

**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Anoka Co.**

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



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2025 population:	<b>381,605 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>38.8 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2025	17,720 people 4.9% increase	state:	38.8 years

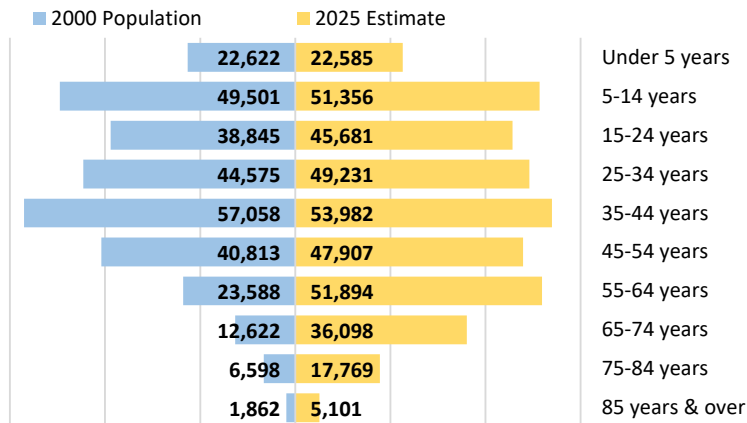
Anoka Co. is the 4th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 8th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Anoka Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

**Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2025**

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	22,585	5.9%
5-14 years	51,356	13.5%
15-24 years	45,681	12.0%
25-34 years	49,231	12.9%
35-44 years	53,982	14.1%
45-54 years	47,907	12.6%
55-64 years	51,894	13.6%
65-74 years	36,098	9.5%
75-84 years	17,769	4.7%
85 years & over	5,101	1.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>381,605</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2025**



Anoka Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2025, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Anoka 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, 2020-2025**

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2025					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Anoka Co.	17,592	7,155	21,290	14,135	10,437	6,793	3,644
State of Minnesota	122,685	63,075	330,813	267,738	59,610	96,812	-37,202

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

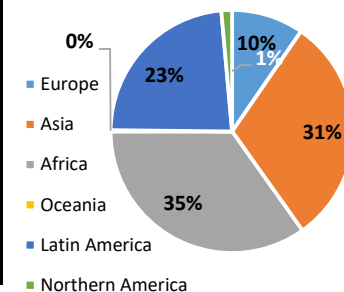
Compared to the state, Anoka Co. has a larger percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2014 to 2024, Anoka Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

**Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2024**

	Anoka Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>37,805</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>14,573</b>	<b>62.7%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
Europe	3,628	9.6%	-599	-14.2%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	11,558	30.6%	3,383	41.4%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	13,168	34.8%	8,351	173.4%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	65	0.2%	-5	-7.1%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	9,386	24.8%	3,443	57.9%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	8,847	23.4%	3,488	65.1%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	539	1.4%	-45	-7.7%	2.4%	-2.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

**Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2024**



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Anoka Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2014, the white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2024**

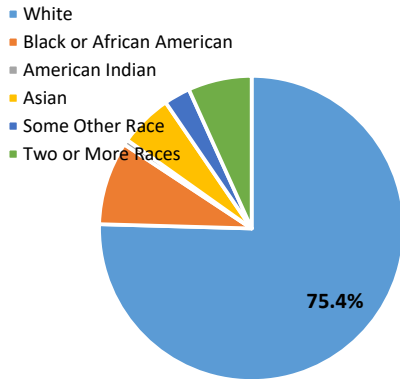


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2024	Anoka Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>370,349</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
White	279,414	75.4%	-3.6%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	32,717	8.8%	104.5%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,053	0.6%	0.8%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	20,853	5.6%	55.1%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	10,308	2.8%	84.8%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	25,004	6.8%	163.0%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	21,612	5.8%	68.7%	6.4%	38.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

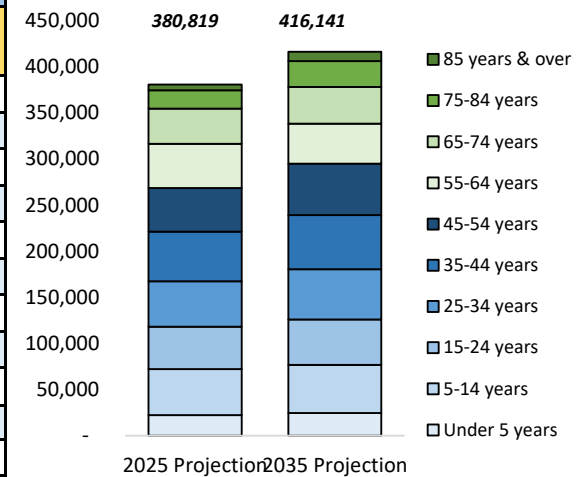
## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

