

**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Red Lake Co.**

Red Lake Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 1, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2025 population:	<b>3,940 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>43.0 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2025	7 people 0.2% increase	state:	38.8 years

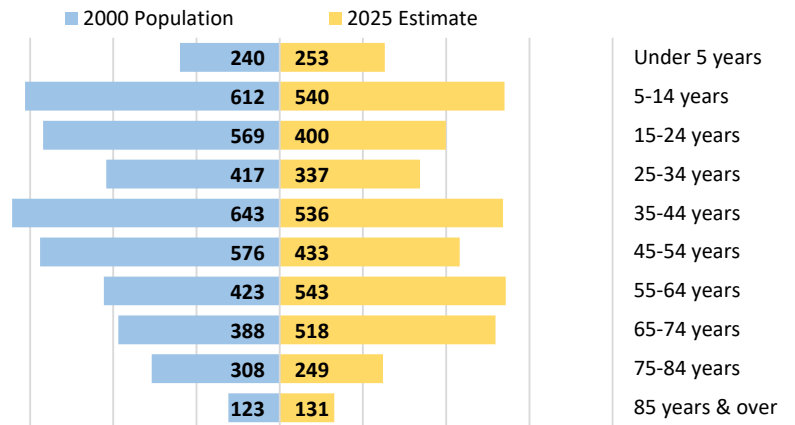
Red Lake Co. is the 85th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 49th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Red Lake Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. 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	253	6.4%
5-14 years	540	13.7%
15-24 years	400	10.1%
25-34 years	337	8.6%
35-44 years	536	13.6%
45-54 years	433	11.0%
55-64 years	543	13.8%
65-74 years	518	13.2%
75-84 years	249	6.3%
85 years & over	131	3.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

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



Red Lake Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2025, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Red Lake 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
Red Lake Co.	5	46	258	212	-41	1	-42
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

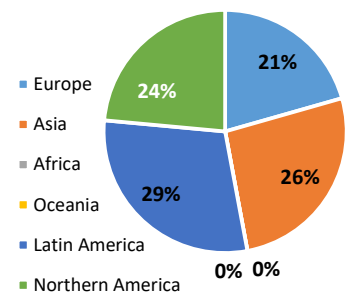
Compared to the state, Red Lake Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2014 to 2024, Red Lake Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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

	Red Lake Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>-18</b>	<b>-34.6%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
Europe	7	20.6%	-2	-22.2%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	9	26.5%	-2	-18.2%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	0	0.0%	-12	-100.0%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	18	52.9%	-2	-10.0%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	10	29.4%	-5	-33.3%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	8	23.5%	3	60.0%	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

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Red Lake 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**

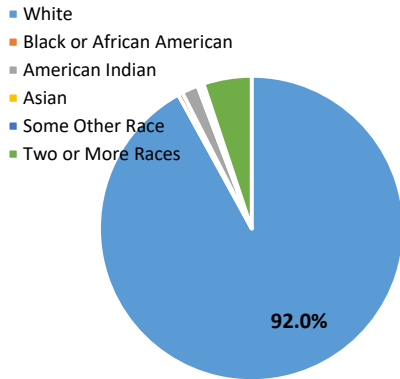


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2024	Red Lake Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,915</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
White	3,602	92.0%	-7.4%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	19	0.5%	-47.2%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	68	1.7%	28.3%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	14	0.4%	27.3%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	12	0.3%	-47.8%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	200	5.1%	233.3%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	141	3.6%	20.5%	6.4%	38.4%

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

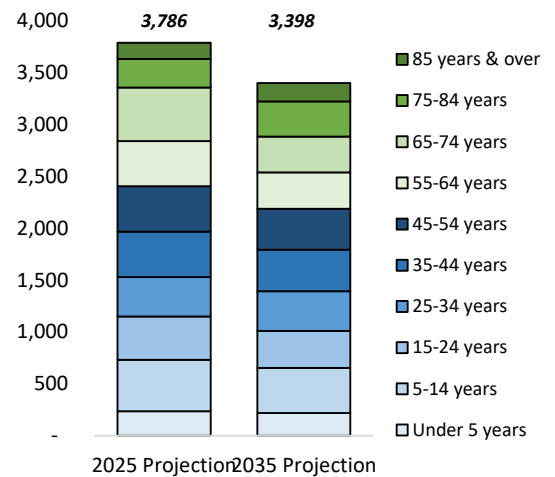
## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Red Lake 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				
Red Lake Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	237	218	-19	-8.0%
5-14 years	494	436	-58	-11.7%
15-24 years	417	356	-61	-14.6%
25-34 years	381	383	2	0.5%
35-44 years	437	400	-37	-8.5%
45-54 years	439	395	-44	-10.0%
55-64 years	435	348	-87	-20.0%
65-74 years	516	345	-171	-33.1%
75-84 years	275	340	65	23.6%
85 years & over	155	177	22	14.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>3,786</b>	<b>3,398</b>	<b>-388</b>	<b>-10.2%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

