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Aitkin Co.

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

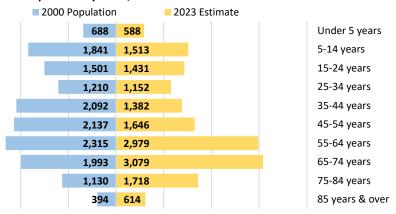
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Aitkin Co. is the 53rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 14th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Aitkin 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	588	3.7%				
5-14 years	1,513	9.4%				
15-24 years	1,431	8.9%				
25-34 years	1,152	7.2%				
35-44 years	1,382	8.6%				
45-54 years	1,646	10.2%				
55-64 years	2,979	18.5%				
65-74 years	3,079	19.1%				
75-84 years	1,718	10.7%				
85 years & over	614	3.8%				
Total Population	16,102	100.0%				
Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS						

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Aitkin 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, Aitkin 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		
Aitkin Co.	396	-476	339	815	870	19	851		
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976		

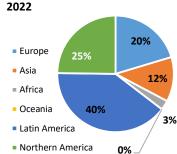
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Aitkin Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Aitkin 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	Aitkin Co. Change 2010-2022		Minnesota			
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	113	0.7%	-65	-36.5%	8.5%	31.3%
Europe	23	20.4%	-40	-63.5%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	14	12.4%	-27	-65.9%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	3	2.7%	1	50.0%	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	73	64.6%	1	1.4%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	45	39.8%	11	32.4%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	28	24.8%	-10	-26.3%	2.5%	-4.6%

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

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population,



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



		Aitkin Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	15,859	100.0%	-2.7%	100.0%	7.9%
White	14,833	93.5%	-4.8%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	73	0.5%	192.0%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	303	1.9%	-8.5%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	29	0.2%	-42.0%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	117	0.7%	333.3%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	504	3.2%	72.0%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	229	1.4%	56.8%	5.7%	34.6%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Aitkin 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).

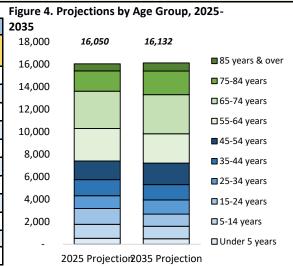
Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Aitkin Co. **Projection** Projection Change Change 534 497 -37 1,236 1,110 -126 1,406 1,082 -324 1,144 1,259 115

Under 5 years -6.9% 5-14 years -10.2% -23.0% 15-24 years 25-34 years 10.1% 35-44 years 1,435 1,363 -72 -5.0% 1,907 246 14.8% 45-54 years 1,661 55-64 years 2,882 2,620 -262 -9.1% 65-74 years 3,320 3,475 155 4.7%

1,813

16,050

619



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

284

103

82

15.7%

16.6%

0.5%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

75-84 years

85 years & over

Total Population

Aitkin Co. has a lower 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. Aitkin 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:

91.9%

2.097

16,132

722

54.2% 68.5%

Associate's Degree: 12.0% 11.9% Bachelor's Degree: Advanced Degree: 5.4%

state:

College-educated:

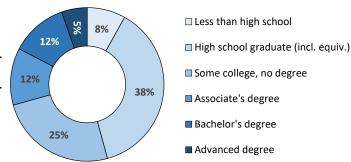


Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022

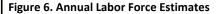
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.8%, Aitkin Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Aitkin Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 6.2% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Aitkin Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.







Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

2020-202

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Aitkin 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, Aitkin Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Aitkin Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 1,200 Average of 199 Average of 11 Average of 20 new workers per year new workers per year new workers per year 1,000 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 800 600 400 200 n -200 -96 -400

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1997-1998

2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	848	671		
25 to 54 years	3,531	3,770		
55 to 64 years	1,578	1,434		
65 years & over	723	773		
Total Labor Force	6,679	6,648		

1991-1992

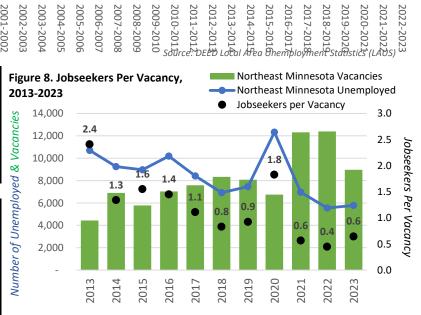
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Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2018-2022 ACS

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).



