

COUNTY PROFILE

Pope Co.

Pope Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

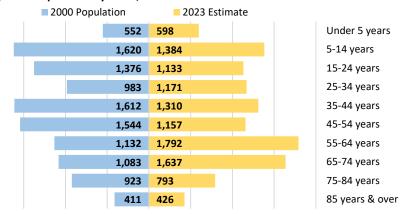
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Pope Co. is the 64th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 36th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Pope 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 598 5.2% 1,384 12.1% 5-14 years 15-24 years 1,133 9.9% 25-34 years 1,171 10.3% 35-44 years 1,310 11.5% 45-54 years 1,157 10.1% 55-64 years 1,792 15.7% 65-74 years 1,637 14.4% 75-84 years 793 7.0% 426 85 years & over 3.7% **Total Population** 11,400 100.0% Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Pope 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, Pope 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	vents		Net Migration		
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Pope Co.	94	-66	402	468	164	22	142	
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976	

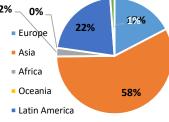
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Pope Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Pope 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	Pop	Pope Co. Change 2010-2022 Minnesota			esota			
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change		
Foreign-born Population	167	1.5%	103	160.9%	8.5%	31.3% 2		
Europe	29	17.4%	12	70.6%	9.3%	-0.6%		
Asia	96	57.5%	76	380.0%	36.7%	30.2%		
Africa	4	2.4%	4	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%		
Oceania	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%	0.4%	20.4%		
Americas:	38	22.8%	13	52.0%	25.4%	7.5%		
Latin America	36	21.6%	16	80.0%	22.9%	9.0%		
Northern America	2	1.2%	-3	-60.0%	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



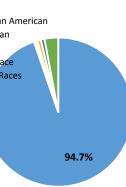
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Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022

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



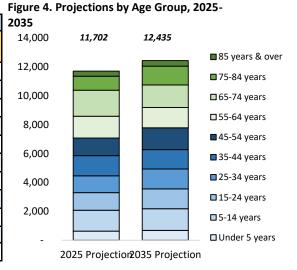
		Pope Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	11,312	100.0%	2.7%	100.0%	7.9%
White	10,712	94.7%	-0.9%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	50	0.4%	8.7%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	35	0.3%	29.6%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	89	0.8%	53.4%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	91	0.8%	#DIV/0!	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	335	3.0%	335.1%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	210	1.9%	228.1%	5.7%	34.6%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Pope 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 Pope Co. Projection **Projection** Change Change Under 5 years 51 8.1% 5-14 years 1,450 1,500 50 3.4% 1,218 1,379 13.2% 15-24 years 161 25-34 years 1,167 1,373 206 17.7% 35-44 years 1,389 1,338 -51 -3.7% 1,215 1,508 293 24.1% 45-54 years 55-64 years 1,517 1,403 -114 -7.5% 65-74 years 1,799 1,563 -236 -13.1% 75-84 years 967 1,303 336 34.7% 37 85 years & over 349 386 10.6% **Total Population** 11,702 12,435 733 6.3%



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Pope 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. Pope 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:

94.6%

state:

College-educated:

Associate's Degree:

Bachelor's Degree:

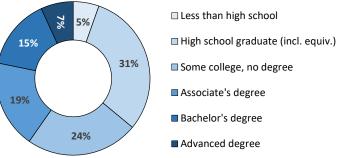
Advanced Degree:

64.0% 68.5% 18.5%

15.0%

6.8%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022



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

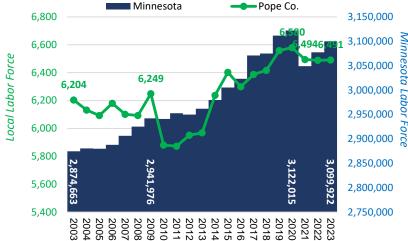
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LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.8%, Pope Co. had a identical unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Pope Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.2% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Pope Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

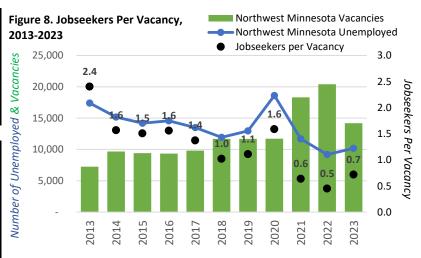
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Pope Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Pope Co. is expected to add workers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

