

**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Le Sueur Co.**

Le Sueur Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 9, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

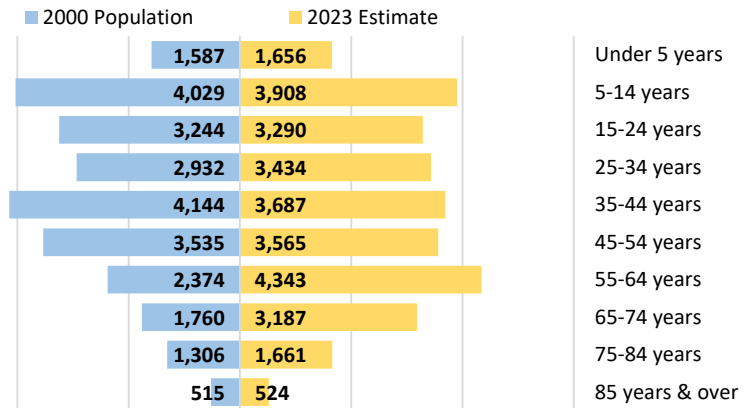
2023 population:	<b>29,255 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>41.4 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2023	581 people 2.0% increase	state:	38.6 years

Le Sueur Co. is the 38th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 17th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Le Sueur 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
Under 5 years	1,656	5.7%
5-14 years	3,908	13.4%
15-24 years	3,290	11.2%
25-34 years	3,434	11.7%
35-44 years	3,687	12.6%
45-54 years	3,565	12.2%
55-64 years	4,343	14.8%
65-74 years	3,187	10.9%
75-84 years	1,661	5.7%
85 years & over	524	1.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>29,255</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023**



Le Sueur Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Le Sueur 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, 2020-2023**

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Le Sueur Co.	588	83	994	911	503	97	406
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976

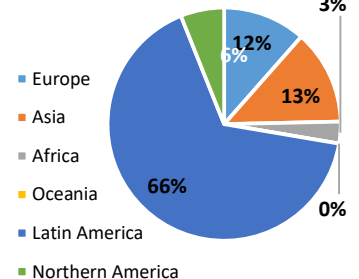
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Le Sueur Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Le Sueur Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

	Le Sueur Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>44.3%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
Europe	99	11.5%	12	13.8%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	113	13.1%	-15	-11.7%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	26	3.0%	3	13.0%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	-14	-100.0%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	622	72.3%	278	80.8%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	570	66.3%	262	85.1%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	52	6.0%	16	44.4%	2.5%	0.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

**Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023**



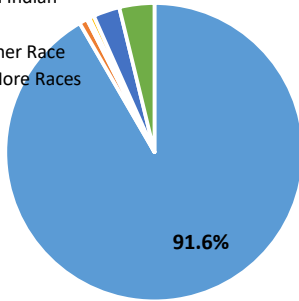
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Le Sueur Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2013, the white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2023**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



	Le Sueur Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,936</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
White	26,515	91.6%	0.3%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	255	0.9%	78.3%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	84	0.3%	-17.6%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	154	0.5%	11.6%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	828	2.9%	40.8%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	1,100	3.8%	215.2%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,922	6.6%	29.9%	6.2%	37.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

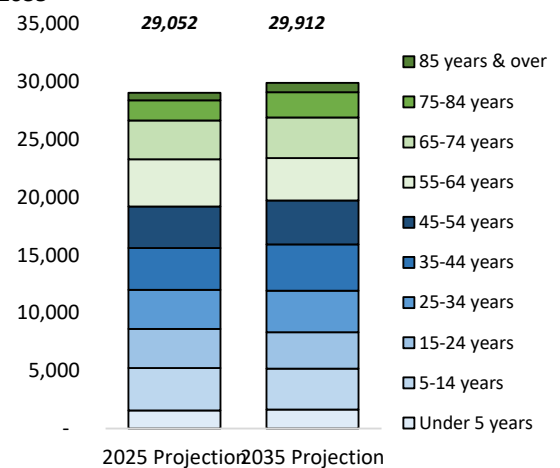
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Le Sueur Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