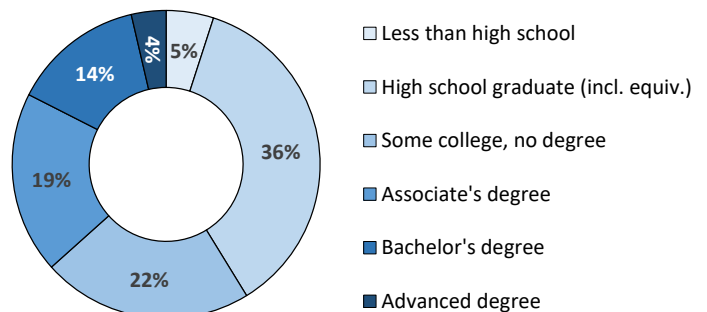


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Red Lake 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. Red Lake 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>95.0%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>58.8%</b>
state:	68.9%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>19.1%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>13.9%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>3.6%</b>

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024**



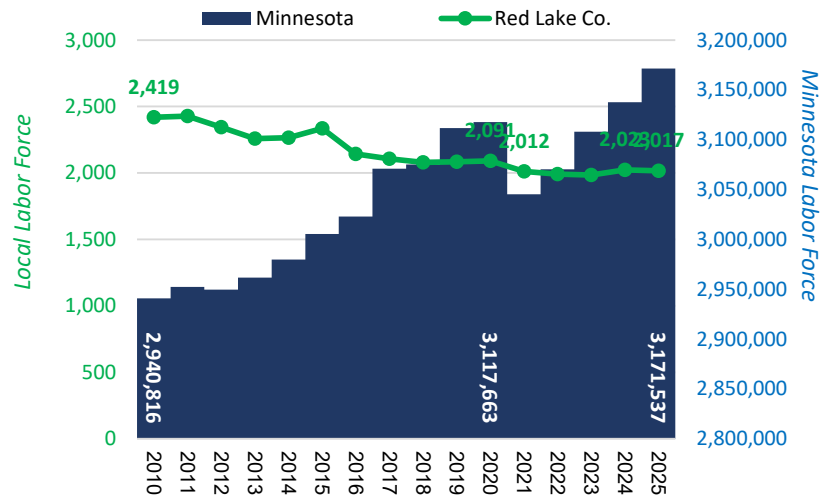
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 6.4%, Red Lake Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Red Lake Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 6.9% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Red Lake Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

<b>2,017</b>	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2010-2025</i>	<i>-402 workers -16.6% decline</i>
<b>6.4%</b>	unemployment rate
<i>3.9%</i>	<i>state</i>
<b>129</b>	unemployed workers

