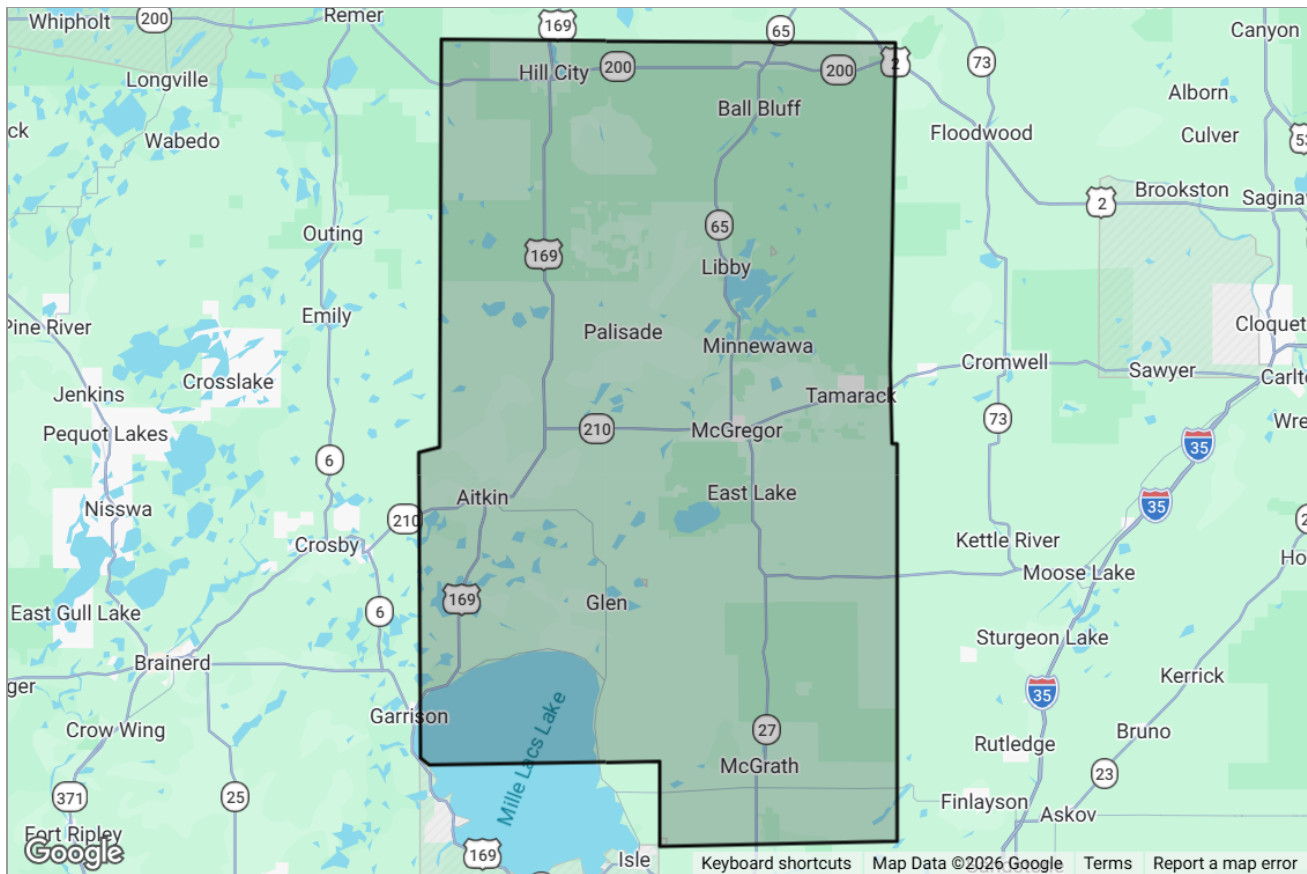


LOCAL ECONOMIC AREA REPORT

Aitkin County, Minnesota



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Criteria Used for Analysis

Median Household Income
\$59,679

Median Age
56.8

Total Population
15,999

1st Dominant Segment
Rural Resort Dwellers

Consumer Segmentation

Life Mode

What are the people like that live in this area?

