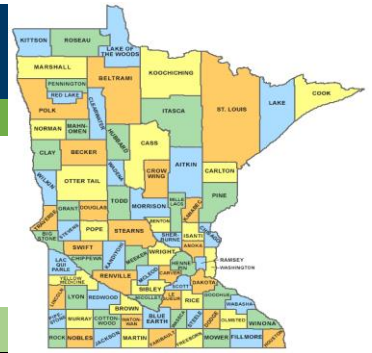


## Anoka Co.

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



### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	<b>376,840 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>38.8 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	12,953 people 3.6% increase	state:	38.6 years

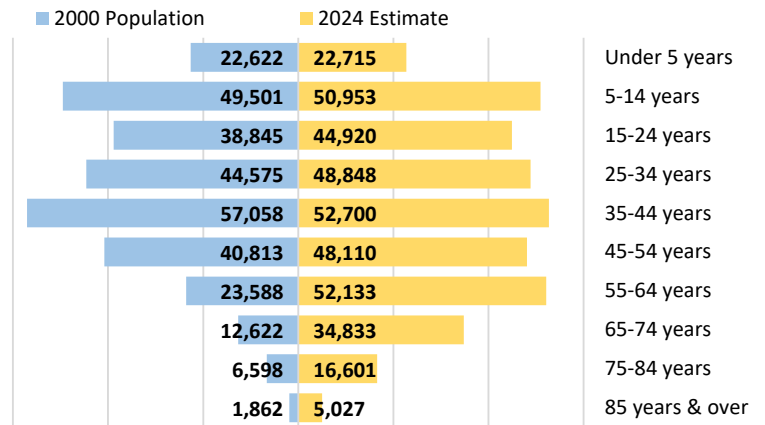
Anoka Co. is the 4th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 15th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Anoka Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

**Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2024**

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	22,715	6.0%
5-14 years	50,953	13.5%
15-24 years	44,920	11.9%
25-34 years	48,848	13.0%
35-44 years	52,700	14.0%
45-54 years	48,110	12.8%
55-64 years	52,133	13.8%
65-74 years	34,833	9.2%
75-84 years	16,601	4.4%
85 years & over	5,027	1.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>376,840</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024**



Anoka Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Anoka 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, 2020-2024**

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Anoka Co.	12,946	5,752	17,363	11,611	7,059	4,929	2,130
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

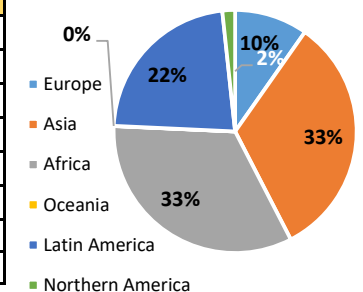
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Anoka Co. has a larger percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Anoka 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, 2023	Anoka Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>36,285</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>13,871</b>	<b>61.9%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
Europe	3,536	9.7%	-772	-17.9%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	11,858	32.7%	3,982	50.6%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	12,077	33.3%	7,590	169.2%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	10	0.0%	-30	-75.0%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	8,804	24.3%	3,101	54.4%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	8,190	22.6%	3,057	59.6%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	614	1.7%	44	7.7%	2.5%	0.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

**Figure 2. Place of Birth for  
the Foreign Born Population,  
2023**



## COUNTY PROFILE

Anoka Co.

Anoka Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2013, the white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2023**

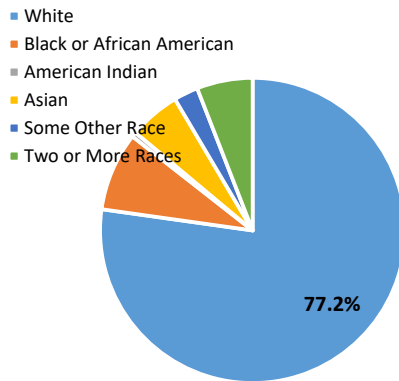


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Anoka Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>367,095</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>9.9%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
White	283,489	77.2%	-2.0%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	30,611	8.3%	104.5%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,889	0.5%	-14.5%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	19,908	5.4%	50.1%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	9,462	2.6%	74.2%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	21,736	5.9%	147.5%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	20,537	5.6%	65.8%	6.2%	37.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

