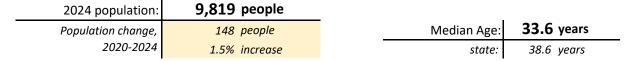
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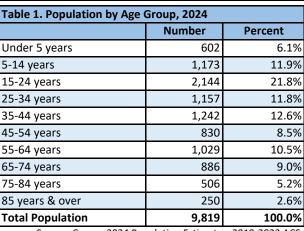
Stevens Co.

Stevens Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

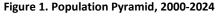
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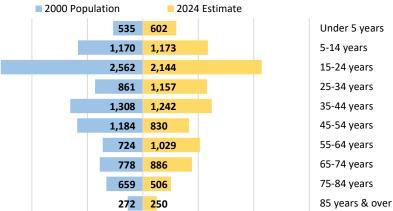


Stevens Co. is the 68th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 31st fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Stevens Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).



Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS





Stevens 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, Stevens 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 Events			Net Migration		
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Stevens Co.	147	212	541	329	-74	218	-292	
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

Northern America

Compared to the state, Stevens Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Stevens 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	Stevens Co.		Change 2	013-2023	Minnesota		
Population, 2023	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	687	7.1%	394	134.5%	8.6%	24.7%	
Europe	19	2.8%	6	46.2%	8.8%	-3.4%	
Asia	114	16.6%	74	185.0%	35.7%	18.1%	
Africa	26	3.8%	15	136.4%	28.3%	78.8%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%	
Americas:	528	76.9%	299	130.6%	26.7%	8.7%	
Latin America	519	75.5%	311	149.5%	24.2%	9.7%	
Northern America	9	1.3%	-12	-57.1%	2.5%	0.4%	

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



Stevens 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



		Stevens Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	9,686	100.0%	-0.4%	100.0%	6.8%
White	8,051	83.1%	-10.9%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	170	1.8%	359.5%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	147	1.5%	-35.5%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	206	2.1%	80.7%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	566	5.8%	367.8%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	546	5.6%	187.4%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,039	10.7%	188.6%	6.2%	37.5%

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

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

83.1%

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Stevens 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 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Change Stevens Co. **Projection Projection** Change -6.2% Under 5 years 596 -37 5-14 years 1,171 1.149 -22 -1.9% 15-24 years 2,070 2,026 -44 -2.1% 25-34 years 1,075 901 -174 -16.2% -57 -5.2% 35-44 years 1,101 1,044 1,045 115 45-54 years 930 12.4% 55-64 years 831 768 -63 -7.6% 65-74 years 933 663 -270 -28.9% 549 104 18.9% 75-84 years 653

285

9,541

2035 12,000 9,541 9,058 ■ 85 years & over 10,000 ■ 75-84 years **□** 65-74 years 8,000 □ 55-64 years ■ 45-54 years 6,000 ■ 35-44 years 4,000 ■ 25-34 years ■ 15-24 years 2,000 ■ 5-14 years ■ Under 5 years 2025 Projection 2035 Projection

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

-35

-483

-12.3%

-5.1%

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

85 years & over

Total Population

Stevens 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. Stevens 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:

92.7%

250

9,058

Less than high school

High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Advanced degree

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023

College-educated: 66.3% state: 68.8%

Associate's Degree: 12.4%
Bachelor's Degree: 19.8%
Advanced Degree: 6.2%

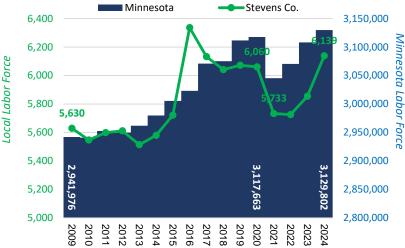
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.2%, Stevens Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Stevens Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 2.5% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Stevens Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

