

**COUNTY PROFILE**

# Washington Co.

Washington Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 11, which is located in the Twin Cities Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

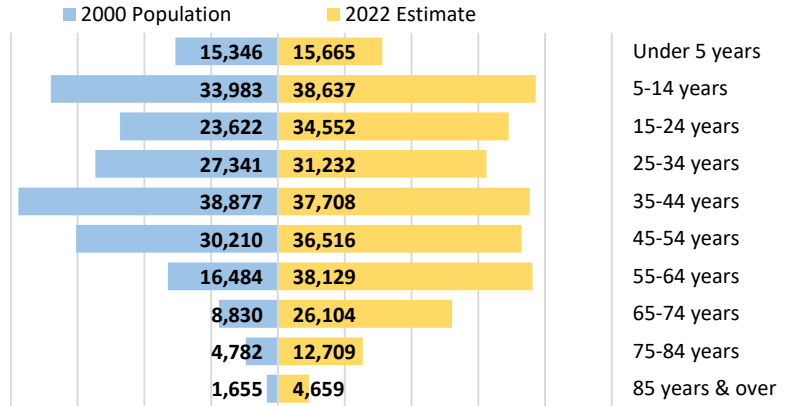
2022 population:	<b>275,912 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>39.8 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2022	37,776 people 15.9% increase	state:	38.5 years

Washington Co. is the 5th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 4th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Washington 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).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	15,665	5.7%
5-14 years	38,637	14.0%
15-24 years	34,552	12.5%
25-34 years	31,232	11.3%
35-44 years	37,708	13.7%
45-54 years	36,516	13.2%
55-64 years	38,129	13.8%
65-74 years	26,104	9.5%
75-84 years	12,709	4.6%
85 years & over	4,659	1.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>275,912</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022



Washington Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Washington 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, 2020-2022

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Washington Co.	8,349	1,584	6,160	4,576	6,785	511	6,274
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377

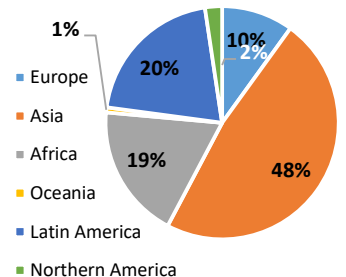
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

Foreign-born Population	Washington Co.		Change 2010-2022		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>20,790</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>6,534</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Europe	2,072	10.0%	-95	-4.4%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	9,932	47.8%	2,748	38.3%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	3,885	18.7%	1,831	89.1%	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	144	0.7%	122	554.5%	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	4,757	22.9%	1,928	68.2%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	4,265	20.5%	1,999	88.2%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	492	2.4%	-71	-12.6%	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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Washington 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**

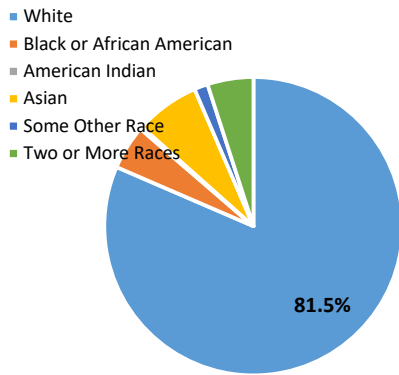


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Washington Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>268,651</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
White	218,918	81.5%	5.1%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	12,941	4.8%	70.3%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	723	0.3%	30.7%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	18,710	7.0%	53.5%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	3,964	1.5%	109.4%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	13,395	5.0%	154.1%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	12,480	4.6%	58.2%	5.7%	34.6%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

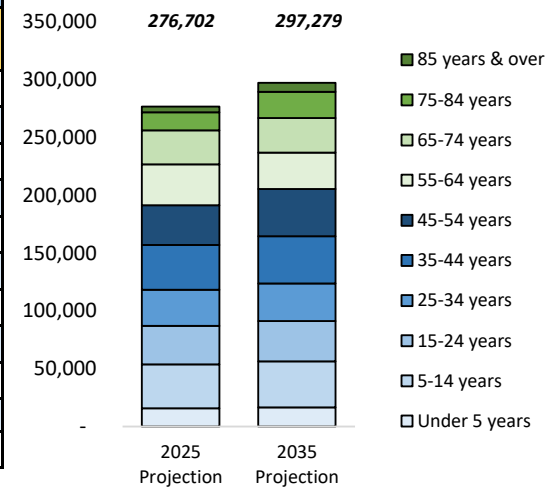
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Washington Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to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

