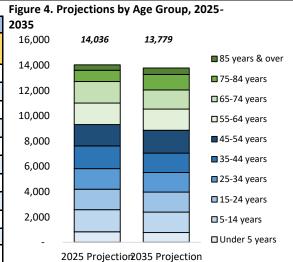
	Pe	nnington	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	13,995	100.0%	0.6%	100.0%	7.9%
White	12,819	91.6%	-2.4%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	169	1.2%	-2.3%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	163	1.2%	-3.0%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	175	1.3%	60.6%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	143	1.0%	116.7%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	526	3.8%	97.0%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	636	4.5%	75.7%	5.7%	34.6%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Pennington 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).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Pennington Co. Projection Projection Change Change -7.1% Under 5 years 834 775 -59 5-14 years 1,740 1,611 -129 -7.4% -2.2% 1,623 1,588 15-24 years -35 25-34 years 1,629 1,539 -90 -5.5% -253 35-44 years 1,795 1,542 -14.1% 1,690 1,798 108 6.4% 45-54 years -20 55-64 years 1,702 1,682 -1.2% 65-74 years 1,699 1,510 -189 -11.1% 75-84 years 899 1,230 331 36.8% 425 79 85 years & over 504 18.6% **Total Population** 14,036 13,779 -257 -1.8%



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

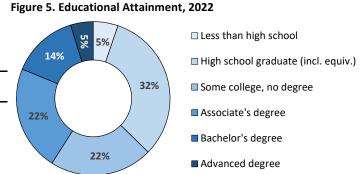
Pennington Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Pennington Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage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

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

94.8%

College-educated: 62.7% 68.5% state:

Associate's Degree: 22.2% 14.0% Bachelor's Degree: Advanced Degree: 4.7%



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

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.3%, Pennington Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Pennington Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.8% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Pennington Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

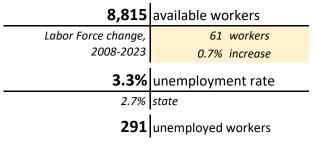
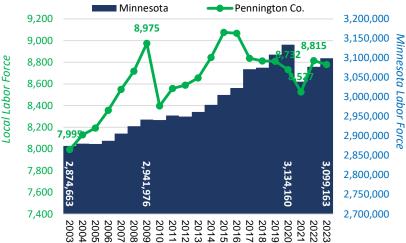


Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

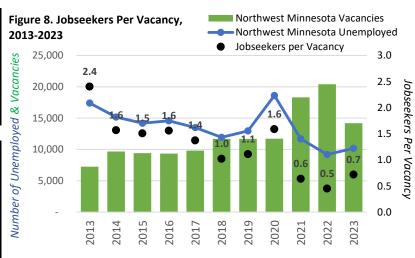
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Pennington Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Pennington Co. is expected to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

Pennington Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 400 Average of 94 Average of 71 Average of 32 kers per year new workers per year new workers <u>per</u> year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 200 n -90 -200 -400 -600 -800 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 2013-20145 2001-2002 2000-200: 2002-2003 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2009-2010 2003-2004 2008-2009 1991-1992 1992-1993 1997-1998 1999-2000 .990-199: .993-1994 .994-1995 .995-1996 .996-1997 .998-1999

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	35 2025 20 3			
16 to 24 years	1,093	1,099		
25 to 54 years	4,644	4,438		
55 to 64 years	1,152	1,138		
65 years & over	523	490		
Total Labor Force	7,412	7,166		

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



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	Pen	nington Co.		Minne	esota	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	
Total Labor Force	7,639	68.1%	1.9%	68.7%	4.0%	
16 to 19 years	353	56.5%	2.5%	53.0%	9.8%	
20 to 24 years	838	93.5%	4.9%	83.1%	6.7%	
25 to 44 years	3,164	89.5%	1.0%	88.8%	3.5%	
45 to 54 years	1,490	93.5%	1.7%	87.8%	2.9%	
55 to 64 years	1,343	67.7%	1.5%	72.8%	3.1%	
65 to 74 years	393	27.2%	4.6%	27.6%	3.3%	
75 years & over	52	4.6%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					
White alone	7,049	68.1%	1.6%	67.8%	3.4%	
Black or African American	42	36.5%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%	
American Indian & Alaska Native	72	50.7%	1.4%	57.6%	11.9%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	107	88.4%	24.3%	73.9%	3.6%	Ĺ
Some Other Race	101	84.9%	1.0%	76.1%	6.1%	
Two or More Races	263	71.3%	0.0%	74.3%	6.6%	ľ
Hispanic or Latino	376	85.5%	0.3%	77.0%	6.3%	
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty, 20 to 64 years					ı
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	664	67.5%	2.6%	54.4%	10.2%	ľ
Employment Characteristics by Educati	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years				
Population, 25 to 64 years	5,998	84.3%	1.3%	84.4%	3.3%	
Less than H.S. Diploma	203	74.1%	1.8%	67.2%	4.6%	
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,679	82.3%	2.7%	76.8%	2.5%	ľ
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,966	85.1%	1.3%	85.1%	3.6%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,150	87.4%	0.3%	90.3%	2.0%	Ī