Le Sueur Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,577	1,631	54	3.4%
5-14 years	3,659	3,553	-106	-2.9%
15-24 years	3,378	3,157	-221	-6.5%
25-34 years	3,395	3,583	188	5.5%
35-44 years	3,614	4,000	386	10.7%
45-54 years	3,593	3,804	211	5.9%
55-64 years	4,088	3,683	-405	-9.9%
65-74 years	3,342	3,506	164	4.9%
75-84 years	1,744	2,182	438	25.1%
85 years & over	662	813	151	22.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>29,052</b>	<b>29,912</b>	<b>860</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Le Sueur Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Le Sueur 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.

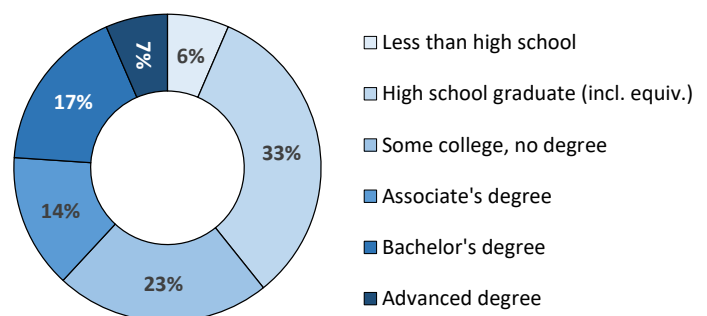
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**93.5%**

**College-educated: 60.7%**  
state: 68.8%

**Associate's Degree: 14.2%**  
**Bachelor's Degree: 17.4%**  
**Advanced Degree: 6.5%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



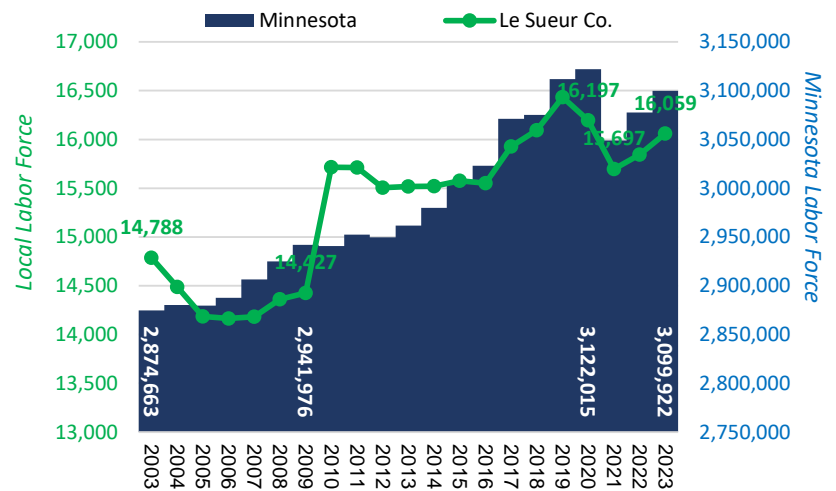
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.9%, Le Sueur Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Le Sueur Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.5% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Le Sueur Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>16,059</b> available workers	
Labor Force change, 2008-2023	1,697 workers 11.8% increase
<b>3.9%</b> unemployment rate	2.8% state
<b>626</b> unemployed workers	

