

**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Carlton Co.**

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



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2023 population:	<b>36,825 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>41.6 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2023	618 people 1.7% increase	state:	38.5 years

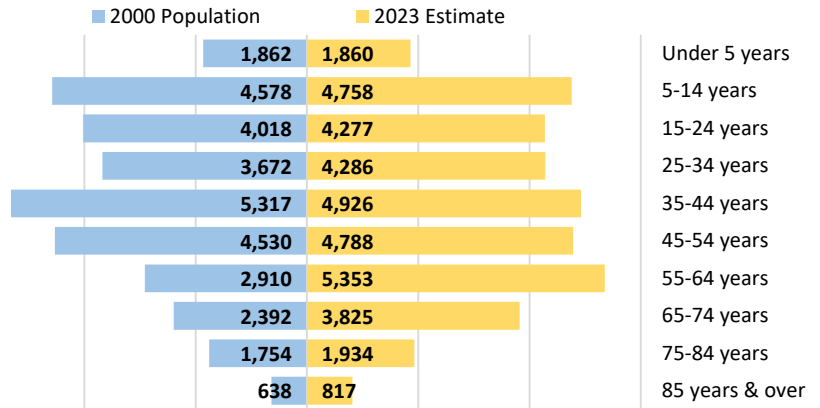
Carlton Co. is the 30th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 19th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Carlton Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. 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	1,860	5.1%
5-14 years	4,758	12.9%
15-24 years	4,277	11.6%
25-34 years	4,286	11.6%
35-44 years	4,926	13.4%
45-54 years	4,788	13.0%
55-64 years	5,353	14.5%
65-74 years	3,825	10.4%
75-84 years	1,934	5.3%
85 years & over	817	2.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>36,825</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023**



Carlton 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, Carlton 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
Carlton Co.	634	-256	1,230	1,486	891	38	853
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

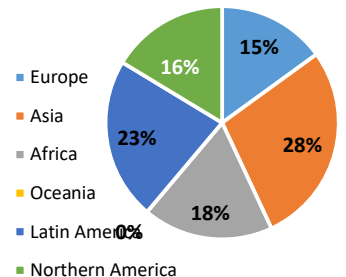
Compared to the state, Carlton Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Carlton Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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

	Carlton Co.		Change 2010-2022		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>-174</b>	<b>-27.8%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Europe	68	15.0%	-172	-71.7%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	127	28.0%	-38	-23.0%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	82	18.1%	61	290.5%	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	-4	-100.0%	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	176	38.9%	-21	-10.7%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	102	22.5%	-33	-24.4%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	74	16.3%	12	19.4%	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**



## COUNTY PROFILE

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Carlton 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**

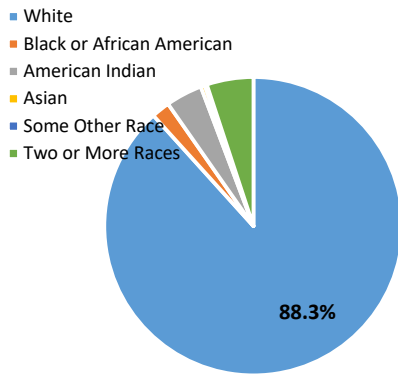


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Carlton Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,362</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
White	32,107	88.3%	1.8%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	725	2.0%	23.7%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,438	4.0%	-27.1%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	164	0.5%	-24.1%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	86	0.2%	-57.8%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	1,842	5.1%	200.0%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	673	1.9%	31.4%	5.7%	34.6%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

