# EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# COUNTY PROFILE

# Chisago Co.

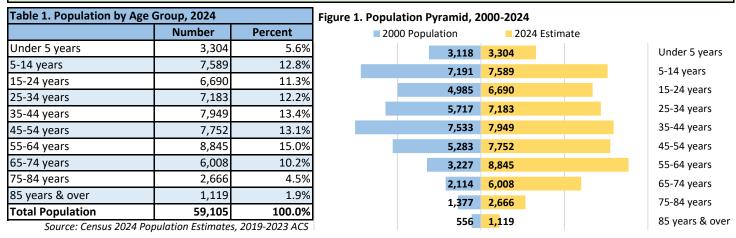
Chisago Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 7E, which is located in the Central Planning Region.

# **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

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2024 population:	59,105 people		
Population change,	2,484 people	Median Age:	40.8 years
2020-2024	4.4% increase	state:	38.6 years

Chisago Co. is the 18th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 8th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Chisago 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).



Chisago 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, Chisago 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		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024								
Population	Natural	Vital E	vents		Net Migratio	on				
Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic				
2,487	403	2,502	2,099	2,101	136	1,965				
86,459	51,570	51,570 268,689 217,119 33,161 81,091 -47,930								
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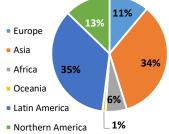
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Chisago Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Chisago 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	Chisa	go Co.	Change 2	013-2023	Minnesota		
Population, 2023	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	1,356	2.4%	380	38.9%	8.6%	24.7%	
Europe	150	11.1%	-52	-25.7%	8.8%	-3.4%	
Asia	463	34.1%	167	56.4%	35.7%	18.1%	
Africa	80	5.9%	-2	-2.4%	28.3%	78.8%	
Oceania	12	0.9%	-7	-36.8%	0.4%	5.4%	
Americas:	651	48.0%	274	72.7%	26.7%	8.7%	
Latin America	478	35.3%	124	35.0%	24.2%	9.7%	
Northern America	173	12.8%	150	652.2%	2.5%	0.4%	



Figure 2. Place of Birth for



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

### **COUNTY PROFILE**

Chisago

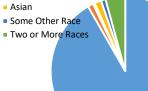
Chisago Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2013, the white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

# Figure 3. Population by Race,



- White
- Black or African American





		Chisago Co	<b>).</b>	Minr	nesota
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	57,434	100.0%	7.0%	100.0%	6.8%
White	52,665	91.7%	2.7%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	688	1.2%	11.1%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	224	0.4%	-18.2%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	830	1.4%	87.8%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	577	1.0%	113.7%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	2,450	4.3%	200.2%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,565	2.7%	73.5%	6.2%	37.5%

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

# **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

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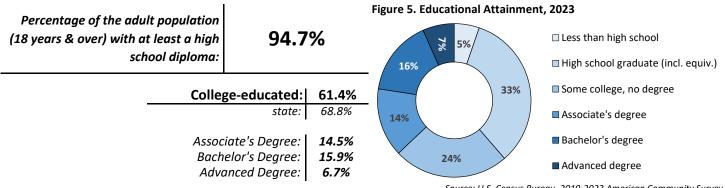
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Chisago Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

					Figure 4. P	rojections by	Age Group, 2	2025-
<b>Table 5. Population Project</b>	ions by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	70,000	59,274	63,564	
Chisago Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				85 years & over
Under 5 years	3,263	3,446	183	5.6%	60,000			<b>7</b> 5-84 years
5-14 years	7,404	7,829	425	5.7%	50,000			, 65-74 years
15-24 years	6,671	6,764	93	1.4%				,
25-34 years	7,177	7,443	266	3.7%	40,000			□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	8,187	9,047	860	10.5%	20.000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	7,220	8,577	1,357	18.8%	30,000			35-44 years
55-64 years	8,212	6,671	-1,541	-18.8%	20,000			25-34 years
65-74 years	6,632	7,241	609	9.2%				15-24 years
75-84 years	3,388	4,885	1,497	44.2%	10,000			5-14 years
85 years & over	1,120	1,661	541	48.3%	]			Under 5 years
Total Population	59,274	63,564	4,290	7.2%	] :	2025 Projectio	2035 Projectio	n