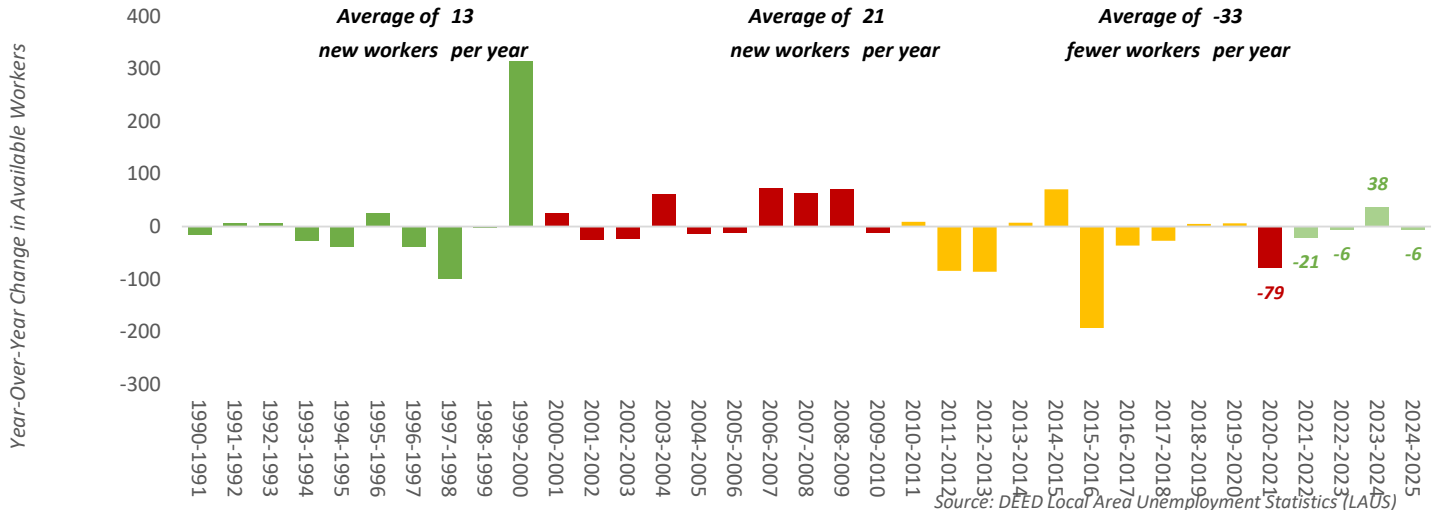
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Red Lake 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, Red Lake Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	266	227
25 to 54 years	1,138	1,067
55 to 64 years	321	257
65 years & over	218	169
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>1,943</b>	<b>1,720</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 Northwest 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**

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

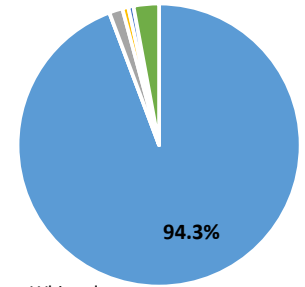
**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2024**

	Red Lake 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>2,029</b>	<b>66.1%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>1,087</b>	<b>941</b>
16 to 19 years	104	60.1%	1.9%	52.6%	10.3%	60	44
20 to 24 years	138	83.1%	5.1%	83.3%	6.6%	85	53
25 to 44 years	786	90.6%	0.2%	88.7%	3.7%	414	372
45 to 54 years	389	90.5%	0.5%	87.8%	3.0%	209	180
55 to 64 years	399	73.9%	0.0%	72.7%	3.2%	205	194
65 to 74 years	174	33.8%	3.4%	27.7%	3.6%	98	76
75 years & over	38	10.1%	7.9%	6.7%	3.2%	16	22

**Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin**

White alone	1,913	66.7%	0.7%	67.0%	3.5%
Black or African American	0	0.0%	0.0%	70.8%	8.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	31	54.4%	0.0%	58.0%	10.8%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	14	100.0%	21.4%	75.2%	3.5%
Some Other Race	12	100.0%	0.0%	75.4%	5.8%
Two or More Races	59	50.0%	10.2%	74.0%	5.7%
Hispanic or Latino	42	46.2%	11.9%	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	107	59.1%	2.8%	56.1%	9.4%
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**Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years**

Population, 25 to 64 years	1,573	85.6%	0.3%	84.5%	3.4%
Less than H.S. Diploma	44	72.1%	0.2%	66.2%	4.9%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	417	81.3%	1.4%	76.6%	2.5%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	731	86.4%	0.4%	85.0%	3.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	382	91.4%	0.0%	90.5%	2.2%

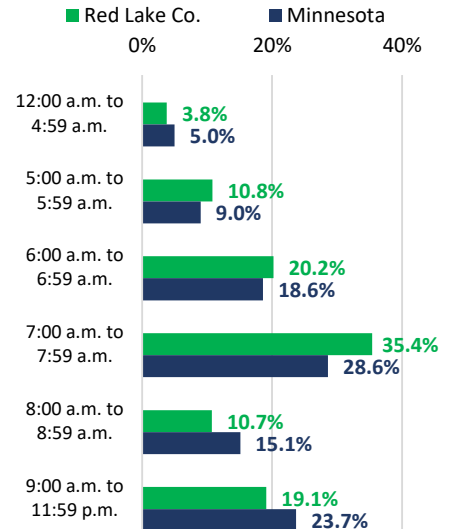
Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024**