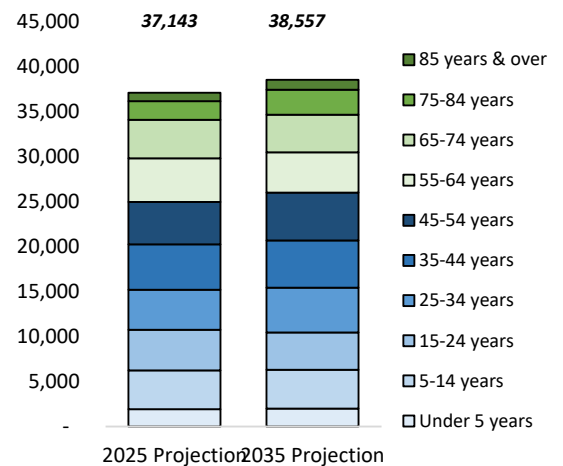
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Carlton Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

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

Carlton Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,926	1,983	57	3.0%
5-14 years	4,326	4,318	-8	-0.2%
15-24 years	4,515	4,148	-367	-8.1%
25-34 years	4,461	4,984	523	11.7%
35-44 years	5,028	5,279	251	5.0%
45-54 years	4,718	5,309	591	12.5%
55-64 years	4,871	4,496	-375	-7.7%
65-74 years	4,276	4,153	-123	-2.9%
75-84 years	2,076	2,781	705	34.0%
85 years & over	946	1,106	160	16.9%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>37,143</b>	<b>38,557</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>3.8%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Carlton 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. Carlton 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.

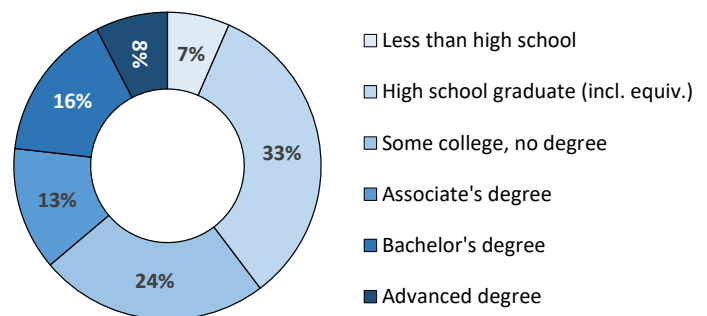
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**93.4%**

**College-educated: 60.3%**  
state: 68.5%

**Associate's Degree: 13.0%**  
**Bachelor's Degree: 15.6%**  
**Advanced Degree: 7.6%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022**



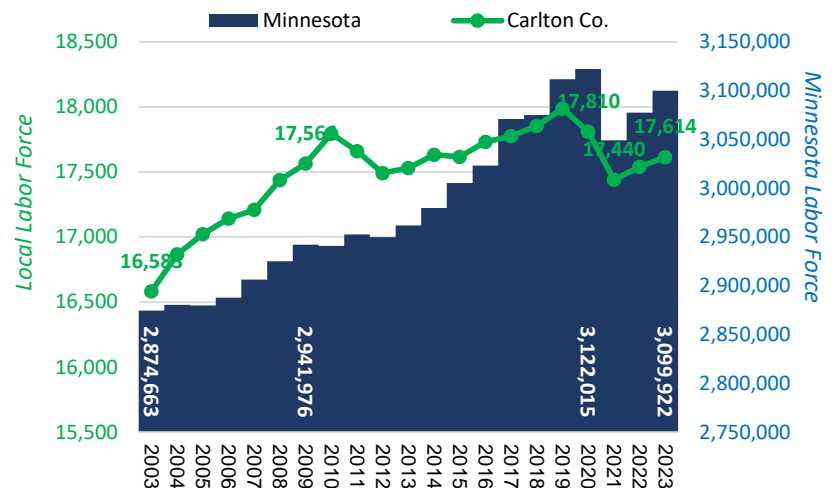
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.7%, Carlton Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Carlton Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.5% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Carlton Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>17,614</b> available workers	
Labor Force change, 2008-2023	176 workers 1.0% increase
<b>3.7%</b> unemployment rate	2.8% state
<b>652</b> unemployed workers	