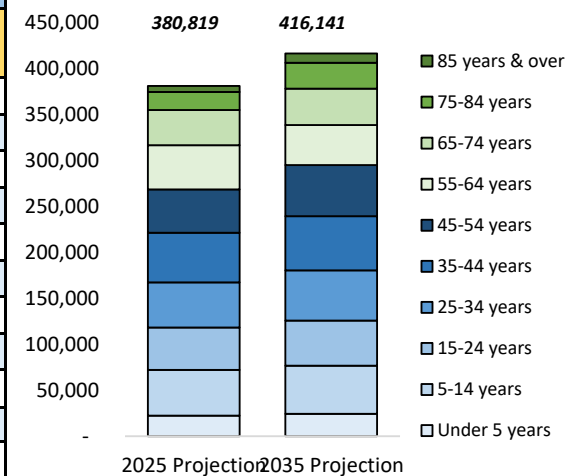
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Anoka Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

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

Anoka Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	22,409	24,404	1,995	8.9%
5-14 years	49,801	52,390	2,589	5.2%
15-24 years	46,037	49,096	3,059	6.6%
25-34 years	49,076	54,433	5,357	10.9%
35-44 years	53,997	58,844	4,847	9.0%
45-54 years	47,141	55,840	8,699	18.5%
55-64 years	48,035	43,215	-4,820	-10.0%
65-74 years	38,085	39,711	1,626	4.3%
75-84 years	19,769	28,036	8,267	41.8%
85 years & over	6,469	10,172	3,703	57.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>380,819</b>	<b>416,141</b>	<b>35,322</b>	<b>9.3%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

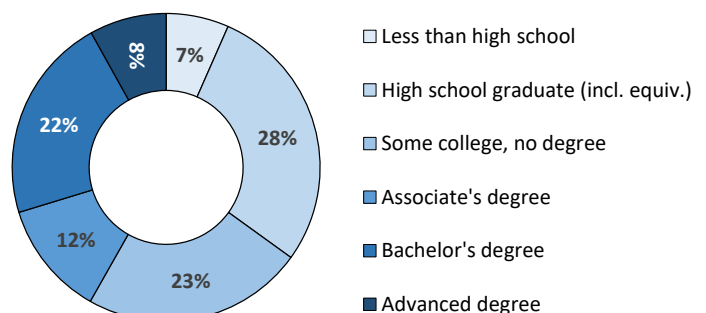


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Anoka Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Anoka 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>93.4%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>65.0%</b>
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	12.1%
Bachelor's Degree:	21.6%
Advanced Degree:	8.1%

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



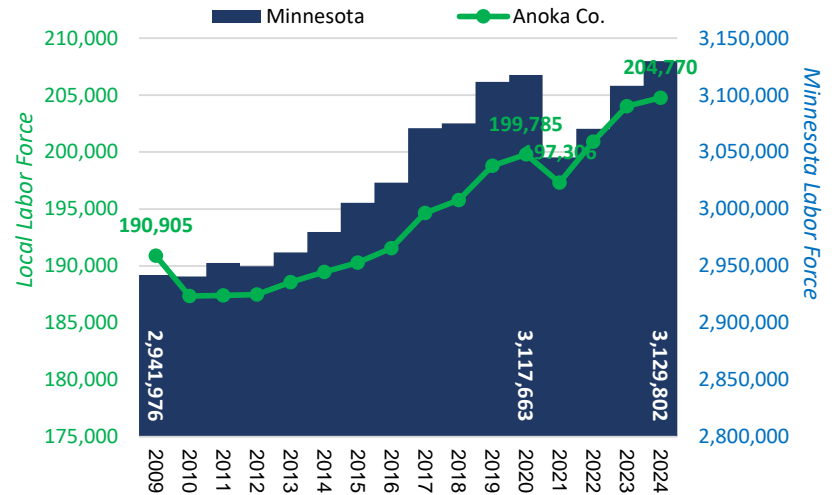
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.7%, Anoka Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Anoka Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.1% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Anoka Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>204,770</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2009-2024	13,865 workers 7.3% increase
<b>3.0%</b>	unemployment rate
3.0%	state
<b>6,143</b>	unemployed workers

