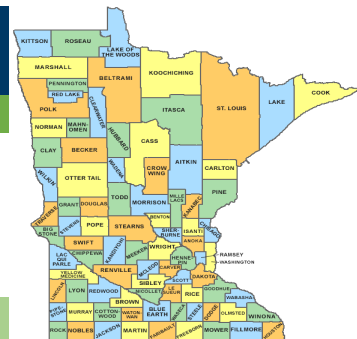


## COUNTY PROFILE

# Red Lake Co.

Red Lake Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 1, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population: **3,882 people**

Population change,  
2020-2024 **-53 people**  
**-1.3% decline**

Median Age: **42.8 years**

state: **38.6 years**

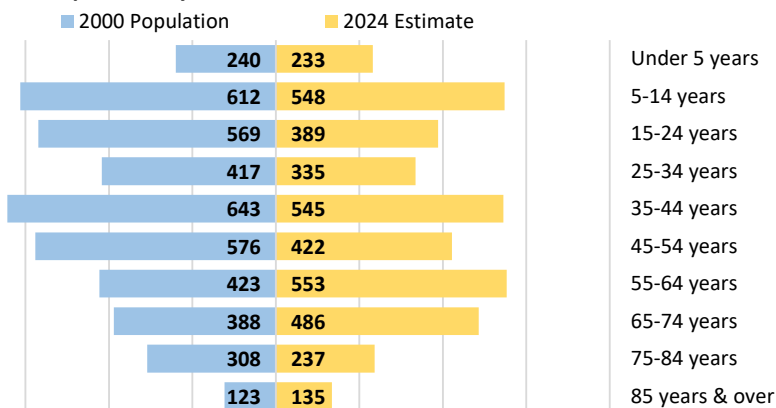
Red Lake Co. is the 85th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 61st fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Red Lake Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

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

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	233	6.0%
5-14 years	548	14.1%
15-24 years	389	10.0%
25-34 years	335	8.6%
35-44 years	545	14.0%
45-54 years	422	10.9%
55-64 years	553	14.3%
65-74 years	486	12.5%
75-84 years	237	6.1%
85 years & over	135	3.5%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

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



Red Lake Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Red Lake 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
Red Lake Co.	-56	19	188	169	-77	5	-82
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

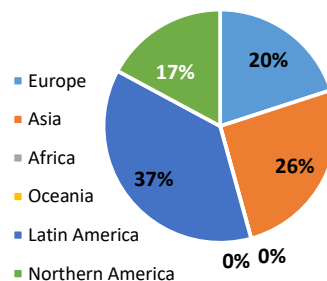
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023	Red Lake Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	35	0.9%	-30	-46.2%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	7	20.0%	-15	-68.2%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	9	25.7%	1	12.5%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	0	0.0%	-9	-100.0%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	19	54.3%	-7	-26.9%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	13	37.1%	-5	-27.8%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	6	17.1%	-2	-25.0%	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**

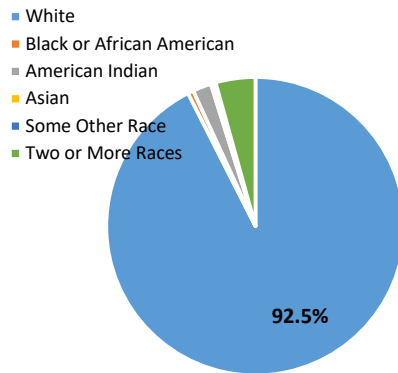


## COUNTY PROFILE

Red Lake Co.

Red Lake 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**

	Red Lake Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,922</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
White	3,629	92.5%	-7.2%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	24	0.6%	-4.0%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	79	2.0%	58.0%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	13	0.3%	62.5%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	8	0.2%	-73.3%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	169	4.3%	172.6%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	133	3.4%	18.8%	6.2%	37.5%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

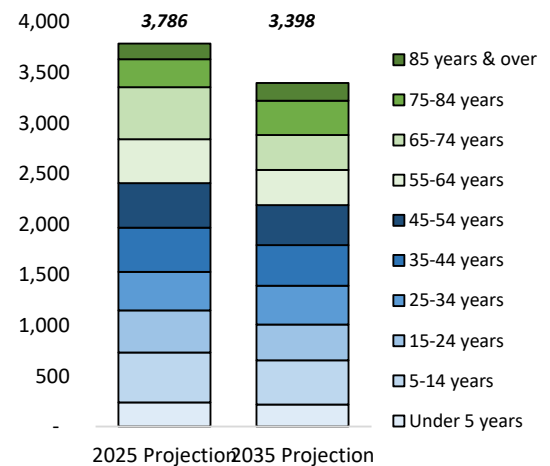
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Red Lake Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

