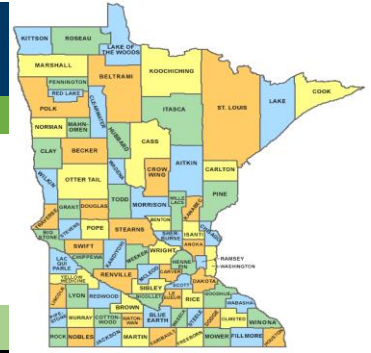


COUNTY PROFILE

Stearns Co.

Stearns Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 7W, which is located in the Central Planning Region.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2025 population:	164,110 people	Median Age:	35.1 years
Population change, 2020-2025	5,828 people 3.7% increase	state:	38.8 years

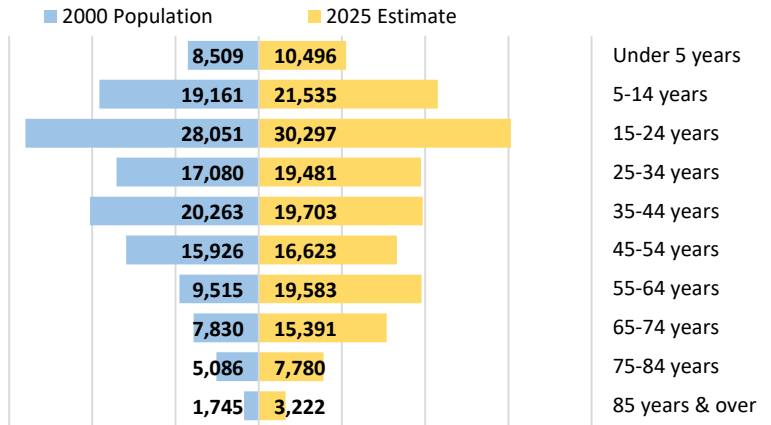
Stearns Co. is the 8th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 18th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Stearns Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2025

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	10,496	6.4%
5-14 years	21,535	13.1%
15-24 years	30,297	18.5%
25-34 years	19,481	11.9%
35-44 years	19,703	12.0%
45-54 years	16,623	10.1%
55-64 years	19,583	11.9%
65-74 years	15,391	9.4%
75-84 years	7,780	4.7%
85 years & over	3,222	2.0%
Total Population	164,110	100.0%

Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2025



Stearns 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. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Stearns 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
Stearns Co.	5,758	3,845	10,507	6,662	1,913	3,942	-2,029
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

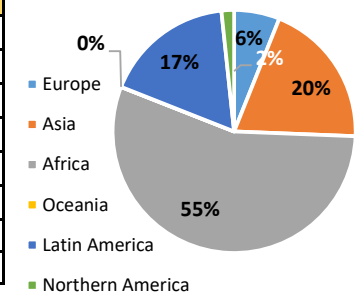
Compared to the state, Stearns Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2014 to 2024, Stearns Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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

	Stearns Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	12,644	7.9%	5,287	71.9%	8.7%	23.3%
Europe	767	6.1%	278	56.9%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	2,473	19.6%	312	14.4%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	6,997	55.3%	4,679	201.9%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	3	0.0%	-5	-62.5%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	2,404	19.0%	23	1.0%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	2,192	17.3%	122	5.9%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	212	1.7%	-99	-31.8%	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

Stearns Co.

Stearns 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

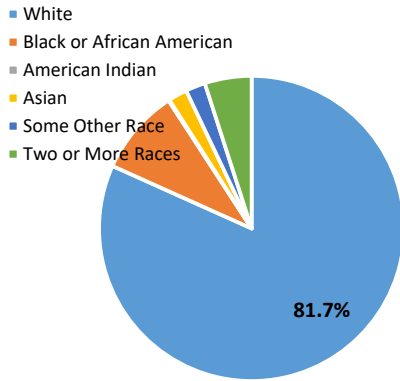


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2024	Stearns Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
Total	160,865	100.0%	6.0%	100.0%	6.6%
White	131,456	81.7%	-5.3%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	14,649	9.1%	172.6%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	188	0.1%	-67.8%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	3,220	2.0%	8.0%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	3,363	2.1%	100.7%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	7,989	5.0%	250.7%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	7,700	4.8%	72.7%	6.4%	38.4%