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

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035				
Anoka Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	22,409	24,404	1,995	8.9%
5-14 years	49,801	52,390	2,589	5.2%
15-24 years	46,037	49,096	3,059	6.6%
25-34 years	49,076	54,433	5,357	10.9%
35-44 years	53,997	58,844	4,847	9.0%
45-54 years	47,141	55,840	8,699	18.5%
55-64 years	48,035	43,215	-4,820	-10.0%
65-74 years	38,085	39,711	1,626	4.3%
75-84 years	19,769	28,036	8,267	41.8%
85 years & over	6,469	10,172	3,703	57.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>380,819</b>	<b>416,141</b>	<b>35,322</b>	<b>9.3%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

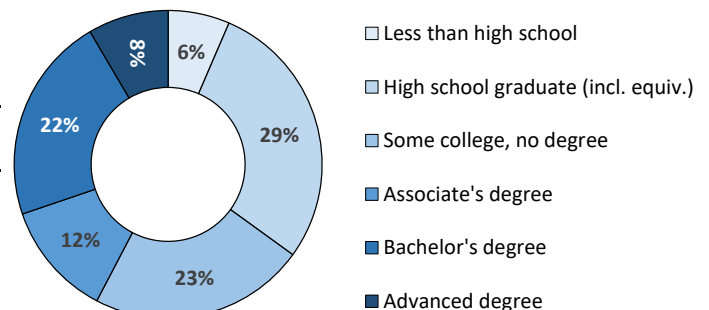


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Anoka Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.3%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Anoka 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.

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>93.5%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>65.0%</b>
state:	68.9%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>12.1%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>21.8%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024**



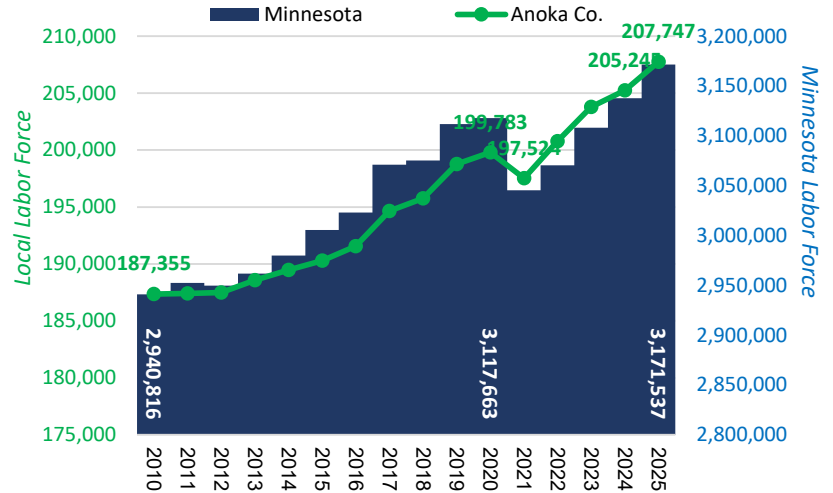
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.9%, Anoka Co. had a identical unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Anoka Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 6.5% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Anoka Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

<b>207,747</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2010-2025	20,392 workers 10.9% increase
<b>3.9%</b>	unemployment rate
3.9%	state
<b>8,102</b>	unemployed workers