	Red Lake Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	1,911	96.5%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	937	47.3%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	972	49.1%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	69	3.5%	64,678	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	1,665	84.1%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	4	0.2%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	111	5.6%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	200	10.1%	517,420	17.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	471	23.8%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	360	18.2%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	560	28.3%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	329	16.6%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	127	6.4%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	133	6.7%	144,055	4.9%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>24.8 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

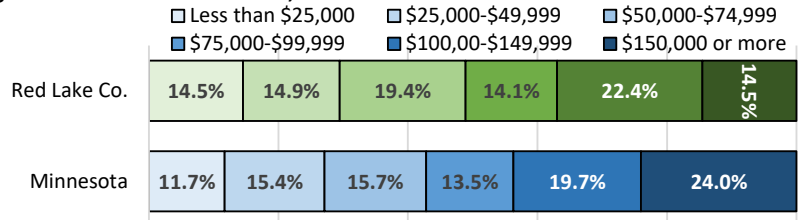
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Red Lake Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Red Lake Co. had the 29th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$77,188</b>
state	\$89,062
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$101,208</b>
state	\$113,993
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$37,741</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. Red Lake Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.98 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$20.37 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
Red Lake Co.	\$31,154	\$14.98	\$0	\$439	\$183	\$725	\$666	\$257	\$326
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
Red Lake Co.	\$63,543	\$20.37	\$318	\$998	\$639	\$964	\$1,296	\$433	\$647
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

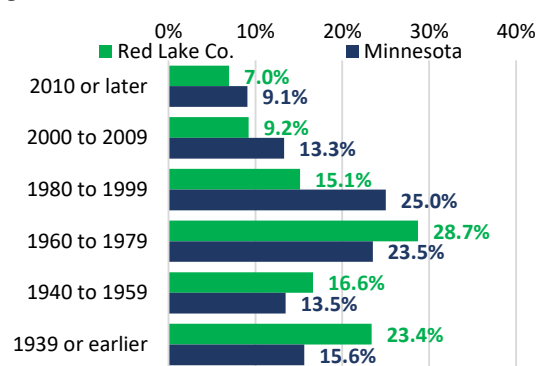
Red Lake Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 74th highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Red Lake Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2024

	Red Lake Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,394</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	104	7.5%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	229	16.4%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	285	20.4%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	267	19.2%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	312	22.4%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	151	10.8%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	46	3.3%	19.6%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$162,000</b>		<b>\$329,300</b>

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2024



**Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage** **\$1,440**

state \$1,947

**Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs** **18.6%**

state 23.2%

**Median monthly rent costs** **\$583**

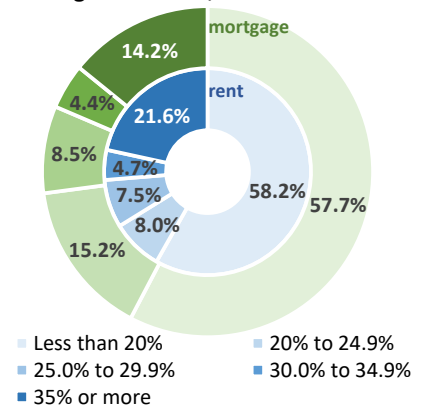
state \$1,280

**Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent** **26.3%**

state 48.1%

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

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



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.94 in 2025, wages were lower in Region 1 than the state. Overall, Region 1 had the 4th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$48.45) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.98) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 1				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>\$23.94</b>	<b>35,860</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$48.45	1,900	5.3%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.40	1,640	4.6%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.33	540	1.5%	0.5	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.90	530	1.5%	0.7	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.72	250	0.7%	0.6	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.59	630	1.8%	0.9	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$31.56	90	0.3%	0.4	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.09	2,590	7.2%	1.2	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$22.60	250	0.7%	0.6	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.79	1,740	4.9%	0.8	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.94	1,480	4.1%	0.7	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.41	590	1.6%	1.0	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.98	2,870	8.0%	1.0	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.40	1,010	2.8%	1.0	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.52	590	1.6%	0.8	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.02	3,030	8.4%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$24.49	4,450	12.4%	1.1	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.74	140	0.4%	3.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.61	1,210	3.4%	0.9	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.90	1,430	4.0%	1.1	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$22.30	4,590	12.8%	1.8	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.93	4,290	12.0%	1.5	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

