

**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Chippewa Co.**

Chippewa Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2025 population:	<b>12,406 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>41.7 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2025	-197 people -1.6% decline	state:	38.8 years

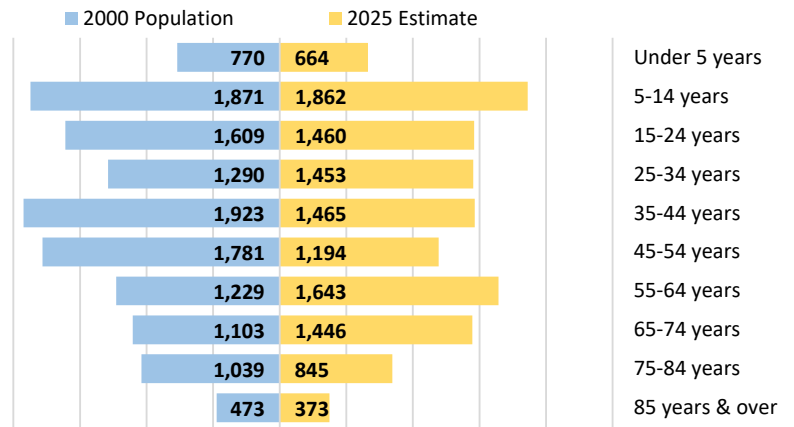
Chippewa Co. is the 61st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 70th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Chippewa Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. 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	664	5.3%
5-14 years	1,862	15.0%
15-24 years	1,460	11.8%
25-34 years	1,453	11.7%
35-44 years	1,465	11.8%
45-54 years	1,194	9.6%
55-64 years	1,643	13.2%
65-74 years	1,446	11.7%
75-84 years	845	6.8%
85 years & over	373	3.0%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>12,406</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

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



Chippewa Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2025, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Chippewa 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
Chippewa Co.	-191	-8	872	880	-183	408	-591
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

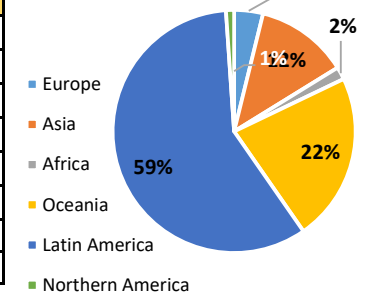
Compared to the state, Chippewa Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2014 to 2024, Chippewa Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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

	Chippewa Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>75.0%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
Europe	32	3.8%	-20	-38.5%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	103	12.4%	47	83.9%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	14	1.7%	8	133.3%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	187	22.4%	101	117.4%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	497	59.7%	221	80.1%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	488	58.6%	216	79.4%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	9	1.1%	5	125.0%	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

Chippewa Co.

Chippewa 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**

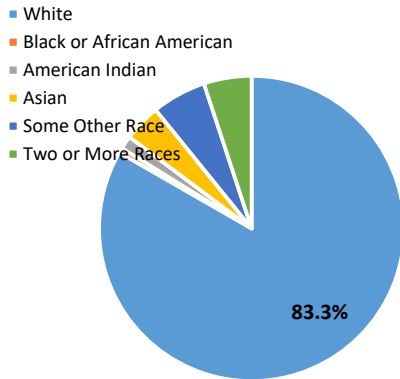


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2024	Chippewa Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,377</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
White	10,309	83.3%	-10.3%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	66	0.5%	-29.8%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	173	1.4%	183.6%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	489	4.0%	164.3%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	713	5.8%	378.5%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	627	5.1%	147.8%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,307	10.6%	97.1%	6.4%	38.4%

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

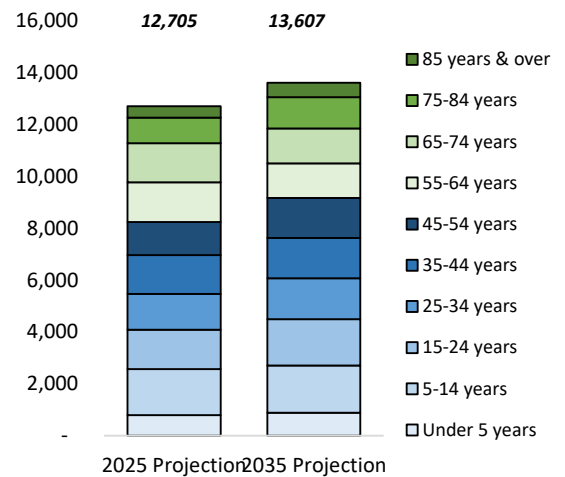
## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Chippewa 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				
Chippewa Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	790	884	94	11.9%
5-14 years	1,774	1,822	48	2.7%
15-24 years	1,518	1,781	263	17.3%
25-34 years	1,384	1,580	196	14.2%
35-44 years	1,495	1,556	61	4.1%
45-54 years	1,273	1,544	271	21.3%
55-64 years	1,533	1,326	-207	-13.5%
65-74 years	1,502	1,349	-153	-10.2%
75-84 years	986	1,211	225	22.8%
85 years & over	450	554	104	23.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>12,705</b>	<b>13,607</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>7.1%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