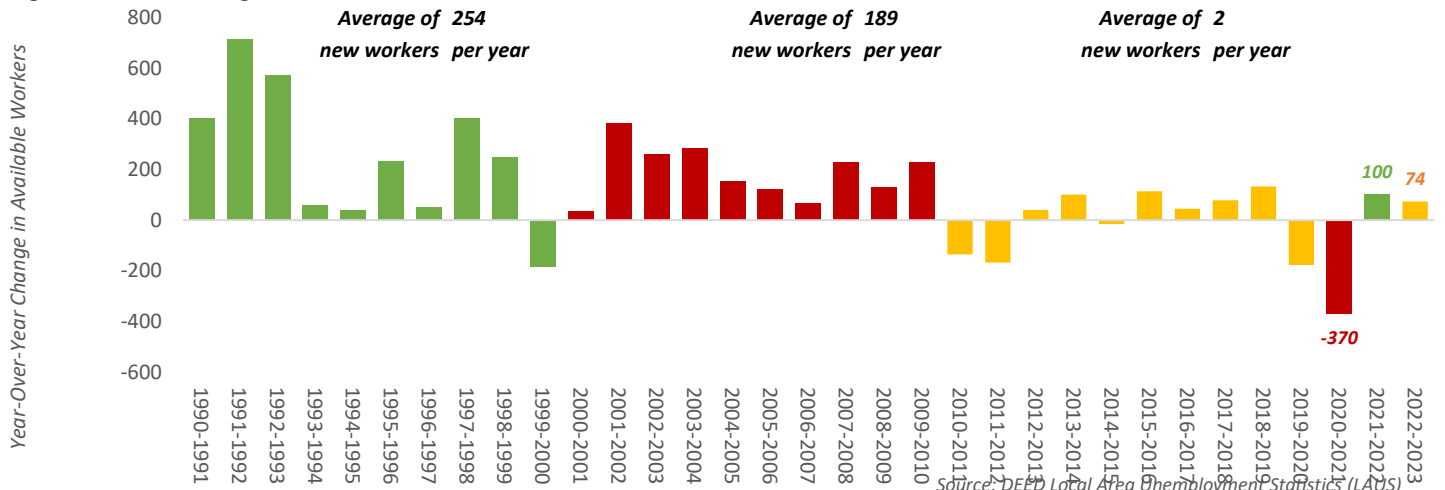
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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

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



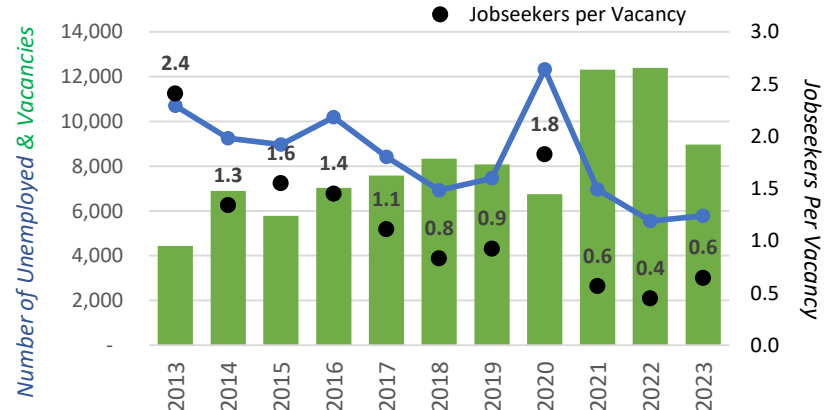
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	2,606	2,424
25 to 54 years	11,576	12,689
55 to 64 years	2,886	2,664
65 years & over	894	917
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>17,963</b>	<b>18,694</b>

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 Northeast 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

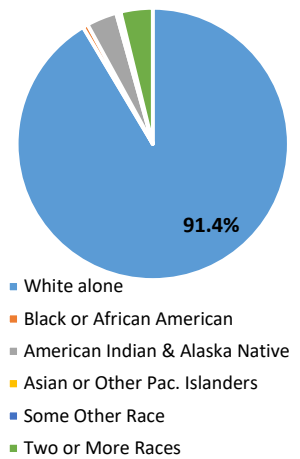
**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