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

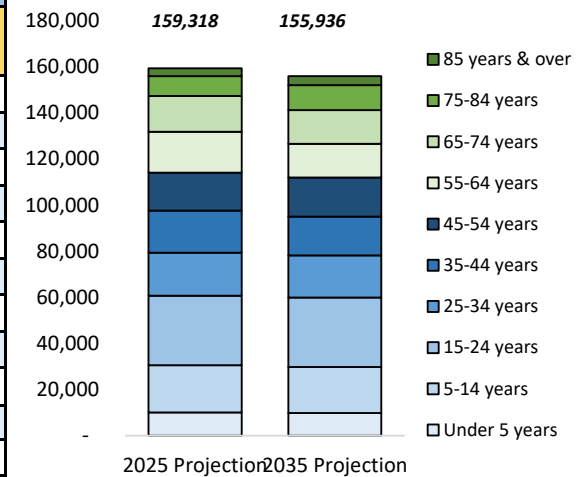
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Stearns 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 increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035				
Stearns Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	10,041	9,773	-268	-2.7%
5-14 years	20,539	19,955	-584	-2.8%
15-24 years	30,135	30,126	-9	0.0%
25-34 years	18,700	18,303	-397	-2.1%
35-44 years	18,262	16,882	-1,380	-7.6%
45-54 years	16,396	16,951	555	3.4%
55-64 years	17,668	14,628	-3,040	-17.2%
65-74 years	15,628	14,546	-1,082	-6.9%
75-84 years	8,567	10,839	2,272	26.5%
85 years & over	3,382	3,933	551	16.3%
Total Population	159,318	155,936	-3,382	-2.1%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

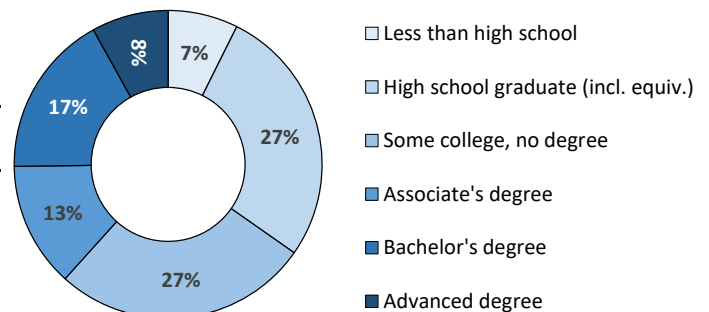


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Stearns 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. Stearns Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:	92.6%
College-educated:	65.3%
state:	68.9%
Associate's Degree:	13.1%
Bachelor's Degree:	17.1%
Advanced Degree:	8.1%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024



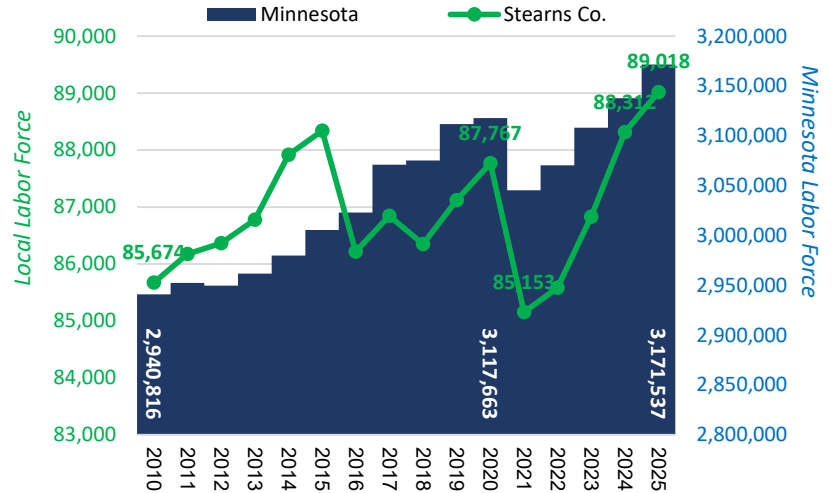
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4%, Stearns Co. had a identical unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Stearns Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 6% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Stearns Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