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

# **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

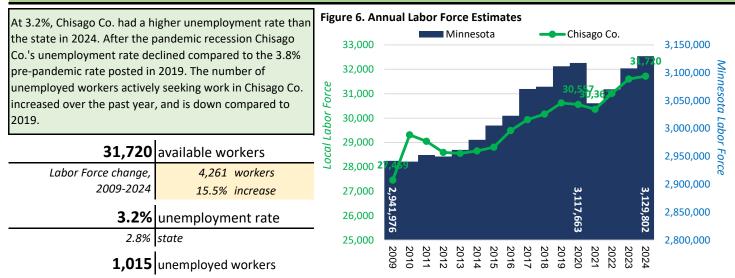
Chisago Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Chisago Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.



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

### **COUNTY PROFILE**

# LABOR FORCE TRENDS



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

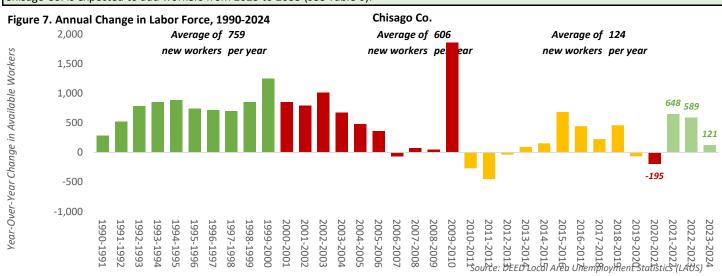
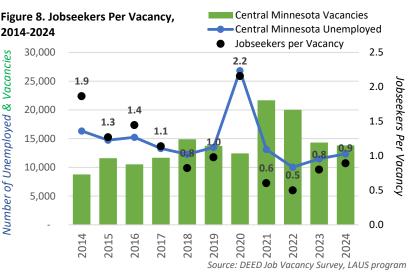


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection					
Projections, 2025-2035	2025 2035					
16 to 24 years	3,922	3,951				
25 to 54 years	19,302	21,437				
55 to 64 years	6,153	4,998				
65 years & over	2,114	2,451				
Total Labor Force	31,491	32,838				

#### 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 Central returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	CI	nisago Co.		Minne	esota	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	31,144	67.3%	3.9%	68.5%	3.9%	16,899	14,233
16 to 19 years	1,507	50.6%	12.4%	52.7%	9.9%	829	677
20 to 24 years	2,334	79.1%	6.4%	83.4%	6.5%	1,338	997
25 to 44 years	12,461	84.7%	4.4%	88.7%	3.5%	6,629	5,834
45 to 54 years	6,554	87.0%	2.0%	87.8%	2.9%	3,609	2,941
55 to 64 years	6,439	74.9%	2.3%	72.8%	3.0%	3,461	2,980
65 to 74 years	1,512	25.9%	3.3%	27.8%	3.4%	846	666
75 years & over	324	8.8%	0.9%	6.6%	3.1%	187	138
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	bor Force by
White alone	29,109	68.0%	4.0%	67.5%	3.4%	Race, 2023	•
Black or African American	111	18.3%	6.3%	71.0%	8.4%	•	
American Indian & Alaska Native	90	43.9%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	438	70.8%	3.2%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	347	80.3%	0.0%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	1,052	65.4%	3.5%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	855	78.3%	3.7%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,729	54.9%	10.5%	55.3%	9.5%		93.5%
Employment Characteristics by Education	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	25,467	82.6%	3.2%	84.4%	3.3%	White ale	one
Less than H.S. Diploma	870	74.0%	3.8%	67.1%	4.7%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	6,757	73.1%	1.2%	76.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	11,039	86.9%	3.2%	85.0%	3.6%	Asian or	Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	6,784	88.0%	2.6%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

