EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

Wilkin Co.

Wilkin Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

PENNINGTON BELTRAM KOOCHICHING	ST. LOUIS LAKE COOK
CLAY BECKER	CARLTON
CORANT DOUGLAS TODO MORRISON	PINE
	RAMSEY Instanto Ton
COLON NOBLES JORGON MARTIN COMPANY	

2023 population:	6,306 people		
Population change,	-200 people	Median Age:	41.9 years
2020-2023	-3.1% decline	state:	38.5 years

Wilkin Co. is the 77th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 84th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Wilkin 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).

	Number	Percent	2000 Population	2023 Estimate			
Under 5 years	363	5.8%	450	363	Under 5 years		
5-14 years	774	12.3%	1,142	774	5-14 years		
15-24 years	757	12.0%			,		
25-34 years	659	10.4%	893	757	15-24 years		
35-44 years	793	12.6%	755	659	25-34 years		
45-54 years	733	11.6%	1,220	793	35-44 years		
55-64 years	1,035	16.4%	895	733	45-54 years		
65-74 years	660	10.5%	637	1,035	55-64 years		
75-84 years	253	4.0%	548	660	65-74 years		
85 years & over	278	4.4%	397	253	75-84 years		
Total Population	6,306	100.0%	397	233	75-64 years		

Wilkin Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Wilkin Co. suffered net international out-migration - losing Minnesotans to other places (see Table 2).

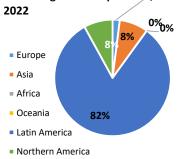
Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2023									
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023						
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents		Net Migration	on		
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic		
Wilkin Co.	-202	-110	182	292	-91	-91 -2 -89			
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	40,368 207,857 167,489 -11,352 34,624 -45,976						
	Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program								

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

Compared to the state, Wilkin Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Wilkin 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	Wilk	in Co.	Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	50	0.8%	12	31.6%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	1	2.0%	-20	-95.2%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	4	8.0%	-4	-50.0%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	-2	-100.0%	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	45	90.0%	38	542.9%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	41	82.0%	35	583.3%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	4	8.0%	3	300.0%	2.5%	-4.6%	

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



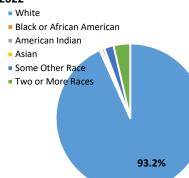
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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Wilkin Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022



		Wilkin Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	6,454	100.0%	-2.4%	100.0%	7.9%
White	6,018	93.2%	-6.5%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	31	0.5%	138.5%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	36	0.6%	24.1%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	4	0.1%	-81.8%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	132	2.0%	633.3%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	233	3.6%	142.7%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	233	3.6%	70.1%	5.7%	34.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

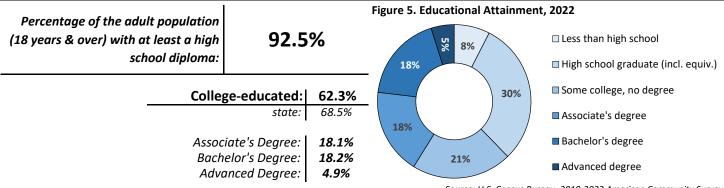
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Wilkin Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

					Figure 4. P	rojections by	Age Group,	2025-
Table 5. Population Project	tions by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	7,000	6,439	6,551	
Wilkin Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				85 years & over
Under 5 years	328	347	19	5.8%	6,000			75-84 years
5-14 years	814	741	-73	-9.0%	5,000			□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	760	751	-9	-1.2%	5,000			,
25-34 years	753	804	51	6.8%	4,000			□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	760	844	84	11.1%	2 000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	790	841	51	6.5%	3,000			■ 35-44 years
55-64 years	876	766	-110	-12.6%	2,000			25-34 years
65-74 years	833	751	-82	-9.8%				15-24 years
75-84 years	415	609	194	46.7%	1,000			□ 5-14 years
85 years & over	110	97	-13	-11.8%				Under 5 years
Total Population	6,439	6,551	112	1.7%		2025 Projectio	n2035 Projectio	n