Cozy Country Living

Empty nesters in bucolic settings

Urbanization

Where do people like this usually live?

Rural

Country living featuring single-family homes with acreage, farms, and rural resort areas

Top Tapestry Segments

Rural Resort Dwellers

Small Town Sincerity

Heartland Communities

% of Households

5,672 (77.1%)

953 (13.0%)

734 (10.0%)

% of Minnesota

64,207 (2.8%)

37,751 (1.6%)

89,965 (3.9%)

Lifestyle Group

Cozy Country Living

Hometown

Cozy Country Living

Urbanization Group

Rural

Semirural

Semirural

Residence Type

Single Family/Seasonal

Single Family

Single Family

Household Type

Married Couples w/No Kids

Singles

Married Couples

Average Household Size

2.18

2.24

2.35

Median Age

56.4

41

42.1

Diversity Index

31

59.4

41.9

Median Household Income

\$69,600

\$44,000

\$57,800

Median Net Worth

\$341,000

\$54,700

\$164,300

Median Home Value

\$362,100

\$148,300

\$157,400

Homeownership

85 %

52.5 %

71.5 %

Employment

Professional or Mgmt/Bus/Financial

Services or Professional

Professional or Services

Education

High School Diploma

High School Diploma

High School Diploma

Preferred Activities

Spend time with their spouses and maintain a social calendar . Go freshwater fishing, hunting and motorcycling.

Community-oriented residents . Enjoy outdoor activities like hunting and fishing.

Motorcycling, hunting, and fishing are popular . Support their local community.

Financial

Shifting to low-risk assets

Price-conscious consumers that shop accordingly

Stick to community banks and low-risk investments

Media

Taste in TV shows reflects their hobbies

Rely on television or newspapers to stay informed

Trust TV and newspapers more than any other media

Vehicle

Own older, domestic vehicles

Own, maintain domestic trucks, ATVs

Own domestic truck, SUV

About this segment

Rural Resort Dwellers

This is the

#1

dominant segment
for this area

In this area

77.1%

of households fall
into this segment

In the United States

1.0%

of households fall
into this segment

An overview of who makes up this segment across the United States

Who We Are

Although the Great Recession forced many owners of second homes to sell, Rural Resort Dwellers residents remain an active market, just a bit smaller. These communities are centered in resort areas, many in the Midwest, where the change in seasons supports a variety of outdoor activities. Retirement looms for many of these blue-collar, older householders, but workers are postponing retirement or returning to work to maintain their current lifestyles. Workers are traveling further to maintain employment. They are passionate about their hobbies, like freshwater fishing and hunting, but otherwise have very simple tastes.

Our Neighborhood

- Housing is owner-occupied, single-family homes, with some mobile homes. A strong market for second homes, these rural areas contain homes valued near the US median. Over half of the housing units are vacant due to a high seasonal vacancy rate.
- In this older market, 42% of households consist of married couples with no children at home, while another 28% are single person. Married couples with children at home have older school-age children.
- Set in scenic rural locations with proximity to outdoor activities, two vehicles are essential to get around.

Socioeconomic Traits

- Rural Resort Dwellers residents are close to retirement. They've accumulated wealth and begun to shift their portfolios to low-risk assets. These active residents continue to work in skilled occupations.
- Simple tastes and modesty characterize these blue collar residents. They shop for timeless, comfortable clothing, but only when something must be replaced. They pay little attention to advertising and usually stick to the brands they know.
- They spend time with their spouses and also maintain a social calendar.

Market Profile

- Residents drive older domestic vehicles and prefer to spend their disposable income on gear to support their hobbies, which include freshwater fishing, hunting, and motorcycling.
- At home, Rural Resort Dwellers residents spend any free time working on their vehicles and maintaining their gear. They make frequent trips to their local hardware store for parts and tools. These hands-on consumers are also passionate about vegetable gardening.
- Due to their remote locations, these neighborhoods have satellite dishes. A few residents still rely on dial-up modems to stay connected. They don't access the Internet often but will make online purchases for items difficult to find in nearby stores.
- Their taste in TV shows reflects their hobbies—National Geographic, Discovery Channel, and the Weather Channel.