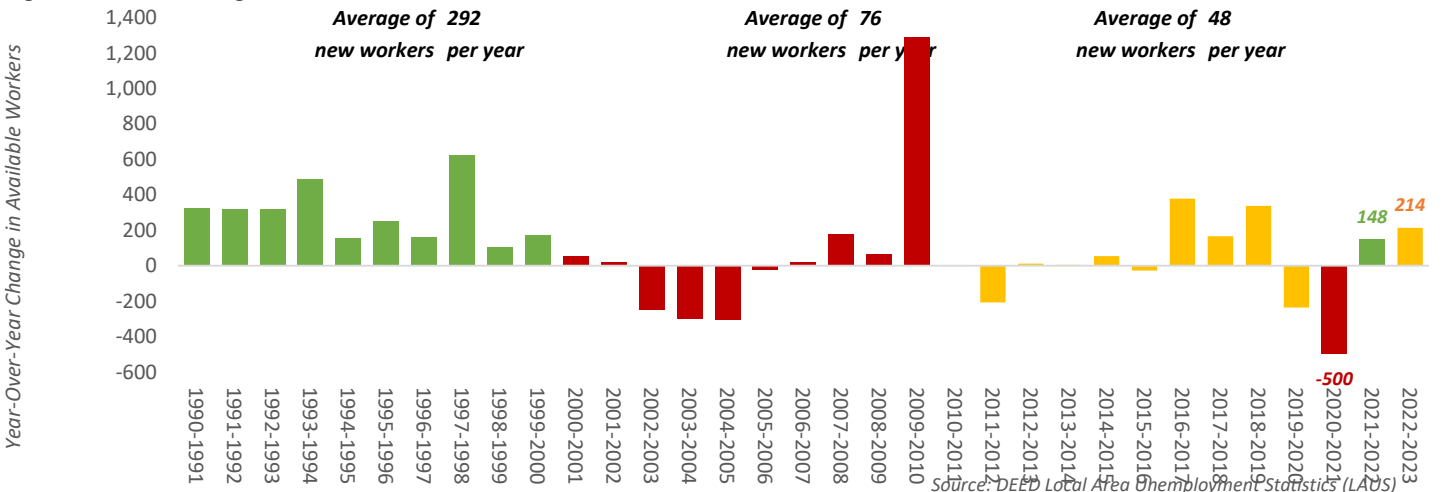
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Le Sueur 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, Le Sueur Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023



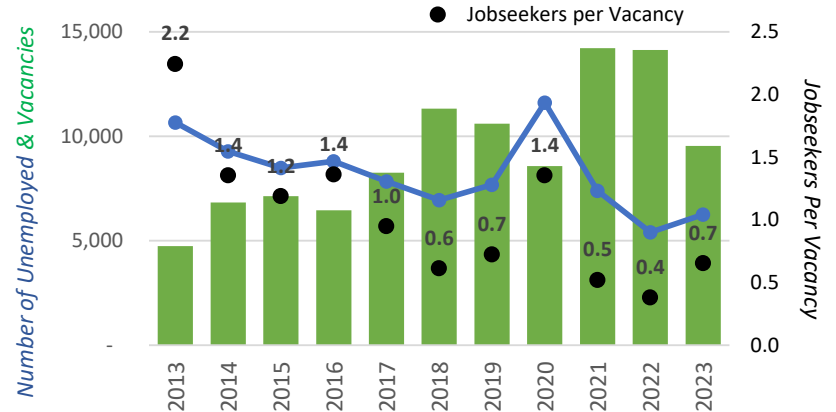
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	2,155	2,029
25 to 54 years	9,721	10,440
55 to 64 years	3,109	2,801
65 years & over	1,047	1,148
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>16,032</b>	<b>16,419</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2019-2023 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 Southwest returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2013-2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

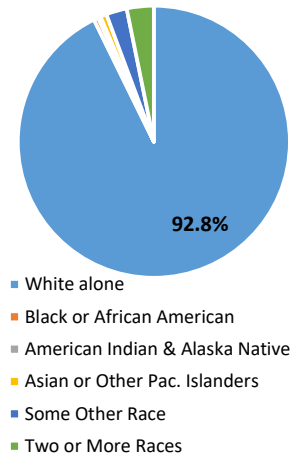
**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

Le Sueur Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Le Sueur Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023**

