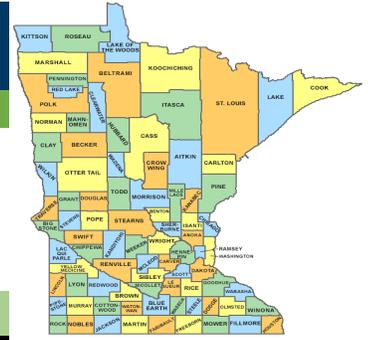


COUNTY PROFILE

Carver Co.

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



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population: **112,628 people**

Population change, 2020-2024: **5,706 people**
5.3% increase

Median Age: **38.9 years**

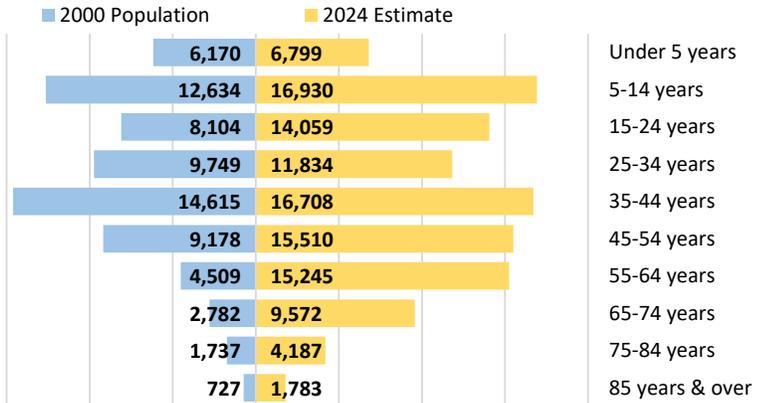
state: **38.6 years**

Carver Co. is the 11th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 5th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Carver 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).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	6,799	6.0%
5-14 years	16,930	15.0%
15-24 years	14,059	12.5%
25-34 years	11,834	10.5%
35-44 years	16,708	14.8%
45-54 years	15,510	13.8%
55-64 years	15,245	13.5%
65-74 years	9,572	8.5%
75-84 years	4,187	3.7%
85 years & over	1,783	1.6%
Total Population	112,628	100.0%

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Carver 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, Carver 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
Carver Co.	5,704	2,144	4,993	2,849	3,565	866	2,699
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

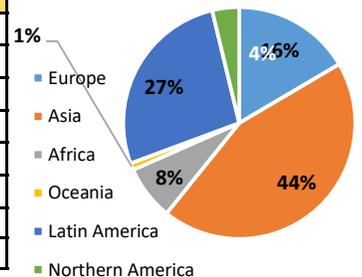
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Carver Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Carver Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023	Carver Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	5,849	5.4%	386	7.1%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	967	16.5%	-184	-16.0%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	2,588	44.2%	878	51.3%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	445	7.6%	182	69.2%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	56	1.0%	-31	-35.6%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	1,793	30.7%	-459	-20.4%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	1,573	26.9%	-514	-24.6%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	220	3.8%	55	33.3%	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

Carver Co.

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

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2023

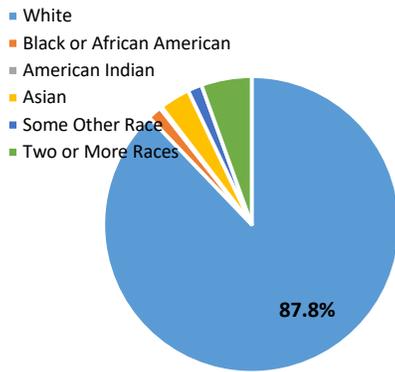


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Carver Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	108,622	100.0%	17.1%	100.0%	6.8%
White	95,421	87.8%	10.9%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	1,665	1.5%	84.6%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	237	0.2%	66.9%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	3,636	3.3%	47.3%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	1,683	1.5%	44.1%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	5,980	5.5%	190.3%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	5,393	5.0%	45.8%	6.2%	37.5%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

