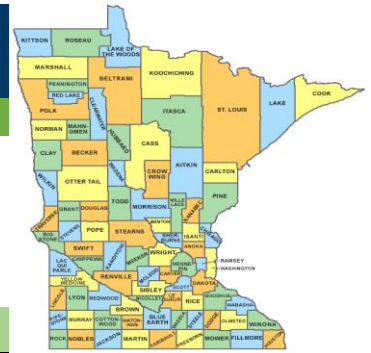


**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Carlton Co.**

Carlton Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2025 population:	<b>36,711 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>41.4 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2025	511 people 1.4% increase	state:	38.8 years

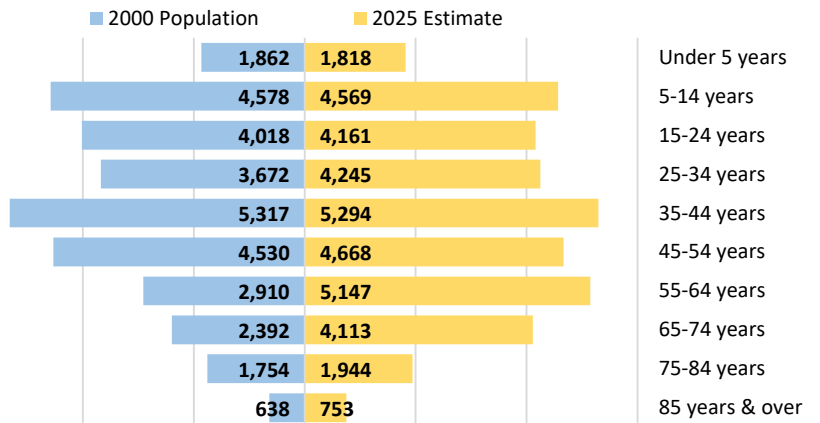
Carlton Co. is the 29th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 37th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Carlton Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

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

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	1,818	5.0%
5-14 years	4,569	12.4%
15-24 years	4,161	11.3%
25-34 years	4,245	11.6%
35-44 years	5,294	14.4%
45-54 years	4,668	12.7%
55-64 years	5,147	14.0%
65-74 years	4,113	11.2%
75-84 years	1,944	5.3%
85 years & over	753	2.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>36,711</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

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



Carlton Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2025, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Carlton 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
Carlton Co.	499	-607	1,776	2,383	1,106	75	1,031
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

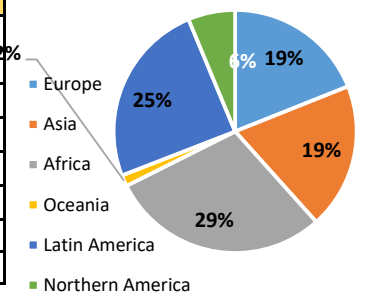
Compared to the state, Carlton Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2014 to 2024, Carlton Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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

	Carlton Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>93.1%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
Europe	127	19.0%	52	69.3%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	130	19.4%	13	11.1%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	196	29.3%	189	2700.0%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	10	1.5%	10	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	207	30.9%	59	39.9%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	165	24.6%	50	43.5%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	42	6.3%	9	27.3%	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**



## COUNTY PROFILE

Carlton Co.

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

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

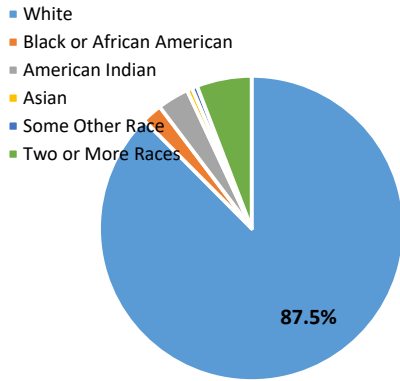


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2024	Carlton Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,518</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
White	31,966	87.5%	0.6%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	789	2.2%	69.0%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,220	3.3%	-36.9%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	209	0.6%	-11.8%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	206	0.6%	123.9%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	2,128	5.8%	126.1%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	711	1.9%	29.0%	6.4%	38.4%

