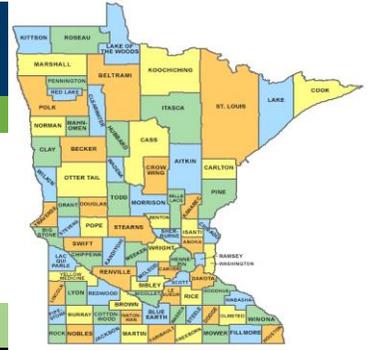


COUNTY PROFILE

Stearns Co.

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



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	163,997 people	Median Age:	35.0 years
Population change, 2020-2024	5,705 people 3.6% increase	state:	38.6 years

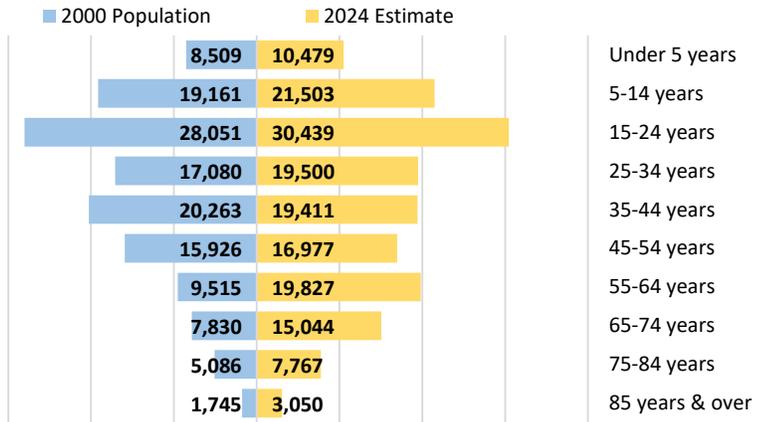
Stearns Co. is the 8th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 13th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Stearns Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. 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	10,479	6.4%
5-14 years	21,503	13.1%
15-24 years	30,439	18.6%
25-34 years	19,500	11.9%
35-44 years	19,411	11.8%
45-54 years	16,977	10.4%
55-64 years	19,827	12.1%
65-74 years	15,044	9.2%
75-84 years	7,767	4.7%
85 years & over	3,050	1.9%
Total Population	163,997	100.0%

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Stearns 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. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Stearns 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
Stearns Co.	5,698	3,231	8,688	5,457	2,391	4,149	-1,758
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

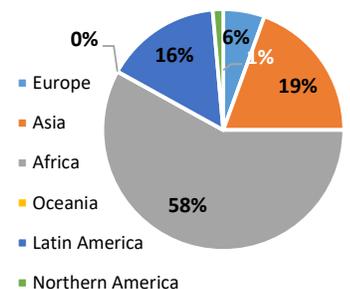
Compared to the state, Stearns Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Stearns Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023

	Stearns Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	11,912	7.5%	5,712	92.1%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	659	5.5%	153	30.2%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	2,319	19.5%	287	14.1%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	6,912	58.0%	5,226	310.0%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	3	0.0%	3	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	2,019	16.9%	43	2.2%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	1,851	15.5%	77	4.3%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	168	1.4%	-34	-16.8%	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

Stearns Co.

Stearns 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

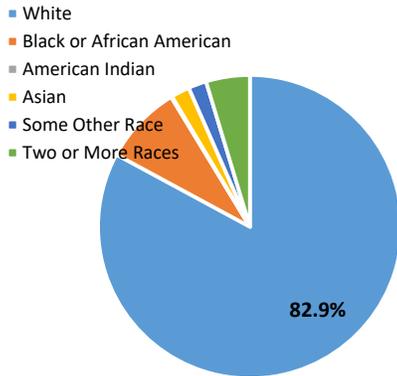


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Stearns Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	159,358	100.0%	5.5%	100.0%	6.8%
White	132,088	82.9%	-4.7%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	13,425	8.4%	172.5%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	180	0.1%	-67.7%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	3,152	2.0%	3.8%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	3,074	1.9%	80.1%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	7,439	4.7%	239.7%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	7,190	4.5%	66.0%	6.2%	37.5%