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Wilkin Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Wilkin 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.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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LABOR FORCE TRENDS Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates At 2.5%, Wilkin Co. had a lower unemployment rate than Minnesota Wilkin Co. the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Wilkin 3,900 3,150,000 Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.4% 3,769 3,800 3,100,000 Min pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Wilkin Co. Local Labor Force nesota 3,700 3,050,000 increased over the past year, and is down compared to 3,000,000 3,600 2019. Labor 3,500 2,950,000 3.417 available workers Force 2,900,000 3,400 -73 workers Labor Force change 2008-2023 -2.1% decline 3,300 2,850,000 2,874,663 2,941,976 ,122,015 ,099,922 3,200 2,800,000 2.5% unemployment rate 2.8% state 3,100 2,750,000 85 unemployed workers 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, Wilkin 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, Wilkin Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

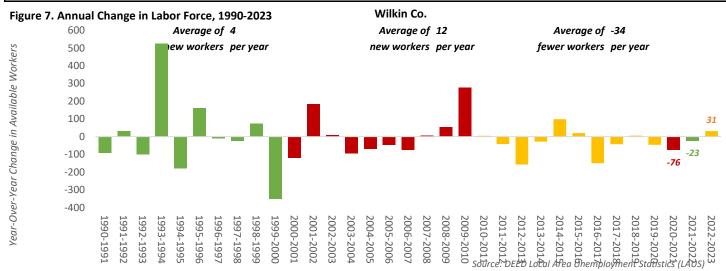
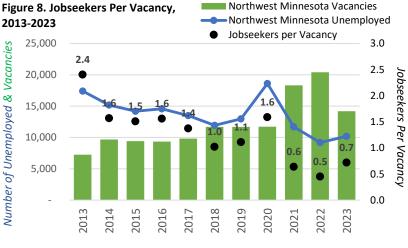


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection					
Projections, 2025-2035	2025 2035					
16 to 24 years	503	508				
25 to 54 years	1,957	2,114				
55 to 64 years	635	555				
65 years & over	219	214				
Total Labor Force	3,314	3,392	070			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2018-2022 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. In 2023, job vacancies in Northwest returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Wilkin Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Wilkin Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 81.3% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

	V	Vilkin Co.		Minne	esota	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	3,371	65.1%	5.0%	68.7%	4.0%	1,955	1,415
16 to 19 years	161	59.6%	3.7%	53.0%	9.8%	92	69
20 to 24 years	356	90.6%	20.2%	83.1%	6.7%	243	113
25 to 44 years	1,249	84.1%	5.7%	88.8%	3.5%	694	555
45 to 54 years	650	86.7%	0.9%	87.8%	2.9%	354	296
55 to 64 years	768	72.5%	1.9%	72.8%	3.1%	451	317
65 to 74 years	147	21.7%	0.0%	27.6%	3.3%	97	50
75 years & over	39	7.2%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	24	15
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	3,121	64.6%	5.3%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	16	51.6%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%	, ,	
American Indian & Alaska Native	19	79.2%	31.6%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	0	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	67	68.4%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	148	76.7%	0.0%	74.3%	6.6%		N
Hispanic or Latino	83	59.3%	27.7%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ity, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	273	53.7%	25.3%	54.4%	10.2%		92.6%
Employment Characteristics by Educat	ional Attainment, 25	5 to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,666	80.9%	3.5%	84.4%	3.3%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	103	79.8%	4.4%	67.2%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	656	70.7%	3.4%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Alaska
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,144	85.6%	1.7%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Island
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	764	84.7%	5.0%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Of	her Race