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

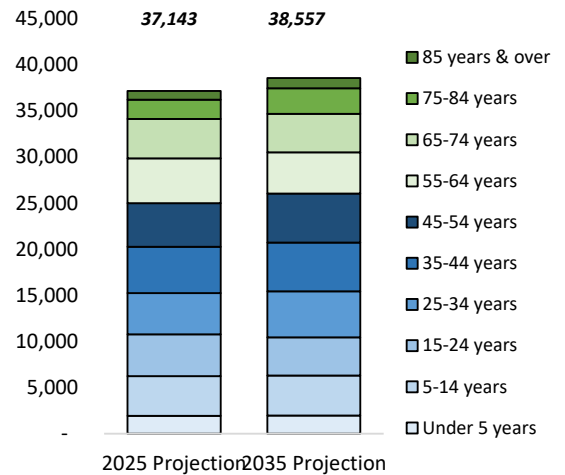
## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Carlton 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				
Carlton Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,926	1,983	57	3.0%
5-14 years	4,326	4,318	-8	-0.2%
15-24 years	4,515	4,148	-367	-8.1%
25-34 years	4,461	4,984	523	11.7%
35-44 years	5,028	5,279	251	5.0%
45-54 years	4,718	5,309	591	12.5%
55-64 years	4,871	4,496	-375	-7.7%
65-74 years	4,276	4,153	-123	-2.9%
75-84 years	2,076	2,781	705	34.0%
85 years & over	946	1,106	160	16.9%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>37,143</b>	<b>38,557</b>	<b>1,414</b>	<b>3.8%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

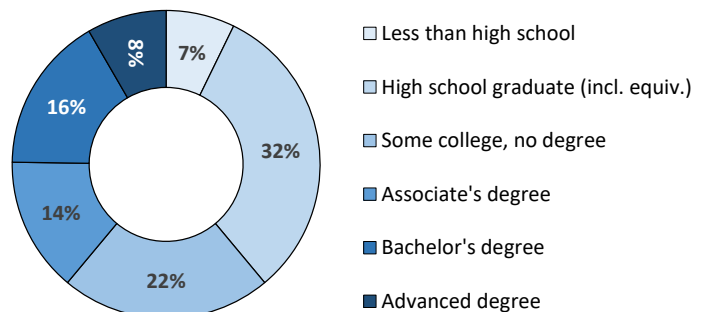


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Carlton Co. has a lower 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. Carlton 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>92.8%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>61.1%</b>
state:	68.9%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>14.2%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>16.4%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>8.4%</b>

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024**



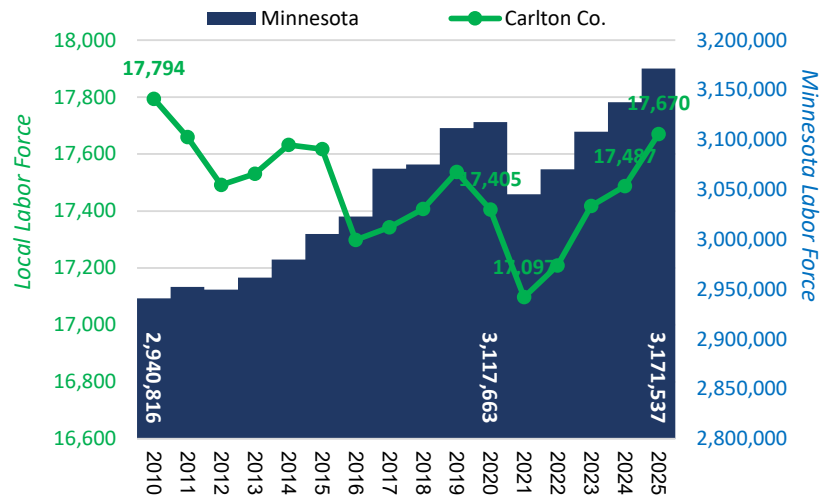
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 5.1%, Carlton Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Carlton Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 7.5% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Carlton Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

<b>17,670</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2010-2025	-124 workers -0.7% decline
<b>5.1%</b>	unemployment rate
3.9%	state
<b>901</b>	unemployed workers