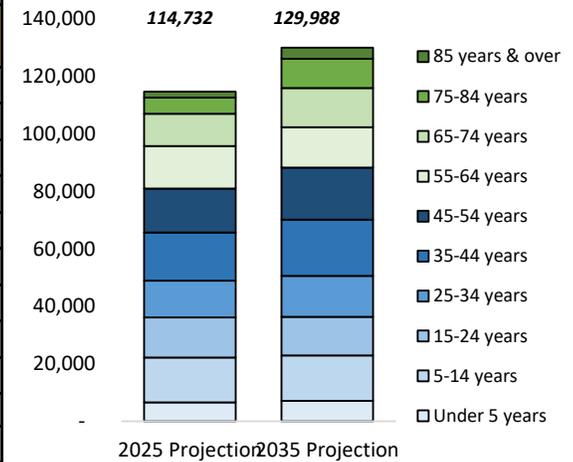
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Carver Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

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

Carver Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	6,557	7,131	574	8.8%
5-14 years	15,642	15,743	101	0.6%
15-24 years	13,930	13,483	-447	-3.2%
25-34 years	12,774	14,201	1,427	11.2%
35-44 years	16,793	19,620	2,827	16.8%
45-54 years	15,308	18,086	2,778	18.1%
55-64 years	14,760	14,099	-661	-4.5%
65-74 years	11,278	13,593	2,315	20.5%
75-84 years	5,586	10,226	4,640	83.1%
85 years & over	2,104	3,806	1,702	80.9%
Total Population	114,732	129,988	15,256	13.3%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

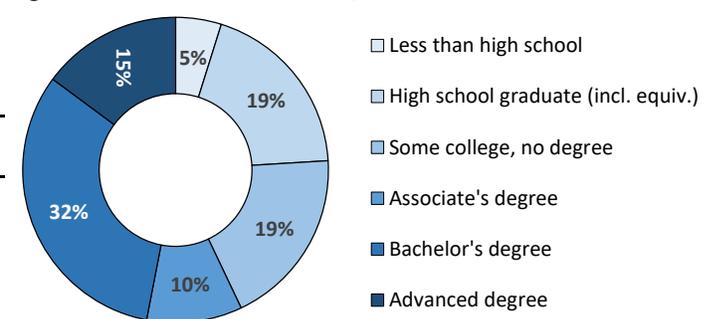


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Carver Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Carver 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:	95.2%
College-educated:	76.0%
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	10.1%
Bachelor's Degree:	32.1%
Advanced Degree:	14.9%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023



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

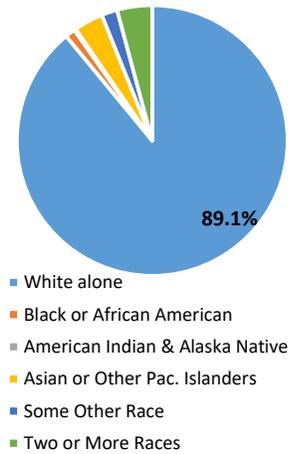
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Carver Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Carver Co. is less 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

	Carver 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
Total Labor Force	61,551	73.2%	3.1%	68.5%	3.9%	32,941	28,621
16 to 19 years	3,119	52.0%	6.6%	52.7%	9.9%	1,645	1,477
20 to 24 years	4,704	79.6%	6.7%	83.4%	6.5%	2,331	2,375
25 to 44 years	25,060	91.0%	2.6%	88.7%	3.5%	13,333	11,731
45 to 54 years	13,492	90.2%	3.2%	87.8%	2.9%	7,134	6,361
55 to 64 years	11,691	79.5%	2.1%	72.8%	3.0%	6,497	5,190
65 to 74 years	3,000	32.5%	2.1%	27.8%	3.4%	1,700	1,301
75 years & over	489	8.5%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	301	186
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin							
White alone	54,827	72.8%	3.0%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	732	68.0%	14.2%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	126	56.0%	11.9%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	2,152	75.1%	1.4%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	1,164	88.0%	3.7%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	2,579	78.5%	3.7%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	3,207	85.3%	2.0%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	2,307	57.4%	10.0%	55.3%	9.5%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	50,268	87.9%	2.6%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,630	82.7%	5.8%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	6,772	82.0%	5.1%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	13,760	86.8%	2.8%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	28,090	90.3%	1.9%	90.5%	2.0%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023