89,018	available workers
Labor Force change, 2010-2025	3,344 workers 3.9% increase
4.0%	unemployment rate
3.9%	state
3,561	unemployed workers

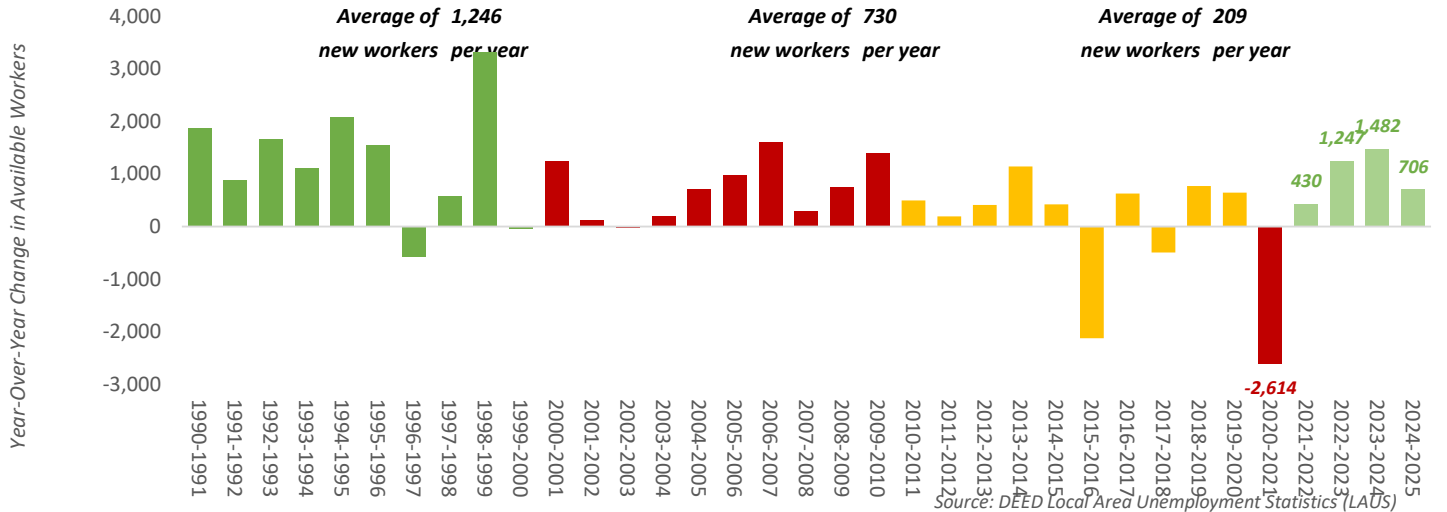
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Stearns 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, Stearns 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 Stearns Co.



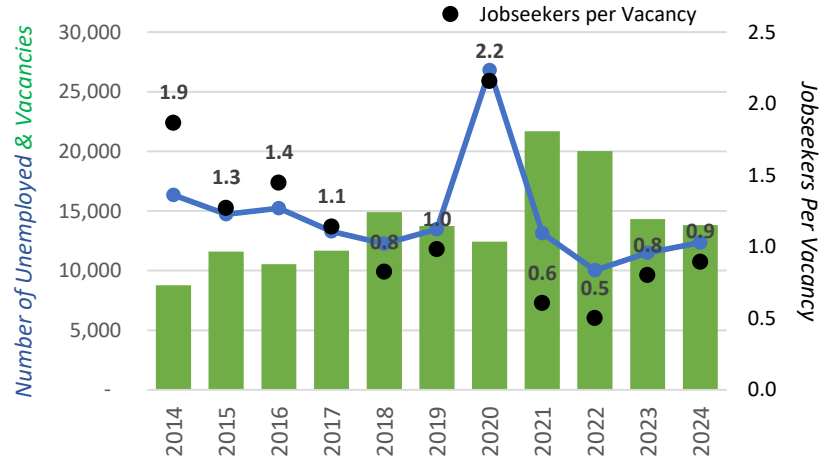
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	20,711	20,715
25 to 54 years	47,709	46,616
55 to 64 years	13,052	10,806
65 years & over	5,292	5,211
Total Labor Force	86,765	83,349