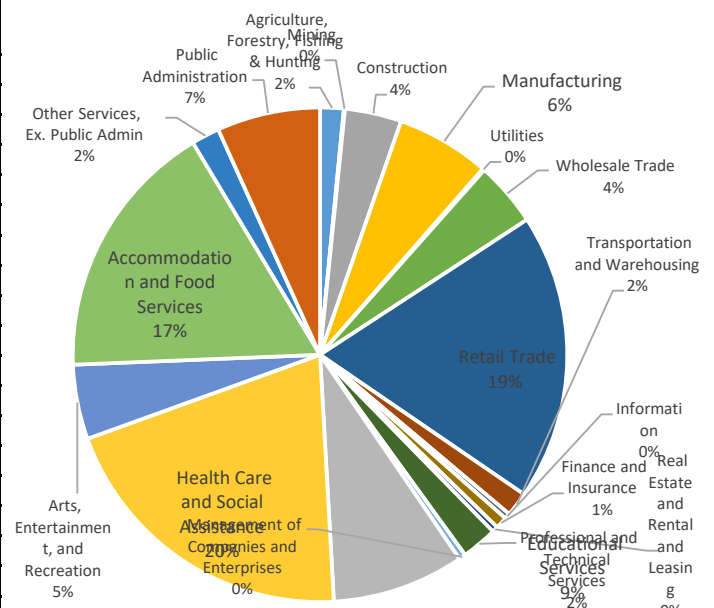
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Red Lake 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

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>12,718</b>	<b>\$18.57</b>
Management	171	\$30.60
Business & Financial Operations	215	\$21.51
Computer & Mathematical	63	\$19.52
Architecture & Engineering	322	\$34.28
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	\$23.70
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	751	\$20.05
Production	604	\$19.93
Transportation & Material Moving	662	\$18.81

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2025

High School or Less	Vocational Training	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons \$34,731/yr	Nursing Assistants \$42,735/yr	Registered Nurses \$87,175/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$62,671/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$37,192/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$57,658/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$77,799/yr	General and Operations Managers \$77,911/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,264/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$58,256/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$79,629/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$62,998/yr
Cashiers \$29,907/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$60,780/yr	Dental Hygienists \$93,217/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$38,558/yr
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners \$34,874/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$50,072/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$76,366/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$68,758/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$23,459/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$49,015/yr	Paralegals and Legal Assistants \$60,312/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$44,046/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$46,176/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$56,834/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$61,026/yr	Child, Family, and School Social Workers \$66,942/yr
Cooks, Restaurant \$36,688/yr	Machinists \$51,108/yr	Surgical Technologists \$67,653/yr	Civil Engineers \$95,647/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$41,330/yr	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians \$59,711/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$48,247/yr	Business Operations Specialists, All Other \$65,312/yr
Food Preparation Workers \$33,374/yr	Electricians \$73,544/yr	Architectural and Civil Drafters \$64,617/yr	Human Resources Specialists \$67,419/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

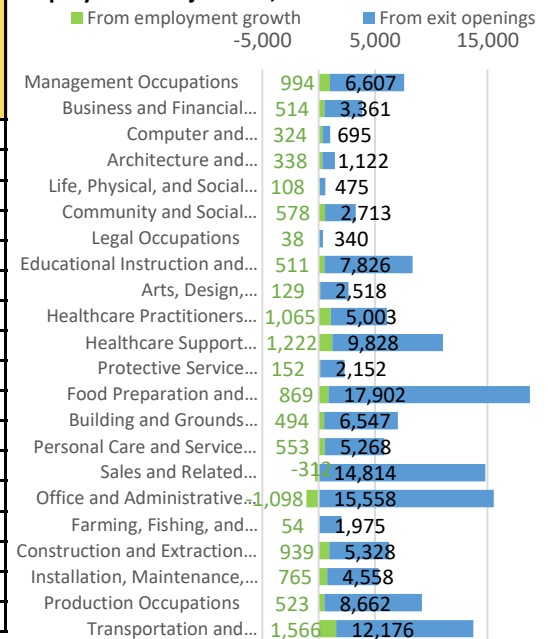
Red Lake Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>265,321</b>	<b>275,647</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
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 Companies	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