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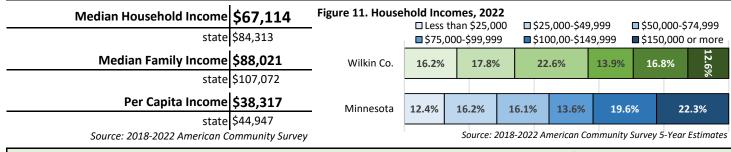
A smaller percentage of workers in Wilkin Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Wilkin Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Wilkin	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to			
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20				
Worked in state of residence	1,635	52.1%	2,867,086	97.7%	■ Wilki			nesota 1% 60%	
Worked in county of residence	1,227	39.1%	1,957,366	66.7%	l o	/0 20	J/0 40	00%	
Worked out of county of residence	408	13.0%	909,720	31.0%	12:00 a.m. to				
Worked outside state of residence	1,504	47.9%	67,495	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	1.8%			
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5-00 to 5-50				
Car, truck, or van	2,646	84.3%	2,338,861	79.7%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.		2%		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	13	0.4%	73,365	2.5%		9.2	%		
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	220	7.0%	120,318	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		18.7%		
Worked at home	264	8.4%	399,103	13.6%	a.m.		19.2%		
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59				
Less than 10 minutes	954	30.4%	475,402	16.2%			28.7	42.4%	
10 to 19 minutes	1,058	33.7%	906,786	30.9%			20.1	/0	
20 to 29 minutes	402	12.8%	651,477	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	8.8	%		
30 to 44 minutes	452	14.4%	563,440	19.2%	a.m.	1	4.7%		
45 to 59 minutes	141	4.5%	181,944	6.2%	9:00 a.m. to		40.00/		
60 or more minutes	129	4.1%	155,533	5.3%	11:59 p.m.		18.0% 23.5%		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.0	minutes	23.3	minutes	I	· · · · ·			

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Wilkin Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Wilkin Co. had the 54th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Wilkin Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.31 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.81 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost o	able 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023								
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts		
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Wilkin Co.	\$27,688	\$13.31	\$0	\$408	\$161	\$638	\$570	\$250	\$280
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Nonthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part- time), 1 child	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Wilkin Co.	\$55,571	\$17.81	\$357	\$931	\$576	\$853	\$975	\$427	\$512
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool									

Wilkin Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 57th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Wilkin 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-	Wilkin	Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	2,143	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	206	9.6%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	377	17.6%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	338	15.8%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	355	16.6%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	495	23.1%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	286	13.3%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	86	4.0%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$169,1	.00	\$286,800

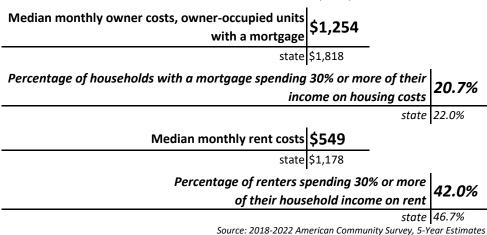
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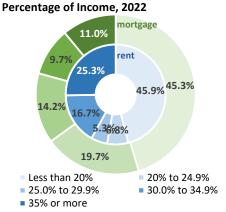
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022



Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates





30%

At \$23.04 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 8th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.14) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.43) (see Table 11).

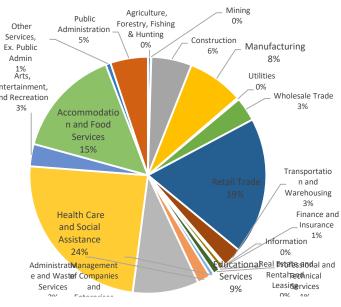
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
	Region 4				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$23.04	89,340	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$46.14	4,990	5.6%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.67	3,240	3.6%	0.5	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$37.23	1,020	1.1%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.82	1,530	1.7%	0.8	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$34.31	560	0.6%	0.6	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.42	2,080	2.3%	1.2	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$39.47	350	0.4%	0.6	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.33	6,470	7.2%	1.3	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.86	850	1.0%	0.8	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$38.15	5,640	6.3%	1.0	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.29	5,150	5.8%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$28.64	1,500	1.7%	1.1	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.43	8,410	9.4%	1.2	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.65	3,040	3.4%	1.2	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.73	1,810	2.0%	1.0	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.63	8,050	9.0%	1.1	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.22	10,350	11.6%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.66	240	0.3%	2.2	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.67	4,640	5.2%	1.3	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.01	3,990	4.5%	1.2	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$22.80	7,860	8.8%	1.2	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.36	7,580	8.5%	1.1	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Wilkin Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 14193 job vacancies posted by employers in 2023, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey	Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023			
	Number of	Wage	Agriculture,	
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer	Other Administration Forestry, Fishing	
Total, All Occupations	14,193	\$17.77	Services, 5% & Hunting Constr	
Management	180	\$31.08	Ex. Public 0% 69	
Business & Financial Operations	162	\$23.79	1%	
Computer & Mathematical	49	\$30.06	Arts, Entertainment.	
Architecture & Engineering	110	\$30.65	and Recreation	
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	105	\$26.90	^{3%} Accommodatio	
Community & Social Service	326	\$22.39	n and Food	
Education, Training & Library	668	\$18.97	Services	
lealthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,478	\$28.94		
lealthcare Support	1,168	\$15.09		
Protective Service	277	\$23.55		
ood Preparation & Serving Related	2,518	\$14.63		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	594	\$16.01	Health Care	
Personal Care & Service	223	\$15.86	and Social	
Sales & Related	1,918	\$15.97	Assistance	
Office & Administrative Support	508	\$17.18	24%	
Construction & Extraction	727	N/A	AdministratManagement e and Waster Companies	
nstallation, Maintenance & Repair	609	\$20.26	Services and	
Production	668	\$20.44	20/ Fataraina	
Fransportation & Material Moving	1,263	\$20.23	Source:	