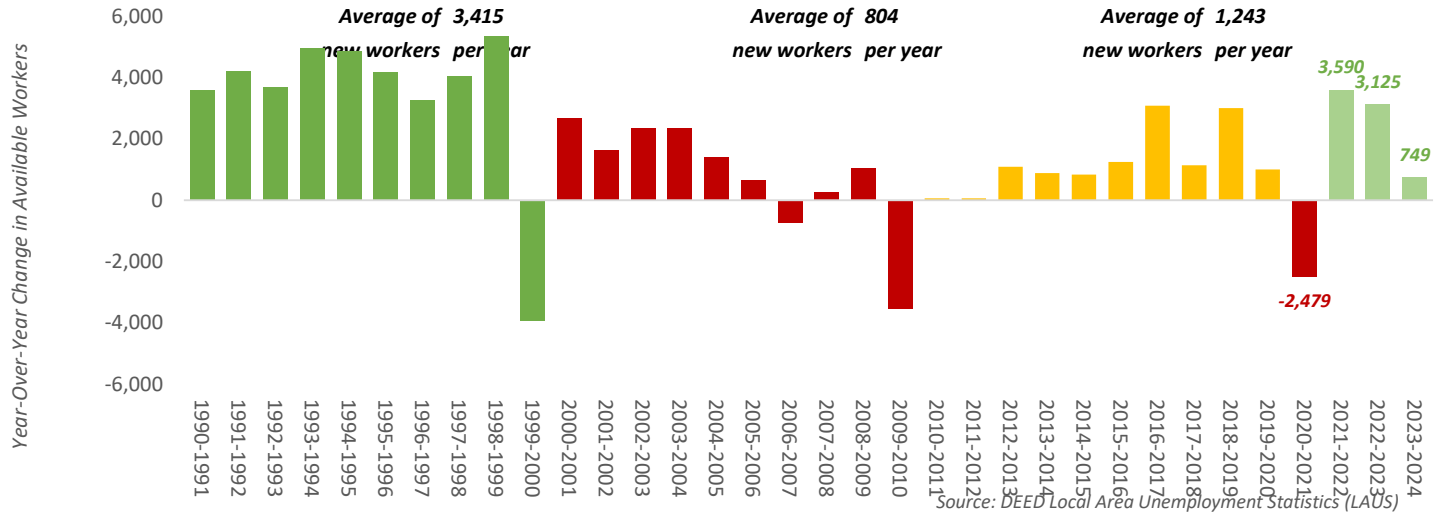
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2024



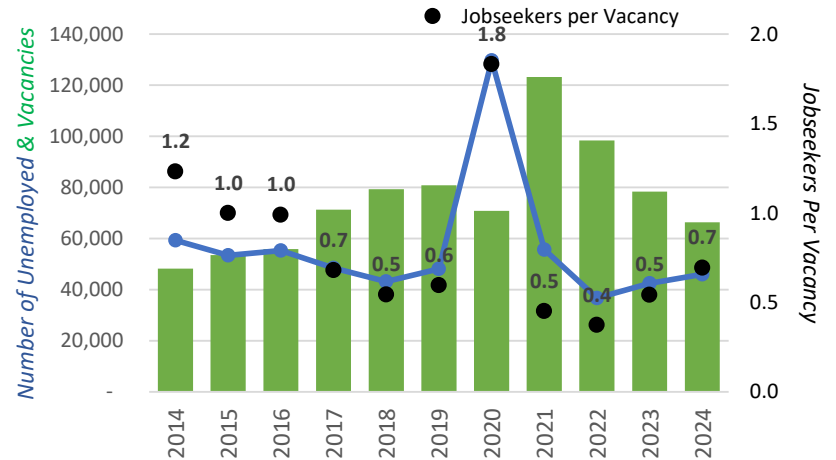
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	28,760	30,875
25 to 54 years	133,478	150,313
55 to 64 years	35,515	31,951
65 years & over	10,665	11,782
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>208,418</b>	<b>224,921</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2019-2023 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 2024, job vacancies in Twin Cities 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, 2014-2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Anoka Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Anoka Co. is more racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023

	Anoka 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>203,141</b>	<b>70.0%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>107,001</b>	<b>96,183</b>
16 to 19 years	9,194	49.6%	10.9%	52.7%	9.9%	4,291	4,899
20 to 24 years	17,539	87.3%	7.4%	83.4%	6.5%	9,105	8,428
25 to 44 years	87,475	88.4%	3.8%	88.7%	3.5%	46,337	41,152
45 to 54 years	42,086	89.8%	2.3%	87.8%	2.9%	22,065	20,010
55 to 64 years	37,548	73.9%	2.9%	72.8%	3.0%	20,108	17,430
65 to 74 years	8,076	23.8%	3.2%	27.8%	3.4%	4,378	3,699
75 years & over	1,285	6.1%	2.2%	6.6%	3.1%	717	565

## Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin

White alone	160,915	69.0%	3.6%	67.5%	3.4%
Black or African American	14,940	73.5%	5.6%	71.0%	8.4%
American Indian & Alaska Native	1,138	70.1%	1.1%	57.7%	11.4%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	11,265	75.0%	5.8%	74.6%	3.5%
Some Other Race	5,171	74.9%	2.8%	75.9%	5.6%
Two or More Races	9,734	74.2%	5.0%	74.2%	6.1%
Hispanic or Latino	10,446	75.0%	3.6%	77.1%	5.9%

## Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years

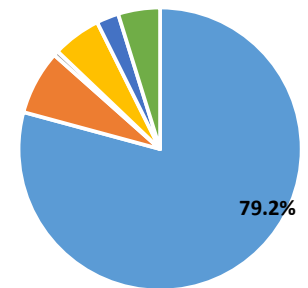
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	9,694	54.9%	7.6%	55.3%	9.5%
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## Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years

Population, 25 to 64 years	167,087	85.0%	3.2%	84.4%	3.3%
Less than H.S. Diploma	7,544	69.7%	4.1%	67.1%	4.7%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	38,673	78.2%	3.1%	76.5%	2.6%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	60,797	86.4%	3.2%	85.0%	3.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	60,060	91.1%	2.0%	90.5%	2.0%

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023

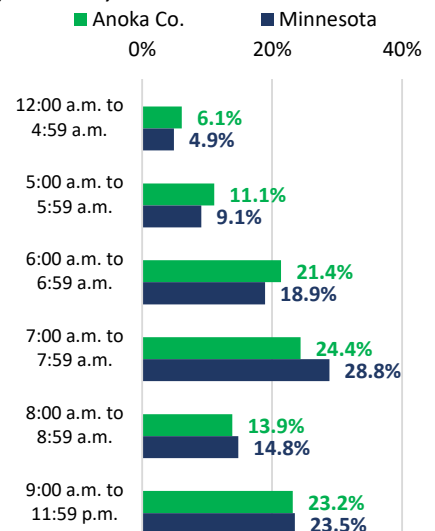


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Anoka Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	189,986	99.5%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	94,325	49.4%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	95,661	50.1%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	955	0.5%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	155,426	81.4%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	2,482	1.3%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	3,819	2.0%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	29,214	15.3%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	16,230	8.5%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	47,926	25.1%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	50,790	26.6%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	50,790	26.6%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	15,657	8.2%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	9,738	5.1%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>26.0 minutes</b>		<b>23.1 minutes</b>	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2023



Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

# COUNTY PROFILE

Anoka Co.

## INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Anoka Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Anoka Co. had the 7th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

**Median Household Income** **\$98,764**

state \$87,556

**Median Family Income** **\$114,908**

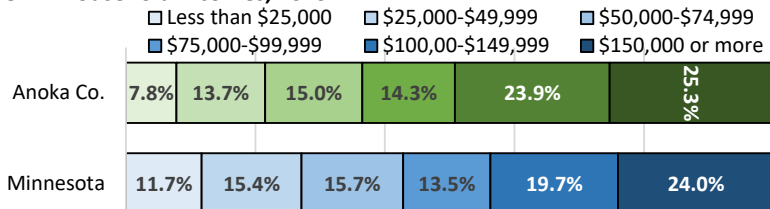
state \$111,492

**Per Capita Income** **\$44,418**

state \$46,957

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2023



Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Anoka Co. had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$19.33 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$24.61 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Anoka Co.	\$40,216	\$19.33	\$0	\$415	\$158	\$1,345	\$582	\$407	\$444
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Anoka Co.	\$76,786	\$24.61	\$663	\$945	\$567	\$1,669	\$1,053	\$604	\$898
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

