

Koochiching County

2026 COUNTY PROFILES

5,872 Households

HOMEOWNER HOUSEHOLDS
4,723 | 80% of households



RENTER HOUSEHOLDS
1,149 | 20% of households



Income and Housing Costs: Change Over Five Years

In many counties, home values outpace incomes. Housing older than 50 years may require reinvestment or rehab.

From 2019 to 2024

Owner income: 2% change to \$74,277
Home values: 17% change to \$156,600

47% of homes were built before 1970.

From 2019 to 2024

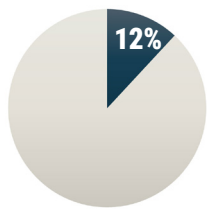
Renter income: -4% change to \$33,174
Rent: -18% change to \$671

45% of rental homes were built before 1970.

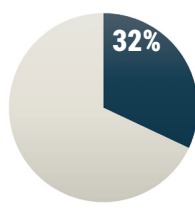
Cost-Burden Rates by Household Types

Housing cost-burdened families have less to spend on food, healthcare, and other basic needs.

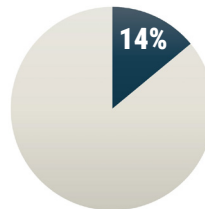
There are **885** cost-burdened Koochiching County households, or 15% of all households.



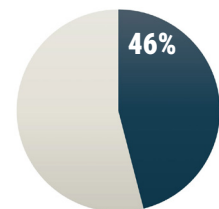
559
owners
are cost burdened
(12% of all owners)



326
renters
are cost burdened
(32% of all renters)



142
renters
are severely cost burdened
(14% of all renters)



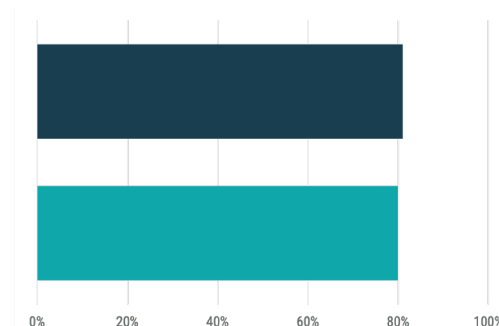
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senior renters
are cost burdened
(46% of all senior renters)

Cost burden: occurs when a household spends more than 30% of its income on housing costs. | **Severe cost burden** occurs when a household spends more than 50%.

White Compared to Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) Homeownership Rate

White Homeowners: 4,312

BIPOC Homeowners: 478



81% of white households own a home.

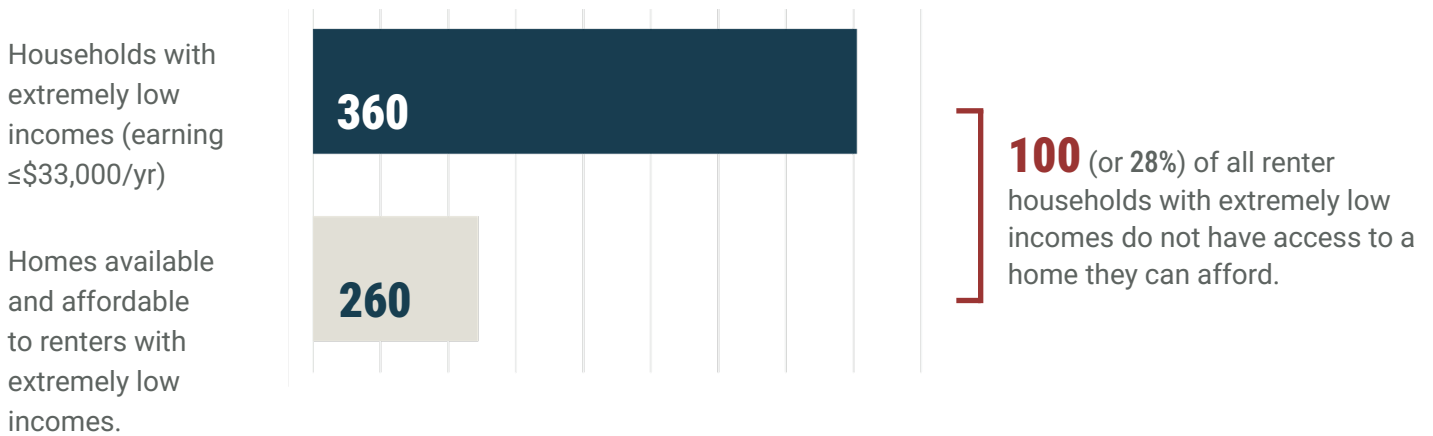
80% of BIPOC households own a home.



