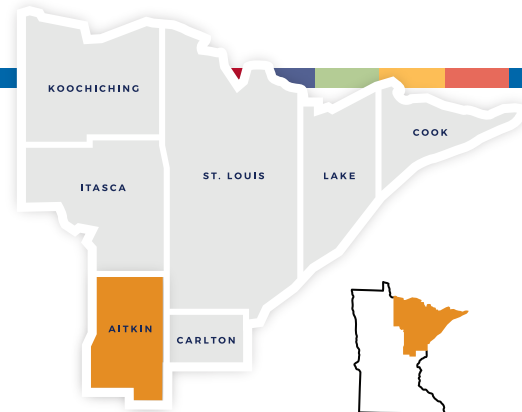


# NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA COMPASS POINTS 2018



## Aitkin County

An at-a-glance look at key measures in Aitkin County, an area served by the Northland Foundation, which invests in people and communities to support a thriving northeastern Minnesota.

### Population at a Glance for Aitkin County

Overall population	2000	2017
Minnesota	4.9 million	5.5 million
Northeastern Minnesota	322,100	324,900
Aitkin County	15,300	15,800
Early childhood (age 0-4)		
Minnesota	329,600	355,200
Northeastern Minnesota	16,900	16,300
Aitkin County	690	570
Children and youth (age 5-17)		
Minnesota	957,300	943,400
Northeastern Minnesota	56,800	50,800
Aitkin County	2,500	2,300
Working-age residents (age 18-64)		
Minnesota	3.0 million	3.4 million
Northeastern Minnesota	194,700	195,000
Aitkin County	8,600	8,000

Older adults (age 65-84)	2000	2017
Minnesota	508,700	739,600
Northeastern Minnesota	46,100	57,200
Aitkin County	3,100	4,600
Older adults (85+)		
Minnesota	85,600	120,600
Northeastern Minnesota	7,600	9,000
Aitkin County	390	540
People of color		
Minnesota	582,000	1.1 million
Northeastern Minnesota	19,000	29,000
Aitkin County	600	990
Foreign-born residents*		
Minnesota	260,000	427,000
Northeastern Minnesota	6,000	6,600
Aitkin County	140	160

\*Most recent data point is from the year 2016.

### Aitkin County Dashboard

	HOW IS AITKIN COUNTY DOING?		HOW DOES AITKIN COUNTY COMPARE?		
	Trend <sup>a</sup>	Current	Northeastern Region	Minnesota	
<b>AGING</b>	Adults 65+ who are working	-	11%	12%	17%
	Adults 65+ living at or below 100% of poverty <sup>b</sup>	<b>BETTER</b>	9%	8%	7%
	Adults 65+ living at or below 200% of poverty <sup>c</sup>	<b>BETTER</b>	30%	30%	26%
	Adults 65+ living alone	<b>SAME</b>	26%	32%	30%
<b>CHILDREN &amp; YOUTH</b>	Students who are connected to a caring adult	-	63%	60%	57%
	Students participating in enrichment activities 3x/wk	-	66%	64%	65%
	Free and reduced lunch status	<b>WORSE</b>	52%	41%	38%

<sup>a</sup>Aitkin County trend over 10-15 years.

<sup>b</sup>In 2016, the Federal Poverty threshold for an adult 65 and older living at or below 100% of poverty was about \$11,511.

<sup>c</sup>In 2016, the Federal Poverty threshold for an adult 65 and older living at or below 200% of poverty was about \$23,022.

Dashboard represents most recent data available as of June 2018.



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	HOW IS AITKIN COUNTY DOING?		HOW DOES AITKIN COUNTY COMPARE?		
	Trend <sup>a</sup>	Current	Northeastern Region	Minnesota	
<b>EARLY CHILDHOOD</b>	Children screened before age 5	<b>BETTER</b>	92%	84%	81%
	Low-weight births	<b>WORSE</b>	7%	6%	5%
	Average annual full-time child care costs for two children	-	\$12,900	\$11,100	\$16,500
<b>ECONOMY</b>	Number of jobs	<b>BETTER</b>	3,900	141,800	2,813,900
	Median household income	<b>SAME</b>	\$46,600	\$51,400	\$65,600
	Percent residents living at or below 100% of poverty <sup>b</sup>	<b>SAME</b>	13%	14%	10%
	Percent residents living at or below 200% of poverty <sup>c</sup>	<b>SAME</b>	36%	33%	26%
	Cost of living by family type; Annual full-time wage required to meet basic needs				
	Single (Ages 19-50), No Children	-	\$27,900	\$27,800	\$30,100
	Single (Ages 51+), No Children	-	\$28,100	\$28,200	\$30,300
	Partnered (Two Full-Time Workers, Ages 19-50), Two Children	-	\$70,400	\$67,100	\$81,000
	Single (Ages 19-50), Two Children	-	\$68,300	\$61,000	\$79,400
	Annual full-time median wages of primary industries <sup>d</sup>				
	Construction	<b>SAME</b>	\$41,500	\$60,700	\$56,900
	Education and Health Services	<b>BETTER</b>	\$37,100	\$38,900	\$40,200
	Financial Activities	<b>BETTER</b>	\$47,500	\$39,800	\$55,300
	Information	<b>SAME</b>	\$27,100	\$38,500	\$56,700
	Leisure and Hospitality	<b>BETTER</b>	\$22,300	\$22,900	\$23,800
	Manufacturing	<b>BETTER</b>	\$36,800	\$47,500	\$45,500
	Natural Resources and Mining	<b>BETTER</b>	\$37,300	\$65,400	\$33,200
Professional and Business Services	<b>BETTER</b>	\$40,100	\$33,600	\$43,500	
Public Administration	<b>BETTER</b>	\$44,300	\$48,000	\$50,400	
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	<b>SAME</b>	\$28,200	\$31,400	\$31,300	
<b>EDUCATION</b>	3rd graders who are proficient in reading	<b>WORSE</b>	44%	60%	57%
	8th graders who are proficient in math	<b>WORSE</b>	50%	53%	58%
	Students graduate high school on time	<b>BETTER</b>	88%	82%	82%
<b>HOUSING</b>	Households pay at least 30% of income for housing	<b>WORSE</b>	32%	28%	28%
	Homeowners pay at least 30% of income for housing	<b>WORSE</b>	29%	21%	21%
	Renters pay at least 30% of income for housing	<b>WORSE</b>	50%	51%	47%
<b>WORKFORCE</b>	Proportion of adults working	<b>SAME</b>	67%	71%	77%
	Adults age 25+ with bachelor's degree	<b>BETTER</b>	11%	26%	34%
	Adults age 25+ with associate degree	<b>BETTER</b>	11%	12%	11%

<sup>a</sup>Aitkin County trend over 10-15 years.

<sup>b</sup>In 2016, the Federal Poverty threshold for a household of two adults and two children living at or below 100% of poverty was about \$24,339.

<sup>c</sup>In 2016, the Federal Poverty threshold for a household of two adults and two children living at or below 200% of poverty was about \$48,600.

<sup>d</sup>Annual median salary includes 2080 hours worked in one year. Part-time and overtime hours are excluded.

All currency are in 2016 dollars. Dashboard represents most recent data available as of June 2018.