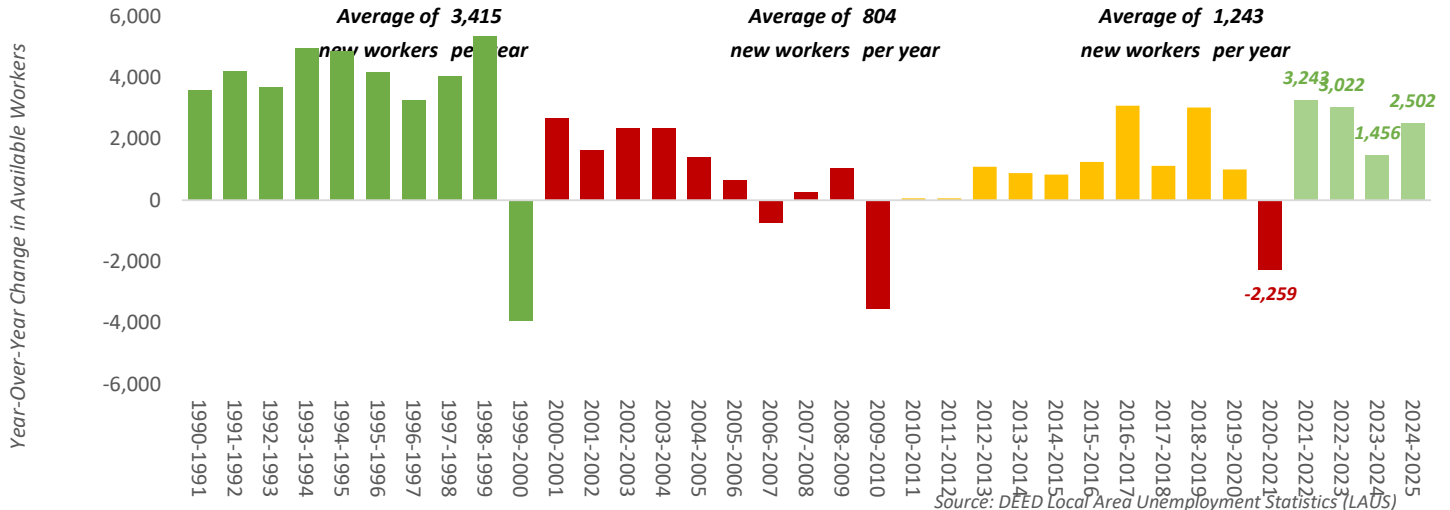
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Anoka 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, Anoka Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2025



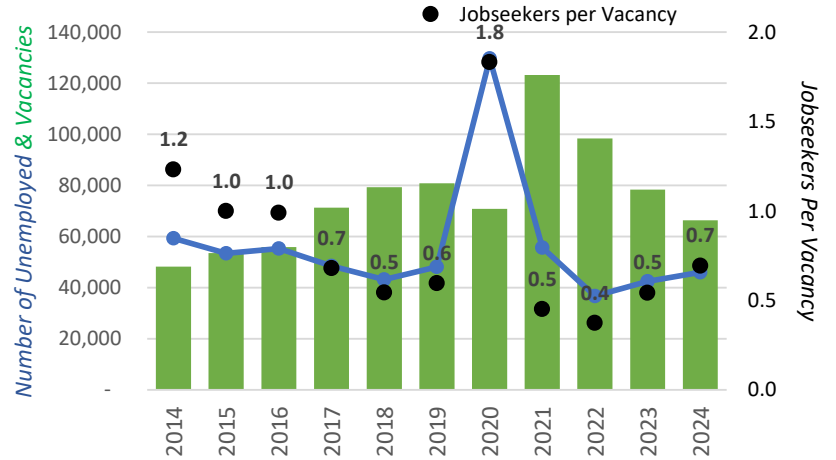
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	28,529	30,627
25 to 54 years	133,508	150,326
55 to 64 years	35,305	31,762
65 years & over	11,203	12,408
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>208,545</b>	<b>225,124</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2020-2024 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession. In 2024, job vacancies in Twin Cities returned to pre-pandemic levels and the number of unemployed workers was trending upward, but employers were still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2014-2024

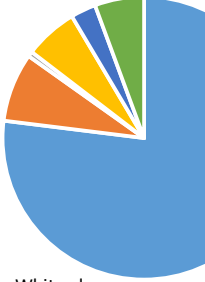


Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

Anoka Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Anoka Co. is more racially diverse than the state (where 78.7% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2024**