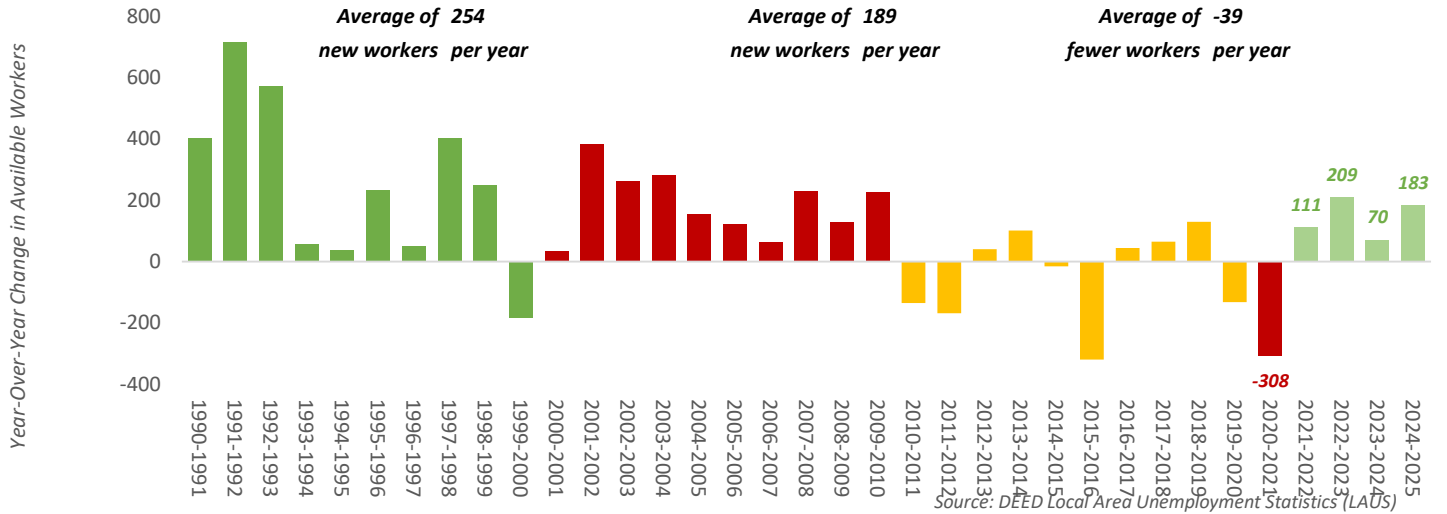
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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

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



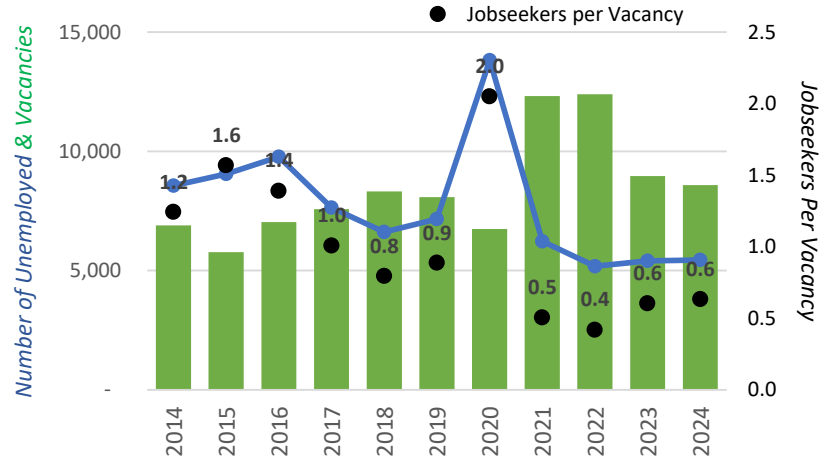
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	2,577	2,396
25 to 54 years	11,381	12,481
55 to 64 years	2,961	2,733
65 years & over	887	912
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>17,807</b>	<b>18,522</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 Northeast 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**

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

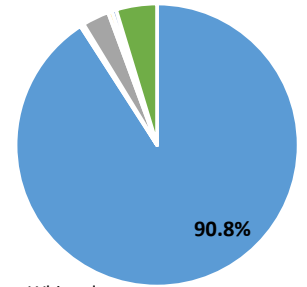
**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2024**