The demographic segmentation shown here can help you understand the lifestyles and life stages of consumers in a market. Data provider Esri classifies U.S. residential neighborhoods into 67 unique market segments based on socioeconomic and demographic characteristics. Data Source: Esri 2024. Update Frequency: Annually.

About this segment

Small Town Sincerity

This is the

#2

dominant segment
for this area

In this area

13.0%

of households fall
into this segment

In the United States

1.8%

of households fall
into this segment

An overview of who makes up this segment across the United States

Who We Are

Small Town Sincerity includes young families and senior householders that are bound by community ties. The lifestyle is down-to-earth and semirural, with television for entertainment and news, and emphasis on convenience for both young parents and senior citizens. Residents embark on pursuits including online computer games, renting movies, indoor gardening, and rural activities like hunting and fishing. Residents keep their finances simple—paying bills in person and avoiding debt.

Our Neighborhood

- Reside in small towns or semirural neighborhoods, mostly outside metropolitan areas.
- Homes are a mix of older single-family houses (61%), apartments, and mobile homes.
- Half of all homes are owner-occupied. Median home value of \$92,300 is about half the US median.
- Average rent is \$639.
- This is an older market, with half of the householders aged 55 years or older, and predominantly single-person households

Socioeconomic Traits

- Education: 67% with high school diploma or some college.
- Labor force participation lower at 52%, which could result from lack of jobs or retirement.
- Income from wages and salaries, Social Security or retirement, increased by Supplemental Security Income.
- Price-conscious consumers that shop accordingly, with coupons at discount centers.
- Connected, but not to the latest or greatest gadgets; keep their landlines.
- Community-oriented residents; more conservative than middle-of-the-road.
- Rely on television or newspapers to stay informed.

Market Profile

- Small Town Simplicity features a semirural lifestyle, complete with domestic trucks and SUVs, ATVs, and vegetable gardens.
- Residents enjoy outdoor activities like hunting and fishing as well as watching NASCAR and college football and basketball on TV.
- A large senior population visit doctors and health practitioners regularly.
- However, a largely single population favors convenience over cooking, frozen meals and fast food.
- Home improvement is not a priority, but vehicle maintenance is.

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About this segment

Heartland Communities

This is the

#3

dominant segment
for this area

In this area

10.0%

of households fall
into this segment

In the United States

2.2%

of households fall
into this segment

An overview of who makes up this segment across the United States

Who We Are

Well settled and close-knit, Heartland Communities are semirural and semiretired. These older householders are primarily homeowners, and many have paid off their mortgages. Their children have moved away, but they have no plans to leave their homes. Their hearts are with the country; they embrace the slower pace of life here but actively participate in outdoor activities and community events. Traditional and patriotic, these residents support their local businesses, always buy American, and favor domestic driving vacations over foreign plane trips.

Our Neighborhood

- Rural communities or small towns are concentrated in the Midwest, from older Manufacturing cities to the Great Plains.
- Distribution of household types is comparable to the US, primarily (but not the majority) married couples, more with no children, and a slightly higher proportion of singles that reflects the aging of the population.
- Residents own modest, single-family homes built before 1970.
- They own one or two vehicles; commutes are short.

Socioeconomic Traits

- Retirees in this market depress the average labor force participation rate to less than 60%. More workers are white collar than blue collar; more skilled than unskilled.
- The rural economy of this market provides employment in the manufacturing, construction, utilities, healthcare, and agriculture industries.
- These are budget savvy consumers; they stick to brands they grew up with and know the price of goods they purchase. Buying American is important.
- Daily life is busy, but routine. Working on the weekends is not uncommon.
- Residents trust TV and newspapers more than any other media.
- Skeptical about their financial future, they stick to community banks and low-risk investments.