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

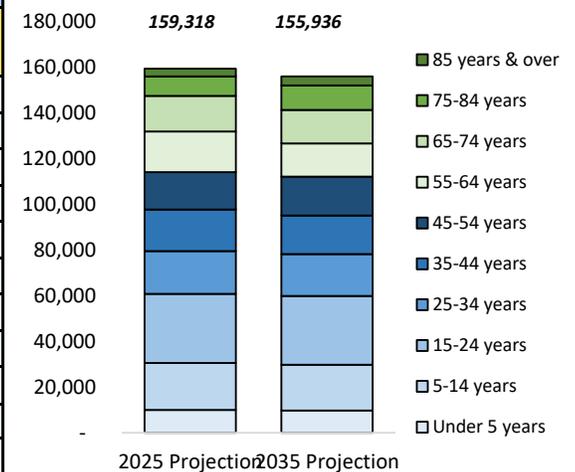
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Stearns 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 increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035				
Stearns Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	10,041	9,773	-268	-2.7%
5-14 years	20,539	19,955	-584	-2.8%
15-24 years	30,135	30,126	-9	0.0%
25-34 years	18,700	18,303	-397	-2.1%
35-44 years	18,262	16,882	-1,380	-7.6%
45-54 years	16,396	16,951	555	3.4%
55-64 years	17,668	14,628	-3,040	-17.2%
65-74 years	15,628	14,546	-1,082	-6.9%
75-84 years	8,567	10,839	2,272	26.5%
85 years & over	3,382	3,933	551	16.3%
Total Population	159,318	155,936	-3,382	-2.1%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

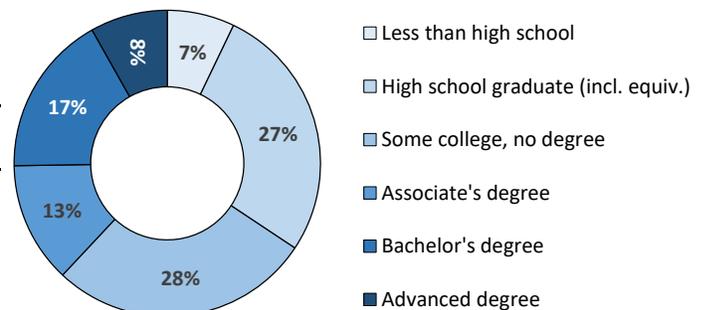


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Stearns Co. has a lower 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. Stearns 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:	92.9%
College-educated:	65.7%
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	12.8%
Bachelor's Degree:	17.1%
Advanced Degree:	8.2%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023



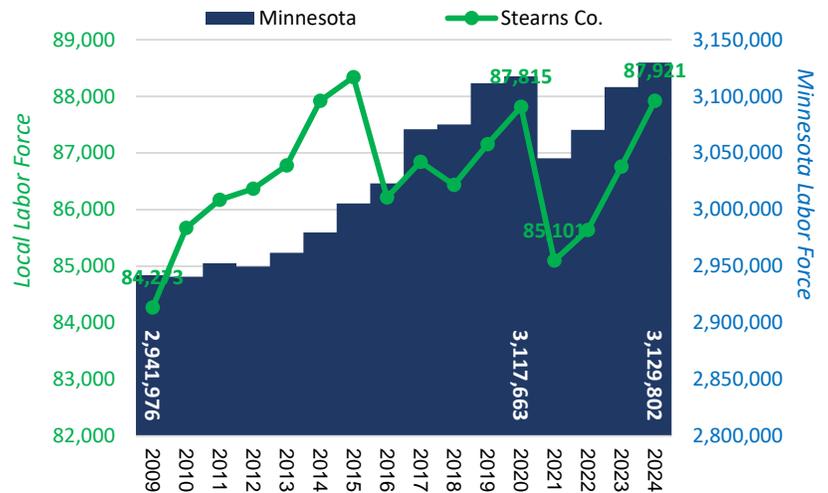
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.9%, Stearns Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Stearns Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.3% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Stearns Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

87,921	available workers
Labor Force change, 2009-2024	3,648 workers 4.3% increase
3.0%	unemployment rate
3.0%	state
2,638	unemployed workers