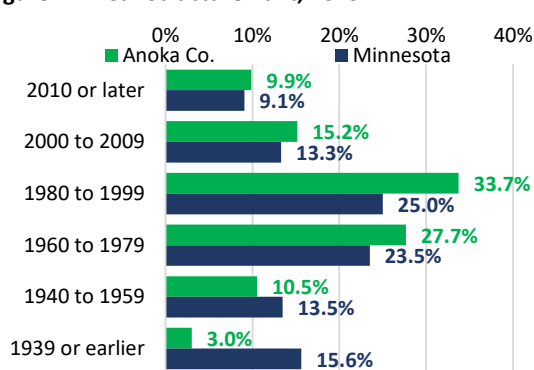
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Anoka Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 9th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Anoka 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	Anoka Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>108,888</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	5,102	4.7%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,336	1.2%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,849	1.7%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,122	4.7%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	32,925	30.2%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	48,446	44.5%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	14,108	13.0%	17.5%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$325,800</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



**Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage** **\$1,911**

state \$1,890

**Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs** **22.3%**

state 22.5%

**Median monthly rent costs** **\$1,396**

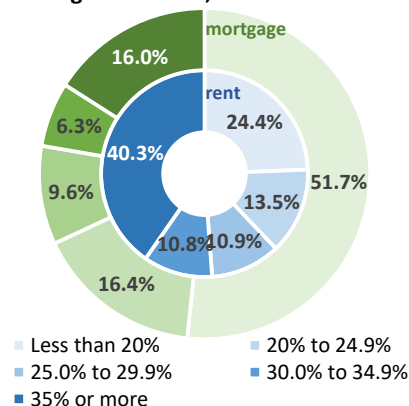
state \$1,235

**Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent** **51.2%**

state 47.2%

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023





## OCCUPATIONS

At \$28.48 in 2024, 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 (\$63.62) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$16.93) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment &amp; Wage Statistics, 2025

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>\$28.48</b>	<b>1,762,280</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$63.62	130,080	7.4%	1.1	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$41.34	151,080	8.6%	1.2	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$51.35	71,750	4.1%	1.2	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$47.56	40,480	2.3%	1.2	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$40.63	18,450	1.0%	1.0	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.01	34,680	2.0%	1.0	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$53.02	16,390	0.9%	1.3	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.44	98,540	5.6%	1.0	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$30.28	24,600	1.4%	1.1	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$48.50	105,470	6.0%	0.9	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.64	110,250	6.3%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.42	27,730	1.6%	1.0	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$16.93	141,110	8.0%	1.0	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$19.44	46,640	2.6%	0.9	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.89	39,470	2.2%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$21.11	143,270	8.1%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$24.71	204,770	11.6%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.71	930	0.1%	0.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$38.33	59,580	3.4%	0.9	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$31.26	56,240	3.2%	0.9	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$24.01	110,390	6.3%	0.9	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.20	130,360	7.4%	0.9	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

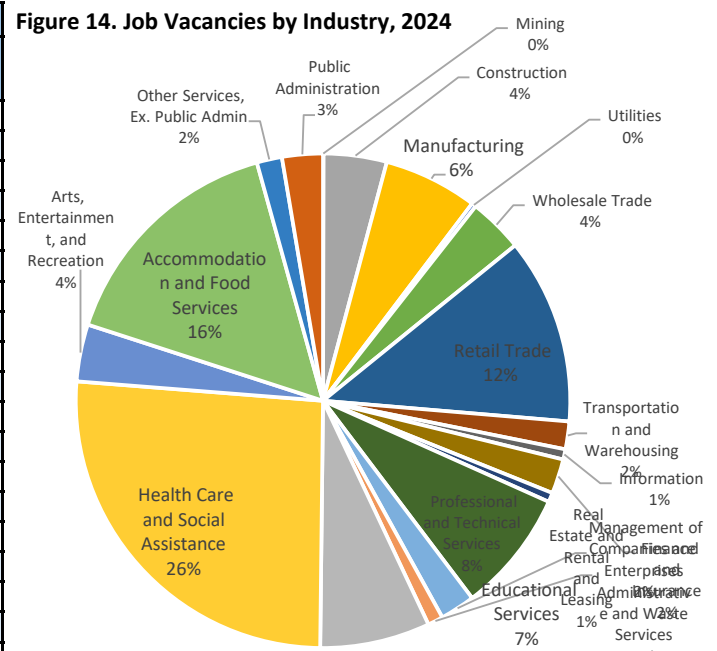
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Anoka Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region. There were 66411 job vacancies posted by employers in 2024, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Twin Cities Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>66,411</b>	<b>\$22.30</b>
Management	4,460	\$42.50
Business & Financial Operations	3,525	\$33.68
Computer & Mathematical	2,465	\$52.17
Architecture & Engineering	1,449	\$42.92
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	586	\$31.86
Community & Social Service	2,687	\$23.98
Education, Training & Library	3,109	\$23.24
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	7,696	\$35.69
Healthcare Support	4,904	\$18.91
Protective Service	769	\$17.16
Food Preparation & Serving Related	10,433	\$15.83
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,016	\$17.91
Personal Care & Service	2,189	\$17.36
Sales & Related	7,399	\$18.30
Office & Administrative Support	2,971	\$19.96
Construction & Extraction	779	\$25.58
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	2,284	\$24.75
Production	2,014	\$23.61
Transportation & Material Moving	3,175	\$19.91