Market Profile

- Traditional in their ways, residents of Heartland Communities choose to bank and pay their bills in person and purchase insurance from an agent.
- Most have high-speed Internet access at home or on their cell phone but aren't ready to go paperless.
- Many residents have paid off their home mortgages but still hold auto loans and student loans. Interest checking accounts are common.
- To support their local community, residents participate in public activities.
- Home remodeling is not a priority, but homeowners do tackle necessary maintenance work on their cherished homes. They have invested in riding lawn mowers to maintain their larger yards.
- They enjoy country music and watch CMT.
- Motorcycling, hunting, and fishing are popular; walking is the main form of exercise.
- To get around these semirural communities, residents prefer domestic trucks or SUVs.

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Aitkin County, Minnesota: Population Comparison

Total Population

This chart shows the total population in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

■ 2024
■ 2029 (Projected)



Population Density

This chart shows the number of people per square mile in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

■ 2024
■ 2029 (Projected)



Population Change Since 2020

This chart shows the percentage change in area's population from 2020 to 2024, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

■ 2024
■ 2029 (Projected)



Total Daytime Population

This chart shows the number of people who are present in an area during normal business hours, including workers, and compares that population to other geographies. Daytime population is in contrast to the "resident" population present during evening and nighttime hours.

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Update Frequency: Annually

■ Aitkin County



Daytime Population Density

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Update Frequency: Annually

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Average Household Size

This chart shows the average household size in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

 2024
 2029 (Projected)



Population Living in Family Households

This chart shows the percentage of an area's population that lives in a household with one or more individuals related by birth, marriage or adoption, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

 2024
 2029 (Projected)



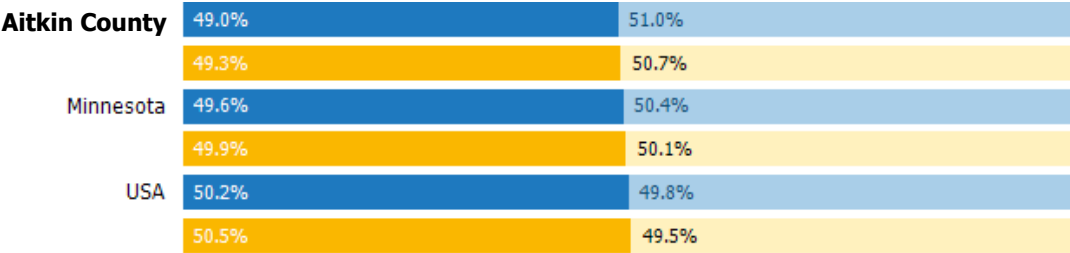
Female / Male Ratio

This chart shows the ratio of females to males in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

- Women 2024 2024
- Men 2024 2024
- Women 2029 (Projected) 2029 (Projected)
- Men 2029 (Projected) 2029 (Projected)



Aitkin County, Minnesota: Age Comparison

Median Age

This chart shows the median age in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

■ 2024
■ 2029 (Projected)