	Anoka 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
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>204,504</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>107,699</b>	<b>96,796</b>
16 to 19 years	9,187	49.2%	12.8%	52.6%	10.3%	4,278	4,907
20 to 24 years	17,735	86.6%	7.7%	83.3%	6.6%	9,123	8,622
25 to 44 years	88,836	88.7%	4.2%	88.7%	3.7%	47,031	41,809
45 to 54 years	41,519	89.3%	2.5%	87.8%	3.0%	21,859	19,650
55 to 64 years	37,016	73.5%	2.8%	72.7%	3.2%	19,925	17,093
65 to 74 years	8,688	24.8%	3.1%	27.7%	3.6%	4,557	4,146
75 years & over	1,487	6.7%	1.2%	6.7%	3.2%	926	569
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>						<b>Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2024</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ White alone</li> <li>■ Black or African American</li> <li>■ American Indian &amp; Alaska Native</li> <li>■ Asian or Other Pac. Islanders</li> <li>■ Some Other Race</li> <li>■ Two or More Races</li> </ul>	
White alone	157,470	68.2%	3.9%	67.0%	3.5%		
Black or African American	16,090	73.5%	6.3%	70.8%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	1,193	69.3%	7.0%	58.0%	10.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	12,424	79.0%	5.6%	75.2%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	5,898	77.0%	3.3%	75.4%	5.8%		
Two or More Races	11,534	74.4%	5.7%	74.0%	5.7%		
Hispanic or Latino	11,414	76.1%	4.9%	76.6%	5.8%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	10,013	54.1%	8.1%	56.1%	9.4%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	167,275	84.9%	3.5%	84.5%	3.4%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	7,652	70.7%	4.3%	66.2%	4.9%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	38,533	78.0%	2.8%	76.6%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	59,914	86.2%	3.2%	85.0%	3.7%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	61,307	91.1%	2.4%	90.5%	2.2%		

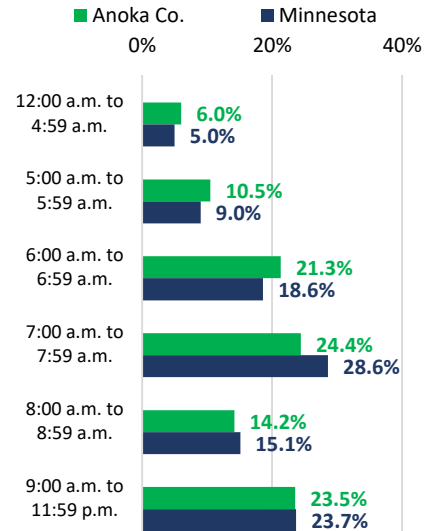
Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024**

	Anoka Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	190,457	99.4%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	97,528	50.9%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	92,929	48.5%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	1,150	0.6%	64,678	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	152,902	79.8%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	1,724	0.9%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	4,024	2.1%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	32,956	17.2%	517,420	17.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	16,095	8.4%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	49,626	25.9%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	52,884	27.6%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	49,243	25.7%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	14,945	7.8%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	8,814	4.6%	144,055	4.9%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>25.6 minutes</b>		<b>22.7 minutes</b>	

**Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2024**



Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

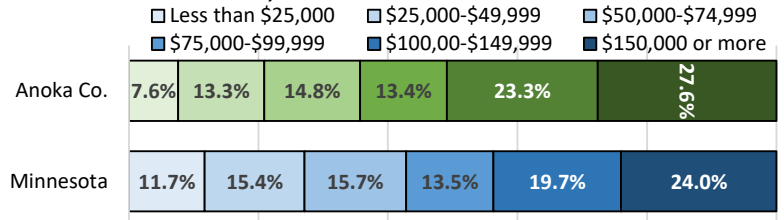
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Anoka Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Anoka Co. had the 7th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$101,869</b>
state	\$89,062
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$117,323</b>
state	\$113,993
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$45,484</b>
state	\$48,237

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2024



Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased in recent years with expenses up in many areas. Anoka Co. had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$20.16 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$26.04 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
Anoka Co.	\$41,941	\$20.16	\$0	\$434	\$212	\$1,405	\$567	\$406	\$471
State of Minnesota	\$38,376	\$18.45	\$0	\$452	\$202	\$1,199	\$561	\$365	\$419
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
Anoka Co.	\$81,242	\$26.04	\$681	\$987	\$727	\$1,741	\$1,044	\$602	\$988
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

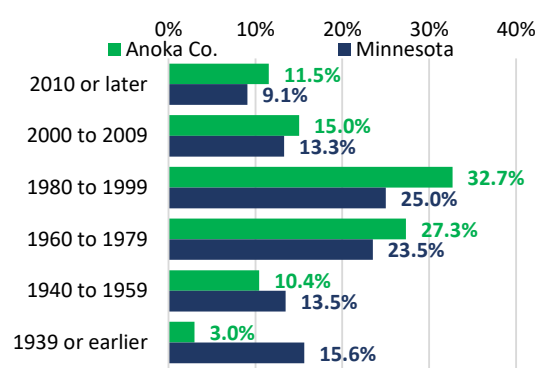
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Anoka Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 9th highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Anoka 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, 2024	Anoka Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>110,229</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	4,862	4.4%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,282	1.2%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,356	1.2%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	4,145	3.8%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	27,347	24.8%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	54,688	49.6%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	16,549	15.0%	19.6%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$346,500</b>		<b>\$329,300</b>

