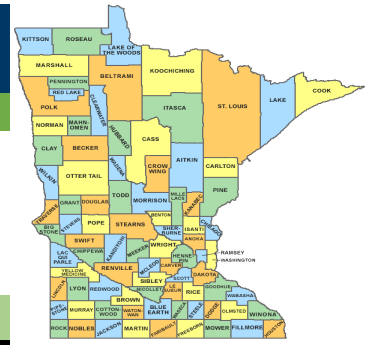


**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Stevens Co.**

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



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2023 population:	<b>9,728 people</b>
Population change, 2020-2023	57 people 0.6% increase

Median Age:	<b>33.8 years</b>
state:	38.5 years

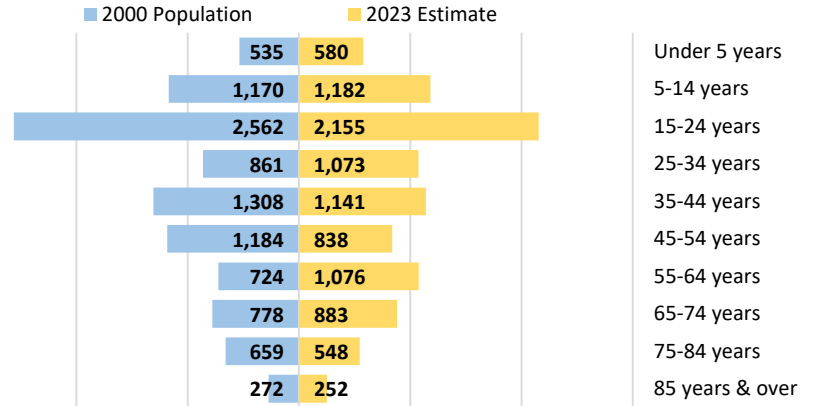
Stevens Co. is the 70th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 41st fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Stevens Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. 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	580	6.0%
5-14 years	1,182	12.1%
15-24 years	2,155	22.2%
25-34 years	1,073	11.0%
35-44 years	1,141	11.7%
45-54 years	838	8.6%
55-64 years	1,076	11.1%
65-74 years	883	9.1%
75-84 years	548	5.6%
85 years & over	252	2.6%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,728</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

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



Stevens Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Stevens 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
Stevens Co.	54	104	361	257	-59	88	-147
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

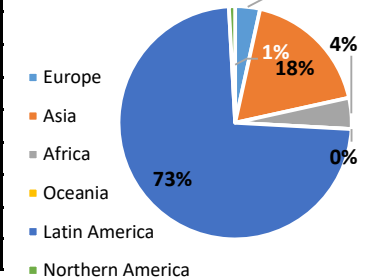
Compared to the state, Stevens Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Stevens Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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

	Stevens Co.		Change 2010-2022		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>43.2%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Europe	16	3.4%	-28	-63.6%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	84	18.1%	38	82.6%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	20	4.3%	-60	-75.0%	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	344	74.1%	190	123.4%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	340	73.3%	194	132.9%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	4	0.9%	-4	-50.0%	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**



Stevens 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

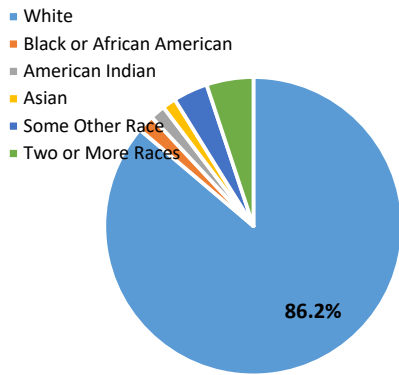


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Stevens Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,682</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
White	8,346	86.2%	-8.0%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	179	1.8%	171.2%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	158	1.6%	-16.4%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	142	1.5%	73.2%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	364	3.8%	256.9%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	493	5.1%	159.5%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	768	7.9%	146.9%	5.7%	34.6%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