	Carlton 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>17,569</b>	<b>59.3%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>9,280</b>	<b>8,278</b>
16 to 19 years	898	51.3%	8.7%	52.6%	10.3%	445	453
20 to 24 years	1,390	75.1%	6.9%	83.3%	6.6%	715	676
25 to 44 years	7,470	78.7%	5.4%	88.7%	3.7%	4,161	3,308
45 to 54 years	3,849	82.9%	3.4%	87.8%	3.0%	1,979	1,870
55 to 64 years	3,113	60.8%	3.3%	72.7%	3.2%	1,490	1,622
65 to 74 years	695	17.0%	4.0%	27.7%	3.6%	419	277
75 years & over	142	5.3%	0.7%	6.7%	3.2%	71	72

**Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin**

White alone	15,952	60.8%	4.0%	67.0%	3.5%
Black or African American	72	10.4%	19.4%	70.8%	8.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	539	53.9%	23.7%	58.0%	10.8%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	82	61.2%	0.0%	75.2%	3.5%
Some Other Race	84	42.9%	0.0%	75.4%	5.8%
Two or More Races	822	60.1%	6.1%	74.0%	5.7%
Hispanic or Latino	257	47.6%	38.5%	76.6%	5.8%

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2024**



- 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	1,104	41.9%	9.9%	56.1%	9.4%
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**Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years**

Population, 25 to 64 years	14,439	75.0%	4.4%	84.5%	3.4%
Less than H.S. Diploma	557	46.9%	7.4%	66.2%	4.9%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,260	62.8%	5.2%	76.6%	2.5%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	5,875	78.6%	4.7%	85.0%	3.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	4,740	87.8%	1.8%	90.5%	2.2%

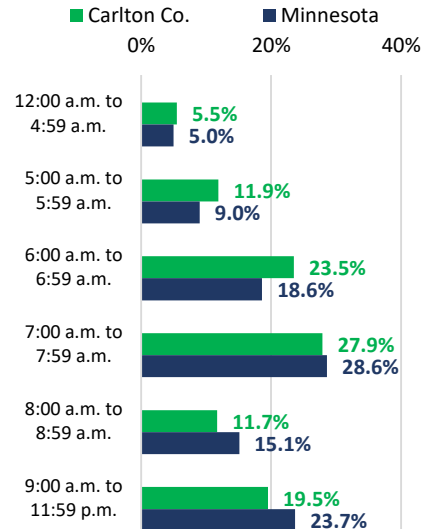
Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024**

	Carlton Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	15,518	94.5%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	9,968	60.7%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	5,550	33.8%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	903	5.5%	64,678	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	14,237	86.7%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	33	0.2%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	608	3.7%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	1,560	9.5%	517,420	17.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	3,810	23.2%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	4,434	27.1%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	3,613	22.0%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	3,202	19.5%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	640	3.9%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	690	4.2%	144,055	4.9%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>21.5 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

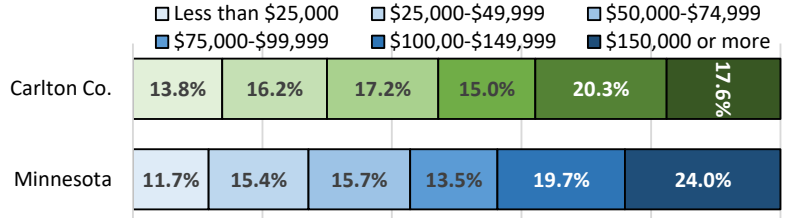
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Carlton Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Carlton Co. had the 20th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$80,573</b>
state	\$89,062
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$97,012</b>
state	\$113,993
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$39,410</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. Carlton Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.47 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$20.33 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
Carlton Co.	\$32,183	\$15.47	\$0	\$422	\$183	\$910	\$549	\$294	\$324
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
Carlton Co.	\$63,425	\$20.33	\$403	\$958	\$639	\$1,178	\$999	\$472	\$636
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