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 Central 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

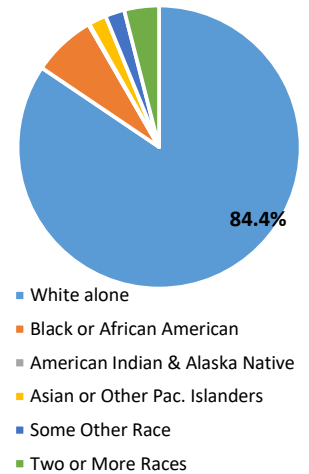
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Stearns Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Stearns 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

	Stearns 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
Total Labor Force	88,657	69.7%	4.1%	68.1%	4.1%	46,495	42,157
16 to 19 years	6,905	62.6%	6.2%	52.6%	10.3%	3,155	3,748
20 to 24 years	13,593	82.9%	5.3%	83.3%	6.6%	6,730	6,866
25 to 44 years	34,345	89.4%	4.7%	88.7%	3.7%	18,845	15,506
45 to 54 years	14,567	89.4%	3.2%	87.8%	3.0%	7,458	7,111
55 to 64 years	14,181	73.9%	2.2%	72.7%	3.2%	7,383	6,793
65 to 74 years	4,209	27.9%	2.8%	27.7%	3.6%	2,487	1,729
75 years & over	841	7.8%	0.7%	6.7%	3.2%	437	404
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin							
White alone	74,865	69.5%	3.1%	67.0%	3.5%		
Black or African American	6,396	70.1%	13.5%	70.8%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	111	59.4%	18.0%	58.0%	10.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,803	66.7%	3.0%	75.2%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	1,948	83.0%	3.6%	75.4%	5.8%		
Two or More Races	3,522	68.8%	8.8%	74.0%	5.7%		
Hispanic or Latino	3,989	80.0%	4.5%	76.6%	5.8%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	5,036	57.9%	6.2%	56.1%	9.4%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	63,110	85.4%	3.8%	84.5%	3.4%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	3,518	72.0%	4.7%	66.2%	4.9%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	14,192	79.2%	2.4%	76.6%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	25,296	87.6%	4.6%	85.0%	3.7%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	20,084	90.4%	1.6%	90.5%	2.2%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2024



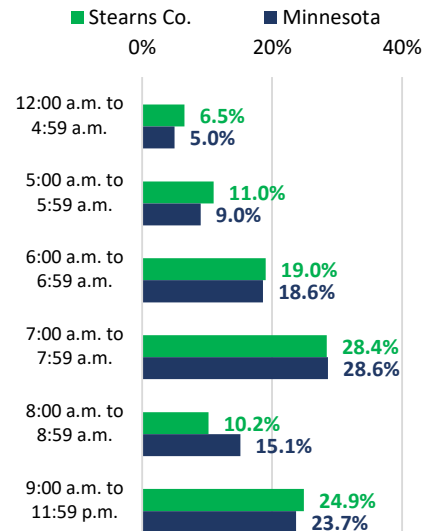
Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024

	Stearns Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	82,929	99.5%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	67,594	81.1%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	15,336	18.4%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	417	0.5%	64,678	2.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	68,844	82.6%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	1,083	1.3%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	4,584	5.5%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	8,835	10.6%	517,420	17.6%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	16,419	19.7%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	32,088	38.5%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	14,669	17.6%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	11,585	13.9%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	3,667	4.4%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	5,001	6.0%	144,055	4.9%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.7 minutes		22.7 minutes	

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



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

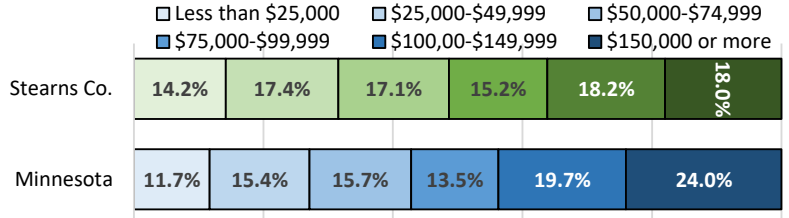
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Stearns Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Stearns Co. had the 30th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$77,066
state	\$89,062
Median Family Income	\$99,842
state	\$113,993
Per Capita Income	\$38,286
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. Stearns Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.42 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$20.62 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
Stearns Co.	\$32,080	\$15.42	\$0	\$418	\$183	\$908	\$549	\$293	\$322
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
Stearns Co.	\$64,335	\$20.62	\$459	\$950	\$639	\$1,189	\$999	\$472	\$653
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