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022

Labor Force by Gender

Female

3,600

206

405

1,496

716

597

179

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Male

4,034

147

433

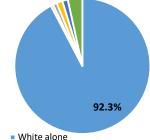
1,669

774

746

214

51



- 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 Pennington Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Pennington Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

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

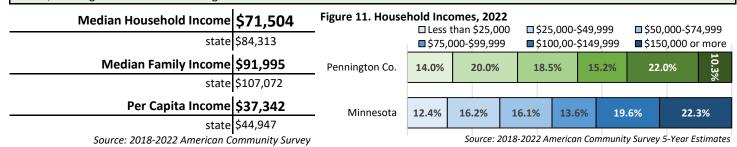
	Penningto	on Co.	Minn	esota		
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Worked in state of residence	7,222	98.7%	2,867,086	97.7%	ı	
Worked in county of residence	6,783	92.7%	1,957,366	66.7%	ı	
Worked out of county of residence	439	6.0%	909,720	31.0%	ı	
Worked outside state of residence	95	1.3%	67,495	2.3%	ı	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					١.	
Car, truck, or van	6,168	84.3%	2,387,561	81.6%		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	44	0.6%	81,926	2.8%	ı	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	483	6.6%	122,889	4.2%	(
Worked at home	622	8.5%	333,556	11.4%	ı	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK						
Less than 10 minutes	3,315	45.3%	465,223	15.9%		
10 to 19 minutes	2,744	37.5%	895,335	30.6%	ı	
20 to 29 minutes	476	6.5%	649,557	22.2%	8	
30 to 44 minutes	380	5.2%	567,631	19.4%	ı	
45 to 59 minutes	198	2.7%	190,186	6.5%	ì	
60 or more minutes	205	2.8%	158,000	5.4%	ı	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	13.6	minutes	23.3	minutes	ı	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Pennington Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 9.2% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 14.1% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 30.1% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 11.6% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 23.0% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

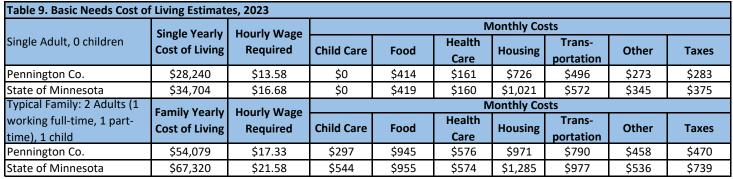
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Pennington Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Pennington Co. had the 35th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



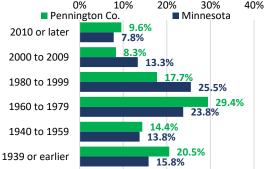
The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Pennington Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.58 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.33 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).



Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Pennington Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 54th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Pennington 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-	Penningto	on Co.	Minnesota	Figure 12. Year St	ructure	Built, 202	22
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent				0%
Total	4,467	100.0%	100.0%	Pennii	ngton Co.	_	
Less than \$50,000	307	6.9%	4.1%	2010 or later		9.6% 7.8 %	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	471	10.5%	4.6%	2000 to 2009		8.3 %	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	891	19.9%	7.1%			13.3	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	880	19.7%	10.7%	1980 to 1999			<u>17.</u>
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,292	28.9%	27.1%	1960 to 1979			
\$300,000 to \$499,999	512	11.5%	31.7%				
\$500,000 or more	114	2.6%	14.7%	1940 to 1959		14.4 13.8	
Median (dollars)	\$173,8	300	\$286,800	1939 or earlier			2



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

21.7%

state 46.7%

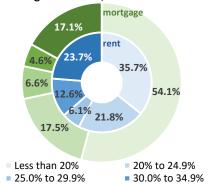
Median monthly rent costs \$935

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

36.4%

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

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



35% or more

OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.51 in 2024, 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 (\$46.27) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.65) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 20	Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
		Region 1				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	\$23.51	35,370	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%	
Management	\$46.27	1,950	5.5%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.06	1,570	4.4%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.17	570	1.6%	0.5	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$36.26	530	1.5%	0.7	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.52	260	0.7%	0.7	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$29.08	650	1.8%	0.9	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%	
Legal	\$39.81	80	0.2%	0.3	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$24.78	2,520	7.1%	1.3	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$24.62	230	0.7%	0.5	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.52	1,810	5.1%	0.8	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%	
Healthcare Support	\$18.62	1,510	4.3%	0.7	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%	
Protective Service	\$27.66	590	1.7%	1.0	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.65	2,710	7.7%	1.0	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.27	1,000	2.8%	1.0	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$17.05	580	1.6%	0.8	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%	
Sales & Related	\$17.49	3,060	8.7%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$24.10	4,490	12.7%	1.0	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.67	180	0.5%	4.2	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%	
Construction & Extraction	\$28.25	1,110	3.1%	0.8	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$27.19	1,410	4.0%	1.1	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%	
Production	\$21.48	4,140	11.7%	1.7	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.73	4,440	12.6%	1.6	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%	