2012-201 2011-201 2011-201

2010-2011

2013-2014

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

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LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

average commute time than the state.

Aitkin Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Aitkin 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, 202	2					
	1	Aitkin Co.		Minne	esota	Ī
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	
Total Labor Force	6,504	47.9%	5.8%	68.7%	4.0%	
16 to 19 years	296	50.4%	4.1%	53.0%	9.8%	
20 to 24 years	509	83.3%	7.5%	83.1%	6.7%	
25 to 44 years	2,088	83.6%	6.1%	88.8%	3.5%	
45 to 54 years	1,341	82.7%	7.9%	87.8%	2.9%	
55 to 64 years	1,606	54.7%	4.1%	72.8%	3.1%	
65 to 74 years	525	17.3%	5.7%	27.6%	3.3%	
75 years & over	140	6.1%	0.7%	6.6%	3.2%	
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hi	spanic Origin					ı
White alone	6,136	47.8%	5.1%	67.8%	3.4%	ı
Black or African American	14	34.1%	50.0%	71.5%	8.7%	l
American Indian & Alaska Native	92	45.8%	29.3%	57.6%	11.9%	ŀ
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	19	95.0%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%	ŀ
Some Other Race	33	29.2%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%	l
Two or More Races	214	58.2%	14.5%	74.3%	6.6%	ľ
Hispanic or Latino	120	72.7%	12.5%	77.0%	6.3%	l
Employment Characteristics by Disability	, 20 to 64 years					l
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	614	49.1%	9.3%	54.4%	10.2%	l
Employment Characteristics by Education	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years				l
Population, 25 to 64 years	5,034	71.4%	5.9%	84.4%	3.3%	l
Less than H.S. Diploma	321	67.7%	8.0%	67.2%	4.6%	l
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,472	62.9%	4.9%	76.8%	2.5%	l
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,232	76.4%	5.0%	85.1%	3.6%	l
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,009	76.7%	2.8%	90.3%	2.0%	l

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022

Labor Force by Gender

Female

3,136

170

230

1,015 613

801

248 59

Male

3,367

126

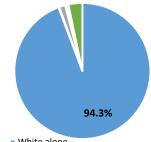
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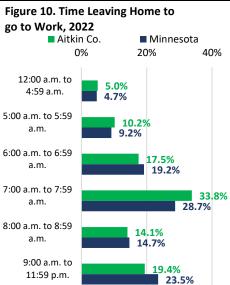


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

A larger percentage of workers in Aitkin Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Aitkin Co. also had a longer

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

Aitkin Co. Minnesota Percent Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022 Number Percent Number 2,867,086 97.7% Worked in state of residence 5,881 99.0% Worked in county of residence 4,087 68.8% 1,957,366 66.7% Worked out of county of residence 1,794 30.2% 909,720 31.0% Worked outside state of residence 59 1.0% 67,495 2.3% **MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK** 5,061 2,338,861 79.7% 85.2% Car, truck, or van Public transportation (excl. taxicab) 0.1% 73,365 2.5% 244 4.1% 120,318 4.1% Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.) Worked at home 630 10.6% 399,103 13.6% TRAVEL TIME TO WORK 1,057 17.8% 475,402 16.2% Less than 10 minutes 1,800 30.3% 906,786 30.9% 10 to 19 minutes 1,081 18.2% 22.2% 20 to 29 minutes 651,477 19.2% 563,440 939 15.8% 30 to 44 minutes 45 to 59 minutes 303 5.1% 181,944 6.2% 60 or more minutes 760 12.8% 155,533 5.3% Mean travel time to work (minutes) 28.6 minutes 23.3 minutes