Carlton Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Carlton 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**

	Carlton 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
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>17,593</b>	<b>60.0%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>68.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>9,148</b>	<b>8,435</b>
16 to 19 years	924	51.7%	9.6%	53.0%	9.8%	396	528
20 to 24 years	1,469	76.1%	5.3%	83.1%	6.7%	759	709
25 to 44 years	7,393	81.3%	4.4%	88.8%	3.5%	3,963	3,431
45 to 54 years	3,872	81.9%	4.4%	87.8%	2.9%	2,035	1,837
55 to 64 years	3,132	59.2%	4.4%	72.8%	3.1%	1,506	1,627
65 to 74 years	653	17.3%	2.6%	27.6%	3.3%	415	239
75 years & over	139	5.1%	2.2%	6.6%	3.2%	74	64
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	16,080	61.3%	4.0%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	109	17.1%	17.4%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	635	59.5%	15.9%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	65	52.4%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	27	33.8%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	671	56.7%	7.7%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	192	42.2%	19.8%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,081	42.1%	7.6%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	14,390	75.3%	4.4%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	468	48.5%	7.3%	67.2%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,390	64.0%	5.4%	76.8%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	6,049	78.9%	5.1%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	4,492	86.7%	0.7%	90.3%	2.0%		

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022**



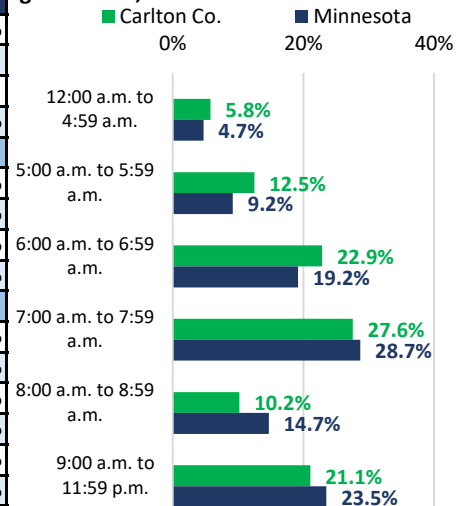
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	Carlton Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	15,681	95.3%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	9,708	59.0%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	5,973	36.3%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	773	4.7%	67,495	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	14,628	88.9%	2,338,861	79.7%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	49	0.3%	73,365	2.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	592	3.6%	120,318	4.1%
Worked at home	1,168	7.1%	399,103	13.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	4,048	24.6%	475,402	16.2%
10 to 19 minutes	4,163	25.3%	906,786	30.9%
20 to 29 minutes	3,241	19.7%	651,477	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,587	21.8%	563,440	19.2%
45 to 59 minutes	675	4.1%	181,944	6.2%
60 or more minutes	724	4.4%	155,533	5.3%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>21.7 minutes</b>		<b>23.3 minutes</b>	

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



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

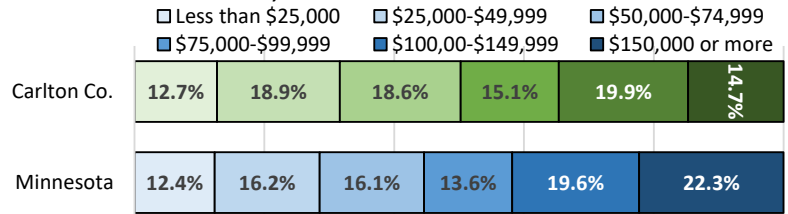
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Carlton Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Carlton Co. had the 24th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$74,660</b>
state	\$84,313
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$90,974</b>
state	\$107,072
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$35,642</b>
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. Carlton Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.08 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.49 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									
Carlton Co.	\$31,371	\$15.08	\$0	\$407	\$161	\$857	\$557	\$303	\$329
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									
Carlton Co.	\$60,810	\$19.49	\$395	\$929	\$576	\$1,122	\$944	\$491	\$610
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739