	Le Sueur 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
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>15,962</b>	<b>69.3%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>8,490</b>	<b>7,481</b>
16 to 19 years	808	56.2%	12.4%	52.7%	9.9%	380	428
20 to 24 years	1,228	86.7%	13.0%	83.4%	6.5%	735	492
25 to 44 years	6,462	91.7%	2.9%	88.7%	3.5%	3,409	3,054
45 to 54 years	3,230	91.6%	3.3%	87.8%	2.9%	1,729	1,502
55 to 64 years	3,267	76.0%	2.3%	72.8%	3.0%	1,703	1,565
65 to 74 years	747	23.7%	2.1%	27.8%	3.4%	420	326
75 years & over	229	10.6%	3.9%	6.6%	3.1%	114	114
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	14,808	69.2%	4.2%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	86	40.4%	33.7%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	50	64.1%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	117	76.0%	1.7%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	395	79.0%	0.0%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	511	74.2%	0.6%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	950	79.0%	0.0%	77.1%	5.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,033	60.6%	12.0%	55.3%	9.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	12,963	87.2%	2.8%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	591	79.4%	3.4%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,755	85.0%	3.0%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	5,005	87.5%	3.1%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,610	90.6%	1.7%	90.5%	2.0%		

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023**



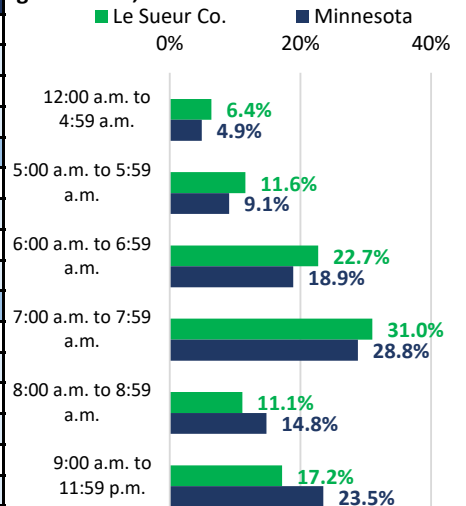
Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	Le Sueur Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	15,003	99.6%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	6,326	42.0%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	8,676	57.6%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	60	0.4%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	13,060	86.7%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	30	0.2%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	618	4.1%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	1,341	8.9%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	3,118	20.7%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	3,208	21.3%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	3,208	21.3%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,043	20.2%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	1,310	8.7%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	1,175	7.8%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>25.2 minutes</b>		<b>23.1 minutes</b>	

**Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2023**



Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

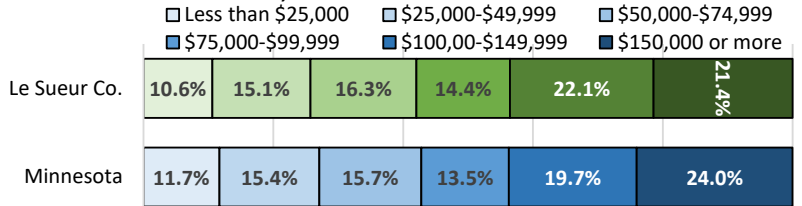
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Le Sueur Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Le Sueur Co. had the 12th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$90,218</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$108,147</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$43,236</b>
state	\$46,957

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2023



Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Le Sueur Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.45 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.94 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023

Category	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Single Adult, 0 children									
Le Sueur Co.	\$30,060	\$14.45	\$0	\$406	\$161	\$773	\$573	\$282	\$310
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child									
Le Sueur Co.	\$59,098	\$18.94	\$366	\$925	\$576	\$1,026	\$983	\$467	\$582
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739