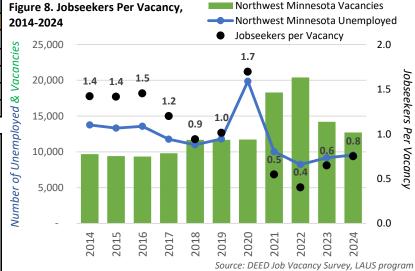
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Stevens Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Stevens Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Stevens Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2024 800 Average of 45 Average of -16 Average of 51 new workers per year fewer workers per year new workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 600 400 285 200 0 -200 -400 2020-2021 2010-2011 2021-2022 2002-2003 2004-2005 2005-2006 2007-2008 2009-2010 2012-201 2013-201 2014-201 2015-2016 2016-201 2017-201 2018-2019 1991-1997 1992-1993 1997-1998 1998-1999 1999-2000 2000-200: 2001-2002 2003-2004 2006-2007 2008-2009 2011-2012 .993-1994 .995-1996 1996-199 994-199

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	1,324	1,280		
25 to 54 years	2,537	2,422		
55 to 64 years	638	589		
65 years & over	379	293		
Total Labor Force	4,877	4,585		

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).



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

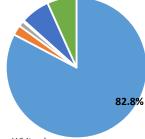
Stevens Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Stevens Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 202						
	St	tevens Co.		Minne	Labor Force	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male
Total Labor Force	5,117	65.7%	1.5%	68.5%	3.9%	2,972
16 to 19 years	437	49.4%	4.8%	52.7%	9.9%	262
20 to 24 years	932	86.0%	0.2%	83.4%	6.5%	453
25 to 44 years	2,026	85.6%	1.7%	88.7%	3.5%	1,298
45 to 54 years	593	72.4%	3.2%	87.8%	2.9%	289
55 to 64 years	779	76.7%	0.1%	72.8%	3.0%	411
65 to 74 years	294	33.6%	0.3%	27.8%	3.4%	210
75 years & over	58	7.8%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	49
Employment Characteristics by Race & H	spanic Origin					Figure 9. La
White alone	4,234	65.0%	1.2%	67.5%	3.4%	
Black or African American	118	77.6%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%	
American Indian & Alaska Native	63	45.3%	7.9%	57.7%	11.4%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	17	10.1%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%	
Some Other Race	342	81.0%	6.7%	75.9%	5.6%	
Two or More Races	344	87.8%	0.0%	74.2%	6.1%	
Hispanic or Latino	626	83.9%	3.8%	77.1%	5.9%	
Employment Characteristics by Disability	, 20 to 64 years					
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	244	41.6%	7.0%	55.3%	9.5%	
Employment Characteristics by Education	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years				
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,398	80.9%	1.6%	84.4%	3.3%	White alo
Less than H.S. Diploma	177	60.8%	2.8%	67.1%	4.7%	Black or A
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	711	73.9%	0.8%	76.5%	2.6%	American
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,250	82.2%	1.9%	85.0%	3.6%	Asian or 0
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,261	88.4%	0.9%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Oth

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

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by Gender

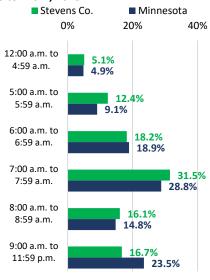


- African American
- an Indian & Alaska Native
- Other Pac. Islanders
- ther Race
- Two or More Races

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

	Stevens Co.		Minn	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	4,890	99.8%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	4,405	89.9%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	480	9.8%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	10	0.2%	64,576	2.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	4,033	82.3%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	44	0.9%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	456	9.3%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	368	7.5%	463,770	15.8%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	2,014	41.1%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	1,838	37.5%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	510	10.4%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	348	7.1%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	59	1.2%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	132	2.7%	149,698	5.1%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	13.6	minutes	23.1	minutes

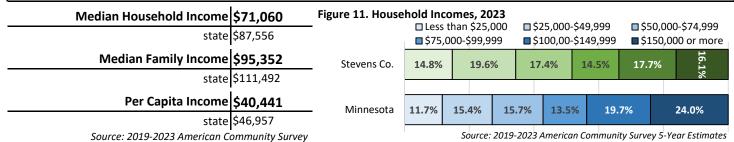
Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2023