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

Red Lake Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	237	218	-19	-8.0%
5-14 years	494	436	-58	-11.7%
15-24 years	417	356	-61	-14.6%
25-34 years	381	383	2	0.5%
35-44 years	437	400	-37	-8.5%
45-54 years	439	395	-44	-10.0%
55-64 years	435	348	-87	-20.0%
65-74 years	516	345	-171	-33.1%
75-84 years	275	340	65	23.6%
85 years & over	155	177	22	14.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,786</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>-388</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Red Lake 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. Red Lake Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

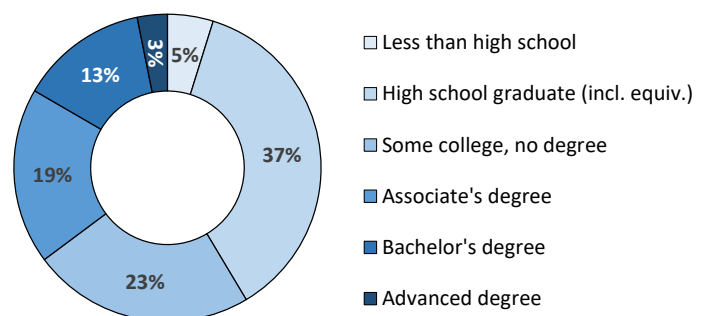
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**95.2%**

**College-educated:** 58.6%  
state: 68.8%

**Associate's Degree:** 18.6%  
**Bachelor's Degree:** 13.5%  
**Advanced Degree:** 3.2%

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



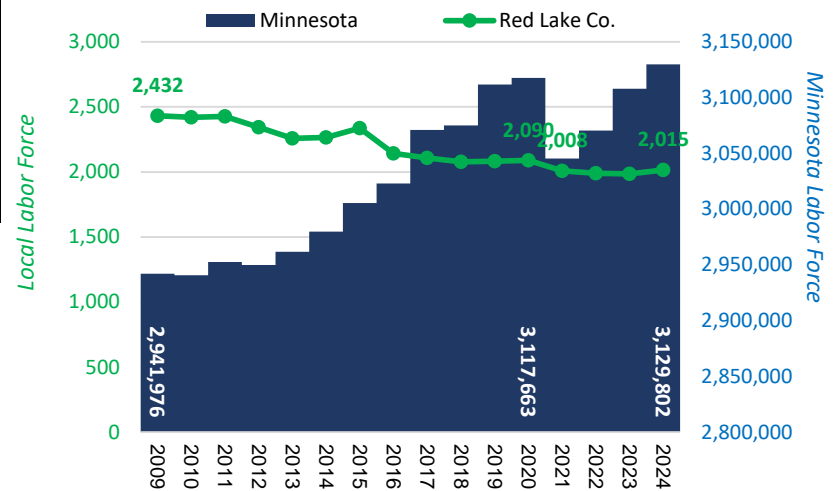
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.2%, Red Lake Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Red Lake Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 5.7% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Red Lake Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>2,015</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2009-2024	-417 workers -17.1% decline
<b>4.2%</b>	unemployment rate
2.8%	state
<b>85</b>	unemployed workers