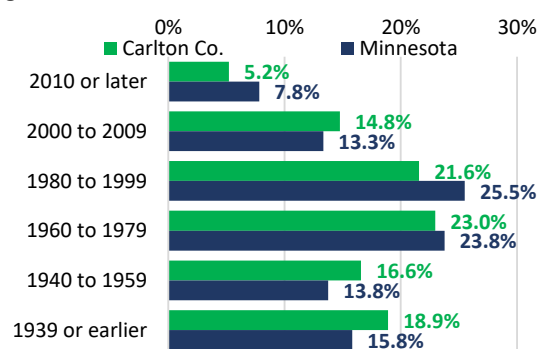
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Carlton Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 34th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Carlton 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-occupied Housing Units, 2022	Carlton Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	564	5.1%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	479	4.4%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,481	13.5%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,236	20.4%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,310	30.1%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,342	21.3%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	567	5.2%	14.7%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$218,000</b>		<b>\$286,800</b>

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,569</b>
state	\$1,818

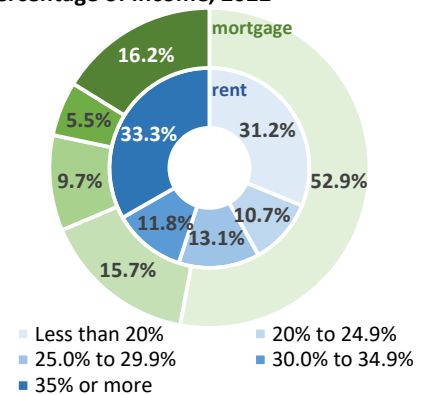
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>21.7%</b>
state	22.0%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$955</b>
state	\$1,178

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>45.0%</b>
state	46.7%

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

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



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.41 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

Occupational Group	Region 3				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
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$23.41</b>	<b>138,010</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$25.22</b>	<b>2,881,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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

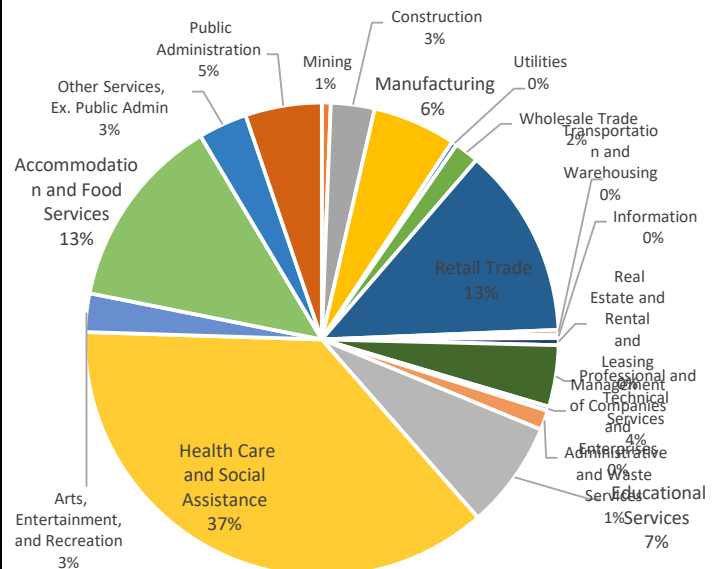
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Carlton 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

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>8,963</b>	<b>\$18.49</b>
Management	144	\$39.89
Business & Financial Operations	246	\$23.69
Computer & Mathematical	35	\$35.32
Architecture & Engineering	195	\$36.71
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	70	\$33.94
Community & Social Service	333	\$21.88
Education, Training & Library	426	\$17.76
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,244	\$34.84
Healthcare Support	982	\$15.95
Protective Service	129	\$19.03
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,043	\$14.24
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	436	\$16.13
Personal Care & Service	346	\$14.10
Sales & Related	826	\$16.06
Office & Administrative Support	594	\$16.61
Construction & Extraction	59	\$23.67
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	760	\$20.03
Production	420	\$21.97
Transportation & Material Moving	499	\$17.36