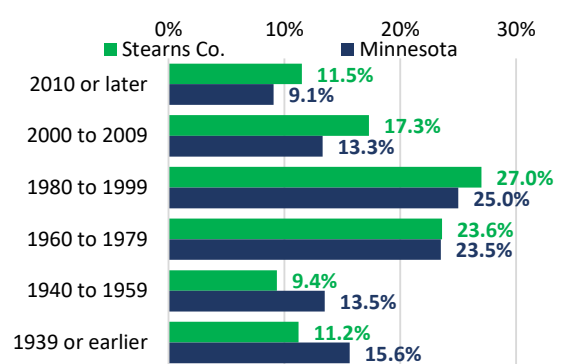
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Stearns Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 23rd highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Stearns 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	Stearns Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	41,663	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,621	3.9%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	994	2.4%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	3,088	7.4%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	5,716	13.7%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	12,398	29.8%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	12,306	29.5%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	5,540	13.3%	19.6%
Median (dollars)	\$273,400		\$329,300

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	\$1,696
state	\$1,947

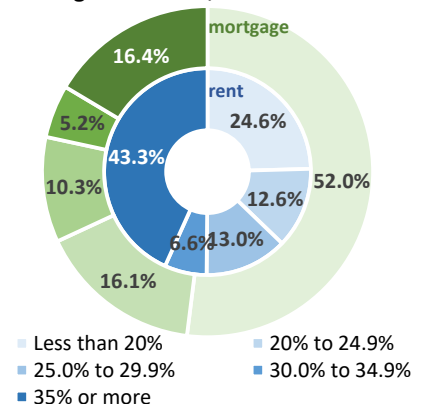
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	21.6%
state	23.2%

Median monthly rent costs	\$1,068
state	\$1,280

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	49.9%
state	48.1%

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

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



OCCUPATIONS

At \$24.27 in 2025, wages were lower in Region 7W than the state. Overall, Region 7W had the 3rd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$50.18) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$15.41) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 7W				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
Total, All Occupations	\$24.27	179,570	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
Management	\$50.18	10,110	5.6%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$37.66	7,840	4.4%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.67	2,370	1.3%	0.4	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.64	2,240	1.2%	0.6	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$41.66	1,030	0.6%	0.5	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.55	3,070	1.7%	0.8	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$42.95	660	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.39	12,170	6.8%	1.2	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.62	1,470	0.8%	0.7	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$44.48	11,280	6.3%	1.0	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.83	9,780	5.4%	0.9	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$32.60	2,720	1.5%	0.9	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$15.41	15,880	8.8%	1.1	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.65	5,480	3.1%	1.1	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.40	3,560	2.0%	0.9	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$18.00	17,080	9.5%	1.1	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.58	19,480	10.8%	0.9	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.37	210	0.1%	1.0	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$33.11	11,100	6.2%	1.6	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$30.00	7,680	4.3%	1.2	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$23.66	17,720	9.9%	1.4	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.56	16,640	9.3%	1.2	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