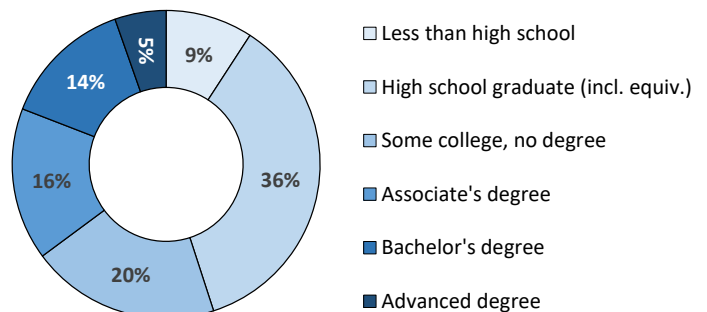


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Chippewa 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. Chippewa 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>90.8%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>55.0%</b>
state:	68.9%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>16.0%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>13.7%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>5.4%</b>

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024**



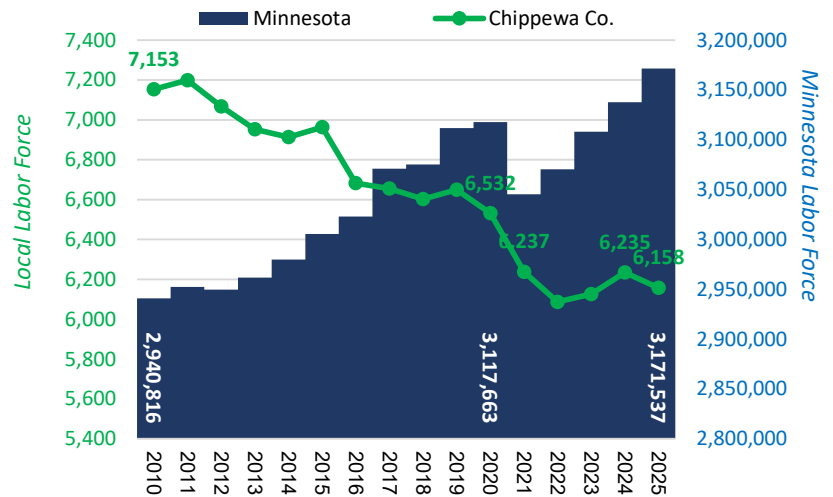
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.4%, Chippewa Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Chippewa Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 5.5% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Chippewa Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

<b>6,158</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2010-2025	-995 workers -13.9% decline
<b>4.4%</b>	unemployment rate
3.9%	state
<b>271</b>	unemployed workers