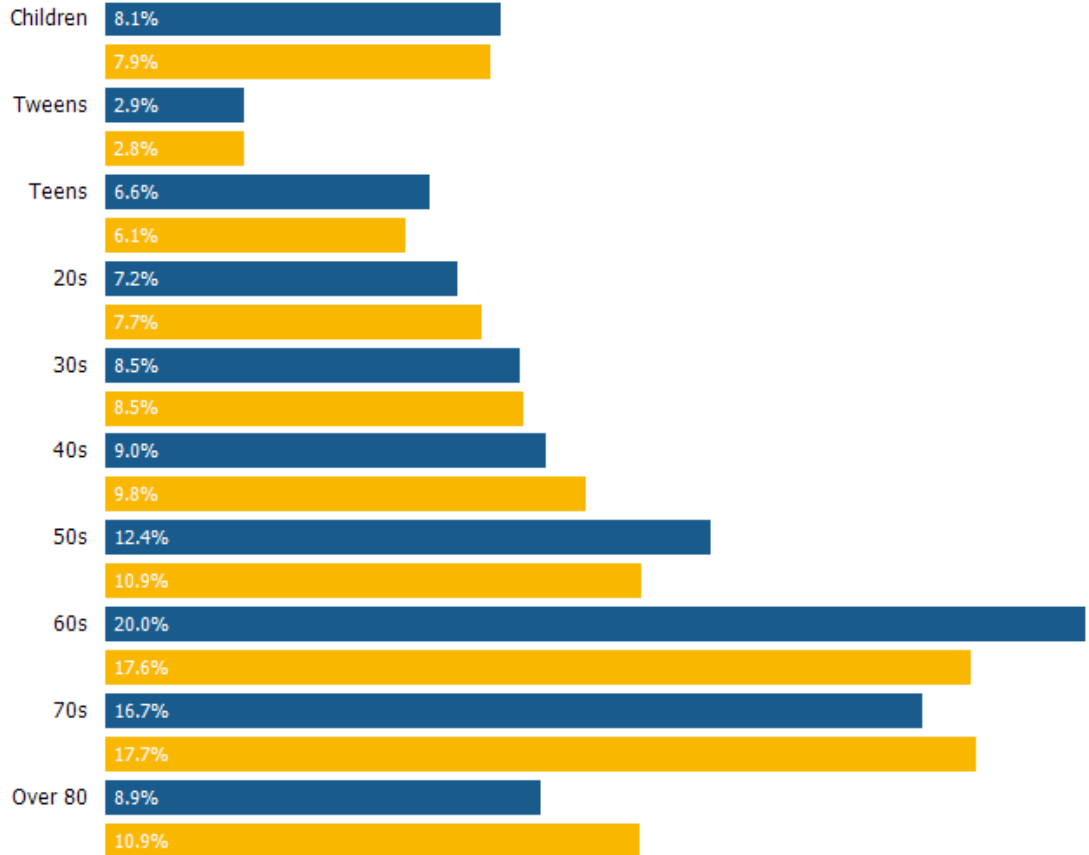
Population by Age

This chart breaks down the population of an area by age group.

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■ 2024
■ 2029 (Projected)



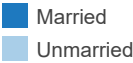
Aitkin County, Minnesota: Marital Status Comparison

Married / Unmarried Adults Ratio

This chart shows the ratio of married to unmarried adults in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Married

This chart shows the number of people in an area who are married, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Never Married

This chart shows the number of people in an area who have never been married, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Widowed

This chart shows the number of people in an area who are widowed, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Divorced

This chart shows the number of people in an area who are divorced, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Aitkin County, Minnesota: Economic Comparison

Average Household Income

This chart shows the average household income in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

■ 2024
■ 2029 (Projected)



Median Household Income

This chart shows the median household income in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

■ 2024
■ 2029 (Projected)



Per Capita Income

This chart shows per capita income in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

■ 2024
■ 2029 (Projected)



Average Disposable Income

This chart shows the average disposable income in an area, compared with other geographies.

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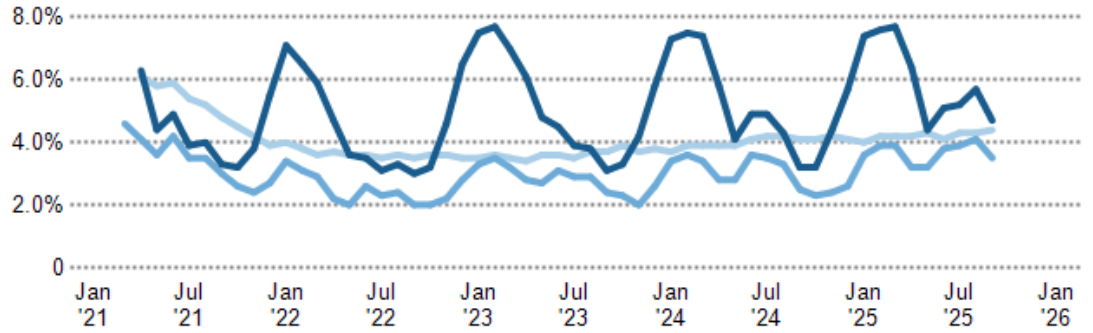
Unemployment Rate