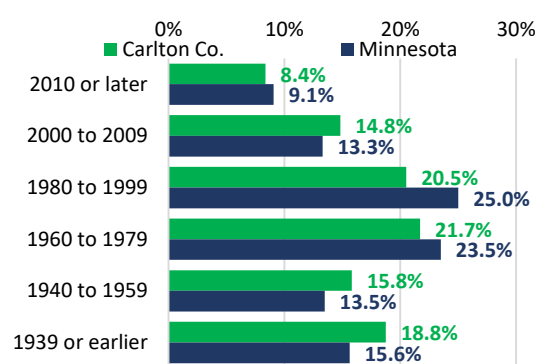
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Carlton Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 37th highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Carlton 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	Carlton Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,273</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	532	4.7%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	358	3.2%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	887	7.9%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,949	17.3%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,571	31.7%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	3,027	26.9%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	949	8.4%	19.6%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$245,100</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>\$1,659</b>
state	\$1,947

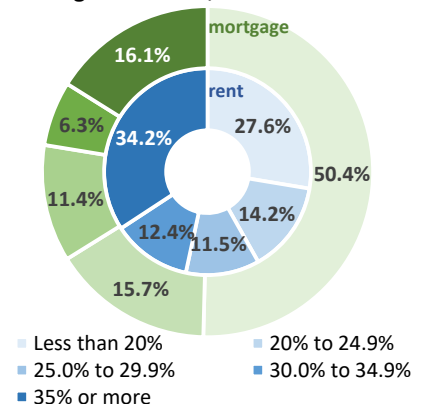
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>22.4%</b>
state	23.2%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$1,009</b>
state	\$1,280

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>46.6%</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 \$23.47 in 2025, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.38) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.56) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 3				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>\$23.47</b>	<b>139,940</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$46.38	7,780	5.6%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$36.09	6,060	4.3%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.42	2,100	1.5%	0.4	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.58	2,240	1.6%	0.8	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$36.86	1,730	1.2%	1.1	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$27.67	4,330	3.1%	1.5	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$40.98	530	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.07	8,410	6.0%	1.0	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.54	1,280	0.9%	0.7	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40.04	11,570	8.3%	1.3	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.28	10,020	7.2%	1.2	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$27.12	3,020	2.2%	1.3	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.56	14,420	10.3%	1.2	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.77	4,660	3.3%	1.2	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.15	3,520	2.5%	1.2	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$16.71	11,750	8.4%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.70	16,400	11.7%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$24.08	230	0.2%	1.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$34.23	7,820	5.6%	1.4	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$30.21	6,770	4.8%	1.3	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$25.14	6,360	4.5%	0.6	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.57	8,930	6.4%	0.8	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

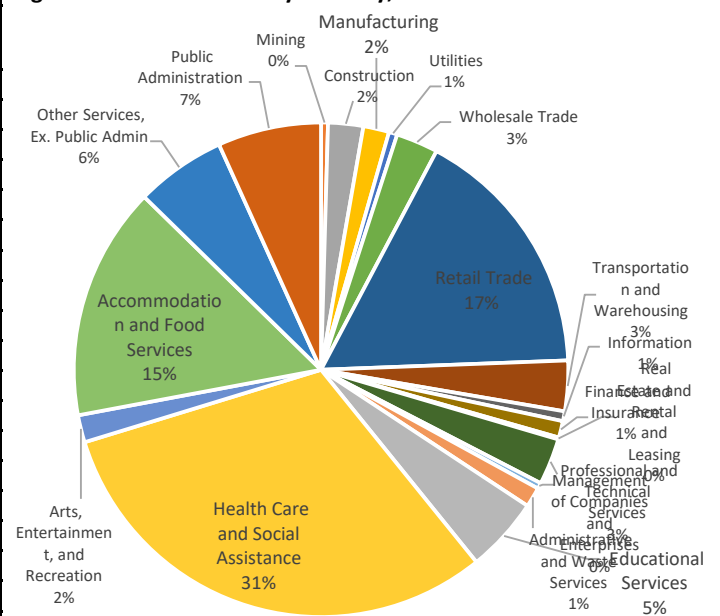
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Carlton Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 8587 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. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>8,587</b>	<b>\$18.66</b>
Management	185	\$50.94
Business & Financial Operations	276	\$26.51
Computer & Mathematical	30	\$29.91
Architecture & Engineering	305	\$31.47
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	77	\$28.87
Community & Social Service	229	\$20.86
Education, Training & Library	302	\$21.23
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,091	\$39.45
Healthcare Support	976	\$17.84
Protective Service	79	\$20.78
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,381	\$14.85
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	290	\$15.85
Personal Care & Service	453	\$16.99
Sales & Related	1,347	\$15.90
Office & Administrative Support	303	\$17.38
Construction & Extraction	61	\$24.60
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	331	\$22.85
Production	83	\$20.38
Transportation & Material Moving	435	\$19.58