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

After losing jobs over the past year, Red Lake Co. had the 87th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Red Lake Co. was the 75th fastest growing in the past year and the 81st fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Red Lake Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

125 business establishments

\$45,552 annual average wage

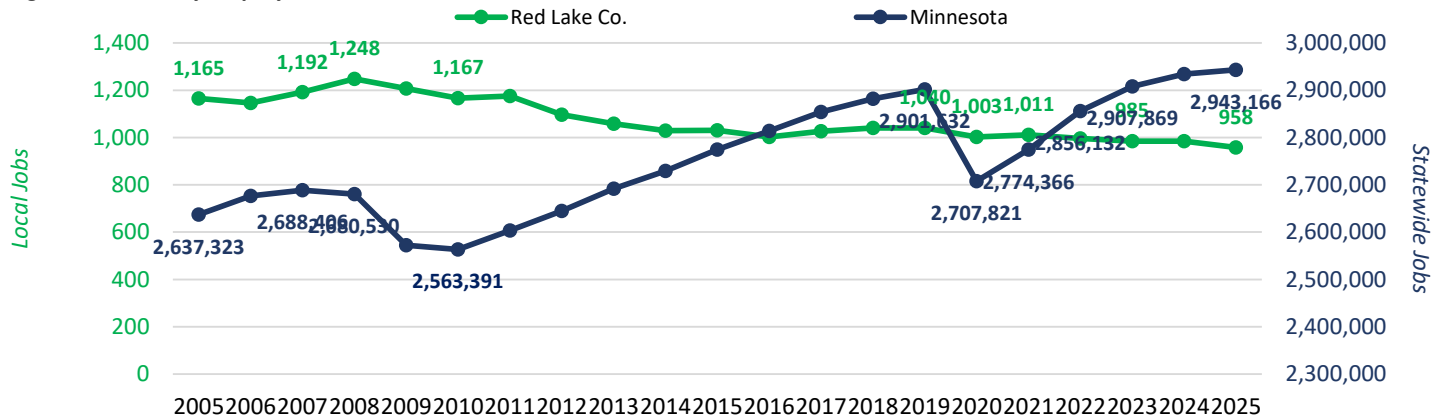
958 jobs

\$43,654,762 total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2025: -45 jobs, -4.5% decline

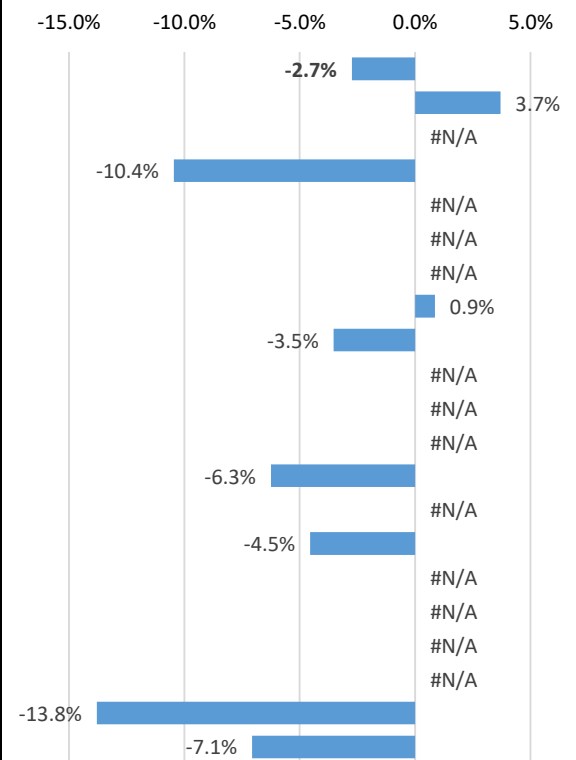
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025

Source: DEED QCEW program



Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$45,552</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	42	4.4%	\$65,780
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	60	6.3%	\$45,933
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Retail Trade	118	12.3%	\$29,952
Transportation & Warehousing	82	8.6%	\$70,460
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	15	1.6%	\$45,361
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	7	0.7%	\$41,583
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Other Services	25	2.6%	\$16,276
Public Administration	79	8.2%	\$47,892

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025



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

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