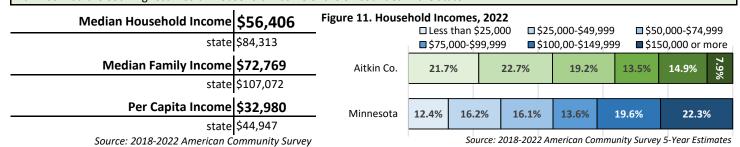


Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

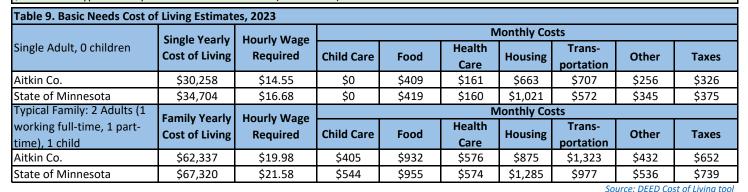
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INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Aitkin Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Aitkin Co. had the 85th 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. Aitkin Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.55 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.98 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).



Aitkin Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 31st highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Aitkin Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Aitkin Co. Minnesota		Minnesota	Figure 12. Year St	ructure	Built, 2	022
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent	0	%	10%	
Total	5,751	100.0%	100.0%	■ Aitki		F F0/	■ M
Less than \$50,000	300	5.2%	4.1%	2010 or later		5.5% 7.8%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	611	10.6%	4.6%	2000 to 2009			
\$100,000 to \$149,999	699	12.2%	7.1%				13.3
\$150,000 to \$199,999	907	15.8%	10.7%	1980 to 1999			
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,433	24.9%	27.1%	1960 to 1979			
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,353	23.5%	31.7%				
\$500,000 or more	448	7.8%	14.7%	1940 to 1959		1	l1.4% ■ 13.
Median (dollars)	\$222,1	00	\$286,800	1939 or earlier		10	0.6%

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

0% 10% 20% 30% Aitkin Co Minnesota 2010 or later 18.9% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 27.1% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 26.5% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 11.4% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 10.6% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

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

33.0%

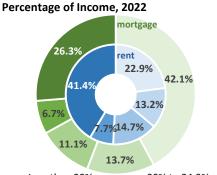
22.0%

Median monthly rent costs \$815

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

state 46.7%

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



Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

35% or more

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OCCUPATIONS

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

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

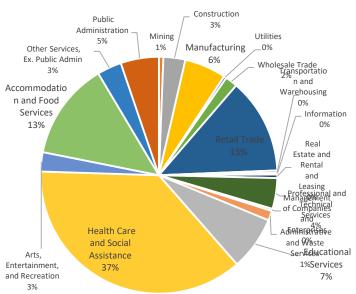
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Aitkin Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 8963 job vacancies posted by employers in 2023, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023						
	Number of	Wage				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer				
Total, All Occupations	8,963					
Management	144	\$39.89				
Business & Financial Operations	246					
Computer & Mathematical	35					
Architecture & Engineering	195					
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					
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

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OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast Plannin	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	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers					
\$34,948/yr	\$40,605/yr	\$81,894/yr	\$76,245/yr					
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Accountants and Auditors					
\$33,663/yr	\$54,185/yr	\$76,015/yr	\$71,413/yr					
Cashiers	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Human Resources Specialists					
\$29,976/yr	\$61,962/yr	\$71,154/yr	\$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	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Physician Assistants					
\$30,037/yr	\$54,132/yr	\$84,405/yr	\$120,821/yr					
Teaching Assistants, Except	Heating, Air Conditioning, and	Civil Engineering Technologists	Secondary School Teachers, Except					
Postsecondary \$38,927/yr	Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$66,247/yr	and Technicians \$73,049/yr	Special and Career/Technical \$65,592/yr					
Waiters and Waitresses	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors	Community Health Workers	Child, Family, and School Social Workers					
\$22,936/yr	\$49,373/yr	\$43,268/yr	\$69,154/yr					
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and	Machinists	Surgical Technologists	Medical and Health Services Managers					
\$36,904/yr	\$62,131/yr	\$65,008/yr	\$100,366/yr					
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Emergency Medical Technicians	Forest and Conservation Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term					
\$33,611/yr	\$39,523/yr	\$53,442/yr	\$41,313/yr					
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	Medical Assistants	Respiratory Therapists	Nurse Practitioners					
\$50,367/yr	\$47,014/yr	\$80,721/yr	\$132,823/yr					