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2024



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,949</b>
state	\$1,947

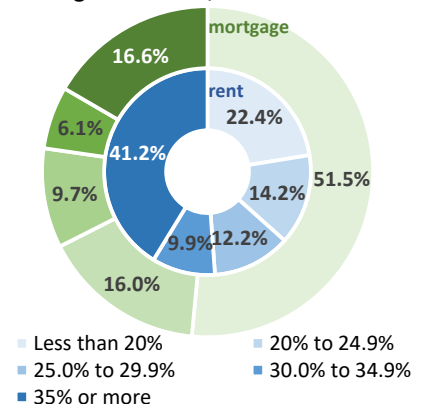
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>22.7%</b>
state	23.2%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$1,464</b>
state	\$1,280

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>51.2%</b>
state	48.1%

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2024



OCCUPATIONS

At \$28.48 in 2025, wages were higher in Region 11 than the state. Overall, Region 11 had the highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$63.62) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$16.93) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 11				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$28.48</b>	<b>1,762,280</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$63.62	130,080	7.4%	1.1	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$41.34	151,080	8.6%	1.2	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$51.35	71,750	4.1%	1.2	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$47.56	40,480	2.3%	1.2	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$40.63	18,450	1.0%	1.0	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.01	34,680	2.0%	1.0	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$53.02	16,390	0.9%	1.3	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.44	98,540	5.6%	1.0	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$30.28	24,600	1.4%	1.1	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$48.50	105,470	6.0%	0.9	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.64	110,250	6.3%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.42	27,730	1.6%	1.0	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$16.93	141,110	8.0%	1.0	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$19.44	46,640	2.6%	0.9	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.89	39,470	2.2%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$21.11	143,270	8.1%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$24.71	204,770	11.6%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.71	930	0.1%	0.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$38.33	59,580	3.4%	0.9	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$31.26	56,240	3.2%	0.9	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$24.01	110,390	6.3%	0.9	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.20	130,360	7.4%	0.9	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

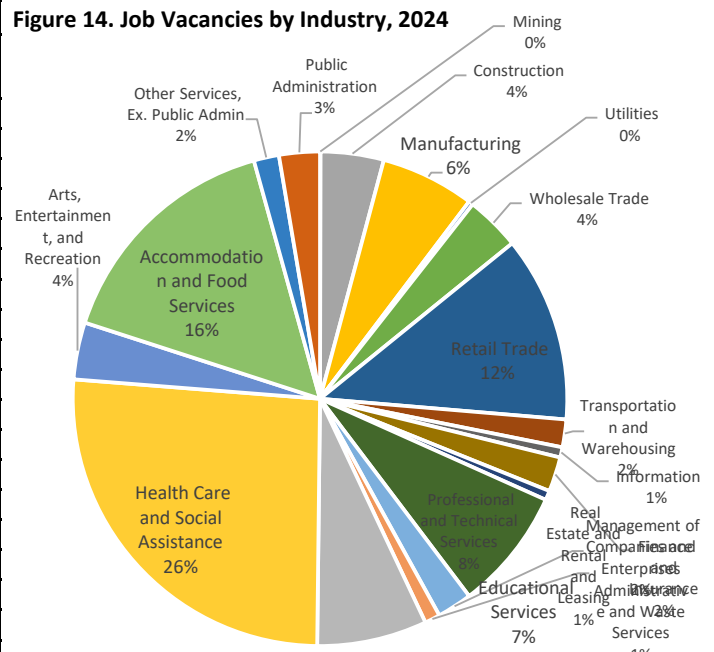
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Anoka Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region. There were 66411 job vacancies posted by employers in 2024, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Twin Cities Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>66,411</b>	<b>\$22.30</b>
Management	4,460	\$42.50
Business & Financial Operations	3,525	\$33.68
Computer & Mathematical	2,465	\$52.17
Architecture & Engineering	1,449	\$42.92
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	586	\$31.86
Community & Social Service	2,687	\$23.98
Education, Training & Library	3,109	\$23.24
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	7,696	\$35.69
Healthcare Support	4,904	\$18.91
Protective Service	769	\$17.16
Food Preparation & Serving Related	10,433	\$15.83
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,016	\$17.91
Personal Care & Service	2,189	\$17.36
Sales & Related	7,399	\$18.30
Office & Administrative Support	2,971	\$19.96
Construction & Extraction	779	\$25.58
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	2,284	\$24.75
Production	2,014	\$23.61
Transportation & Material Moving	3,175	\$19.91