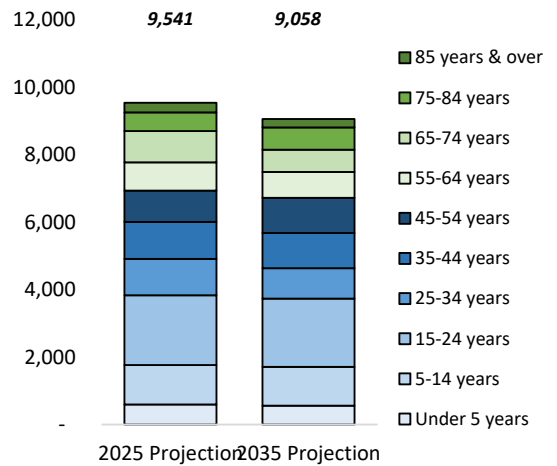
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Stevens Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over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

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

Stevens Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	596	559	-37	-6.2%
5-14 years	1,171	1,149	-22	-1.9%
15-24 years	2,070	2,026	-44	-2.1%
25-34 years	1,075	901	-174	-16.2%
35-44 years	1,101	1,044	-57	-5.2%
45-54 years	930	1,045	115	12.4%
55-64 years	831	768	-63	-7.6%
65-74 years	933	663	-270	-28.9%
75-84 years	549	653	104	18.9%
85 years & over	285	250	-35	-12.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,541</b>	<b>9,058</b>	<b>-483</b>	<b>-5.1%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

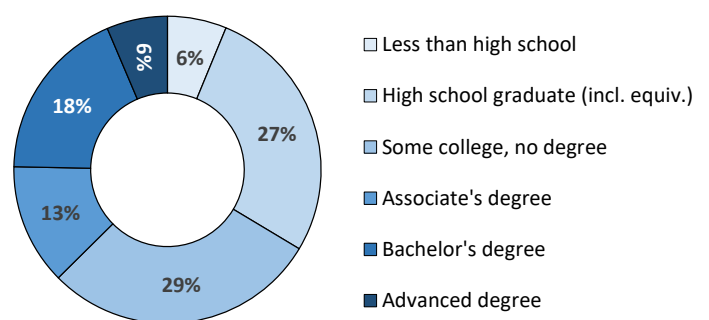


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Stevens 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. Stevens 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.

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>66.4%</b>
state:	68.5%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>12.7%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>18.3%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022



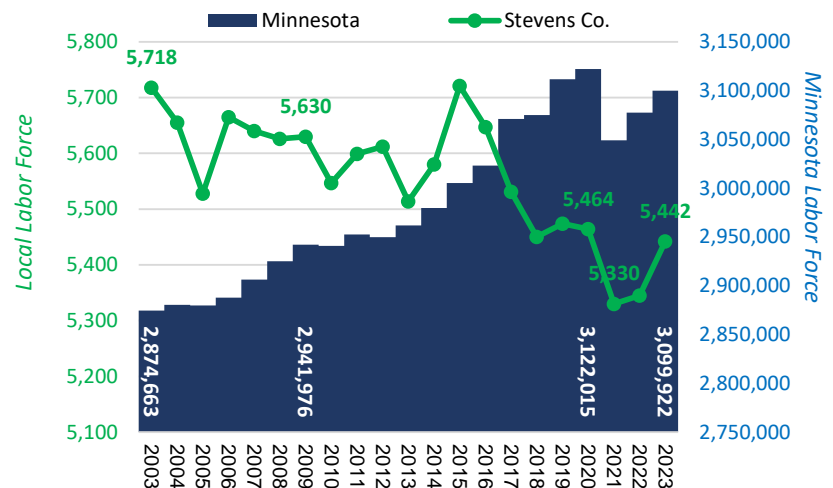
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.4%, Stevens Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Stevens Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 2.7% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Stevens Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>5,442</b> available workers	
Labor Force change, 2008-2023	-184 workers -3.3% decline
<b>2.4%</b> unemployment rate	2.8% state
<b>131</b> unemployed workers	