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

Washington Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	15,784	16,555	771	4.9%
5-14 years	37,953	39,792	1,839	4.8%
15-24 years	33,489	34,806	1,317	3.9%
25-34 years	31,212	32,708	1,496	4.8%
35-44 years	38,562	40,814	2,252	5.8%
45-54 years	34,370	40,721	6,351	18.5%
55-64 years	35,586	31,533	-4,053	-11.4%
65-74 years	29,188	30,107	919	3.1%
75-84 years	15,588	22,393	6,805	43.7%
85 years & over	4,970	7,850	2,880	57.9%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>276,702</b>	<b>297,279</b>	<b>20,577</b>	<b>7.4%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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

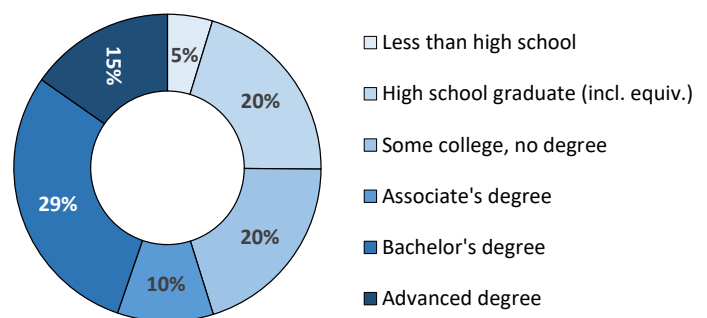
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**95.3%**

**College-educated: 74.9%**  
state: 68.5%

**Associate's Degree: 10.1%**  
**Bachelor's Degree: 29.4%**  
**Advanced Degree: 15.3%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022**



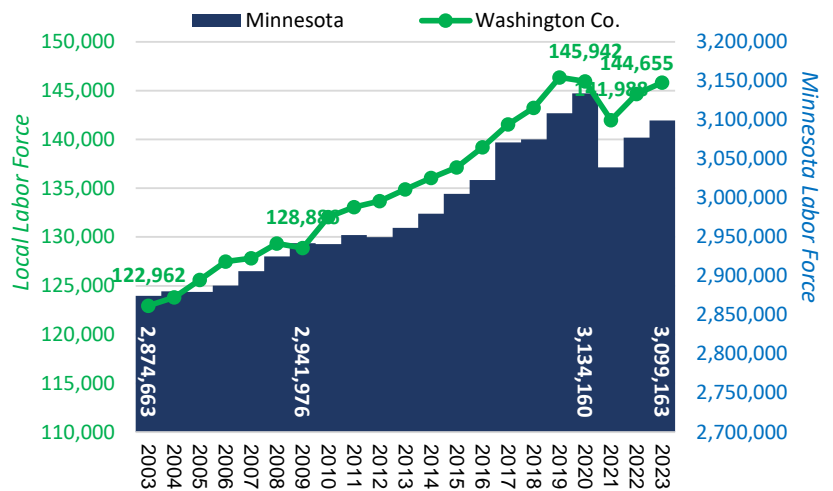
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.3%, Washington Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Washington Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Washington Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>144,655</b> available workers	
Labor Force change, 2008-2023	16,510 workers 12.8% increase
<b>2.3%</b> unemployment rate	2.7% state
<b>3,327</b> unemployed workers	