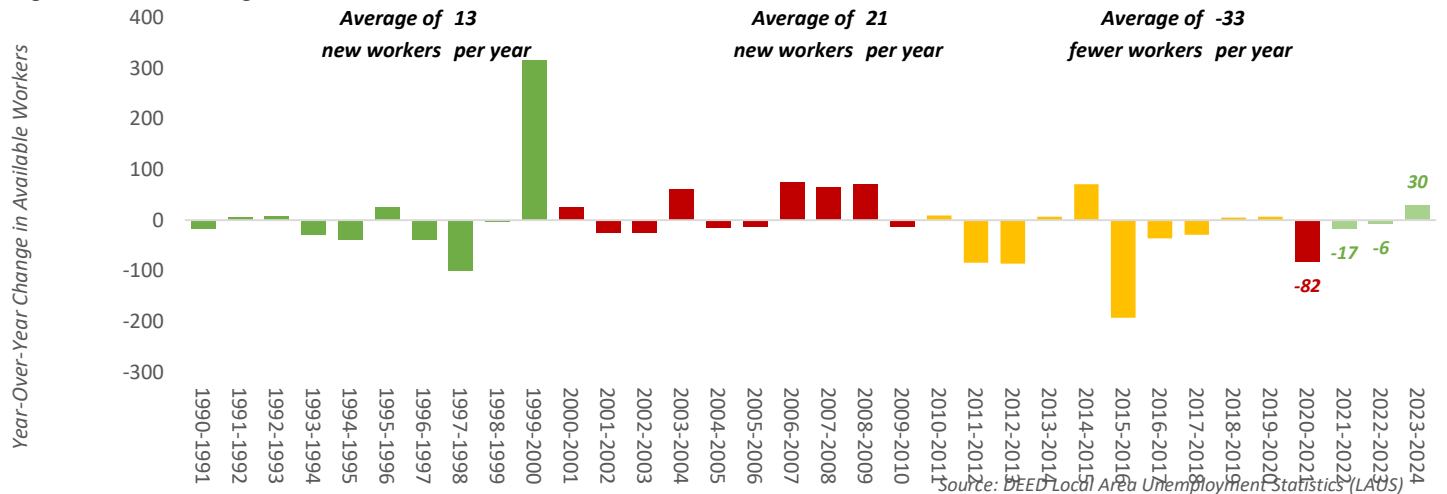
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Red Lake Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Red Lake Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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



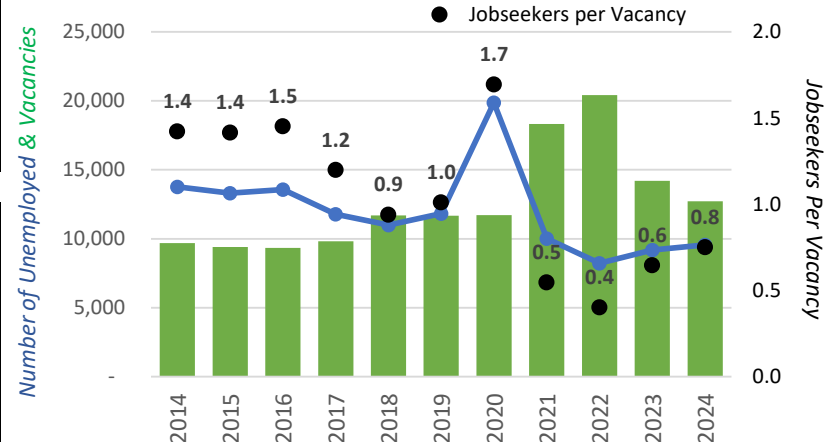
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	263	225
25 to 54 years	1,129	1,058
55 to 64 years	331	265
65 years & over	224	175
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>1,946</b>	<b>1,722</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 Northwest 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

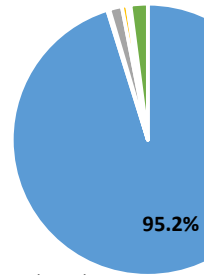


Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Red Lake Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Red Lake 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

	Red Lake 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	2,052	66.7%	1.5%	68.5%	3.9%	1,100	951
16 to 19 years	112	62.2%	1.8%	52.7%	9.9%	70	42
20 to 24 years	124	79.5%	6.5%	83.4%	6.5%	72	52
25 to 44 years	800	90.0%	1.4%	88.7%	3.5%	411	389
45 to 54 years	381	89.4%	0.3%	87.8%	2.9%	212	169
55 to 64 years	425	76.0%	0.2%	72.8%	3.0%	230	195
65 to 74 years	167	34.0%	2.4%	27.8%	3.4%	88	79
75 years & over	42	11.2%	9.5%	6.6%	3.1%	17	25
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin						<div>Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023</div>  <div><div>■ White alone</div><div>■ Black or African American</div><div>■ American Indian &amp; Alaska Native</div><div>■ Asian or Other Pac. Islanders</div><div>■ Some Other Race</div></div>	
White alone	1,953	67.6%	1.3%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	5	50.0%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	31	51.7%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	13	100.0%	23.1%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	8	100.0%	0.0%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	42	43.8%	7.1%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	40	46.0%	7.5%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	109	59.2%	2.8%	55.3%	9.5%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	1,606	85.7%	0.8%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	51	83.6%	1.5%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	453	81.6%	1.4%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	738	85.9%	0.5%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	364	91.2%	0.5%	90.5%	2.0%		