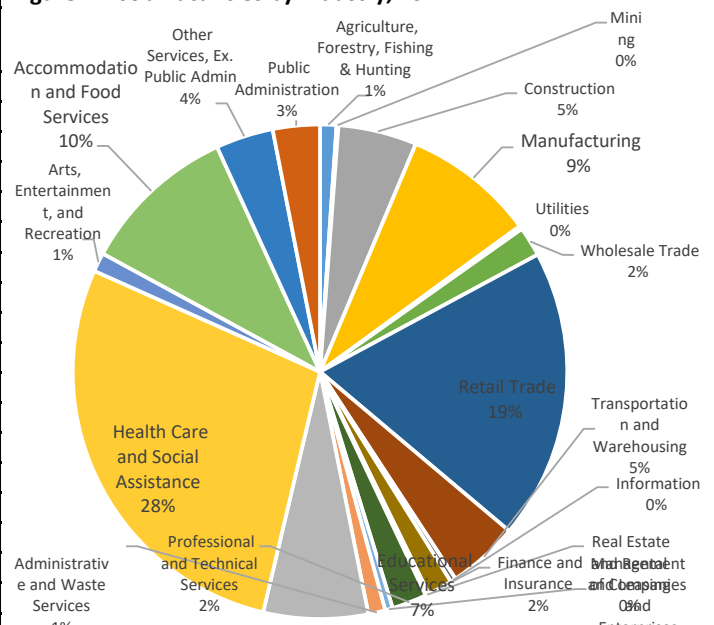
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Stearns Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 13827 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. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
Total, All Occupations	13,827	\$19.81
Management	319	\$29.45
Business & Financial Operations	394	\$33.36
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$26.02
Architecture & Engineering	197	\$30.87
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	122	\$33.52
Community & Social Service	283	\$23.80
Education, Training & Library	735	\$19.62
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,450	\$29.97
Healthcare Support	1,363	\$18.33
Protective Service	189	\$21.58
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,814	\$15.03
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	260	\$16.97
Personal Care & Service	417	\$14.99
Sales & Related	1,861	\$15.92
Office & Administrative Support	911	\$20.11
Construction & Extraction	693	\$22.04
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	695	\$23.62
Production	598	\$20.21
Transportation & Material Moving	1,128	\$20.98

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Central 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 \$37,520/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$61,513/yr	Registered Nurses \$101,788/yr	General and Operations Managers \$86,311/yr
Retail Salespersons \$35,294/yr	Nursing Assistants \$45,077/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$80,894/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$63,707/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$31,729/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$60,654/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$84,540/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$64,803/yr
Cashiers \$32,454/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$51,037/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$49,370/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$109,085/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$37,670/yr	Psychiatric Technicians \$46,781/yr	Architectural and Civil Drafters \$63,877/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$76,798/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$45,691/yr	Machinists \$60,200/yr	Dental Hygienists \$99,124/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$38,622/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,072/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$64,200/yr	Detectives and Criminal Investigators \$81,545/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$44,131/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$47,056/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$52,077/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$64,951/yr	Project Management Specialists \$94,626/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$45,804/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$56,854/yr	Surgical Technologists \$70,461/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$64,293/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,935/yr	Medical Assistants \$48,651/yr	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers \$97,765/yr	Child, Family, and School Social Workers \$69,904/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Stearns Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5.2% 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

Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
Total, All Industries	315,929	332,231	5.2%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,649	5,809	2.8%
Utilities	1,986	1,998	0.6%
Construction	20,532	22,780	10.9%
Manufacturing	41,539	44,543	7.2%
Wholesale Trade	11,219	12,105	7.9%
Retail Trade	35,711	35,808	0.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	9,287	10,143	9.2%
Information	3,002	3,214	7.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	10,142	10,528	3.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	9,040	9,979	10.4%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	10,369	11,004	6.1%
Educational Services	24,622	24,913	1.2%
Health Care & Social Assistance	45,668	49,836	9.1%
Leisure & Hospitality	26,046	27,642	6.1%
Other Services	10,880	11,311	4.0%
Public Administration	20,424	21,077	3.2%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

After gaining jobs over the past year, Stearns Co. had the 8th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Stearns Co. was the 40th fastest growing in the past year and the 35th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Stearns Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

4,673 business establishments

\$65,416 annual average wage

87,306 jobs

\$5,711,934,377 total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2025
5,668 jobs
6.9% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025