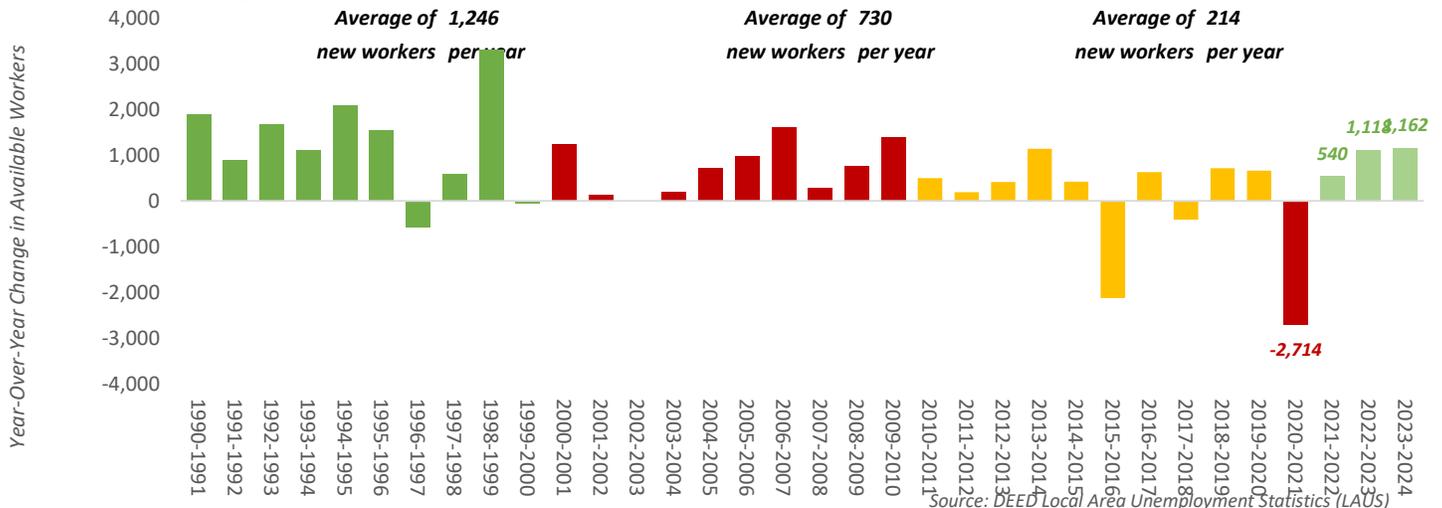
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Stearns 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, Stearns 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



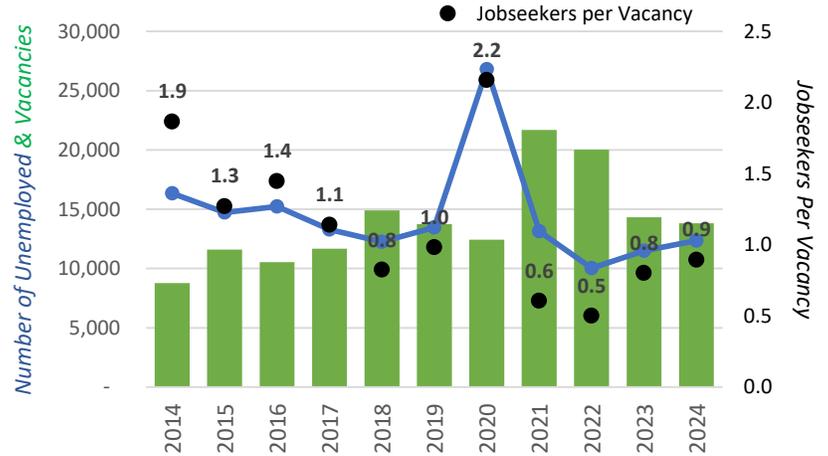
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	21,006	21,010
25 to 54 years	47,550	46,457
55 to 64 years	12,803	10,600
65 years & over	5,241	5,152
Total Labor Force	86,599	83,218

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).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2014-2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

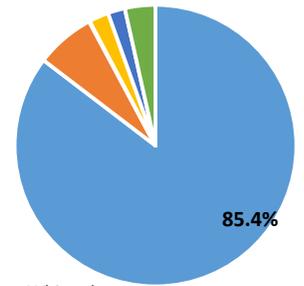
Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023