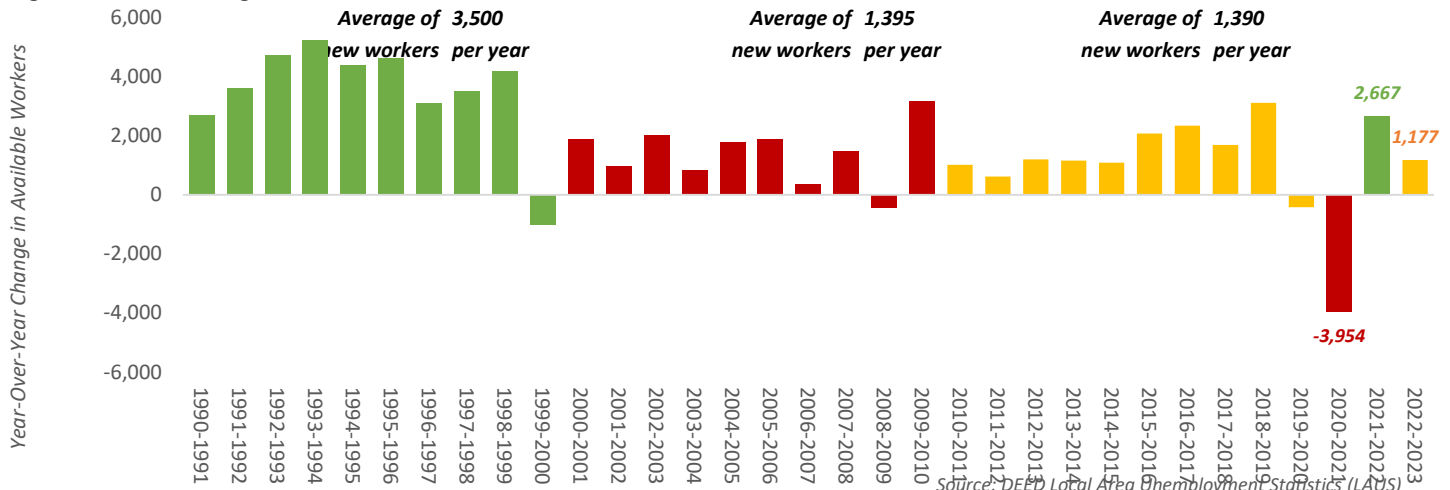
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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

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



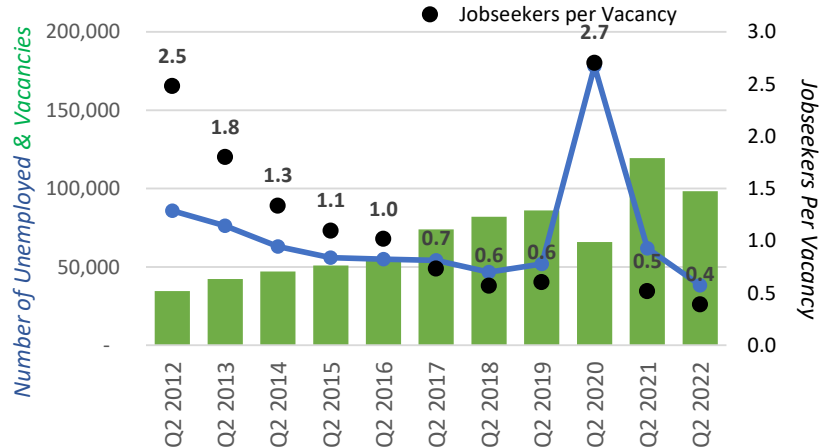
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	19,393	20,355
25 to 54 years	93,718	102,847
55 to 64 years	26,235	23,247
65 years & over	8,031	8,799
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>147,378</b>	<b>155,249</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. Job vacancies in Twin Cities reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2012-2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

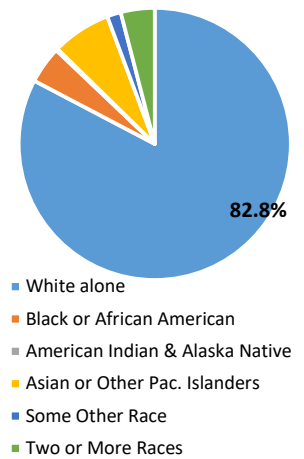
**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

Washington Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Washington 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**