All homeownership rates are rounded to the nearest whole number.

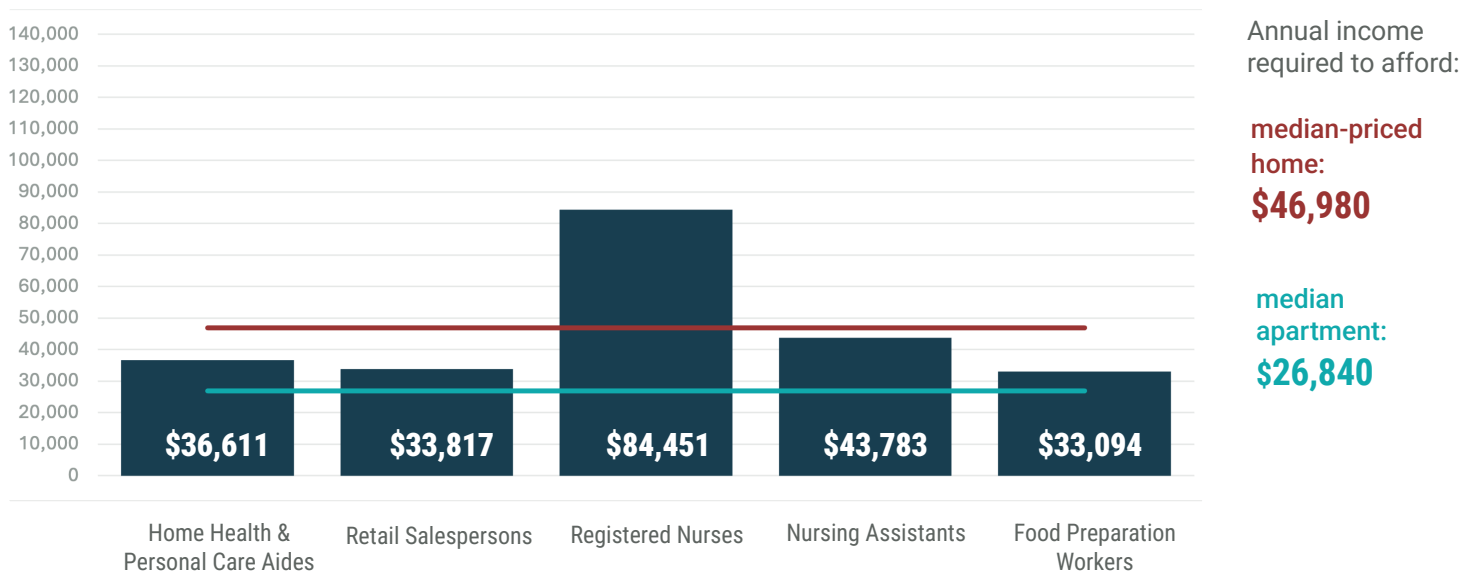
Affordable Homes Available to Extremely Low-Income Renters in Koochiching

The supply of available and affordable homes falls far short for renters with extremely low incomes.



Earnings in the Region’s Highest-Demand Jobs Compared to the County’s Housing Costs

The cost of housing is out of reach for many hard-working renters and homeowners.



DATA & SOURCES

Research reflects the most recent data available. Unless otherwise indicated, data is from 2024. Income and housing cost data reflect median values. Change in income, rent, and home values have been adjusted for inflation. The top in-demand jobs are geographically organized by MN DEED’s six planning areas, ordered left to right by demand.

- **Cost burden and homeownership:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2024 5-year estimates.
- **ELI renters and affordable homes:** U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), ACS 5-year Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) county estimates, 2025 release based on 2018-2022 data
- **In-demand jobs:** Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (MN DEED), Occupations in Demand, 2025

DEFINITIONS

Affordable housing is defined as housing costing no more than 30% of a household’s adjusted income.

An **affordable and available home** is housing which is both affordable and vacant or not occupied by a higher-income household.

Cost burden occurs when a household spends more than 30% of its income on housing costs. **Severe cost burden** occurs when a household spends more than 50%.

Median values are the midpoint (50th percentile) of their respective distributions, meaning half of the households earn or pay more, and half earn or pay less. Median values are used instead of averages because they are less affected by unusually high or low (outlier) numbers.

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