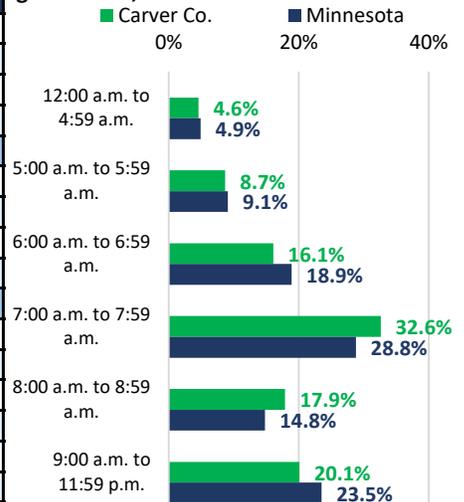
Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022

	Carver Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	58,765	99.5%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	31,833	53.9%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	26,872	45.5%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	295	0.5%	64,576	2.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	44,118	74.7%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	472	0.8%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,358	2.3%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	13,052	22.1%	463,770	15.8%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	7,619	12.9%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	15,415	26.1%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	13,820	23.4%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	14,942	25.3%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	4,430	7.5%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	2,835	4.8%	149,698	5.1%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	25.8 minutes		23.1 minutes	

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



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

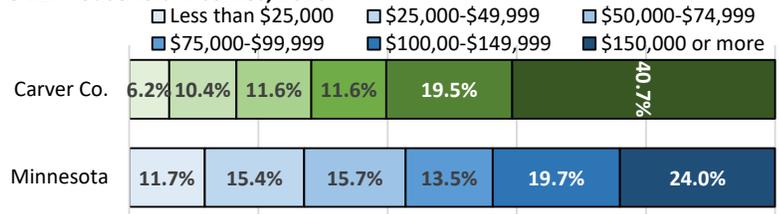
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Carver Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Carver Co. had the 1st highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$123,144
state	\$87,556
Median Family Income	\$149,132
state	\$111,492
Per Capita Income	\$58,254
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. Carver Co. had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$19.37 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$24.66 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
Carver Co.	\$40,291	\$19.37	\$0	\$421	\$158	\$1,345	\$579	\$409	\$446
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
Carver Co.	\$76,945	\$24.66	\$663	\$959	\$567	\$1,669	\$1,045	\$608	\$901
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

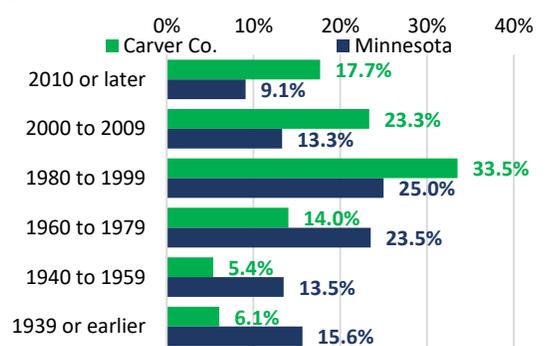
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Carver Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 1st highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Carver 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	Carver Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	32,874	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,084	3.3%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	309	0.9%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	561	1.7%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	787	2.4%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,917	15.0%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	12,930	39.3%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	12,286	37.4%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$426,900		\$305,500

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	\$2,431
state	\$1,890

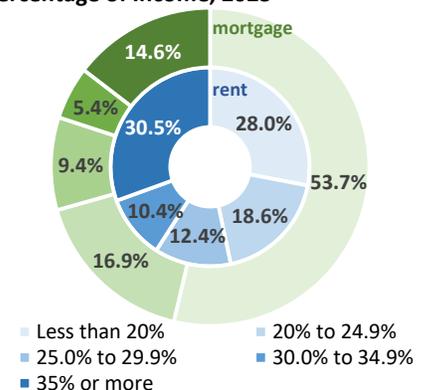
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	20.0%
state	22.5%

Median monthly rent costs	\$1,444
state	\$1,235

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	40.9%
state	47.2%

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

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



COUNTY PROFILE

Carver Co.