	Stearns 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	87,932	69.8%	4.3%	68.5%	3.9%	46,172	41,756
16 to 19 years	6,790	62.8%	6.8%	52.7%	9.9%	3,090	3,703
20 to 24 years	13,911	84.5%	5.6%	83.4%	6.5%	6,888	7,025
25 to 44 years	33,747	89.3%	4.5%	88.7%	3.5%	18,515	15,242
45 to 54 years	14,649	88.8%	4.1%	87.8%	2.9%	7,498	7,148
55 to 64 years	13,961	72.5%	1.8%	72.8%	3.0%	7,388	6,576
65 to 74 years	4,064	27.8%	3.4%	27.8%	3.4%	2,399	1,666
75 years & over	788	7.5%	0.9%	6.6%	3.1%	394	396

Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin

White alone	75,073	69.5%	3.4%	67.5%	3.4%
Black or African American	5,980	70.3%	14.9%	71.0%	8.4%
American Indian & Alaska Native	77	42.8%	31.2%	57.7%	11.4%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,993	73.0%	0.6%	74.6%	3.5%
Some Other Race	1,731	80.7%	4.1%	75.9%	5.6%
Two or More Races	3,079	70.0%	8.4%	74.2%	6.1%
Hispanic or Latino	3,583	77.8%	7.5%	77.1%	5.9%

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

Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years

With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	4,848	55.1%	6.5%	55.3%	9.5%
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Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years

Population, 25 to 64 years	62,390	84.8%	3.8%	84.4%	3.3%
Less than H.S. Diploma	3,017	68.3%	5.0%	67.1%	4.7%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	14,347	78.4%	2.4%	76.5%	2.6%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	25,174	87.1%	4.2%	85.0%	3.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	19,802	90.2%	1.5%	90.5%	2.0%

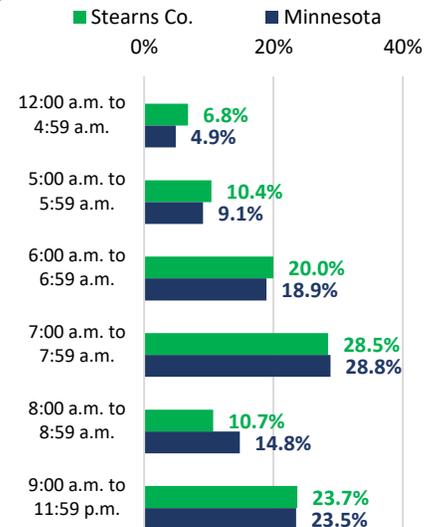
Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022

	Stearns Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	81,615	99.4%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	66,015	80.4%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	15,601	19.0%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	493	0.6%	64,576	2.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	68,314	83.2%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	1,232	1.5%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	4,926	6.0%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	7,636	9.3%	463,770	15.8%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	16,668	20.3%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	30,462	37.1%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	14,369	17.5%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	11,824	14.4%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	3,695	4.5%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	5,173	6.3%	149,698	5.1%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.1 minutes		23.1 minutes	

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



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

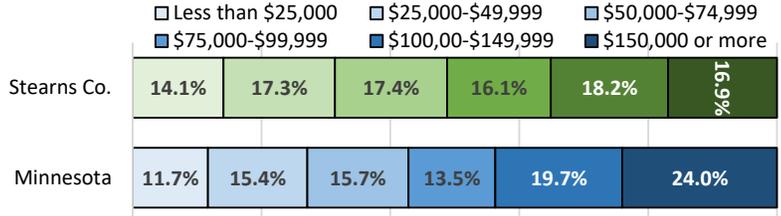
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Stearns Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Stearns Co. had the 26th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$76,447
state	\$87,556
Median Family Income	\$95,813
state	\$111,492
Per Capita Income	\$37,806
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. Stearns Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.51 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$20.07 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
Stearns Co.	\$32,259	\$15.51	\$0	\$413	\$150	\$928	\$564	\$310	\$323
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
Stearns Co.	\$62,627	\$20.07	\$448	\$939	\$530	\$1,188	\$1,007	\$492	\$615
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