Pope Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 500 Average of 94 Average of 0 Average of 70 new workers per year new workers per year new workers per year 400 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 300 200 100 0 -100 -86 -200 -300 -400 -500 2017-2018 2016-2017 2015-2016 2014-2018 2014-2018 2012-201 2011-201 2011-201 2020-2021s 2019-2020tistics 2018-2019Statistics 2010-2011 2013-2014 2001-2002 2000-200: 2002-2003 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2003-2004 2008-2009 2009-2010 1991-1992 1992-1993 1997-1998 .993-1994 .994-1995 .995-1996 996-1997 .998-1999 .999-200C

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	803	936		
25 to 54 years	3,419	3,820		
55 to 64 years	1,143	1,057		
65 years & over	594	540		
Total Labor Force	5,960	6,353		

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

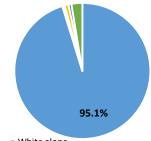
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LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Pope Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Pope 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							
		Pope 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
Total Labor Force	5,883	63.9%	1.0%	68.7%	4.0%	3,152	2,729
16 to 19 years	280	57.5%	2.5%	53.0%	9.8%	157	123
20 to 24 years	450	90.4%	0.9%	83.1%	6.7%	246	204
25 to 44 years	2,260	91.8%	0.5%	88.8%	3.5%	1,192	1,068
45 to 54 years	1,014	88.3%	1.5%	87.8%	2.9%	550	464
55 to 64 years	1,340	75.3%	1.1%	72.8%	3.1%	684	656
65 to 74 years	486	29.9%	0.8%	27.6%	3.3%	289	196
75 years & over	52	4.3%	1.9%	6.6%	3.2%	34	18
Employment Characteristics by Race & His	panic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force l
White alone	5,596	64.2%	1.0%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	19	45.2%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	15	45.5%	6.7%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	54	60.7%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		\ <u>\</u>
Some Other Race	41	65.1%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	152	57.6%	0.7%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	92	57.9%	0.0%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability,	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	299	52.6%	1.0%	54.4%	10.2%		95.1%
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	4,612	85.6%	0.9%	84.4%	3.3%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	104	57.5%	1.5%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,103	78.7%	0.4%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,224	88.2%	0.9%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,183	92.1%	0.4%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

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

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

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	Pope Co.		Minn	esota	F
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	g
Worked in state of residence	5,696	99.4%	2,867,086	97.7%	
Worked in county of residence	3,570	62.3%	1,957,366	66.7%	
Worked out of county of residence	2,126	37.1%	909,720	31.0%	
Worked outside state of residence	34	0.6%	67,495	2.3%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					_
Car, truck, or van	4,888	85.3%	2,338,861	79.7%	5:
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	6	0.1%	73,365	2.5%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	298	5.2%	120,318	4.1%	6:
Worked at home	539	9.4%	399,103	13.6%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:
Less than 10 minutes	1,581	27.6%	475,402	16.2%	'
10 to 19 minutes	1,627	28.4%	906,786	30.9%	
20 to 29 minutes	1,066	18.6%	651,477	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	940	16.4%	563,440	19.2%	
45 to 59 minutes	172	3.0%	181,944	6.2%	
60 or more minutes	338	5.9%	155,533	5.3%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.8	minutes	23.3	minutes	

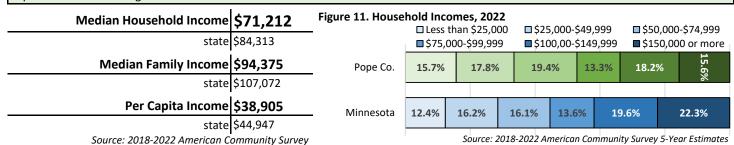
Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Pope Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 5.4% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 21.1% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 35.2% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 8.7% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 17.8% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