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2023

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$34,948/yr	Nursing Assistants \$40,605/yr	Registered Nurses \$81,894/yr	General and Operations Managers \$76,245/yr
Retail Salespersons \$33,663/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$54,185/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$76,015/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$71,413/yr
Cashiers \$29,976/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$61,962/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$71,154/yr	Human Resources Specialists \$65,973/yr
Cooks, Restaurant \$37,144/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$47,607/yr	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping \$48,119/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$63,522/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,037/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$54,132/yr	Dental Hygienists \$84,405/yr	Physician Assistants \$120,821/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,927/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$66,247/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$73,049/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$65,592/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$22,936/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$49,373/yr	Community Health Workers \$43,268/yr	Child, Family, and School Social Workers \$69,154/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$36,904/yr	Machinists \$62,131/yr	Surgical Technologists \$65,008/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$100,366/yr
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners \$33,611/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians \$39,523/yr	Forest and Conservation Technicians \$53,442/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$41,313/yr
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General \$50,367/yr	Medical Assistants \$47,014/yr	Respiratory Therapists \$80,721/yr	Nurse Practitioners \$132,823/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

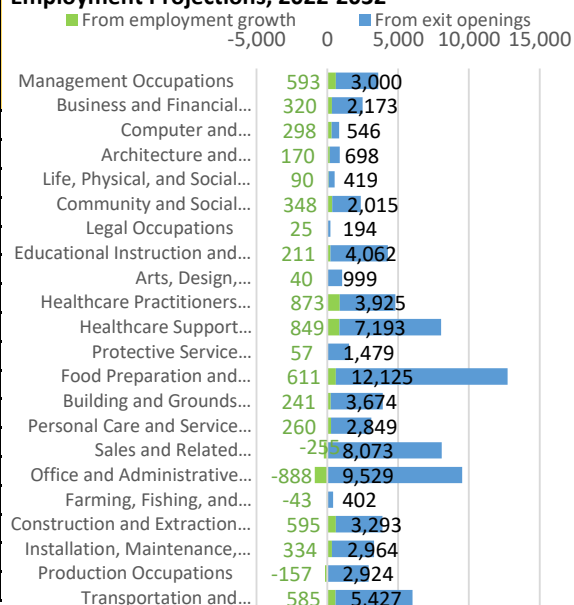
Carlton Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 3.3% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Northeast Planning Region</b>			
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>153,945</b>	<b>159,102</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,228	5,268	0.8%
Utilities	1,352	1,342	-0.7%
Construction	7,006	7,544	7.7%
Manufacturing	8,777	9,016	2.7%
Wholesale Trade	3,202	3,359	4.9%
Retail Trade	16,565	16,360	-1.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	4,151	4,437	6.9%
Information	1,222	1,208	-1.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	5,827	5,846	0.3%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,808	6,264	7.9%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,097	3,231	4.3%
Educational Services	12,004	12,056	0.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	31,799	33,864	6.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	17,159	18,243	6.3%
Other Services	5,953	6,118	2.8%
Public Administration	15,176	15,440	1.7%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