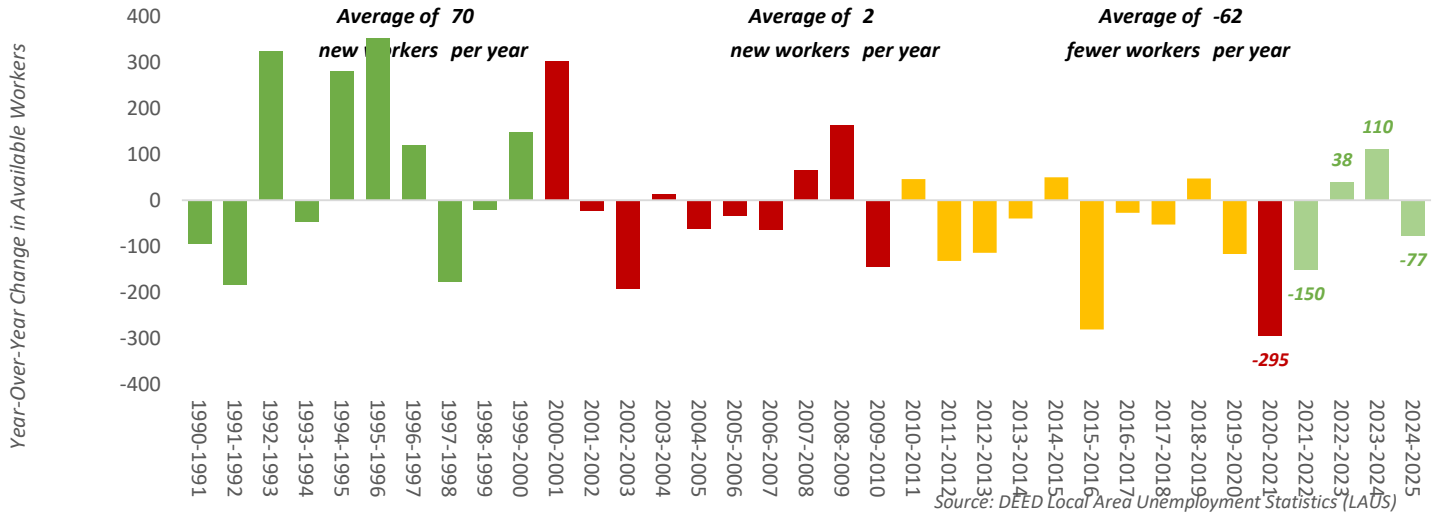
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Chippewa 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, Chippewa 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	749	888
25 to 54 years	3,632	4,098
55 to 64 years	1,137	984
65 years & over	626	596
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>6,144</b>	<b>6,565</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 Southwest 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

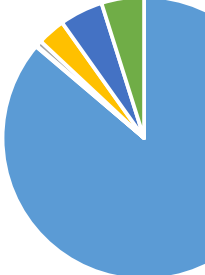


Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

Chippewa Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Chippewa 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**

	Chippewa 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>6,138</b>	<b>63.1%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>2,850</b>
16 to 19 years	236	42.1%	33.5%	52.6%	10.3%	94	142
20 to 24 years	511	66.5%	2.2%	83.3%	6.6%	265	246
25 to 44 years	2,512	86.3%	4.1%	88.7%	3.7%	1,356	1,156
45 to 54 years	1,074	90.2%	1.0%	87.8%	3.0%	558	516
55 to 64 years	1,216	74.2%	3.3%	72.7%	3.2%	689	527
65 to 74 years	505	35.0%	4.4%	27.7%	3.6%	271	234
75 years & over	85	7.0%	0.0%	6.7%	3.2%	56	29
<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	5,292	62.8%	3.7%	67.0%	3.5%		
Black or African American	8	13.1%	0.0%	70.8%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	40	43.0%	0.0%	58.0%	10.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	196	55.5%	25.5%	75.2%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	305	79.6%	4.6%	75.4%	5.8%		
Two or More Races	299	72.7%	2.7%	74.0%	5.7%		
Hispanic or Latino	600	76.7%	12.3%	76.6%	5.8%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	393	56.5%	5.3%	56.1%	9.4%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	4,800	83.6%	3.2%	84.5%	3.4%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	353	67.8%	2.0%	66.2%	4.9%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,293	80.7%	1.8%	76.6%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,078	87.4%	2.5%	85.0%	3.7%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,077	86.8%	0.4%	90.5%	2.2%		

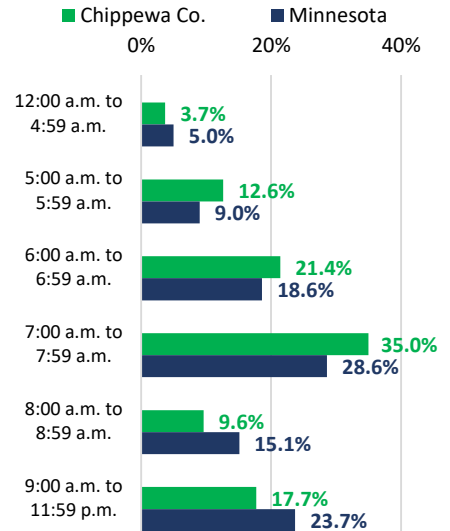
Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024**

	Chippewa Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	5,649	99.9%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	3,964	70.1%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	1,685	29.8%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	6	0.1%	64,678	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	5,056	89.4%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	6	0.1%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	119	2.1%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	481	8.5%	517,420	17.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	2,432	43.0%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	1,335	23.6%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	910	16.1%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	560	9.9%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	153	2.7%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	266	4.7%	144,055	4.9%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>16.8 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