	Washington 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>146,303</b>	<b>69.1%</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>68.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>76,129</b>	<b>70,224</b>
16 to 19 years	6,581	47.6%	7.5%	53.0%	9.8%	3,443	3,140
20 to 24 years	13,039	82.7%	6.2%	83.1%	6.7%	6,545	6,496
25 to 44 years	60,105	89.5%	2.6%	88.8%	3.5%	31,443	28,668
45 to 54 years	32,319	90.9%	2.2%	87.8%	2.9%	16,610	15,701
55 to 64 years	27,371	73.7%	2.4%	72.8%	3.1%	14,183	13,192
65 to 74 years	5,973	23.5%	3.0%	27.6%	3.3%	3,312	2,650
75 years & over	964	5.7%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	593	377
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	121,084	68.2%	2.9%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	6,459	69.3%	2.9%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	317	51.0%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	10,258	75.9%	1.7%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	2,409	76.9%	3.5%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	5,903	77.8%	7.3%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	6,882	79.3%	4.5%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	6,909	60.4%	7.6%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	119,815	85.7%	2.5%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	3,612	69.0%	3.4%	67.2%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	17,692	75.6%	1.3%	76.8%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	34,557	85.4%	3.3%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	63,917	90.4%	1.6%	90.3%	2.0%		

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



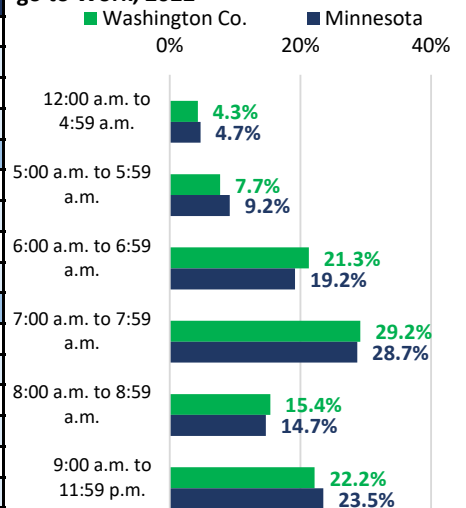
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	Washington Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	135,249	97.3%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	66,304	47.7%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	69,084	49.7%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	3,753	2.7%	67,495	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	109,395	78.7%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	1,807	1.3%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	2,641	1.9%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	25,020	18.0%	333,556	11.4%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	15,985	11.5%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	35,724	25.7%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	33,916	24.4%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	36,558	26.3%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	10,981	7.9%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	5,699	4.1%	158,000	5.4%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>25.2 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

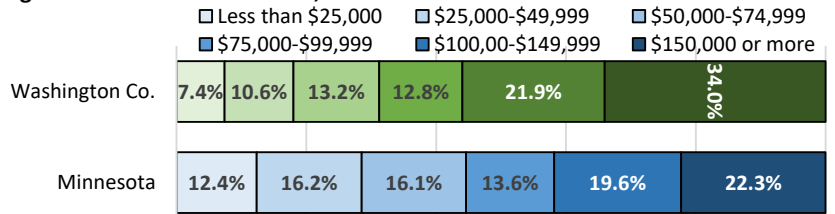
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Washington Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Washington Co. had the 3rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$110,828</b>
state	\$84,313
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$132,135</b>
state	\$107,072
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$54,418</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. Washington Co. had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$17.97 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$21.52 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022

Category	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Single Adult, 0 children									
Washington Co.	\$37,370	\$17.97	\$0	\$397	\$155	\$1,111	\$747	\$365	\$339
State of Minnesota	\$34,992	\$16.82	\$0	\$403	\$159	\$961	\$760	\$330	\$303
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child									
Washington Co.	\$67,158	\$21.52	\$774	\$907	\$567	\$1,394	\$871	\$557	\$527
State of Minnesota	\$60,720	\$19.46	\$574	\$921	\$555	\$1,216	\$886	\$517	\$391

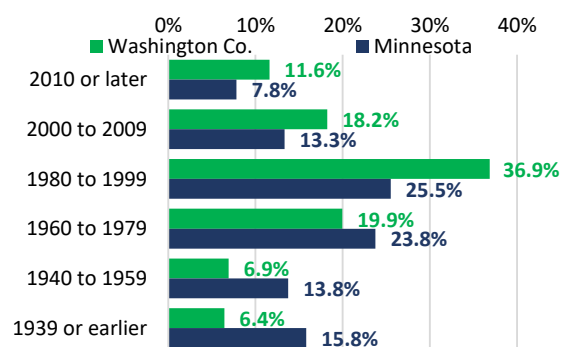
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Washington Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 2nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Washington 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-occupied Housing Units, 2022	Washington Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>82,419</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	2,029	2.5%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	587	0.7%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,128	1.4%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,146	5.0%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	18,465	22.4%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	34,214	41.5%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	21,850	26.5%	14.7%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$379,300</b>		<b>\$286,800</b>