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 & 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
Total, All Occupations	\$28.48	1,762,280	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
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

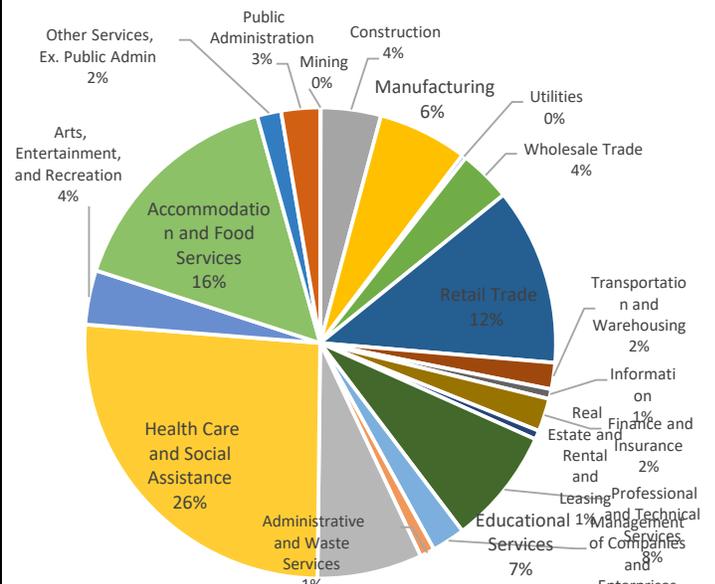
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Carver 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
Total, All Occupations	66,411	\$22.30
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, 2024

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$35,514/yr	Nursing Assistants \$46,080/yr	Registered Nurses \$103,847/yr	Software Developers \$131,741/yr
Retail Salespersons \$36,304/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$64,047/yr	Dental Hygienists \$97,477/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$81,809/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$49,374/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$53,952/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$69,564/yr	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$83,647/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$45,909/yr	Medical Assistants \$52,350/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$83,266/yr	Project Management Specialists \$101,522/yr
Cashiers \$34,855/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$61,708/yr	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$66,277/yr	General and Operations Managers \$106,095/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$39,688/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$54,327/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$48,503/yr	Management Analysts \$100,289/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$47,597/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$58,858/yr	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and \$74,713/yr	Financial Managers \$165,961/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$49,788/yr	Computer User Support Specialists \$66,022/yr	Surgical Technologists \$80,249/yr	Industrial Engineers \$103,880/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$39,304/yr	Machinists \$63,126/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$95,455/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$65,327/yr
Office Clerks, General \$48,707/yr	Pharmacy Technicians \$49,721/yr	Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers \$42,360/yr	Human Resources Specialists \$79,466/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

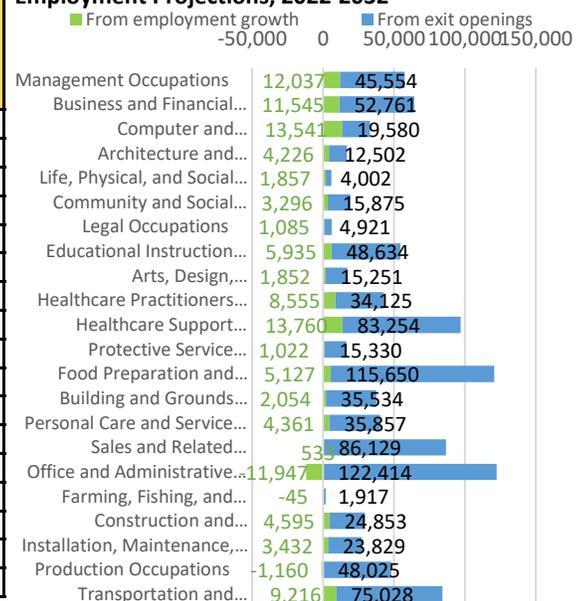
Carver Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region, which is projected to see a 4.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Twin Cities Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
Total, All Industries	1,927,280	2,022,157	4.9%
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 losing jobs over the past year, Carver Co. had the 12th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Carver Co. was the 76th fastest growing in the past year and the 20th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Carver Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