ource: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2023					
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher		
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers		
\$36,108/yr	\$54,491/yr	\$84,785/yr	\$77,521/yr		
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Police and Sheriff's Patrol	Elementary School Teachers,		
	3	Officers	Except Special Education		
\$35,088/yr	\$40,033/yr	\$71,010/yr	\$64,121/yr		
Cashiers	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	0 0	Secondary School Teachers, Except		
casiners	Nurses	Technicians	Special and Career/Technical		
\$30,773/yr	\$54,946/yr	\$78,771/yr	\$66,299/yr		
Teaching Assistants, Except	aching Assistants, Except Automotive Service Technicians and		Accountants and Auditors		
Postsecondary	Mechanics	Dental Hygienists			
\$38,126/yr	\$47,486/yr	\$85,989/yr	\$64,893/yr		
Stockers and Order Fillers	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing	Civil Engineering Technologists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term		
Stockers and Order Thiers	Clerks	and Technicians			
\$40,709/yr	\$48,131/yr	\$71,227/yr	\$46,162/yr		
Janitors and Cleaners,	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	Medical and Health Services		
Except Maids and	mental health counselors		Managers		
\$38,122/yr	\$49,479/yr	\$59,200/yr	\$102,974/yr		
Cooks, Restaurant	Machinists	Occupational Therapy Assistants	Child, Family, and School Social Workers		
\$36,830/yr	\$51,295/yr	\$59,627/yr	\$63,680/yr		
Food Preparation Workers	Electricians	Computer Network Support	Preschool Teachers, Except Special		
1000 reparation workers			Education		
\$31,855/yr	\$65,524/yr	\$70,049/yr	\$37,999/yr		
Miscellaneous Assemblers	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel	Surgical Technologists	Pharmacists		
and Fabricators	Engine Specialists	Surgical reenhologists	Filatiliacists		
\$40,826/yr	\$59,152/yr	\$64,809/yr	\$140,993/yr		
First-Line Supervisors of	Paramedics	Industrial Engineering	Physical Therapists		
Retail Sales Workers	raianicuits	Technologists and Technicians			
\$46,395/yr	\$64,134/yr	\$60,791/yr	\$98,061/yr		
			Source: DEED Occupations in Demand		

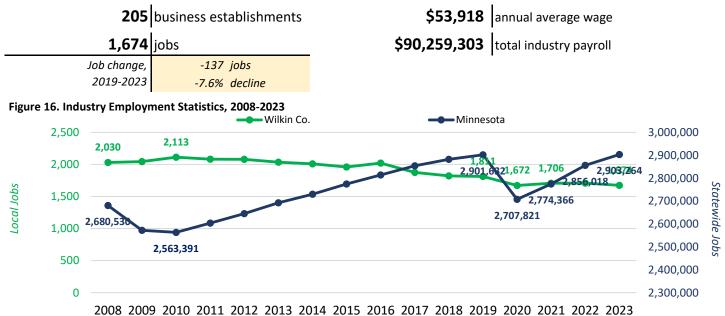
Wilkin Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