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

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Red Lake Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	1,910	95.8%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	913	45.8%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	997	50.0%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	84	4.2%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	1,695	85.0%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	0	0.0%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	118	5.9%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	181	9.1%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	495	24.8%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	371	18.6%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	542	27.2%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	309	15.5%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	122	6.1%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	154	7.7%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>25.0 minutes</b>		<b>23.1 minutes</b>	

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

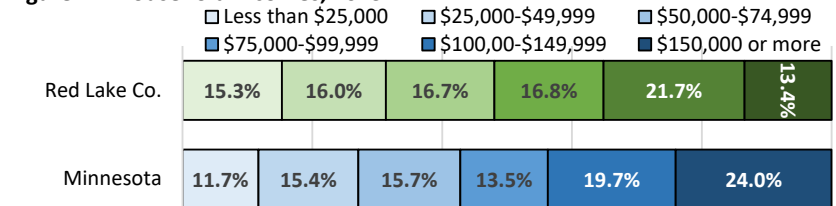
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Red Lake Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Red Lake Co. had the 23rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$77,500</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$96,667</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$36,616</b>
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. Red Lake Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.43 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.54 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
Red Lake Co.	\$30,011	\$14.43	\$0	\$416	\$150	\$699	\$672	\$258	\$306
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
Red Lake Co.	\$60,962	\$19.54	\$361	\$947	\$530	\$931	\$1,280	\$435	\$596
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Red Lake Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 68th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Red Lake Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2022	Red Lake Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,382</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	116	8.4%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	243	17.6%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	295	21.3%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	241	17.4%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	319	23.1%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	126	9.1%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	42	3.0%	17.5%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$157,200</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>

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

<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,443</b>
state	\$1,890
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>17.9%</b>
state	22.5%
<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$628</b>
state	\$1,235
<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>30.0%</b>
state	47.2%

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023

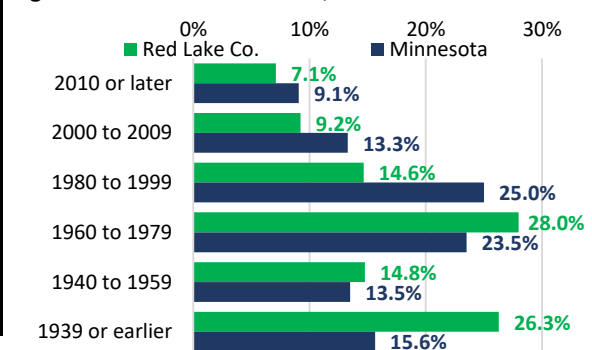
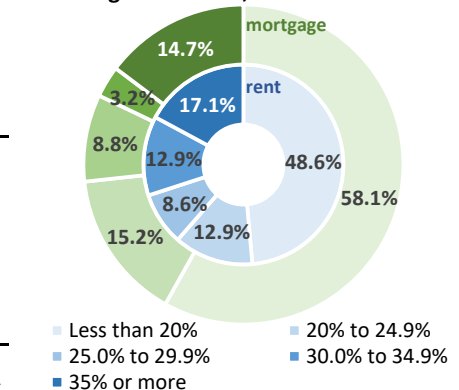


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023



## COUNTY PROFILE

Red Lake Co.

## OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.94 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 1 than the state. Overall, Region 1 had the 4th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$48.45) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.98) (see Table 11).

**Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025**

Occupational Group	Region 1				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>\$23.94</b>	<b>35,860</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$48.45	1,900	5.3%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.40	1,640	4.6%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.33	540	1.5%	0.5	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.90	530	1.5%	0.7	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.72	250	0.7%	0.6	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.59	630	1.8%	0.9	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$31.56	90	0.3%	0.4	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.09	2,590	7.2%	1.2	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$22.60	250	0.7%	0.6	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.79	1,740	4.9%	0.8	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.94	1,480	4.1%	0.7	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.41	590	1.6%	1.0	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.98	2,870	8.0%	1.0	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.40	1,010	2.8%	1.0	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.52	590	1.6%	0.8	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.02	3,030	8.4%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$24.49	4,450	12.4%	1.1	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.74	140	0.4%	3.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.61	1,210	3.4%	0.9	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.90	1,430	4.0%	1.1	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$22.30	4,590	12.8%	1.8	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.93	4,290	12.0%	1.5	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