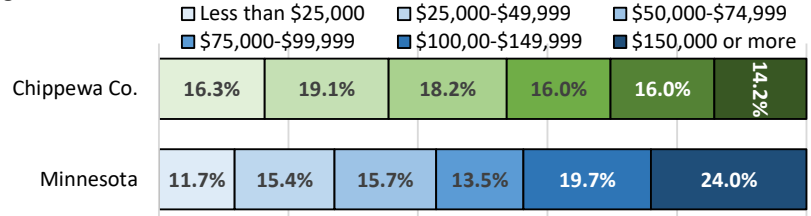
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Chippewa Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Chippewa Co. had the 59th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$71,458</b>
state	\$89,062
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$92,442</b>
state	\$113,993
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$35,718</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. Chippewa Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.47 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.78 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
Chippewa Co.	\$30,103	\$14.47	\$0	\$435	\$183	\$786	\$535	\$270	\$300
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
Chippewa Co.	\$58,593	\$18.78	\$362	\$988	\$639	\$964	\$963	\$431	\$536
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

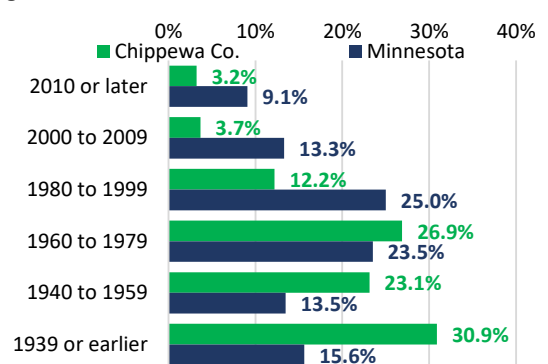
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Chippewa Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 81st highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Chippewa Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2024	Chippewa Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,706</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	404	10.9%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	622	16.8%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	752	20.3%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	500	13.5%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	764	20.6%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	487	13.1%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	177	4.8%	19.6%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$156,100</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>\$1,506</b>
state	\$1,947

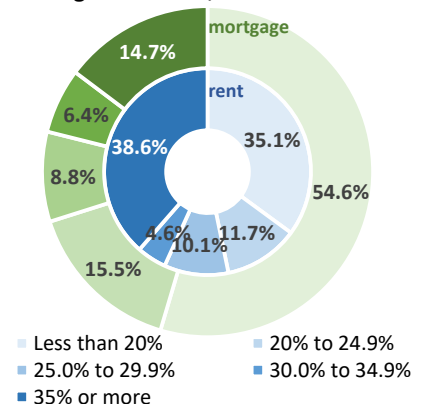
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>21.1%</b>
state	23.2%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$869</b>
state	\$1,280

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>43.2%</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 \$23.1 in 2025, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 9th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$45.57) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.69) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 6W				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>\$23.10</b>	<b>16,330</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$45.57	960	5.9%	0.9	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.43	490	3.0%	0.4	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$35.12	100	0.6%	0.2	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.95	130	0.8%	0.4	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$27.58	140	0.9%	0.8	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$27.97	350	2.1%	1.1	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$36.51	50	0.3%	0.4	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.52	1,390	8.5%	1.5	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$21.71	130	0.8%	0.6	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$39.19	1,070	6.6%	1.0	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.85	1,020	6.2%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$27.13	290	1.8%	1.1	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.69	1,420	8.7%	1.1	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.45	560	3.4%	1.2	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.24	320	2.0%	0.9	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$16.83	1,330	8.1%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.55	1,810	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.31	60	0.4%	3.3	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.56	870	5.3%	1.4	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.57	800	4.9%	1.4	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$22.89	1,360	8.3%	1.2	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.05	1,700	10.4%	1.3	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