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Twin Cities Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2025

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$36,582/yr	Nursing Assistants \$47,793/yr	Registered Nurses \$103,822/yr	Software Developers \$131,485/yr
Retail Salespersons \$35,954/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$64,167/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$84,258/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$84,154/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$35,247/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$63,105/yr	Dental Hygienists \$101,993/yr	General and Operations Managers \$103,708/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$47,416/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$63,327/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$55,999/yr	Financial Managers \$165,752/yr
Cashiers \$34,713/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$61,060/yr	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$76,190/yr	Project Management Specialists \$100,639/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$26,043/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$56,981/yr	Surgical Technologists \$82,186/yr	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$88,321/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$48,692/yr	Computer User Support Specialists \$66,045/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$70,352/yr	Management Analysts \$98,434/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$49,741/yr	Machinists \$61,474/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$97,755/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$77,347/yr
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and \$78,785/yr	Medical Assistants \$51,095/yr	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists \$101,075/yr	Industrial Engineers \$104,053/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$38,547/yr	Psychiatric Technicians \$51,669/yr	Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers \$44,774/yr	Marketing Managers \$171,914/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

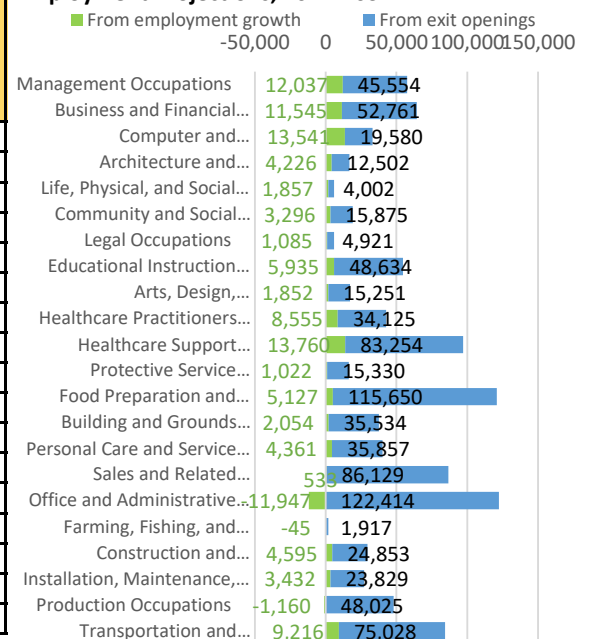
Anoka Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region, which is projected to see a 4.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Twin Cities Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>1,927,280</b>	<b>2,022,157</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	4,299	4,497	4.6%
Utilities	5,966	5,918	-0.8%
Construction	76,624	81,639	6.5%
Manufacturing	175,365	178,983	2.1%
Wholesale Trade	88,950	95,889	7.8%
Retail Trade	155,453	153,000	-1.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	69,046	74,385	7.7%
Information	33,947	36,573	7.7%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	152,950	158,767	3.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	219,218	239,258	9.1%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	103,764	106,039	2.2%
Educational Services	140,511	146,053	3.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	274,229	299,555	9.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	159,585	169,263	6.1%
Other Services	70,450	72,988	3.6%
Public Administration	107,703	109,441	1.6%

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, Anoka Co. had the 4th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Anoka Co. was the 43rd fastest growing in the past year and the 17th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2024, employment in Anoka Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