This chart shows the unemployment trend in an area, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics via PolicyMap

Update Frequency: Monthly

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■ Minnesota
■ USA

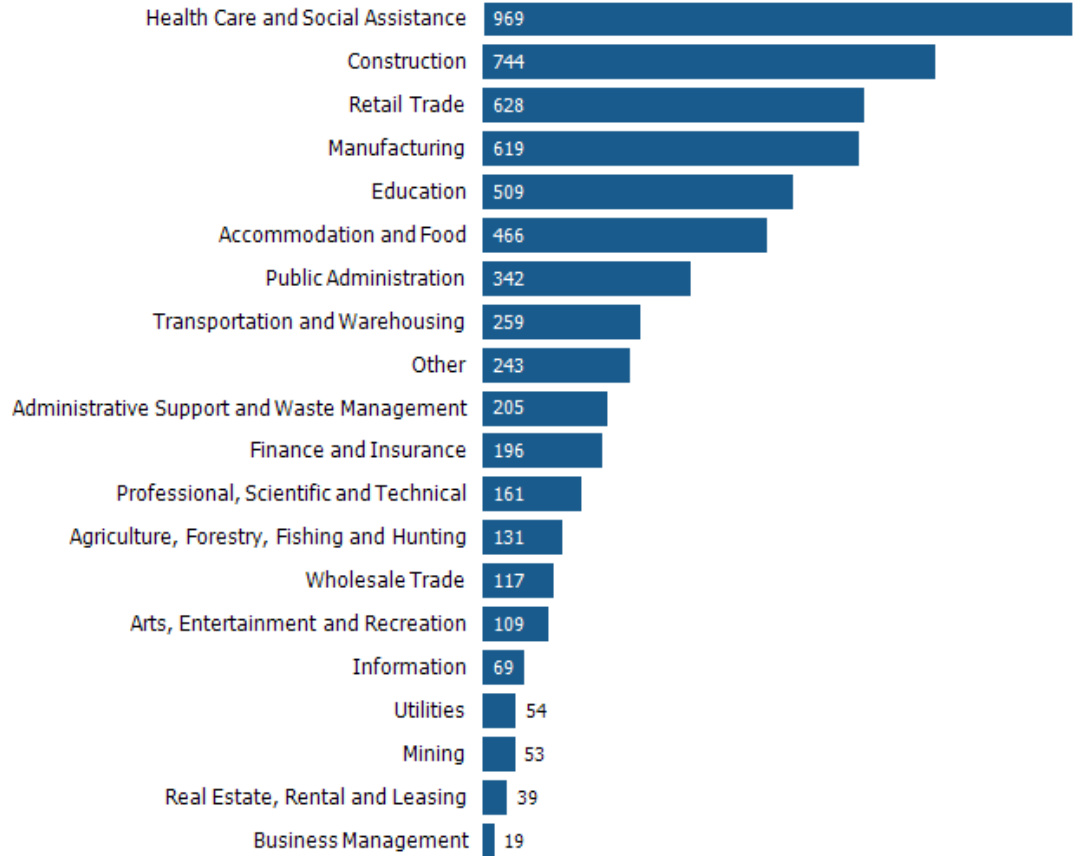


Employment Count by Industry

This chart shows industries in an area and the number of people employed in each category.