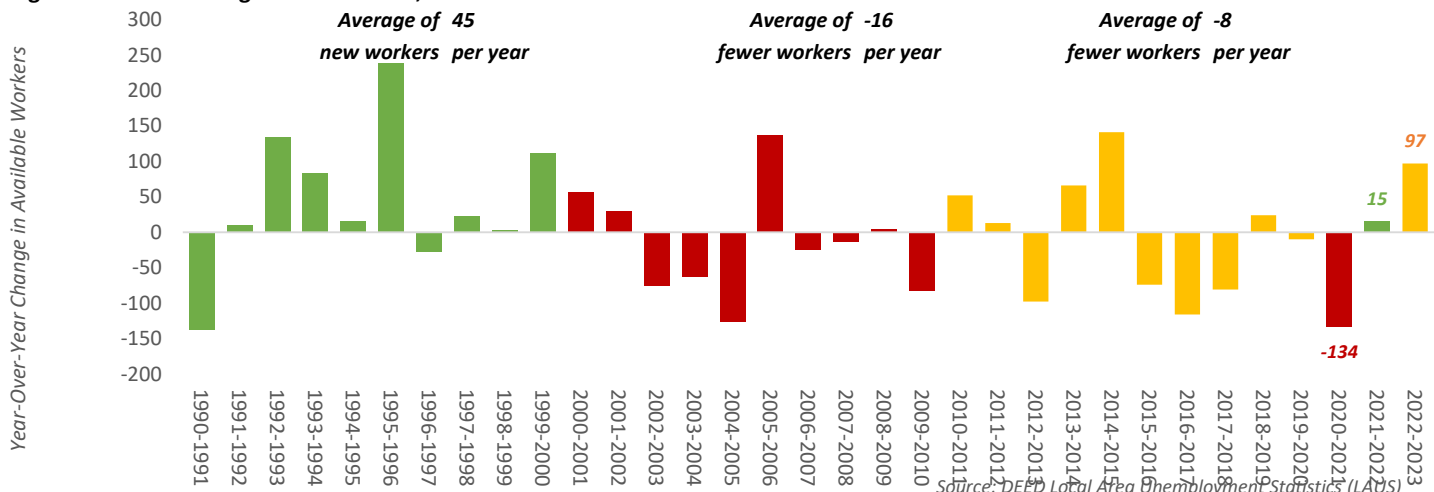
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Stevens 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, Stevens Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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



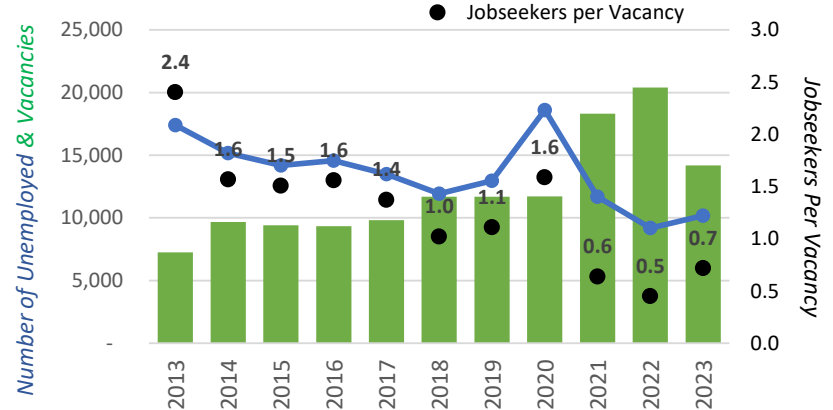
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	1,342	1,299
25 to 54 years	2,606	2,495
55 to 64 years	646	597
65 years & over	406	315
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>4,706</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 Northwest 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

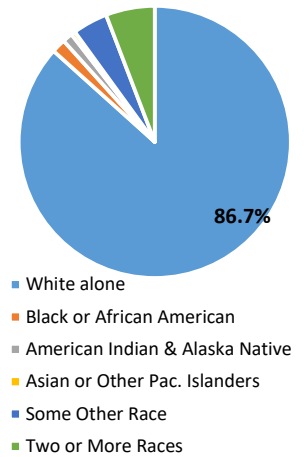
**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