Source: DEED QCEW program

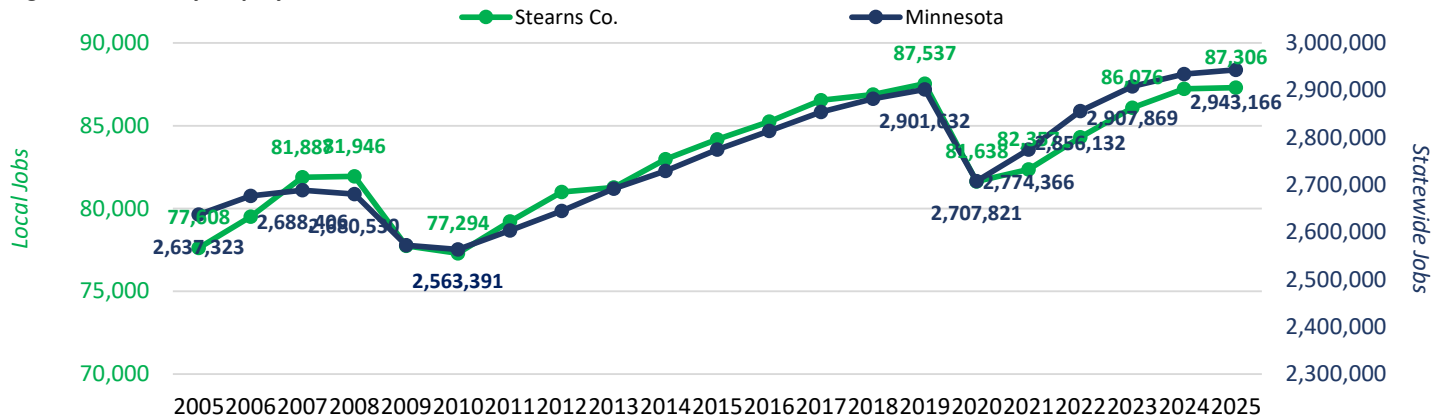
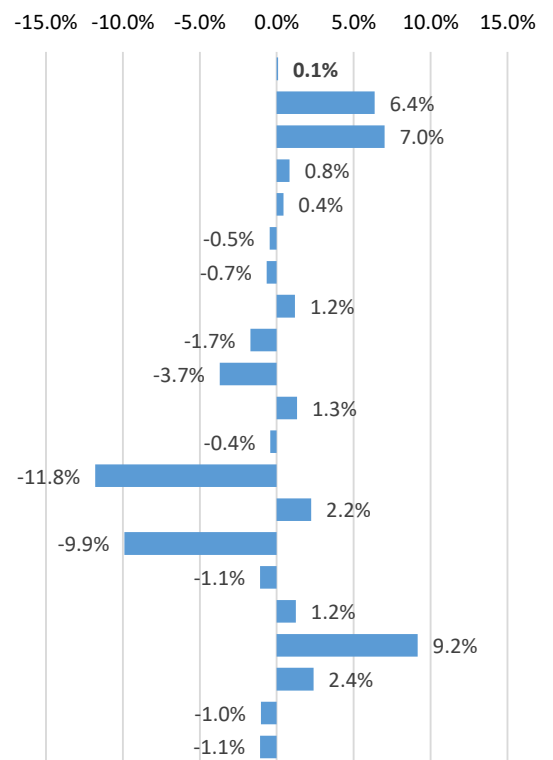


Table 15. Stearns Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2025	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	87,306	100.0%	\$65,416
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	1,119	1.3%	\$48,672
Mining	117	0.1%	\$72,141
Construction	5,636	6.5%	\$98,644
Manufacturing	11,591	13.3%	\$71,448
Utilities	214	0.2%	\$123,760
Wholesale Trade	4,100	4.7%	\$76,596
Retail Trade	11,480	13.1%	\$41,132
Transportation & Warehousing	3,572	4.1%	\$67,236
Information	1,247	1.4%	\$76,700
Finance & Insurance	3,620	4.1%	\$104,832
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	959	1.1%	\$43,264
Professional & Technical Services	1,696	1.9%	\$95,264
Management of Companies	959	1.1%	\$111,644
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	2,301	2.6%	\$52,936
Educational Services	6,988	8.0%	\$59,852
Health Care & Social Assistance	18,614	21.3%	\$73,840
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	1,000	1.1%	\$17,628
Accommodation & Food Services	6,202	7.1%	\$23,140
Other Services	2,882	3.3%	\$41,912
Public Administration	2,999	3.4%	\$78,000

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025



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

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