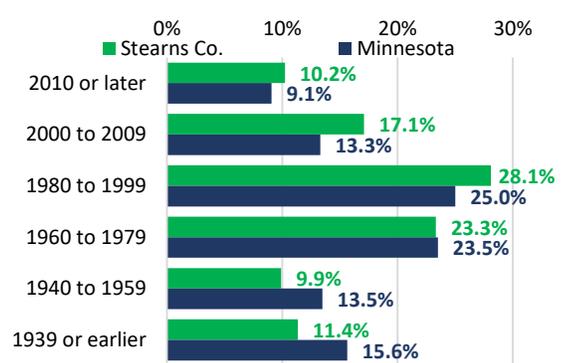
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Stearns Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 23rd highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Stearns 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	Stearns Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	41,324	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,725	4.2%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,196	2.9%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,654	8.8%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	6,044	14.6%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	13,468	32.6%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	10,311	25.0%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	4,926	11.9%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$256,500		\$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	\$1,652
state	\$1,890

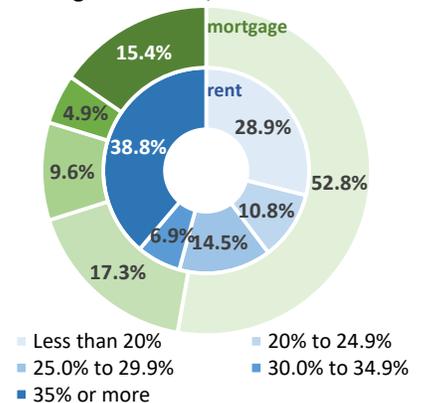
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	20.3%
state	22.5%

Median monthly rent costs	\$1,057
state	\$1,235

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	45.8%
state	47.2%

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

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



OCCUPATIONS

At \$24.27 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 7W than the state. Overall, Region 7W had the 3rd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$50.18) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$15.41) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 7W				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	\$24.27	179,570	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
Management	\$50.18	10,110	5.6%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$37.66	7,840	4.4%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.67	2,370	1.3%	0.4	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.64	2,240	1.2%	0.6	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$41.66	1,030	0.6%	0.5	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.55	3,070	1.7%	0.8	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$42.95	660	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.39	12,170	6.8%	1.2	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.62	1,470	0.8%	0.7	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$44.48	11,280	6.3%	1.0	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.83	9,780	5.4%	0.9	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$32.60	2,720	1.5%	0.9	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$15.41	15,880	8.8%	1.1	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.65	5,480	3.1%	1.1	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.40	3,560	2.0%	0.9	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$18.00	17,080	9.5%	1.1	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.58	19,480	10.8%	0.9	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.37	210	0.1%	1.0	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$33.11	11,100	6.2%	1.6	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$30.00	7,680	4.3%	1.2	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$23.66	17,720	9.9%	1.4	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.56	16,640	9.3%	1.2	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

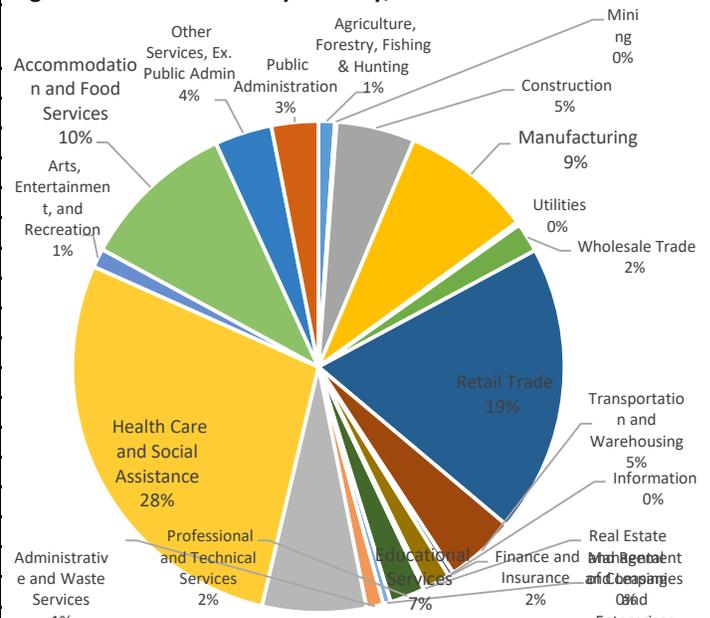
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Stearns 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