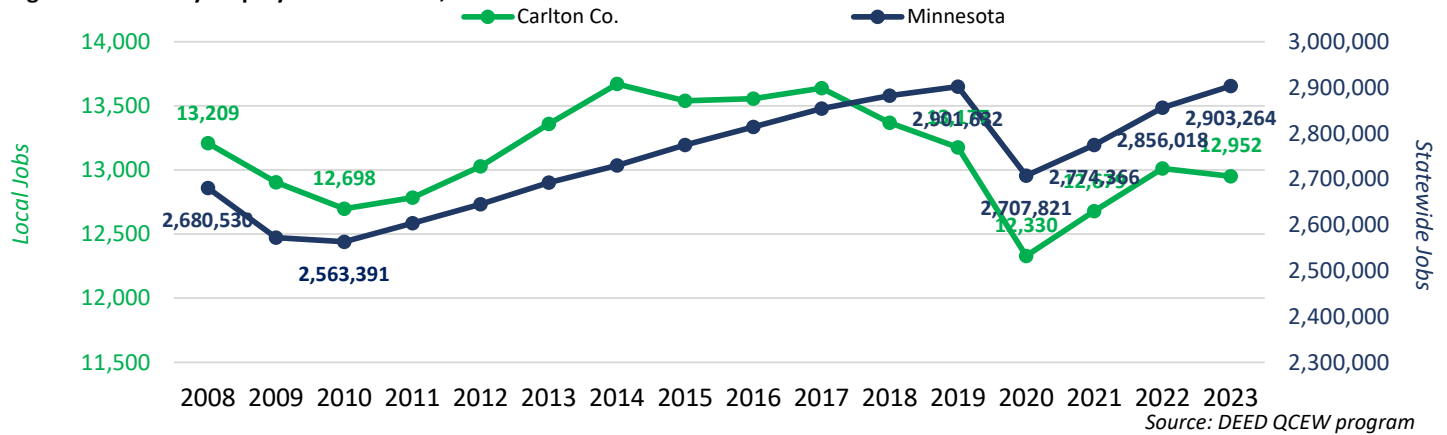
ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Carlton Co. had the 33rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Carlton Co. was the 71st fastest growing in the past year and the 43rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Carlton Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**800** business establishments      **\$54,795** annual average wage  
**12,952** jobs      **\$709,707,616** total industry payroll

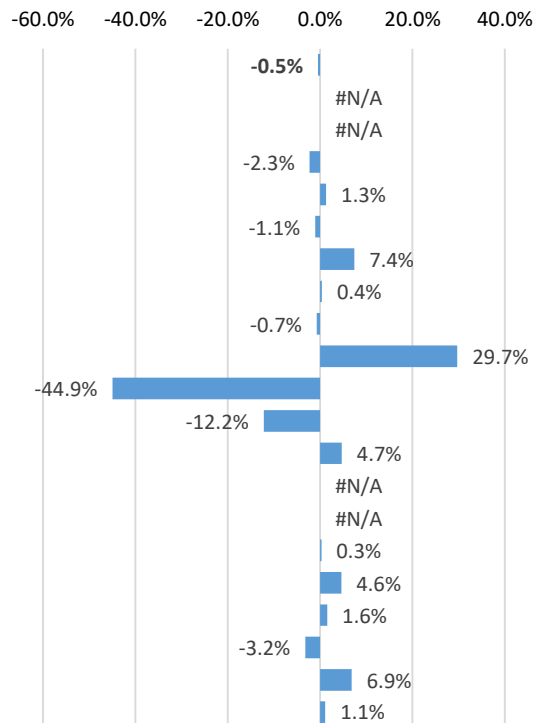
Job change, 2019-2023: -225 jobs, -1.7% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023



Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>12,952</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$54,795</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	912	7.0%	\$87,621
Manufacturing	1,221	9.4%	\$84,421
Utilities	93	0.7%	\$96,648
Wholesale Trade	377	2.9%	\$71,760
Retail Trade	1,455	11.2%	\$30,693
Transportation & Warehousing	275	2.1%	\$54,074
Information	48	0.4%	\$47,517
Finance & Insurance	299	2.3%	\$67,190
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	36	0.3%	\$24,198
Professional & Technical Services	333	2.6%	\$78,623
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	1,333	10.3%	\$46,225
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,399	18.5%	\$55,765
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	456	3.5%	\$35,168
Accommodation & Food Services	1,023	7.9%	\$21,512
Other Services	358	2.8%	\$37,202
Public Administration	2,056	15.9%	\$59,361

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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