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

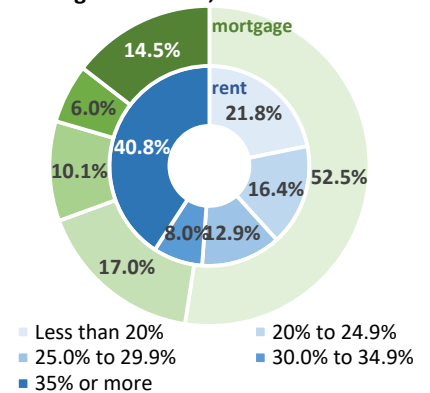
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$2,161</b>
state	\$1,818
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>20.5%</b>
state	22.0%
<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$1,577</b>
state	\$1,178
<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>48.8%</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 \$25.67 in 2023, wages were higher in Region 11 than the state. Overall, Region 11 had the highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$60.18) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$15.29) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023

Occupational Group	Region 11				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>\$25.67</b>	<b>1,718,290</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$24.25</b>	<b>2,827,310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$60.18	128,450	7.5%	1.1	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$39.29	152,020	8.8%	1.2	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$51.41	78,440	4.6%	1.3	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$41.64	37,060	2.2%	1.1	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$41.34	19,160	1.1%	1.1	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$26.00	30,510	1.8%	0.9	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$51.41	14,890	0.9%	1.3	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.35	89,460	5.2%	0.9	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$30.59	26,520	1.5%	1.2	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$41.91	102,560	6.0%	0.9	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$17.27	100,520	5.9%	1.0	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$25.28	23,310	1.4%	0.9	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$15.29	125,670	7.3%	1.0	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.54	43,360	2.5%	0.9	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.34	36,850	2.1%	1.0	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$19.61	142,400	8.3%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.74	212,320	12.4%	1.0	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.21	1,090	0.1%	0.4	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$35.05	61,400	3.6%	0.9	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.47	51,770	3.0%	0.9	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$22.67	109,650	6.4%	0.9	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.88	130,880	7.6%	0.9	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

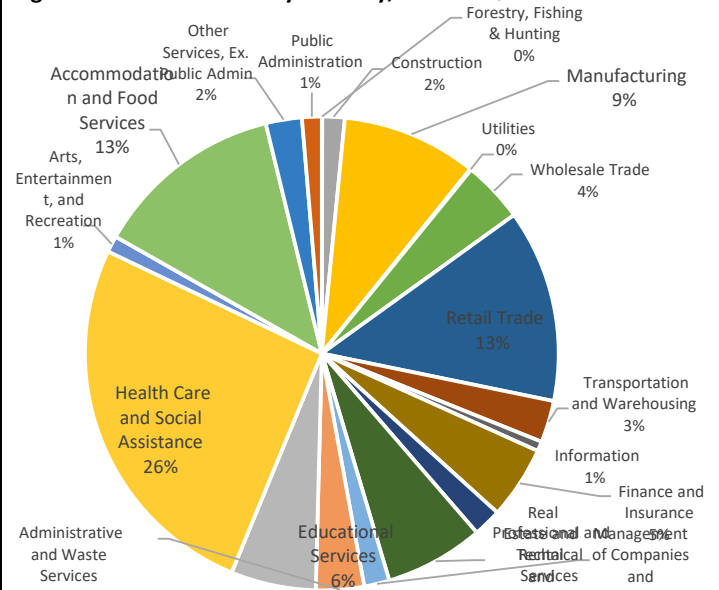
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Washington Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region. There were 98330 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Twin Cities Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>98,330</b>	<b>\$19.96</b>
Management	4,490	\$43.43
Business & Financial Operations	5,826	\$31.83
Computer & Mathematical	3,821	\$42.59
Architecture & Engineering	2,143	\$35.24
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	824	\$25.82
Community & Social Service	2,982	\$22.23
Education, Training & Library	4,172	\$20.51
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	11,408	\$29.63
Healthcare Support	8,641	\$16.00
Protective Service	939	\$17.46
Food Preparation & Serving Related	11,820	\$16.04
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	3,219	\$16.00
Personal Care & Service	2,319	\$14.98
Sales & Related	11,574	\$15.78
Office & Administrative Support	6,621	\$18.77
Construction & Extraction	1,352	\$20.76
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	3,081	\$19.23
Production	4,689	\$19.98
Transportation & Material Moving	6,509	\$19.73