Data Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Aitkin County, Minnesota: Education Comparison

Less than 9th Grade

This chart shows the percentage of people in an area who have less than a ninth grade education, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Some High School

This chart shows the percentage of people in an area whose highest educational achievement is some high school, without graduating or passing a high school GED test, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



High School GED

This chart shows the percentage of people in an area whose highest educational achievement is passing a high school GED test, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



High School Graduate

This chart shows the percentage of people in an area whose highest educational achievement is high school, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Some College

This chart shows the percentage of people in an area whose highest educational achievement is some college, without receiving a degree, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Associate Degree

This chart shows the percentage of people in an area whose highest educational achievement is an associate degree, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Bachelor's Degree

This chart shows the percentage of people in an area whose highest educational achievement is a bachelor's degree, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Grad/Professional Degree

This chart shows the percentage of people in an area whose highest educational achievement is a graduate or professional degree, compared with other geographies.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually



Aitkin County, Minnesota: Commute Comparison

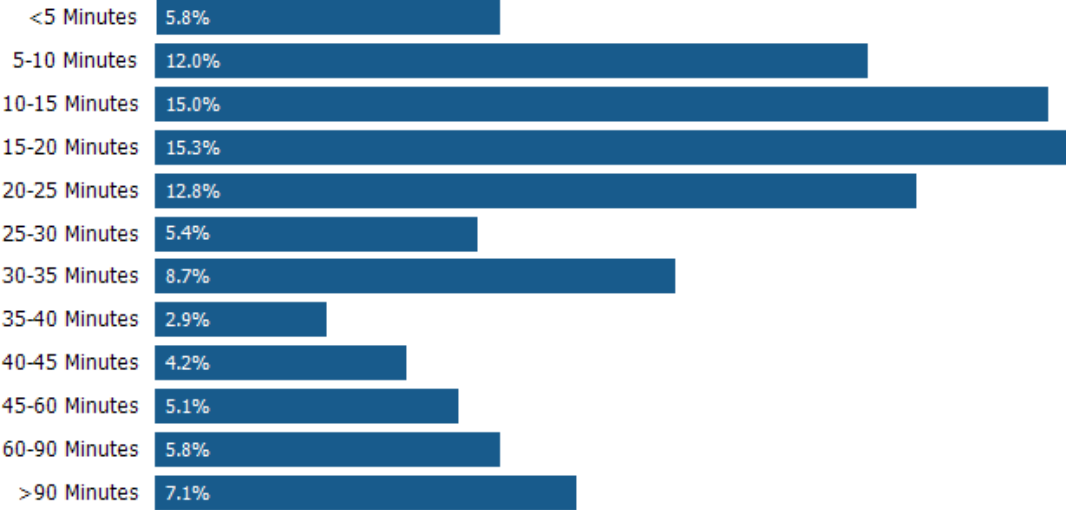
Average Commute Time

This chart shows average commute times to work, in minutes, by percentage of an area's population.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

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How People Get to Work

This chart shows the types of transportation that residents of the area you searched use for their commute, by percentage of an area's population.

Data Source: U.S. Census American Community Survey via Esri, 2024

Update Frequency: Annually

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Aitkin County, Minnesota: Home Value Comparison

Median Estimated Home Value

This chart displays property estimates for an area and a subject property, where one has been selected. Estimated home values are generated by a valuation model and are not formal appraisals.

Data Source: Valuation calculations based on public records and MLS sources where licensed

Update Frequency: Monthly



12 mo. Change in Median Estimated Home Value

This chart shows the 12-month change in the estimated value of all homes in this area, the county and the state. Estimated home values are generated by a valuation model and are not formal appraisals.

Data Source: Valuation calculations based on public records and MLS sources where licensed

Update Frequency: Monthly



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- **Market conditions and forecasts** based on listing and public records data.
- **Census and employment data** from the U.S. Census and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
- **Demographics and trends data** from Esri. The data in commercial and economic reports includes Tapestry Segmentation, which classifies U.S. residential neighborhoods into unique market segments based on socioeconomic and demographic characteristics.
- **Business data** including consumer expenditures, commercial market potential, retail marketplace, SIC and NAICS business information, and banking potential data from Esri.
- **School data and reviews** from Niche.
- **Specialty data sets** such as walkability scores, traffic counts and flood zones.



Update Frequency

- Listings and public records data are updated on a continuous basis.
- Charts and statistics calculated from listing and public records data are refreshed monthly.
- Other data sets range from daily to annual updates.

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