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Twin Cities Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2025

High School or Less	Vocational Training	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$36,582/yr	Nursing Assistants \$47,793/yr	Registered Nurses \$103,822/yr	Software Developers \$131,485/yr
Retail Salespersons \$35,954/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$64,167/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$84,258/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$84,154/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$35,247/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$63,105/yr	Dental Hygienists \$101,993/yr	General and Operations Managers \$103,708/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$47,416/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$63,327/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$55,999/yr	Financial Managers \$165,752/yr
Cashiers \$34,713/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$61,060/yr	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$76,190/yr	Project Management Specialists \$100,639/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$26,043/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$56,981/yr	Surgical Technologists \$82,186/yr	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists \$88,321/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$48,692/yr	Computer User Support Specialists \$66,045/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$70,352/yr	Management Analysts \$98,434/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$49,741/yr	Machinists \$61,474/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$97,755/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$77,347/yr
Sales Representatives, Wholesale and \$78,785/yr	Medical Assistants \$51,095/yr	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists \$101,075/yr	Industrial Engineers \$104,053/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$38,547/yr	Psychiatric Technicians \$51,669/yr	Veterinary Assistants and Laboratory Animal Caretakers \$44,774/yr	Marketing Managers \$171,914/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

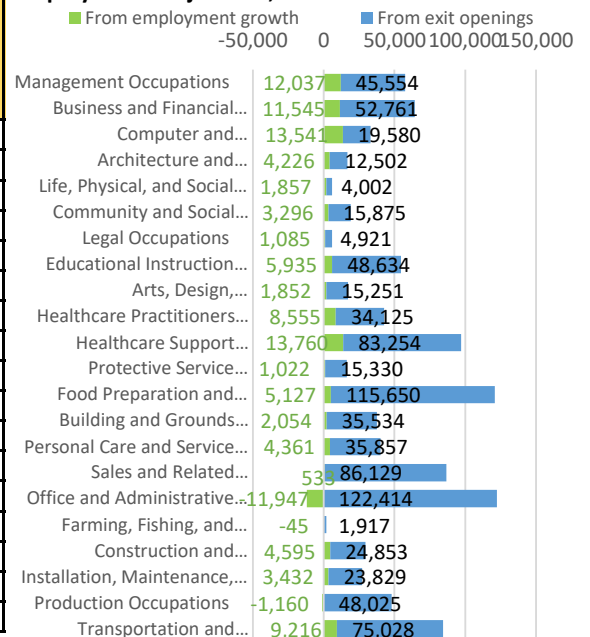
Anoka Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region, which is projected to see a 4.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Twin Cities Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>1,927,280</b>	<b>2,022,157</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	4,299	4,497	4.6%
Utilities	5,966	5,918	-0.8%
Construction	76,624	81,639	6.5%
Manufacturing	175,365	178,983	2.1%
Wholesale Trade	88,950	95,889	7.8%
Retail Trade	155,453	153,000	-1.6%
Transportation & Warehousing	69,046	74,385	7.7%
Information	33,947	36,573	7.7%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	152,950	158,767	3.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	219,218	239,258	9.1%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	103,764	106,039	2.2%
Educational Services	140,511	146,053	3.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	274,229	299,555	9.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	159,585	169,263	6.1%
Other Services	70,450	72,988	3.6%
Public Administration	107,703	109,441	1.6%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



**ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

After losing jobs over the past year, Anoka Co. had the 4th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Anoka Co. was the 43rd fastest growing in the past year and the 19th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Anoka Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