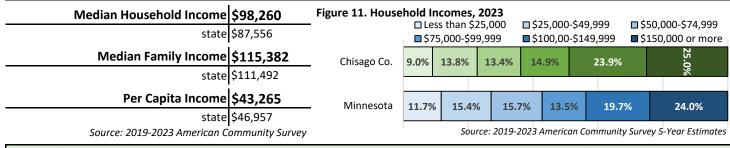
A smaller percentage of workers in Chisago Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Chisago Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

	Chisago	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Tim	e Leaving Home to
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20	
Worked in state of residence	28,416	97.1%	2,870,678	97.8%	Chisa	go Co. ■ Minnesota % 20% 40%
Worked in county of residence	12,584	43.0%	1,984,232	67.6%		1% 20% 40%
Worked out of county of residence	15,832	54.1%	886,447	30.2%	12:00 a.m. to	
Worked outside state of residence	849	2.9%	64,576	2.2%	4:59 a.m.	8.7% 4.9%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK						41570
Car, truck, or van	24,670	84.3%	2,286,563	77.9%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	16.7%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	234	0.8%	61,640	2.1%	a.m.	9.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	673	2.3%	120,345	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59	24.2%
Worked at home	3,717	12.7%	463,770	15.8%	a.m.	18.9%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59	
Less than 10 minutes	3,190	10.9%	478,446	16.3%	a.m.	21.6%
10 to 19 minutes	6,116	20.9%	924,605	31.5%		28.8%
20 to 29 minutes	4,741	16.2%	651,626	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	9.4%
30 to 44 minutes	6,965	23.8%	551,828	18.8%	a.m.	14.8%
45 to 59 minutes	4,770	16.3%	176,115	6.0%	9:00 a.m. to	10.49/
60 or more minutes	3,512	12.0%	149,698	5.1%	11:59 p.m.	19.4%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	31.6	minutes	23.1	minutes	Ī	

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

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

Chisago Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Chisago Co. had the 8th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



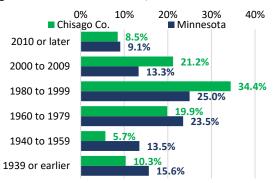
The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Chisago Co. had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$19.8 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$24.17 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost o	able 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024								
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts		
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living	, 0	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Chisago Co.	\$41,175	\$19.80	\$0	\$410	\$158	\$1,345	\$648	\$406	\$464
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	<b>Nonthly Co</b>	sts		
working full-time, 1 part- time), 1 child	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Chisago Co.	\$75,407	\$24.17	\$425	\$934	\$567	\$1,669	\$1,219	\$602	\$868
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool									

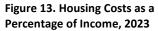
Chisago Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 8th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Chisago Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

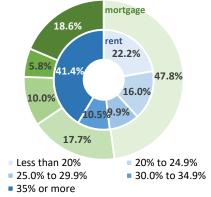
Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Chisago	Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	18,200	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	979	5.4%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	281	1.5%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	373	2.0%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,082	5.9%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	5,087	28.0%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	7,552	41.5%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	2,846	15.6%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$326,6	600	\$305,500

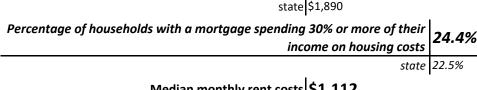
ota Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



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



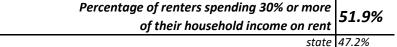






with a mortgage





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

**Chisago Co** 

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

### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$23.51 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 7E than the state. Overall, Region 7E had the 5th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$49.04) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$16.3) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 20	25						
		Region	n 7E		Stat	e of Minnes	sota
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	\$23.51	49,570	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
Management	\$49.04	2,650	5.3%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$37.30	1,690	3.4%	0.5	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$40.80	490	1.0%	0.3	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.58	740	1.5%	0.8	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$38.18	320	0.6%	0.6	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$29.53	1,380	2.8%	1.4	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$38.85	180	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$26.86	3,950	8.0%	1.4	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$27.01	280	0.6%	0.5	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$42.03	3,160	6.4%	1.0	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$19.18	3,420	6.9%	1.1	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.77	1,290	2.6%	1.6	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$16.30	5,400	10.9%	1.3	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$19.06	1,470	3.0%	1.1	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.54	1,220	2.5%	1.1	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.52	4,900	9.9%	1.2	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.54	5,490	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.85	80	0.2%	1.4	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.96	2,690	5.4%	1.4	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.77	1,930	3.9%	1.1	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$23.81	3,290	6.6%	0.9	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.24	3,540	7.1%	0.9	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