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

	Stevens 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>5,213</b>	<b>66.9%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>68.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>2,321</b>
16 to 19 years	428	51.3%	4.0%	53.0%	9.8%	214	214
20 to 24 years	1,012	86.3%	0.8%	83.1%	6.7%	487	525
25 to 44 years	1,907	86.5%	1.3%	88.8%	3.5%	1,186	722
45 to 54 years	648	77.7%	2.6%	87.8%	2.9%	308	340
55 to 64 years	833	77.8%	0.2%	72.8%	3.1%	432	401
65 to 74 years	314	35.7%	0.3%	27.6%	3.3%	211	103
75 years & over	69	8.7%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	53	16
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	4,519	66.8%	1.1%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	87	65.4%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	62	43.1%	6.5%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	26	21.7%	3.8%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	217	80.4%	7.8%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	304	84.4%	0.0%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	459	83.5%	3.7%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	233	46.1%	4.3%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,390	82.5%	1.3%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	134	58.0%	2.3%	67.2%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	837	78.7%	0.8%	76.8%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,262	83.1%	1.7%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,156	89.3%	0.4%	90.3%	2.0%		

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



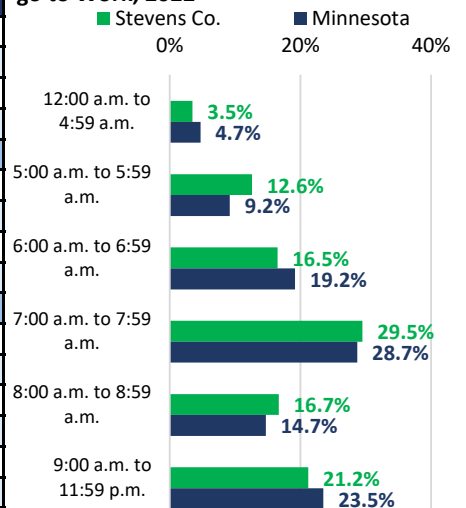
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	Stevens Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	4,930	99.3%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	4,464	89.9%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	467	9.4%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	35	0.7%	67,495	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	4,161	83.8%	2,338,861	79.7%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	50	1.0%	73,365	2.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	432	8.7%	120,318	4.1%
Worked at home	318	6.4%	399,103	13.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	2,304	46.4%	475,402	16.2%
10 to 19 minutes	1,633	32.9%	906,786	30.9%
20 to 29 minutes	541	10.9%	651,477	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	263	5.3%	563,440	19.2%
45 to 59 minutes	40	0.8%	181,944	6.2%
60 or more minutes	189	3.8%	155,533	5.3%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>13.4 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

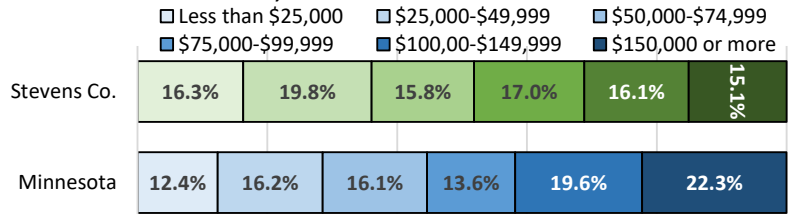
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Stevens Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Stevens Co. had the 42nd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$69,737</b>
state	\$84,313
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$95,129</b>
state	\$107,072
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$38,425</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. Stevens Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.33 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$16.82 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									
Stevens Co.	\$27,729	\$13.33	\$0	\$410	\$161	\$706	\$493	\$267	\$274
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									
Stevens Co.	\$52,479	\$16.82	\$349	\$934	\$576	\$869	\$782	\$432	\$431
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739