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Twin Cities Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health & Personal Care Aides \$33,154/yr	Nursing Assistants \$43,351/yr	Registered Nurses \$91,157/yr	Software Developers \$117,626/yr
Retail Salespersons \$33,769/yr	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses \$59,297/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians \$64,938/yr	Accountants & Auditors \$80,271/yr
Cashiers \$30,580/yr	Medical Assistants \$51,083/yr	Veterinary Technologists & Technicians \$47,307/yr	Management Analysts \$101,561/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$47,638/yr	Machinists \$59,228/yr	Dental Hygienists \$87,968/yr	Financial Managers \$141,401/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation & Serving \$41,302/yr	Computer User Support Specialists \$64,464/yr	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$87,344/yr	Marketing Managers \$167,023/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$49,618/yr	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics \$52,440/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$65,385/yr	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists \$81,617/yr
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand \$44,689/yr	Electricians \$82,047/yr	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians \$81,372/yr	General & Operations Managers \$102,232/yr
Stockers & Order Fillers \$36,894/yr	Dental Assistants \$64,757/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists & Technicians \$66,723/yr	Project Management Specialists \$88,309/yr
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$61,872/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists \$39,273/yr	Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technologists & Technicians \$67,986/yr	Human Resources Specialists \$75,670/yr
Fast Food & Counter Workers \$31,619/yr	Web Developers \$90,321/yr	Mechanical Engineering Technologists & Technicians \$69,851/yr	Industrial Engineers \$103,178/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

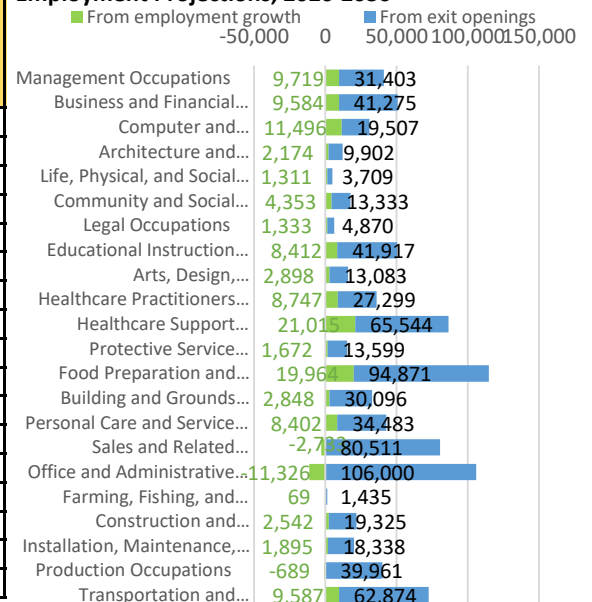
Washington Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region, which is projected to see a 6.2% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Twin Cities Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>1,817,290</b>	<b>1,930,563</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	3,786	3,929	3.8%
Utilities	5,640	4,863	-13.8%
Construction	71,168	74,189	4.2%
Manufacturing	166,580	168,309	1.0%
Wholesale Trade	84,618	85,349	0.9%
Retail Trade	153,655	147,205	-4.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	66,965	71,507	6.8%
Information	31,984	32,510	1.6%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	156,644	160,769	2.6%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	208,754	224,297	7.4%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	92,297	99,818	8.1%
Educational Services	137,141	144,455	5.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	263,959	302,212	14.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	124,778	154,995	24.2%
Other Services	66,176	73,930	11.7%
Public Administration	100,458	101,195	0.7%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Washington Co. had the 7th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Washington Co. was the 10th fastest growing in the past year and the 5th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Washington Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