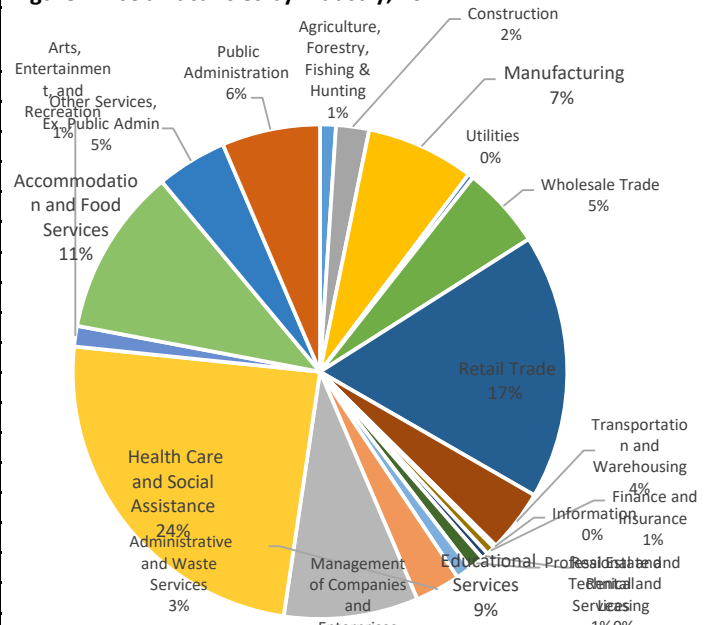
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Chippewa Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 9168 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. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>9,168</b>	<b>\$19.48</b>
Management	176	\$37.03
Business & Financial Operations	189	\$27.48
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$36.13
Architecture & Engineering	115	\$27.92
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	88	\$38.63
Community & Social Service	409	\$24.68
Education, Training & Library	548	\$21.55
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$30.27
Healthcare Support	984	\$14.95
Protective Service	222	\$28.05
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,188	\$15.62
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	395	\$15.71
Personal Care & Service	114	\$15.42
Sales & Related	1,026	\$15.96
Office & Administrative Support	388	\$20.28
Construction & Extraction	132	\$23.65
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	645	\$23.30
Production	457	\$18.67
Transportation & Material Moving	1,033	\$21.37

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

**OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

**Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2025**

High School or Less	Vocational Training	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Cashiers \$29,957/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$56,626/yr	Registered Nurses \$87,199/yr	General and Operations Managers \$83,095/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$37,313/yr	Nursing Assistants \$42,326/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$77,653/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$62,582/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,720/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$60,328/yr	Dental Hygienists \$96,312/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$63,481/yr
Retail Salespersons \$34,590/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$60,377/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$60,463/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$75,070/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,684/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$49,699/yr	Occupational Therapy Assistants \$61,484/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$42,191/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$37,463/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$62,197/yr	Detectives and Criminal Investigators \$83,721/yr	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and \$106,848/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$44,165/yr	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians \$62,029/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$79,581/yr	Financial Managers \$129,957/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$36,766/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$50,172/yr	Mechanical Drafters \$67,942/yr	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School \$63,516/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$45,638/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians \$41,569/yr	Agricultural Technicians \$63,397/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$63,878/yr
Food Preparation Workers \$32,590/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$61,914/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$63,751/yr	Physical Therapists \$99,992/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

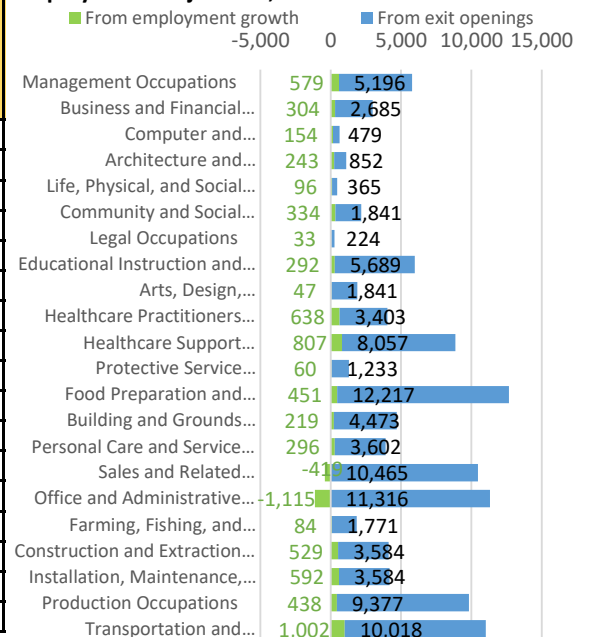
Chippewa Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

**Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032**

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>202,214</b>	<b>207,878</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,523	5,777	4.6%
Utilities	690	690	0.0%
Construction	7,679	8,252	7.5%
Manufacturing	32,192	33,537	4.2%
Wholesale Trade	8,001	8,116	1.4%
Retail Trade	19,409	19,084	-1.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,297	6,810	8.1%
Information	2,093	2,046	-2.2%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,227	8,375	1.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,544	5,985	8.0%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,127	4,331	4.9%
Educational Services	16,065	16,116	0.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	28,786	30,498	5.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,625	14,377	5.5%
Other Services	7,097	7,281	2.6%
Public Administration	14,117	14,370	1.8%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

**Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032**



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

After losing jobs over the past year, Chippewa Co. had the 57th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Chippewa Co. was the 77th fastest growing in the past year and the 78th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Chippewa Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

417 | business establishments

\$54,912 | annual average wage

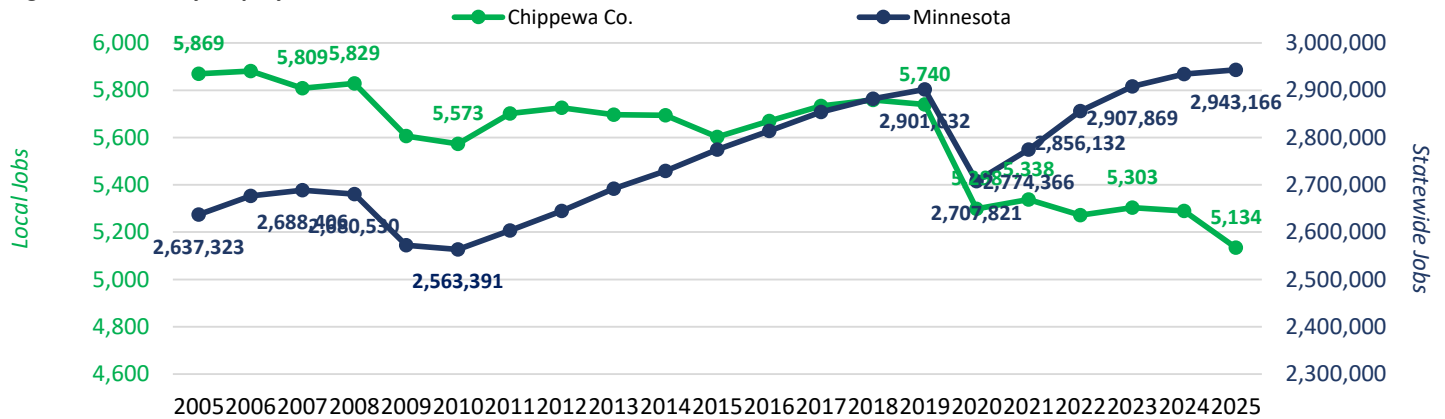
5,134 | jobs

\$282,016,232 | total industry payroll

Job change,  
2020-2025 | -164 jobs  
-3.1% decline

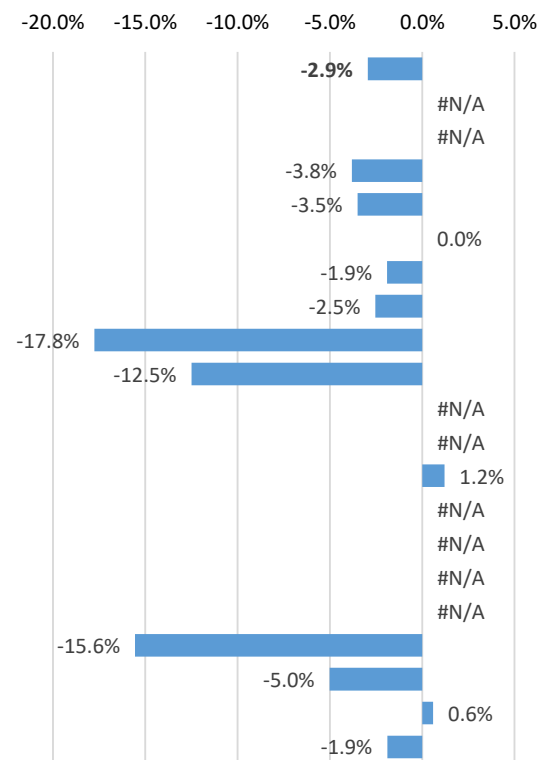
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025

Source: DEED QCEW program



Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>5,134</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$54,912</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	303	5.9%	\$87,204
Manufacturing	883	17.2%	\$58,344
Utilities	39	0.8%	\$131,196
Wholesale Trade	309	6.0%	\$74,308
Retail Trade	499	9.7%	\$32,136
Transportation & Warehousing	88	1.7%	\$45,396
Information	21	0.4%	\$58,188
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	84	1.6%	\$54,028
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	38	0.7%	\$19,604
Accommodation & Food Services	303	5.9%	\$18,616
Other Services	169	3.3%	\$38,896
Public Administration	311	6.1%	\$58,136

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025



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

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