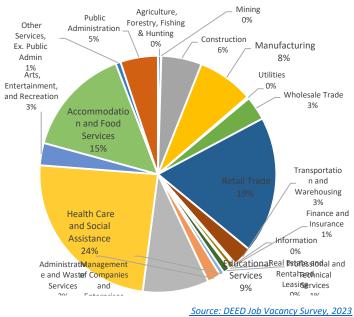
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Pennington Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 14193 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. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023					
	Number of W				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	14,193	\$17.77			
Management	180				
Business & Financial Operations	162				
Computer & Mathematical	49	\$30.06			
Architecture & Engineering	110				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	105				
Community & Social Service	326				
Education, Training & Library	668				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,478				
Healthcare Support	1,168	•			
Protective Service	277	\$23.55			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,518	\$14.63			
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	594	\$16.01			
Personal Care & Service	223	\$15.86			
Sales & Related	1,918				
Office & Administrative Support	508	\$17.18			
Construction & Extraction	727	N/A			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	609	\$20.26			
Production	668				
Transportation & Material Moving	1,263	\$20.23			

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



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 Hygiemsts	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	compater oser support specialists	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 &	Substance abuse, behavioral &				
Material Movers, Hand		Technicians	mental health counselors				
\$39,548/yr	\$39,707/yr	\$71,840/yr	\$47,988/yr				

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Pennington 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%			

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2020-2030					
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Management Occupations	455	9.69	2		
Business and Financial	511	2 ,37	'3		
Computer and	177	577			
Architecture and	140	861			
Life, Physical, and Social	103	450			
Community and Social	876	2.63	35		
Legal Occupations		,			
Educational Instruction and	1.313	6,7	45		
Arts, Design,	· '				
Healthcare Practitioners	1,057	,			
Healthcare Support	2,24	0 8,	874		
Protective Service	219	1,72	3		
Food Preparation and	2,9	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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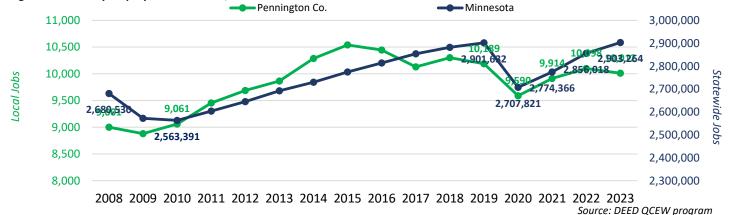
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Pennington Co. had the 40th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Pennington Co. was the 76th fastest growing in the past year and the 44th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Pennington Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

416 business establishments \$56,230 annual average wage

10,012 jobs \$562,979,481 total industry payroll

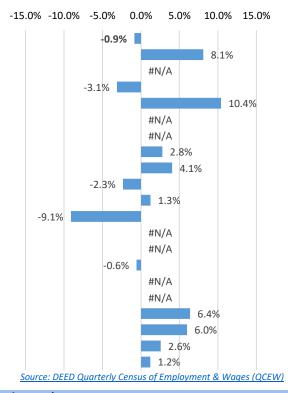
Job change, 2019-2023 -1.7% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023



Average Number of Table 15. Pennington Co. Industry Percent of Annual **Employment Statistics, 2023 Jobs** Total Jobs Wage 10,012 100.0% \$56,230 **Total, All Industries** Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt 40 0.4% \$49,416 #N/A #N/A #N/A Mining Construction 187 1.9% \$61,166 1,083 10.8% Manufacturing \$60,671 Utilities #N/A #N/A #N/A Wholesale Trade #N/A #N/A #N/A 995 Retail Trade 9.9% \$27,488 Transportation & Warehousing 244 2.4% \$16,782 Information 84 0.8% \$37,915 Finance & Insurance 162 1.6% \$67,654 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing 20 0.2% \$26,146 #N/A #N/A #N/A **Professional & Technical Services** Management of Companies #N/A #N/A #N/A Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs. 174 1.7% \$32,801 #N/A #N/A **Educational Services** #N/A Health Care & Social Assistance #N/A #N/A #N/A Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation 400 4.0% \$24,758 Accommodation & Food Services 513 5.1% \$17,764 Other Services 239 2.4% \$22,064

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



For more information on Pennington Co.'s population, labor force, and economic trends, contact:

3.3%

\$63,114

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