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast 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 \$36,611/yr	Nursing Assistants \$43,783/yr	Registered Nurses \$84,451/yr	General and Operations Managers \$77,788/yr
Retail Salespersons \$33,817/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$62,124/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$76,419/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$74,639/yr
Food Preparation Workers \$33,094/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$39,033/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$79,035/yr	Pharmacists \$143,951/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,019/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$57,976/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$47,241/yr	Project Management Specialists \$94,155/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,249/yr	Medical Assistants \$47,235/yr	Dental Hygienists \$91,369/yr	Financial Managers \$128,471/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$22,952/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$53,239/yr	Surgical Technologists \$66,757/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$61,345/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$43,418/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$51,475/yr	Respiratory Therapists \$81,337/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$41,454/yr
Cashiers \$29,732/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$48,935/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$64,843/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$103,535/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,028/yr	Electricians \$85,688/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$79,462/yr	Human Resources Specialists \$67,642/yr
Cooks, Restaurant \$36,715/yr	Pharmacy Technicians \$47,252/yr	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians \$86,132/yr	Industrial Engineers \$95,993/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

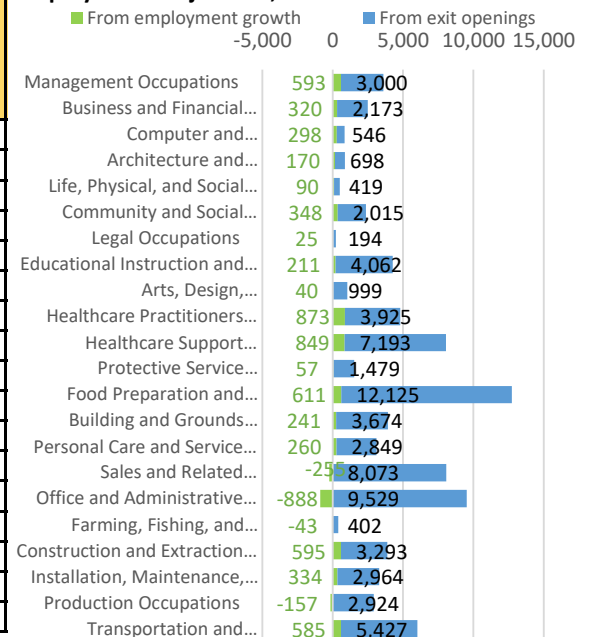
Carlton Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 3.3% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Industry	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Northeast Planning Region</b>			
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>153,945</b>	<b>159,102</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,228	5,268	0.8%
Utilities	1,352	1,342	-0.7%
Construction	7,006	7,544	7.7%
Manufacturing	8,777	9,016	2.7%
Wholesale Trade	3,202	3,359	4.9%
Retail Trade	16,565	16,360	-1.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	4,151	4,437	6.9%
Information	1,222	1,208	-1.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	5,827	5,846	0.3%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,808	6,264	7.9%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,097	3,231	4.3%
Educational Services	12,004	12,056	0.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	31,799	33,864	6.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	17,159	18,243	6.3%
Other Services	5,953	6,118	2.8%
Public Administration	15,176	15,440	1.7%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

After losing jobs over the past year, Carlton Co. had the 33rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Carlton Co. was the 62nd fastest growing in the past year and the 39th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Carlton Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