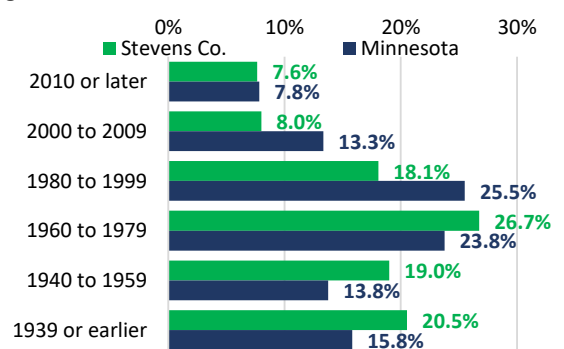
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Stevens Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 56th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Stevens 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	Stevens Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	253	9.8%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	418	16.2%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	434	16.9%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	395	15.3%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	603	23.4%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	316	12.3%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	156	6.1%	14.7%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$170,700</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>\$1,346</b>
state	\$1,818

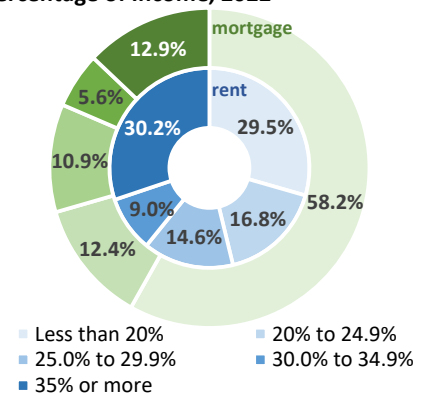
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>18.5%</b>
state	22.0%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$821</b>
state	\$1,178

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>39.2%</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 \$23.04 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

Occupational Group	Region 4				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>\$23.04</b>	<b>89,340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$25.22</b>	<b>2,881,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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

Stevens 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

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>14,193</b>	<b>\$17.77</b>
Management	180	\$31.08
Business & Financial Operations	162	\$23.79
Computer & Mathematical	49	\$30.06
Architecture & Engineering	110	\$30.65
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	105	\$26.90
Community & Social Service	326	\$22.39
Education, Training & Library	668	\$18.97
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,478	\$28.94
Healthcare Support	1,168	\$15.09
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	\$15.97
Office & Administrative Support	508	\$17.18
Construction & Extraction	727	N/A
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	609	\$20.26
Production	668	\$20.44
Transportation & Material Moving	1,263	\$20.23

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

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

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

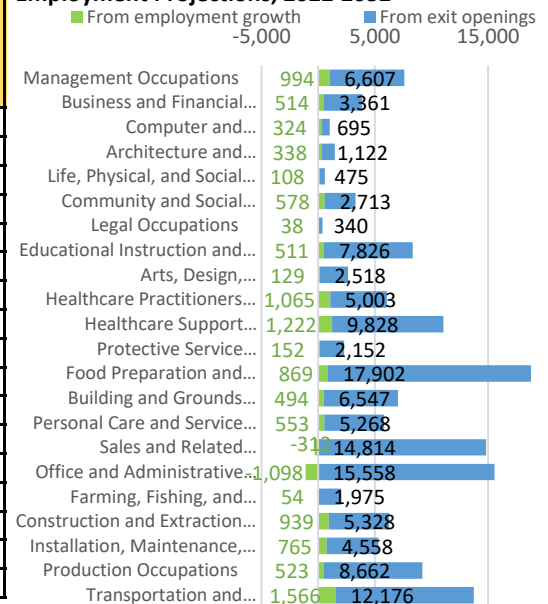
Stevens Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Northwest Planning Region</b>			
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>265,321</b>	<b>275,647</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
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 Companies	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



**ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Stevens Co. had the 54th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Stevens Co. was the 23rd fastest growing in the past year and the 32nd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Stevens Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