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
Total, All Occupations	13,827	\$19.81
Management	319	\$29.45
Business & Financial Operations	394	\$33.36
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$26.02
Architecture & Engineering	197	\$30.87
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	122	\$33.52
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
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,814	\$15.03
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	260	\$16.97
Personal Care & Service	417	\$14.99
Sales & Related	1,861	\$15.92
Office & Administrative Support	911	\$20.11
Construction & Extraction	693	\$22.04
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	695	\$23.62
Production	598	\$20.21
Transportation & Material Moving	1,128	\$20.98

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Central 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 \$37,520/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$61,513/yr	Registered Nurses \$101,788/yr	General and Operations Managers \$86,311/yr
Retail Salespersons \$35,294/yr	Nursing Assistants \$45,077/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$80,894/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$63,707/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$31,729/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$60,654/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$84,540/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$64,803/yr
Cashiers \$32,454/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$51,037/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$49,370/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$109,085/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$37,670/yr	Psychiatric Technicians \$46,781/yr	Architectural and Civil Drafters \$63,877/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$76,798/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$45,691/yr	Machinists \$60,200/yr	Dental Hygienists \$99,124/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$38,622/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,072/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$64,200/yr	Detectives and Criminal Investigators \$81,545/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$44,131/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$47,056/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$52,077/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$64,951/yr	Project Management Specialists \$94,626/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$45,804/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$56,854/yr	Surgical Technologists \$70,461/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$64,293/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,935/yr	Medical Assistants \$48,651/yr	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers \$97,765/yr	Child, Family, and School Social Workers \$69,904/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

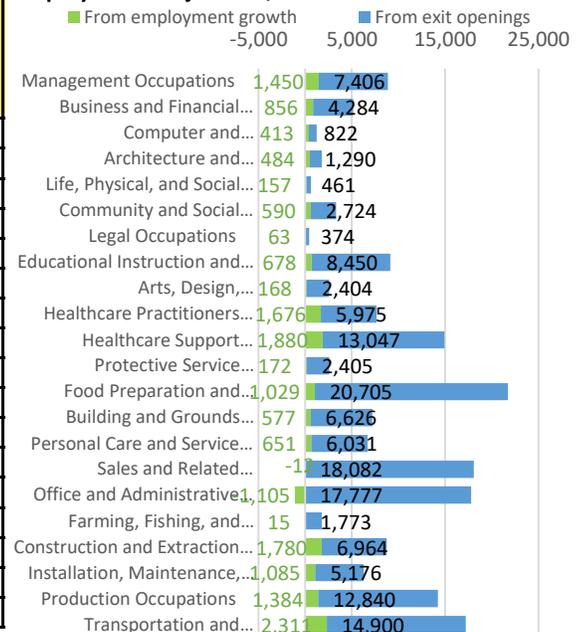
Stearns Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5.2% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
Total, All Industries	315,929	332,231	5.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,649	5,809	2.8%
Utilities	1,986	1,998	0.6%
Construction	20,532	22,780	10.9%
Manufacturing	41,539	44,543	7.2%
Wholesale Trade	11,219	12,105	7.9%
Retail Trade	35,711	35,808	0.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	9,287	10,143	9.2%
Information	3,002	3,214	7.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	10,142	10,528	3.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	9,040	9,979	10.4%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	10,369	11,004	6.1%
Educational Services	24,622	24,913	1.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	45,668	49,836	9.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	26,046	27,642	6.1%
Other Services	10,880	11,311	4.0%
Public Administration	20,424	21,077	3.2%

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, Stearns Co. had the 8th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Stearns Co. was the 30th fastest growing in the past year and the 36th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2024, employment in Stearns Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