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

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INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Pope Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Pope Co. had the 37th 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. Pope Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.33 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.1 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023 **Monthly Costs Hourly Wage Single Yearly** Single Adult, 0 children Health Trans-**Cost of Living** Required **Child Care** Housing **Food** Other **Taxes** Care portation \$29,807 \$14.33 \$0 \$414 \$715 \$270 \$312 Pope Co. \$161 \$612 State of Minnesota \$34,704 \$16.68 \$0 \$160 \$1,021 \$572 \$375 \$419 \$345 Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 **Monthly Costs** Family Yearly **Hourly Wage** working full-time, 1 part-Health Trans-**Child Care Cost of Living** Required Food Housing Other Taxes time), 1 child Care ortation \$59,591 \$19.10 \$361 \$943 \$955 \$1,083 \$454 \$594 Pope Co. \$576 \$544 State of Minnesota \$67,320 \$21.58 \$955 \$574 \$1,285 \$977 \$536 \$739

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Pope Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 30th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Pope 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-	Pope Co. Minnesota		Figure 12. Year St	ructure B	uilt, 20	022	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent		%	10%	
Total	3,944	100.0%	100.0%	■ Pop		46/	■ M
Less than \$50,000	147	3.7%	4.1%	2010 or later		5.1% 7.8%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	395	10.0%	4.6%	2000 to 2009			14
\$100,000 to \$149,999	589	14.9%	7.1%				13.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	595	15.1%	10.7%	1980 to 1999			
\$200,000 to \$299,999	901	22.8%	27.1%	1960 to 1979			
\$300,000 to \$499,999	876	22.2%	31.7%				
\$500,000 or more	441	11.2%	14.7%	1940 to 1959			13.
Median (dollars)	\$225,9	900	\$286,800	1939 or earlier			

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

0% 10% 20% 30% Pope Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 14.1% 2000 to 2009 18.6% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 19.7% 1960 to 1979 17.7% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 23.9% 1939 or earlier

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

22.3%

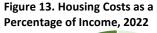
Median monthly rent costs

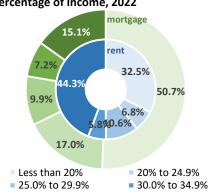
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

50.1%

state 46.7%

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





35% or more

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OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.04 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 8th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.14) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.43) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
	Region 4				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	\$23.04	89,340	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$46.14	4,990	5.6%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.67	3,240	3.6%	0.5	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$37.23	1,020	1.1%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.82	1,530	1.7%	0.8	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$34.31	560	0.6%	0.6	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.42	2,080	2.3%	1.2	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$39.47	350	0.4%	0.6	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.33	6,470	7.2%	1.3	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.86	850	1.0%	0.8	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$38.15	5,640	6.3%	1.0	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.29	5,150	5.8%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$28.64	1,500	1.7%	1.1	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.43	8,410	9.4%	1.2	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.65	3,040	3.4%	1.2	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.73	1,810	2.0%	1.0	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.63	8,050	9.0%	1.1	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.22	10,350	11.6%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.66	240	0.3%	2.2	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.67	4,640	5.2%	1.3	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.01	3,990	4.5%	1.2	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$22.80	7,860	8.8%	1.2	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.36	7,580	8.5%	1.1	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

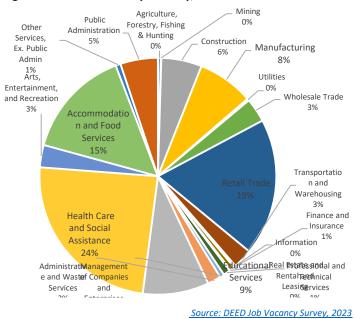
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Pope 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	Wage			
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	14,193				
Management	180	\$31.08			
Business & Financial Operations	162				
Computer & Mathematical	49	700.00			
Architecture & Engineering	110	\$30.65			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	105	\$26.90			
Community & Social Service	326	\$22.39			
Education, Training & Library	668				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,478	\$28.94			
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				
Sales & Related	1,918	\$15.97			
Office & Administrative Support	508	\$17.18			
Construction & Extraction	727	,			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	609	\$20.26			
Production	668	\$20.44			
Transportation & Material Moving	1,263	\$20.23			