### **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Chisago Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 13827 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. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024			Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024		
	Number of	Wage	Other Agriculture, Mining		
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer	Forestry, Fishing		
Total, All Occupations	13,827	\$19.81	n and Food Ex. Public Administration 5%		
Management	319	\$29.45	Services 4% 3% Manufacturing		
Business & Financial Operations	394	\$33.36	10%9%		
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$26.02	Arts, Entertainmen		
Architecture & Engineering	197	\$30.87			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	122	\$33.52	Recreation 2%		
Community & Social Service	283	\$23.80			
Education, Training & Library	735	\$19.62			
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,450	\$29.97			
Healthcare Support	1,363	\$18.33			
Protective Service	189	\$21.58	Retail Trade		
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,814	\$15.03	Health Care 19%		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	260	\$16.97	and Social		
Personal Care & Service	417	\$14.99	Assistance Transportation		
Sales & Related	1,861	\$15.92	28% 5%		
Office & Administrative Support	911	\$20.11	Management of Finance Real		
Construction & Extraction	693	\$22.04	Adouting and the second information Estate and and Wars movies Insurance Rental		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	695	\$23.62	Servic Desvices 2% and		
Production	598	\$20.21	10/ 00/		
Transportation & Material Moving	1,128	\$20.98	Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024		

# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

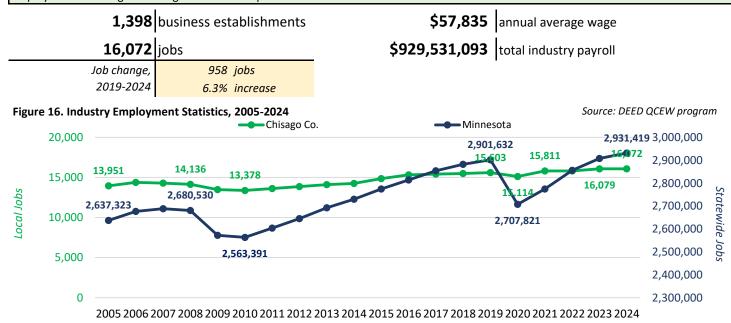
Table 13. Central Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2024								
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher					
Retail Salespersons	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers					
\$35,817/yr	\$60,953/yr	\$97,279/yr	\$82,833/yr					
Home Health and Personal	Nursing Assistants	Radiologic Technologists and	Elementary School Teachers,					
Care Aides	Nulsing Assistants	Technicians	Except Special Education					
\$35,952/yr	\$40,289/yr	\$79,926/yr	\$65,116/yr					
Fast Food and Counter	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Police and Sheriff's Patrol	Secondary School Teachers, Except					
Workers	Nurses	Officers	Special and Career/Technical					
\$30,548/yr	\$58,035/yr	\$78,056/yr	\$66,539/yr					
Cashiers	Automotive Service Technicians and	Industrial Engineering	Medical and Health Services					
Casiliers	Mechanics	Technologists and Technicians	Managers					
\$31,985/yr	\$49,872/yr	\$64,316/yr	\$108,690/yr					
Stockers and Order Fillers	Machinists	Calibration Technologists and	Preschool Teachers, Except Special					
Stockers and Order Fillers	Wachinists	Technicians	Education					
\$38,723/yr	\$61,397/yr	\$51,876/yr	\$38,309/yr					
Janitors and Cleaners,	Emergency Medical Technicians	Dental Hygienists	Accountants and Auditors					
Except Maids and	<b>o</b> ,	Dental Hygienists						
\$37,511/yr	\$43,830/yr	\$95,926/yr	\$73,436/yr					
Waiters and Waitresses	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing	Detectives and Criminal	Child, Family, and School Social					
Walters and Waltresses	Clerks	Investigators	Workers					
\$24,272/yr	\$49,071/yr	\$77,932/yr	\$65,914/yr					
Childcare Workers	Electricians	Surgical Technologists	Industrial Engineers					
\$32,303/yr	\$79,223/yr	\$66,288/yr	\$97,918/yr					
First-Line Supervisors of	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and	Human Resources Assistants,						
Retail Sales Workers	mental health counselors	Except Payroll and Timekeeping	Project Management Specialists					
\$47,389/yr	\$54,808/yr	\$49,531/yr Veterinary Technologists and	\$85,453/yr					
Customer Service			Special Education Teachers,					
Representatives	Weulda Assistants	Technicians	Secondary School					
\$44,527/yr	\$48,462/yr	\$46,438/yr	\$69,045/yr					
			Source: DEED Occupations in Demand					