4,731 business establishments

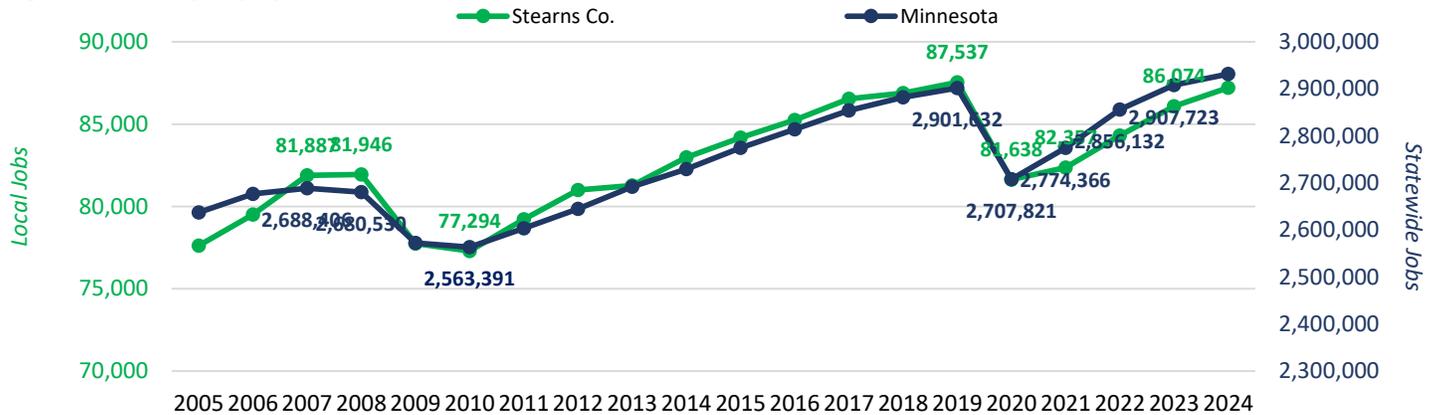
\$62,343 annual average wage

87,215 jobs

\$5,437,203,637 total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2024
5,577 jobs
6.8% increase

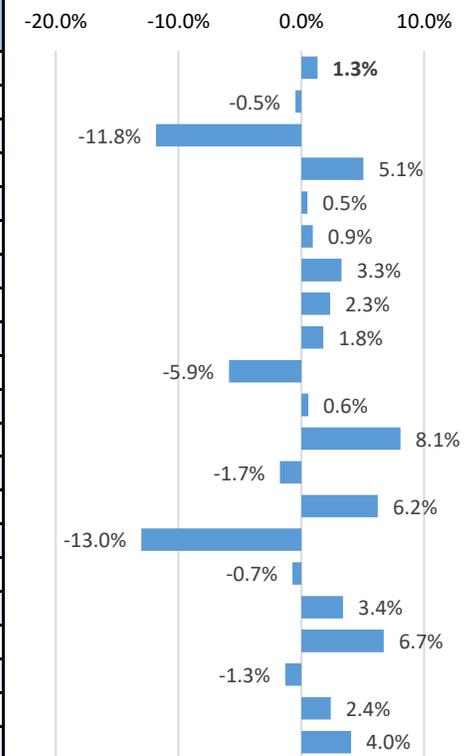
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024



Source: DEED QCEW program

	Number of Establishments	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	4,731	87,215	100.0%	\$62,343
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	115	1,050	1.2%	\$47,555
Mining	6	109	0.1%	\$59,172
Construction	525	5,620	6.4%	\$92,629
Manufacturing	261	11,532	13.2%	\$67,378
Utilities	13	215	0.2%	\$118,151
Wholesale Trade	182	4,127	4.7%	\$72,350
Retail Trade	620	11,349	13.0%	\$39,371
Transportation & Warehousing	176	3,630	4.2%	\$64,804
Information	72	1,295	1.5%	\$70,764
Finance & Insurance	277	3,572	4.1%	\$95,860
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	154	964	1.1%	\$40,834
Professional & Technical Services	295	1,924	2.2%	\$89,015
Management of Companies	30	938	1.1%	\$102,408
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	183	2,541	2.9%	\$48,966
Educational Services	109	7,064	8.1%	\$58,598
Health Care & Social Assistance	586	18,371	21.1%	\$71,323
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	91	906	1.0%	\$16,895
Accommodation & Food Services	381	6,056	6.9%	\$21,223
Other Services	574	2,909	3.3%	\$40,116
Public Administration	83	3,032	3.5%	\$74,254

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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

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