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



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OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest 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	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers			
\$36,108/yr	\$54,491/yr	\$84,785/yr	\$77,521/yr			
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education			
\$35,088/yr	\$40,033/yr	\$71,010/yr	\$64,121/yr			
Cashiers	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical			
\$30,773/yr	\$54,946/yr	\$78,771/yr	\$66,299/yr			
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Accountants and Auditors			
\$38,126/yr	\$47,486/yr	\$85,989/yr	\$64,893/yr			
Stockers and Order Fillers	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$40,709/yr	\$48,131/yr	\$71,227/yr	\$46,162/yr			
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$38,122/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$49,479/yr	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$59,200/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$102,974/yr			
Cooks, Restaurant	Machinists	Occupational Therapy Assistants	Child, Family, and School Social Workers			
\$36,830/yr	\$51,295/yr	\$59,627/yr	\$63,680/yr			
Food Preparation Workers	Electricians	Computer Network Support Specialists	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education			
\$31,855/yr	\$65,524/yr	\$70,049/yr	\$37,999/yr			
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	Surgical Technologists	Pharmacists			
\$40,826/yr	\$59,152/yr	\$64,809/yr	\$140,993/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	Paramedics	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Physical Therapists			
\$46,395/yr	\$64,134/yr	\$60,791/yr	\$98,061/yr			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Pope Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% 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					
Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employ- ment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032		
Total, All Industries	265,321	275,647	3.9%		
Natural Resources & Mining	6,095	6,335	3.9%		
Utilities	1,126	1,125	-0.1%		
Construction	11,719	12,715	8.5%		
Manufacturing	29,871	31,429	5.2%		
Wholesale Trade	12,936	14,034	8.5%		
Retail Trade	27,705	27,590	-0.4%		
Transportation & Warehousing	5,579	5,997	7.5%		
Information	2,451	2,470	0.8%		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,067	8,366	3.7%		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,609	6,152	9.7%		
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,192	4,460	6.4%		
Educational Services	22,849	22,989	0.6%		
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,421	38,978	7.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality	24,958	26,706	7.0%		
Other Services	9,824	10,129	3.1%		
Public Administration	24,161	24,869	2.9%		

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2022-2032						
From employment gr			exit openings			
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Management Occupations	994	6,607				
Business and Financial	514	3,361				
Computer and	324	695				
Architecture and	338	1,122				
Life, Physical, and Social	108	475				
Community and Social	578	2 ,713				
Legal Occupations	38	340				
Educational Instruction and	511	7,826				
Arts, Design,	129	2 ,518				
Healthcare Practitioners	1,065	5,003				
Healthcare Support	1,222	9,828				
Protective Service	152	2 ,152				
Food Preparation and	869	17,902				
Building and Grounds	494	6,547				
Personal Care and Service	553	5,268				
Sales and Related	-31	² 14,814				
Office and Administrative1	,098	15,558				
Farming, Fishing, and	54	1 ,975				
$Construction \ and \ Extraction$	939	5,328				
Installation, Maintenance,	765	4,55 8				
Production Occupations	523	8,662				
Transportation and	1,566	12,176				

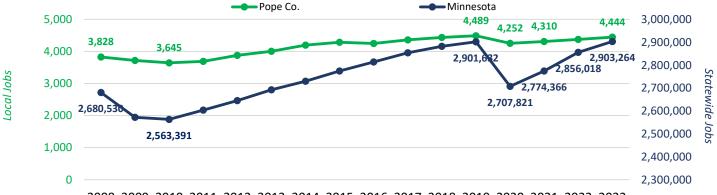
COUNTY PROFILE Pope Co.

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Pope Co. had the 63rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Pope Co. was the 42nd fastest growing in the past year and the 40th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Pope Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.



Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023

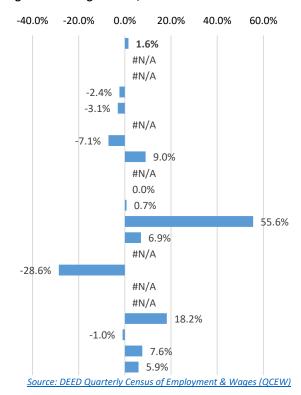


2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Pope Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	4,444	100.0%	\$54,417
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	165	3.7%	\$56,994
Manufacturing	854	19.2%	\$68,076
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	535	12.0%	\$75,135
Retail Trade	484	10.9%	\$43,107
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	18	0.4%	\$38,697
Finance & Insurance	142	3.2%	\$78,943
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14	0.3%	\$44,858
Professional & Technical Services	77	1.7%	\$67,524
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	20	0.5%	\$53,583
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	39	0.9%	\$23,866
Accommodation & Food Services	305	6.9%	\$18,702
Other Services	142	3.2%	\$24,165
Public Administration	251	5.6%	\$60,877

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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