**8,841** business establishments

**\$65,222** annual average wage

**133,140** jobs

**\$8,683,704,990** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2020-2024

12,370 jobs

10.2% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

Source: DEED QCEW program

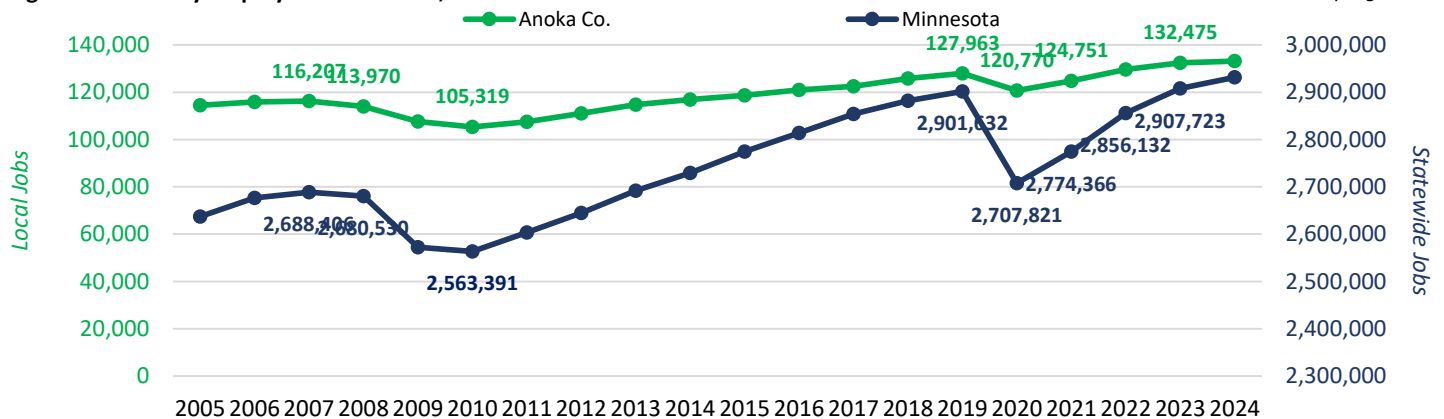
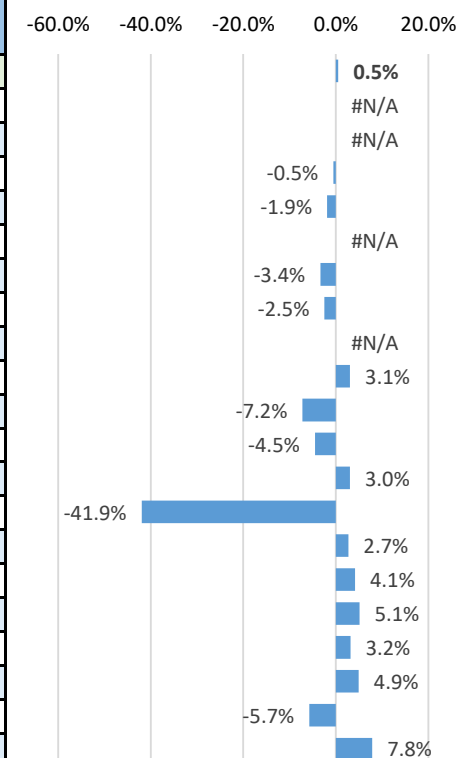


Table 15. Anoka Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024	Number of Establishments	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>8,841</b>	<b>133,140</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$65,222</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	1,188	9,414	7.1%	\$85,894
Manufacturing	595	22,671	17.0%	\$91,412
Utilities	5	489	0.4%	\$28,414
Wholesale Trade	453	7,065	5.3%	\$102,493
Retail Trade	883	16,003	12.0%	\$37,226
Transportation & Warehousing	300	5,487	4.1%	\$15,417
Information	87	537	0.4%	\$73,557
Finance & Insurance	334	1,831	1.4%	\$90,305
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	364	1,352	1.0%	\$52,648
Professional & Technical Services	673	4,468	3.4%	\$90,780
Management of Companies	42	670	0.5%	\$83,816
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	448	6,823	5.1%	\$48,754
Educational Services	203	10,862	8.2%	\$63,729
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,508	21,168	15.9%	\$64,097
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	152	2,958	2.2%	\$34,532
Accommodation & Food Services	558	10,907	8.2%	\$24,255
Other Services	947	4,389	3.3%	\$44,629
Public Administration	63	5,501	4.1%	\$69,482

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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

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