2,869 business establishments

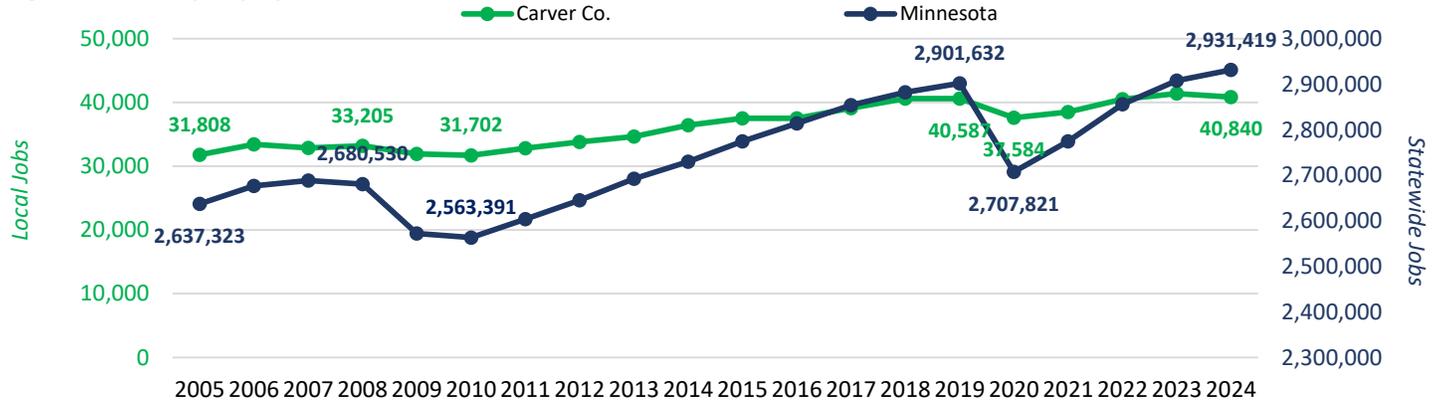
\$67,450 annual average wage

40,840 jobs

\$2,754,668,127 total industry payroll

Job change,
2019-2024 **3,256 jobs**
8.7% increase

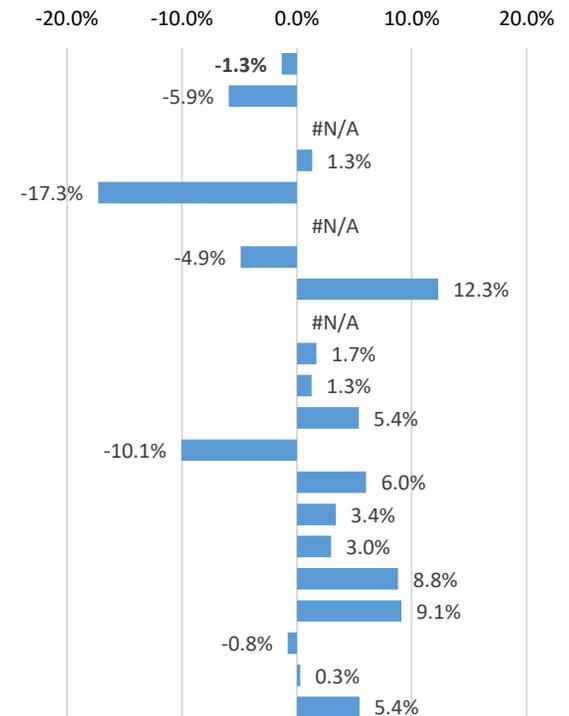
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024



Source: DEED QCEW program

Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	40,840	100.0%	\$67,450
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	127	0.3%	\$49,809
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	2,665	6.5%	\$86,749
Manufacturing	8,473	20.7%	\$89,215
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	1,788	4.4%	\$100,934
Retail Trade	4,295	10.5%	\$32,815
Transportation & Warehousing	395	1.0%	\$29,418
Information	238	0.6%	\$80,353
Finance & Insurance	782	1.9%	\$91,816
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	410	1.0%	\$68,130
Professional & Technical Services	1,190	2.9%	\$92,880
Management of Companies	860	2.1%	\$154,274
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	1,126	2.8%	\$70,582
Educational Services	4,353	10.7%	\$53,071
Health Care & Social Assistance	6,742	16.5%	\$67,381
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	1,330	3.3%	\$37,254
Accommodation & Food Services	3,388	8.3%	\$22,147
Other Services	1,004	2.5%	\$42,521
Public Administration	1,646	4.0%	\$72,184

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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

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