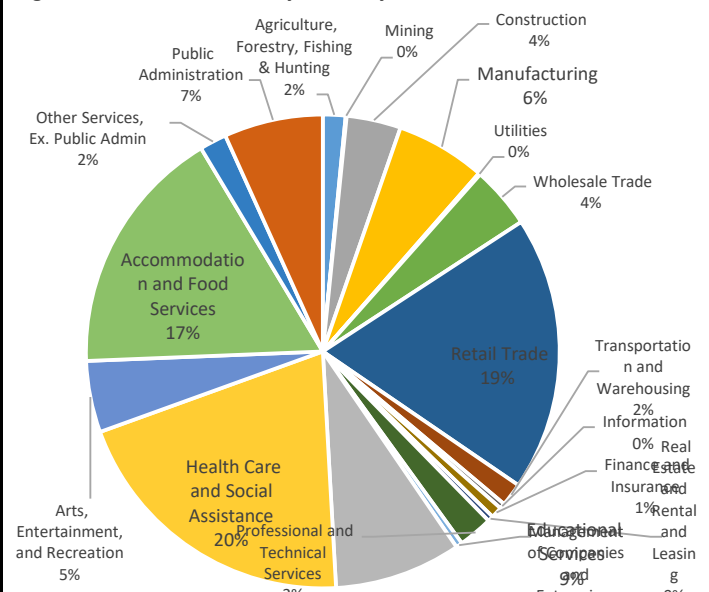
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Red Lake Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 12718 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. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024**

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>12,718</b>	<b>\$18.57</b>
Management	171	\$30.60
Business & Financial Operations	215	\$21.51
Computer & Mathematical	63	\$19.52
Architecture & Engineering	322	\$34.28
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	57	\$25.42
Community & Social Service	386	\$21.69
Education, Training & Library	638	\$20.64
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,009	\$31.22
Healthcare Support	1,082	\$18.32
Protective Service	188	\$23.57
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,330	\$15.00
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	625	\$17.65
Personal Care & Service	327	\$18.14
Sales & Related	1,850	\$15.63
Office & Administrative Support	525	\$18.77
Construction & Extraction	441	\$23.70
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	751	\$20.05
Production	604	\$19.93
Transportation & Material Moving	662	\$18.81

**Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024**



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest 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 \$36,108/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$54,491/yr	Registered Nurses \$84,785/yr	General and Operations Managers \$77,521/yr
Retail Salespersons \$35,088/yr	Nursing Assistants \$40,033/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$71,010/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$64,121/yr
Cashiers \$30,773/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$54,946/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$78,771/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,299/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,126/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$47,486/yr	Dental Hygienists \$85,989/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$64,893/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$40,709/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$48,131/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$71,227/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$46,162/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$38,122/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$49,479/yr	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$59,200/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$102,974/yr
Cooks, Restaurant \$36,830/yr	Machinists \$51,295/yr	Occupational Therapy Assistants \$59,627/yr	Child, Family, and School Social Workers \$63,680/yr
Food Preparation Workers \$31,855/yr	Electricians \$65,524/yr	Computer Network Support Specialists \$70,049/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$37,999/yr
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators \$40,826/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$59,152/yr	Surgical Technologists \$64,809/yr	Pharmacists \$140,993/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$46,395/yr	Paramedics \$64,134/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$60,791/yr	Physical Therapists \$98,061/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

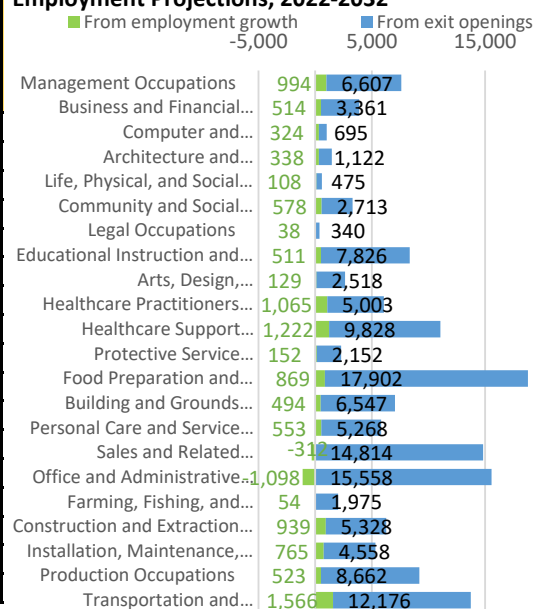
Red Lake Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Northwest Planning Region</b>			
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>265,321</b>	<b>275,647</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	6,095	6,335	3.9%
Utilities	1,126	1,125	-0.1%
Construction	11,719	12,715	8.5%
Manufacturing	29,871	31,429	5.2%
Wholesale Trade	12,936	14,034	8.5%
Retail Trade	27,705	27,590	-0.4%
Transportation & Warehousing	5,579	5,997	7.5%
Information	2,451	2,470	0.8%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,067	8,366	3.7%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,609	6,152	9.7%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,192	4,460	6.4%
Educational Services	22,849	22,989	0.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,421	38,978	7.0%
Leisure & Hospitality	24,958	26,706	7.0%
Other Services	9,824	10,129	3.1%
Public Administration	24,161	24,869	2.9%