**6,649** business establishments

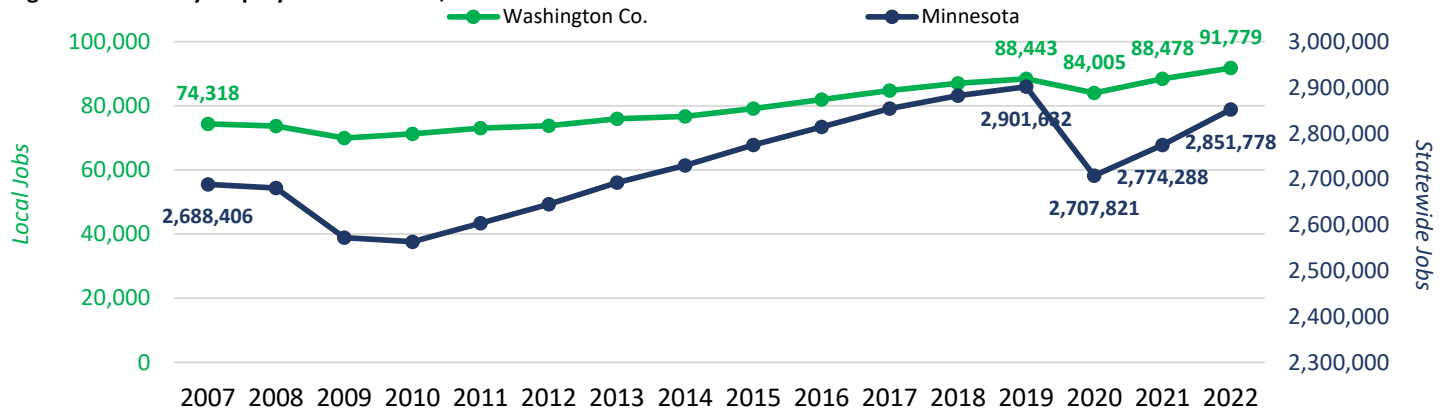
**\$56,881** annual average wage

**91,779** jobs

**\$5,220,458,842** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2022  
**3,336 jobs**  
**3.8% increase**

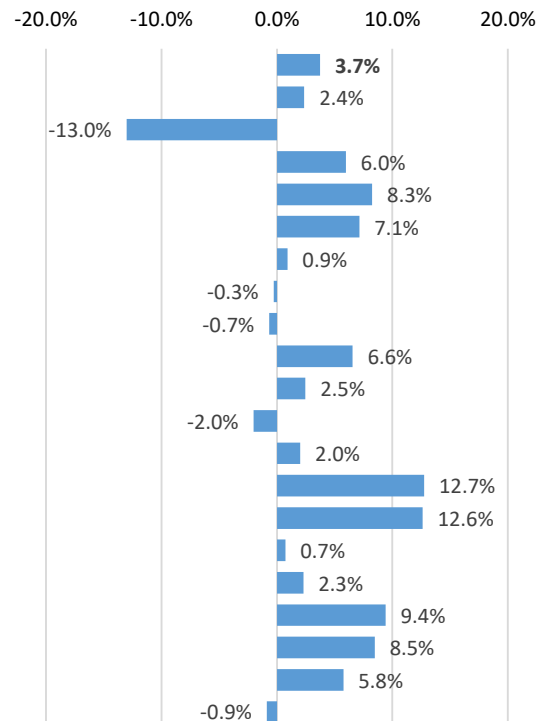
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Washington Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2022	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>91,779</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$56,881</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	864	0.9%	\$49,219
Mining	49	0.1%	\$104,497
Construction	4,902	5.3%	\$76,325
Manufacturing	11,164	12.2%	\$76,477
Utilities	255	0.3%	\$128,385
Wholesale Trade	3,049	3.3%	\$97,168
Retail Trade	14,559	15.9%	\$34,159
Transportation & Warehousing	3,251	3.5%	\$51,465
Information	764	0.8%	\$63,173
Finance & Insurance	3,320	3.6%	\$96,538
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	971	1.1%	\$49,686
Professional & Technical Services	3,792	4.1%	\$87,943
Management of Companies	1,654	1.8%	\$112,384
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	3,025	3.3%	\$51,055
Educational Services	7,291	7.9%	\$53,413
Health Care & Social Assistance	13,991	15.2%	\$59,308
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2,217	2.4%	\$22,155
Accommodation & Food Services	9,633	10.5%	\$23,224
Other Services	3,398	3.7%	\$34,702
Public Administration	3,625	3.9%	\$69,096

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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

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