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Aitkin 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 Employ-	Percent Change 2022-2032				
_		3.3%				
•		0.8%				
1,352	1,342	-0.7%				
7,006	7,544	7.7%				
8,777	9,016	2.7%				
3,202	3,359	4.9%				
16,565	16,360	-1.2%				
4,151	4,437	6.9%				
1,222	1,208	-1.1%				
5,827	5,846	0.3%				
5,808	6,264	7.9%				
3,097	3,231	4.3%				
12,004	12,056	0.4%				
31,799	33,864	6.5%				
17,159	18,243	6.3%				
5,953	6,118	2.8%				
15,176	15,440	1.7%				
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Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlool

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

	Employment Projections, 2022-2032							
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ı	3,0			,00 10,				
ı	Management Occupations	593	3,0 00					
	Business and Financial	320	2, 173					
	Computer and	298	546					
	Architecture and	170	698					
	Life, Physical, and Social	90	419					
	Community and Social	348	2 ,015					
1	Legal Occupations	25	194					
	Educational Instruction and	211	4,062					
	Arts, Design,	40	999					
	Healthcare Practitioners	873	3,92	5				
ı	Healthcare Support	849	7,193	3				
	Protective Service	57	1 ,479					
1	Food Preparation and	611	12,12	25				
1	Building and Grounds	241	3,674					
	Personal Care and Service	260	2,8 49					
	Sales and Related	-25	58,073					
	Office and Administrative	-888	9,529					
	Farming, Fishing, and	-43	402					
	Construction and Extraction	595	3,293	3				
1	Installation, Maintenance,	334	2,9 64					
1	Production Occupations	-157	2,9 24					
	Transportation and	585	5,427	'				

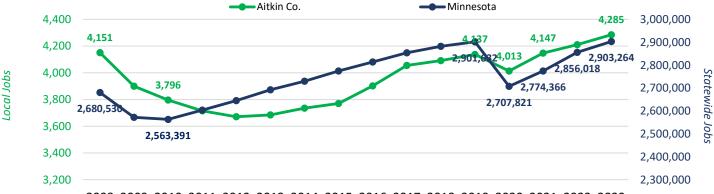
COUNTY PROFILE Aitkin Co.

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Aitkin Co. had the 66th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Aitkin Co. was the 39th fastest growing in the past year and the 14th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Aitkin Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

476business establishments\$46,272annual average wage4,285jobs\$198,276,277total industry payrollJob change, 2019-2023148 jobs 3.6% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023

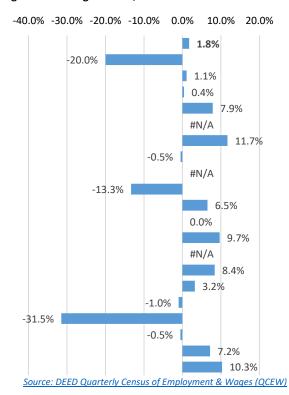


2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Source: DEED QCEW program

Average Number of Percent of Annual Table 15. Aitkin Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2023 **Jobs** Total Jobs Wage 4,285 100.0% \$46,272 **Total, All Industries** Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt 24 0.6% \$44,022 48 \$37,000 Mining 1.1% Construction 249 5.8% \$51,721 397 9.3% Manufacturing \$56,693 Utilities #N/A #N/A #N/A Wholesale Trade 124 2.9% \$53,547 Retail Trade 610 14.2% \$31,529 Transportation & Warehousing #N/A #N/A #N/A Information 13 0.3% \$69,811 Finance & Insurance 98 2.3% \$53,279 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing 19 0.4% \$27,623 97 **Professional & Technical Services** 2.3% \$36,527 Management of Companies #N/A #N/A #N/A Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs. 104 2.4% \$21,956 447 **Educational Services** 10.4% \$10,205 Health Care & Social Assistance 763 17.8% \$16,395 Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation 61 1.4% \$31,723 561 Accommodation & Food Services 13.1% \$18,999 Other Services 149 3.5% \$23,105 364 8.5% Public Administration \$51,284

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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