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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Stevens Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Stevens Co. had the 50th 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. Stevens Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.5 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.31

for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024									
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Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Stevens Co.	\$28,072	\$13.50	\$0	\$414	\$150	\$748	\$492	\$269	\$266
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Vaculty	Harrier Mara	Monthly Costs						
working full-time, 1 part-	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Ciliu Care	roou	Care	nousing	portation	Other	Taxes
Stevens Co.	\$54,004	\$17.31	\$344	\$943	\$530	\$998	\$826	\$449	\$410
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Stevens Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 57th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Stevens 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-	Stevens	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	2,558	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	243	9.5%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	429	16.8%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	400	15.6%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	435	17.0%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	492	19.2%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	385	15.1%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	174	6.8%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$180,8	00	\$305,500

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

0% 20% 30% ■ Stevens Co ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 9.1% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 1980 to 1999 25.0% 24.8% 1960 to 1979 23.5% 20.4% 1940 to 1959 13.5% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2023

13.3%

28.1%

8.9%

mortgage

33.8%

rent

13.5% 15.6%

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage state \$1,890

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

Median monthly rent costs

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

state 47.2%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9% 20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

56.1%

■ 35% or more

12.9%

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

OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.2 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 8th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$47.94) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.54) (see Table 11).

able 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025								
		Region 4				State of Minnesota		
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	\$23.20	89,640	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%	
Management	\$47.94	4,960	5.5%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.66	3,480	3.9%	0.5	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$37.75	1,070	1.2%	0.4	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.29	1,510	1.7%	0.8	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$34.22	620	0.7%	0.6	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%	
Community & Social Service	\$28.65	2,020	2.3%	1.1	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%	
Legal	\$35.38	370	0.4%	0.6	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$26.95	6,740	7.5%	1.3	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$22.37	850	0.9%	0.8	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$38.26	5,470	6.1%	1.0	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%	
Healthcare Support	\$18.66	5,250	5.9%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%	
Protective Service	\$28.32	1,510	1.7%	1.0	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.54	8,480	9.5%	1.1	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$19.25	3,200	3.6%	1.3	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$16.72	2,040	2.3%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%	
Sales & Related	\$17.42	8,040	9.0%	1.1	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.80	9,940	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.72	250	0.3%	2.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%	
Construction & Extraction	\$30.11	4,720	5.3%	1.3	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.12	3,910	4.4%	1.2	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%	
Production	\$23.41	7,440	8.3%	1.2	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.59	7,770	8.7%	1.1	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%	

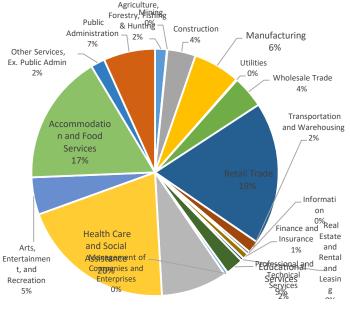
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Stevens 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					
	Number of				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer			
Total, All Occupations	12,718	\$18.57			
Management	171	\$30.60			
Business & Financial Operations	215	\$21.51			
Computer & Mathematical	63				
Architecture & Engineering	322				
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	T			
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 Plannir	able 13. Northwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2025							
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher					
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education					
\$34,731/yr	\$42,735/yr	\$87,175/yr	\$62,671/yr					
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Police and Sheriff?s Patrol Officers	General and Operations Managers					
\$37,192/yr	\$57,658/yr	\$77,799/yr	\$77,911/yr					
Fast Food and Counter Workers	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical					
\$30,264/yr	\$58,256/yr	\$79,629/yr	\$62,998/yr					
Cashiers	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	Dental Hygienists	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education					
\$29,907/yr	\$60,780/yr	\$93,217/yr	\$38,558/yr					
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Accountants and Auditors					
\$34,874/yr	\$50,072/yr	\$76,366/yr	\$68,758/yr					
Waiters and Waitresses	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term					
\$23,459/yr	\$49,015/yr	\$60,312/yr	\$44,046/yr					
First-Line Supervisors of	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and	Industrial Engineering	Child, Family, and School Social					
Retail Sales Workers	mental health counselors	Technologists and Technicians	Workers					
\$46,176/yr	\$56,834/yr	\$61,026/yr	\$66,942/yr					
Cooks, Restaurant	Machinists	Surgical Technologists	Civil Engineers					
\$36,688/yr	\$51,108/yr	\$67,653/yr	\$95,647/yr					
Stockers and Order Fillers	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	Business Operations Specialists, All Other					
\$41,330/yr	\$59,711/yr	\$48,247/yr	\$65,312/yr					
Food Preparation Workers	Electricians	Architectural and Civil Drafters	Human Resources Specialists					
\$33,374/yr	\$73,544/yr	\$64,617/yr	\$67,419/yr Source: DEED Occupations in Demand					