Chisago Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5.2% 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 P	Figure 15. Regional Occupational			
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	Employment Projections, 2022-2032 From employment growth -5,000 5,000 15,000 25,000
	Employment	Employ-	Change	
Central Planning Region	2022	ment 2032	2022-2032	Management Occupations 1,450 7,406 Business and Financial 856 4,284
Total, All Industries	315,929	332,231	5.2%	Computer and 413 822
Natural Resources & Mining	5,649	5,809	2.8%	Architecture and 484 1,290
Utilities	1,986	1,998	0.6%	Life, Physical, and Social 157   461
Construction	20,532	22,780	10.9%	Community and Social 590 2,724
Manufacturing	41,539	44,543	7.2%	Legal Occupations 63 374
Wholesale Trade	11,219	12,105	7.9%	Educational Instruction and 678 8,450 Arts, Design, 168 2,404
Retail Trade	35,711	35,808	0.3%	Healthcare Practitioners 1,676 5,975
Transportation & Warehousing	9,287	10,143	9.2%	Healthcare Support 1,880 13,047
Information	3,002	3,214	7.1%	Protective Service 172 <b>2</b> ,405
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	10,142	10,528	3.8%	Food Preparation and1,029 20,705
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	9,040	9,979	10.4%	Building and Grounds 577 <b>6,626</b>
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	10,369	11,004	6.1%	Personal Care and Service 651 6,031 Sales and Related12 18,082
Educational Services	24,622	24,913	1.2%	Office and Administrative1, 105 17,777
Health Care & Social Assistance	45,668	49,836	9.1%	Farming, Fishing, and 15 1,773
Leisure & Hospitality	26,046	27,642	6.1%	Construction and Extraction 1,780 6,964
Other Services	10,880	11,311	4.0%	Installation, Maintenance,1,085 5,176
Public Administration	20,424	21,077	3.2%	Production Occupations 1,384 12,840
<u>So</u>	urce: DEED 2022-2	2032 Employm	ent Outlook	Transportation and 2,311 14,900

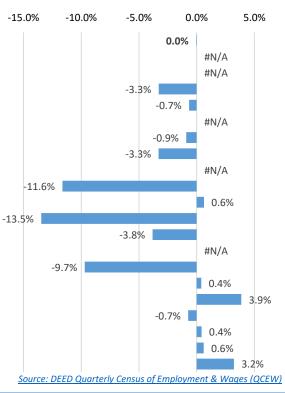
### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Chisago Co. had the 27th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Chisago Co. was the 57th fastest growing in the past year and the 40th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Chisago Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.



			Average
Table 15. Chisago Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2024	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	16,072	100.0%	\$57,835
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	1,204	7.5%	\$83,104
Manufacturing	2,403	15.0%	\$64,893
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	437	2.7%	\$58 <i>,</i> 467
Retail Trade	1,732	10.8%	\$39,617
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	38	0.2%	\$70,169
Finance & Insurance	160	1.0%	\$71,629
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	45	0.3%	\$23,897
Professional & Technical Services	705	4.4%	\$123,932
Management of Companies	19	0.1%	\$21,620
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	410	2.6%	\$49,230
Educational Services	1,272	7.9%	\$52,324
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,787	23.6%	\$59,101
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	408	2.5%	\$21,384
Accommodation & Food Services	1,402	8.7%	\$22,819
Other Services	497	3.1%	\$37,676
Public Administration	1,086	6.8%	\$72,891

#### Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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