790 business establishments

\$59,696 annual average wage

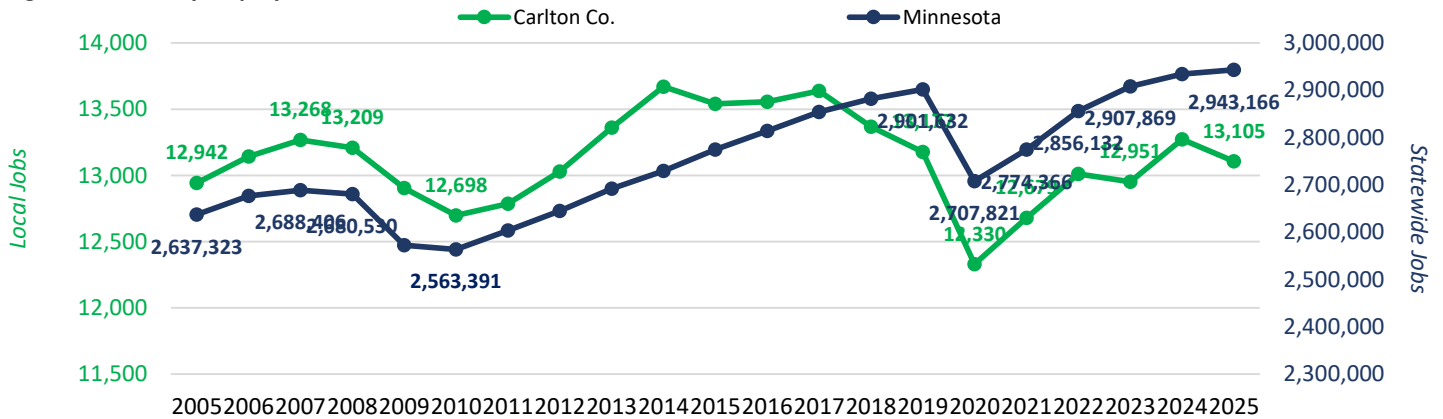
13,105 jobs

\$782,451,713 total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2025  
775 jobs  
6.3% increase

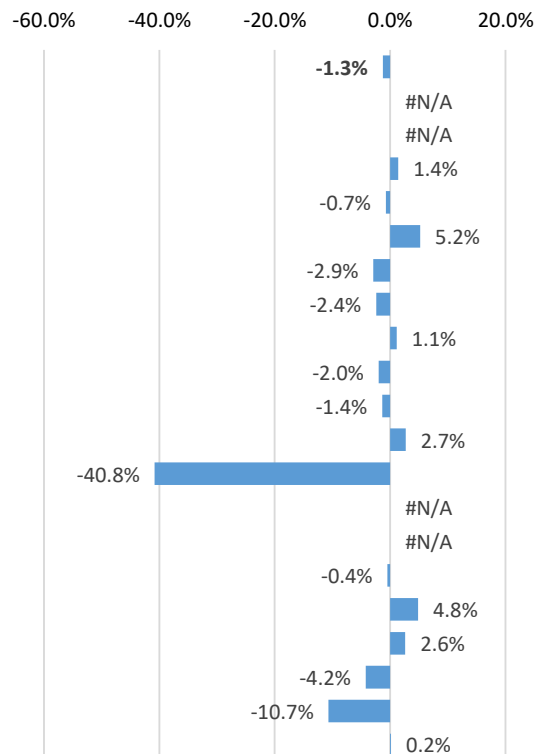
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025

Source: DEED QCEW program



	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>13,105</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$59,696</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	929	7.1%	\$97,084
Manufacturing	1,249	9.5%	\$94,952
Utilities	101	0.8%	\$110,448
Wholesale Trade	369	2.8%	\$79,352
Retail Trade	1,410	10.8%	\$31,304
Transportation & Warehousing	269	2.1%	\$59,904
Information	50	0.4%	\$67,496
Finance & Insurance	287	2.2%	\$69,264
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	38	0.3%	\$33,124
Professional & Technical Services	190	1.4%	\$65,104
Management of Companies	20	0.2%	\$132,860
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	150	1.1%	\$43,680
Educational Services	1,349	10.3%	\$50,232
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,555	19.5%	\$61,776
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	507	3.9%	\$42,016
Accommodation & Food Services	1,069	8.2%	\$22,152
Other Services	310	2.4%	\$35,256
Public Administration	2,182	16.7%	\$64,896

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025



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

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