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, Red Lake Co. had the 87th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Red Lake Co. was the 56th fastest growing in the past year and the 80th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Red Lake Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**126** business establishments

**\$44,609** annual average wage

**985** jobs

**\$43,940,220** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2024

-18 jobs  
-1.8% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

Source: DEED QCEW program

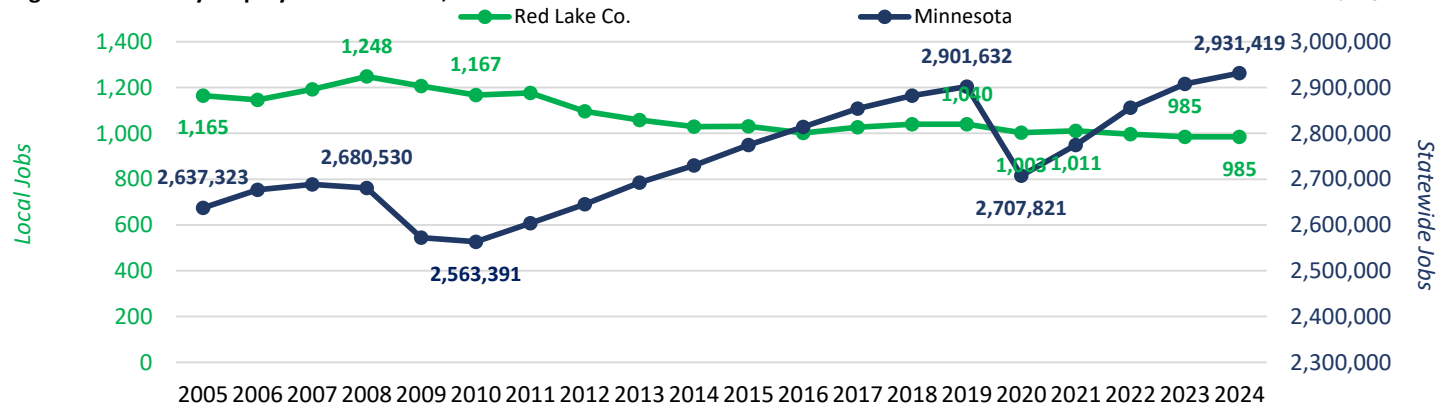
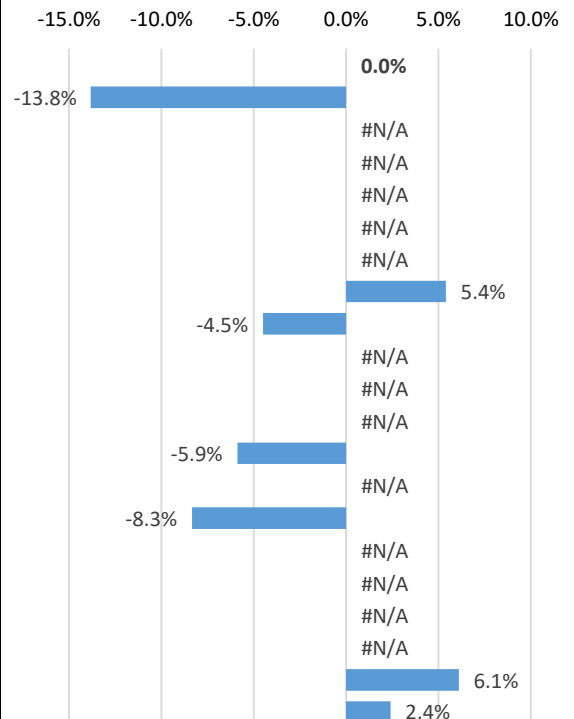


Table 15. Red Lake Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$44,609</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	41	4.1%	\$25,223
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	67	6.8%	\$29,934
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Retail Trade	117	11.9%	\$27,925
Transportation & Warehousing	85	8.6%	\$69,717
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	16	1.6%	\$42,640
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	7	0.7%	\$27,594
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Other Services	29	2.9%	\$4,496
Public Administration	85	8.6%	\$45,408

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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

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