**381** business establishments

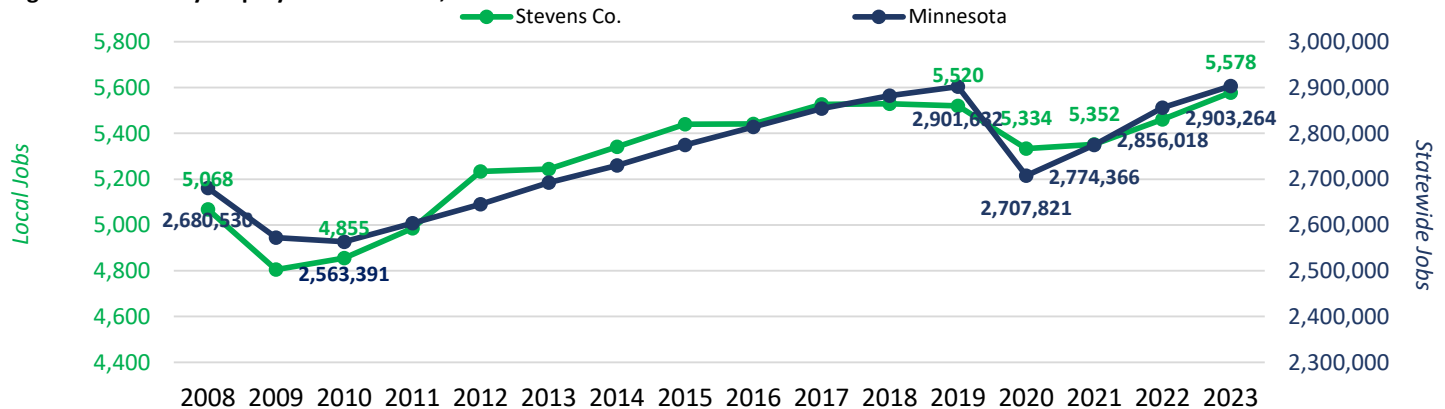
**\$58,444** annual average wage

**5,578** jobs

**\$326,000,576** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2023 **58 jobs**  
1.1% increase

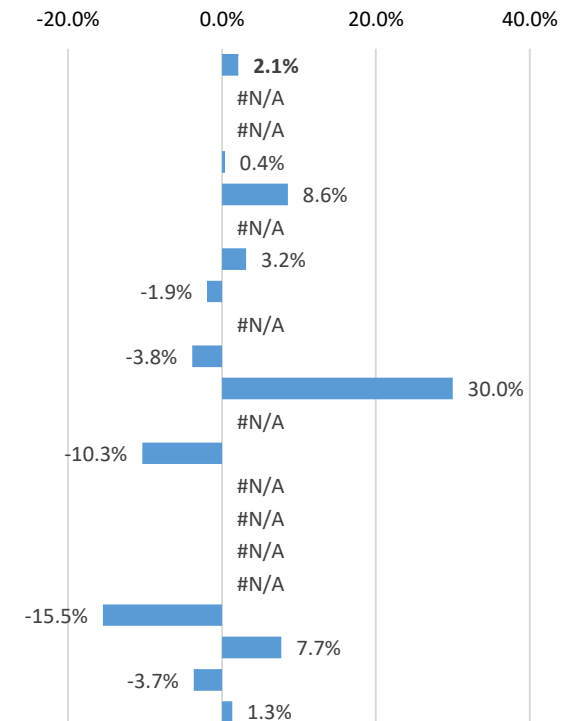
**Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023**



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Stevens Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2023	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>5,578</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$58,444</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	257	4.6%	\$91,093
Manufacturing	887	15.9%	\$76,503
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	196	3.5%	\$60,102
Retail Trade	459	8.2%	\$34,769
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	50	0.9%	\$73,505
Finance & Insurance	130	2.3%	\$90,144
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	130	2.3%	\$76,581
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	71	1.3%	\$8,043
Accommodation & Food Services	377	6.8%	\$15,862
Other Services	79	1.4%	\$23,108
Public Administration	229	4.1%	\$56,048

**Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023**



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

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

**Anthony Schaffhauser** | Regional Analyst, Northwest Minnesota  
 CareerForce Bemidji | 616 America Avenue NW, Suite 210 | Bemidji, MN 56601  
 Office: 320-441-6594 | Email: [anthony.schaffhauser@state.mn.us](mailto:anthony.schaffhauser@state.mn.us)  
 web: [www.mn.gov/deed/data/regional-lmi/](http://www.mn.gov/deed/data/regional-lmi/)

Data updated: October 21, 2024