**8,841** | business establishments

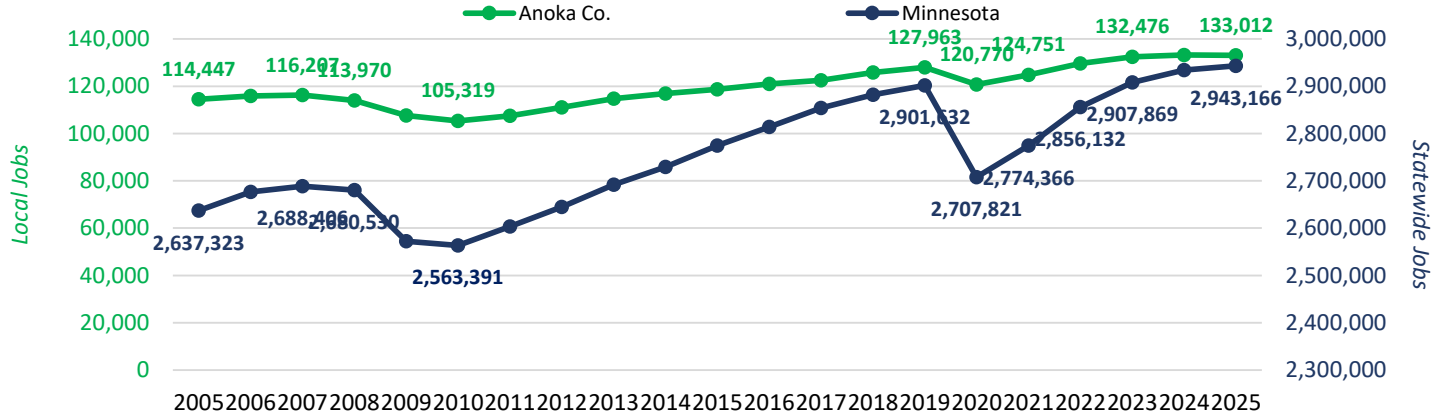
**\$65,208** | annual average wage

**133,140** | jobs

**\$9,027,923,351** | total industry payroll

Job change,  
2020-2025 | 124,779 jobs  
1492.4% increase

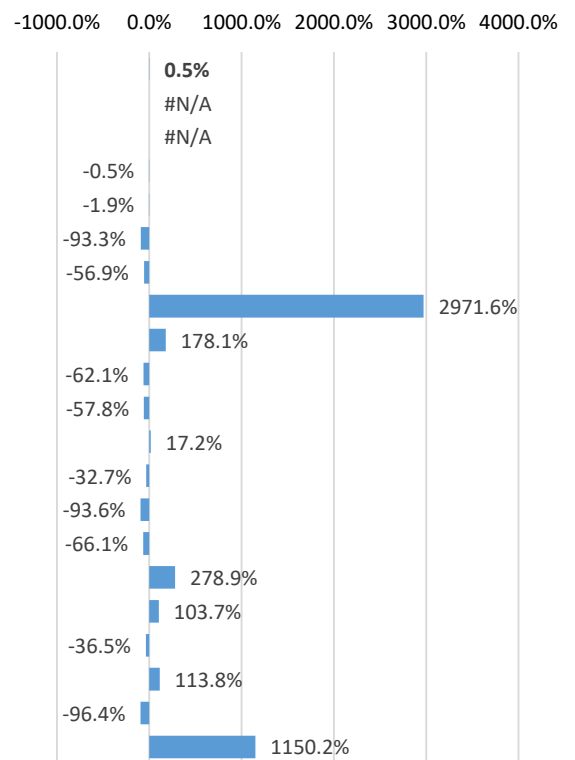
**Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025**



Source: DEED QCEW program

Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>133,140</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$65,208</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	9,414	7.1%	\$85,748
Manufacturing	22,671	17.0%	\$91,364
Utilities	489	0.4%	\$113,620
Wholesale Trade	7,065	5.3%	\$102,492
Retail Trade	16,003	12.0%	\$37,180
Transportation & Warehousing	5,487	4.1%	\$61,620
Information	537	0.4%	\$73,476
Finance & Insurance	1,831	1.4%	\$90,272
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,352	1.0%	\$52,624
Professional & Technical Services	4,468	3.4%	\$90,740
Management of Companies	670	0.5%	\$83,668
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	6,823	5.1%	\$48,724
Educational Services	10,862	8.2%	\$63,492
Health Care & Social Assistance	21,168	15.9%	\$64,064
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2,958	2.2%	\$34,736
Accommodation & Food Services	10,907	8.2%	\$24,232
Other Services	4,389	3.3%	\$44,616
Public Administration	5,501	4.1%	\$69,576

**Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025**



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

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