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Stevens 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 P	rojections, 2022	-2032	
	Estimated Employment	Projected Employ-	Percent Change
Northwest Planning Region	2022		2022-2032
Total, All Industries	265,321	275,647	3.9%
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 Compani	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									
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-5,0	-5,000		00	15,	000				
Management Occupations	994	6,6	7						
Business and Financial	514	3,36							
Computer and		695	, 1						
Architecture and		1,12	2						
Life, Physical, and Social	000	475	Z						
, , ,			2						
Community and Social		2 ,71	.3						
Legal Occupations	38	340							
Educational Instruction and		7,82							
Arts, Design,		2 ,51							
Healthcare Practitioners	1,065	5,0	0 3						
Healthcare Support	1,222	9,8	28						
Protective Service	152	2 ,15	2						
Food Preparation and	869	17,9	902						
Building and Grounds	494	6,54	.7						
Personal Care and Service	553	5,26	8						
Sales and Related	-31	² 14,8	14						
Office and Administrative1		15,5							
Farming, Fishing, and	54	1 ,97	5						
Construction and Extraction	939	5,3	28						
Installation, Maintenance,	765	4,55	8						
Production Occupations	523	8,66	52						
Transportation and	1,566	,	,176						

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Stevens Co. had the 53rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Stevens Co. was the 10th fastest growing in the past year and the 28th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2024, employment in Stevens Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

\$63,368 annual average wage **392** business establishments \$363,477,963 total industry payroll **5,736** jobs Job change, 402 jobs 2020-2024 7.5% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024



	Number of			Average	Figure 17. Change in Jobs		
Table 15. Stevens Co. Industry	Establish-	Number of	Percent of	Annual			
Employment Statistics, 2024	ments	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage	-10.0% -5.0%	0.0%	
Total, All Industries	392	5,736	100.0%	\$63,368			
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A		#N	
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A		#N	
Construction	44	282	4.9%	\$99,272			
Manufacturing	14	930	16.2%	\$80,372			
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A		#N	
Wholesale Trade	28	191	3.3%	\$62,484	-2.6%		
Retail Trade	41	476	8.3%	\$35,259			
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A		#N	
Information	8	50	0.9%	\$78,832		0.0	
Finance & Insurance	21	123	2.1%	\$90,733	-5.4%		
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	5	7	0.1%	\$10,900		#N	
Professional & Technical Services	14	135	2.4%	\$83,978			
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A		#N	
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A		#N	
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A		#N	
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A		#N	
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	7	66	1.2%	\$8,924	-7.0%		
Accommodation & Food Services	23	372	6.5%	\$16,612	-1.3%		
Other Services	34	87	1.5%	\$22,041			
Public Administration	15	236	4.1%	\$58,044			

bs, 2023-2024

5.0% 10.0% 15.0% 2.8% N/A N/A 9.7% 4.8% N/A 3.7% N/A .0% N/A 3.8% N/A N/A N/A N/A 10.1% 3.1%

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

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