able 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032			
Estimated	Projected	Percent	Employment Projections, 2022-2032 From employment growth -5,000 5,000 15,000
Employment	Employ-	Change	-,
2022	ment 2032	2022-2032	Management Occupations 994 6,607 Business and Financial 514 3,361
265,321	275,647	3.9%	Business and Financial 514 3,361 Computer and 324 695
6,095	6,335	3.9%	Architecture and 338 1.122
1,126	1,125	-0.1%	Life, Physical, and Social 108 475
11,719	12,715	8.5%	Community and Social 578 2,713
29,871	31,429	5.2%	Legal Occupations 38 340
12,936	14,034	8.5%	Educational Instruction and 511 7,826 Arts, Design 129 2,518
27,705	27,590	-0.4%	Arts, Design, 129 2,518 Healthcare Practitioners 1,065 5,003
5,579	5,997	7.5%	Healthcare Support 1,222 9.828
2,451	2,470	0.8%	Protective Service 152 2,152
8,067	8,366	3.7%	Food Preparation and 869 77,902
5,609	6,152	9.7%	Building and Grounds 494 6,547
4,192	4,460	6.4%	Personal Care and Service 553 5,268 Sales and Related312 14,814
22,849	22,989	0.6%	Office and Administrative 1,098 15,558
36,421		7.0%	Farming, Fishing, and 54 1,975
24,958	,	7.0%	Construction and Extraction 939 5,328
9,824	10,129	3.1%	Installation, Maintenance, 765 4,558
24,161	24,869	2.9%	Production Occupations 523 8,662 Transportation and 1,566 12,176
	Estimated Employment 2022 265,321 6,095 1,126 11,719 29,871 12,936 27,705 5,579 2,451 8,067 5,609 4,192 22,849 36,421 24,958 9,824	Estimated EmploymentProjected Employ- ment 20322022ment 2032265,321275,6476,0956,3351,1261,12511,71912,71529,87131,42912,93614,03427,70527,5905,5795,9972,4512,4708,0678,3665,6096,1524,1924,46022,84922,98936,42138,97824,95826,7069,82410,129	Estimated Employment Projected Employ- ment 2032 Percent Change 2022 ment 2032 2022-2032 265,321 275,647 3.9% 6,095 6,335 3.9% 1,126 1,125 -0.1% 11,719 12,715 8.5% 29,871 31,429 5.2% 12,936 14,034 8.5% 27,705 27,590 -0.4% 5,579 5,997 7.5% 2,451 2,470 0.8% 8,067 8,366 3.7% 4,192 4,460 6.4% 22,849 22,989 0.6% 36,421 38,978 7.0% 24,958 26,706 7.0% 9,824 10,129 3.1%

COUNTY PROFILE

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Wilkin Co. had the 80th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Wilkin Co. was the 83rd fastest growing in the past year and the 79th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Wilkin Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.



Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average	Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023
Table 15. Wilkin Co. Industry Employment	Number of	Percent of	Annual	
Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage	-20.0% 0.0% 20.0% 40.0% 60.0% 80.0%
Total, All Industries	1,674	100.0%	\$53,918	-2.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	133	7.9%	\$50,040	3.9%
Manufacturing	24	1.4%	\$43,119	-4.0%
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	155	9.3%	\$100,081	-3.1%
Retail Trade	107	6.4%	\$38,345	8.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	3	0.2%	\$26,647	0.0%
Finance & Insurance	59	3.5%	\$101,831	-14.5%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	54	3.2%	\$101,716	3.2%
Professional & Technical Services	41	2.4%	\$79,083	0.0%
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	17	1.0%	\$45,466	21.4%
Educational Services	206	12.3%	\$43,005	-1.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	344	20.5%	\$48,015	-5.2%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	5	0.3%	\$2,340	66.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	68	4.1%	\$19,993	-2.9%
Other Services	54	3.2%	\$41,499	-8.5%
Public Administration	139	8.3%	\$52,324	6.1%
	-	-	-	Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEV

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