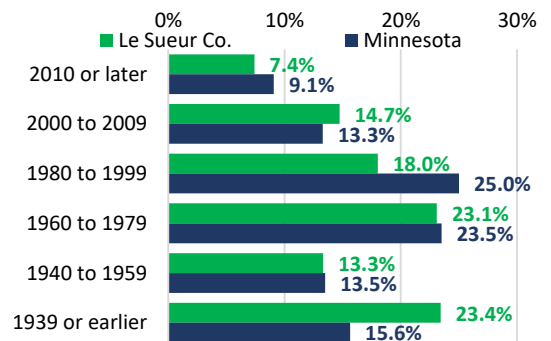
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Le Sueur Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 15th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Le Sueur 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-occupied Housing Units, 2022	Le Sueur Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,309</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	288	3.1%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	197	2.1%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	755	8.1%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,238	13.3%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,474	26.6%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,989	32.1%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	1,368	14.7%	17.5%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$287,700</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,772</b>
state	\$1,890

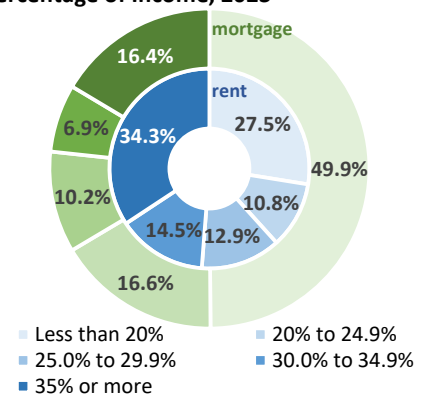
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
state	22.5%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$885</b>
state	\$1,235

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>48.8%</b>
state	47.2%

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023





OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.24 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$47.87) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.69) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024

Occupational Group	Region 9				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
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$23.24</b>	<b>100,990</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$25.22</b>	<b>2,881,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$47.87	5,590	5.5%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.68	4,130	4.1%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.68	1,130	1.1%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.82	1,690	1.7%	0.8	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$33.51	810	0.8%	0.8	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.25	2,620	2.6%	1.3	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$38.07	380	0.4%	0.6	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$30.13	6,690	6.6%	1.2	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.48	1,050	1.0%	0.8	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40.45	5,790	5.7%	0.9	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.45	6,120	6.1%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$29.43	1,430	1.4%	0.9	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.69	9,050	9.0%	1.1	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.19	2,980	3.0%	1.1	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.51	2,150	2.1%	1.0	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.55	8,630	8.5%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.79	11,510	11.4%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.13	240	0.2%	1.9	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.78	4,050	4.0%	1.0	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.11	4,660	4.6%	1.3	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$22.68	10,680	10.6%	1.5	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.90	9,640	9.5%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

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

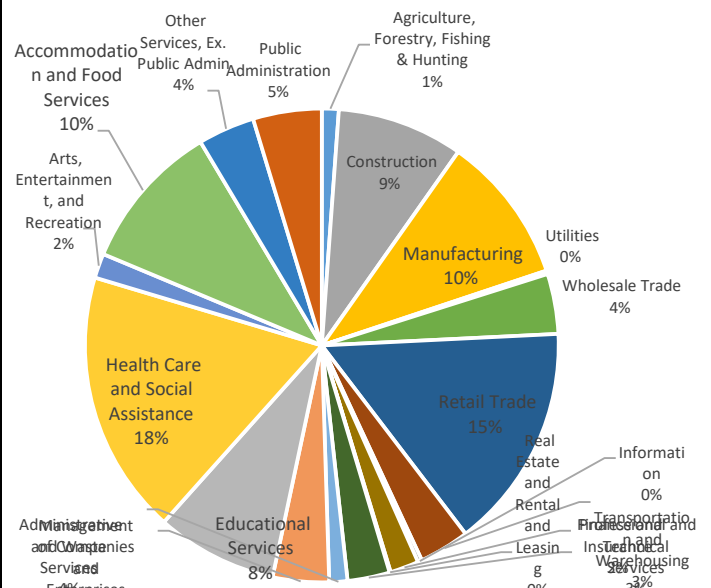
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Le Sueur Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 9546 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. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>9,546</b>	<b>\$19.74</b>
Management	202	\$32.04
Business & Financial Operations	520	\$25.88
Computer & Mathematical	100	\$37.50
Architecture & Engineering	96	\$28.56
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$24.18
Community & Social Service	258	\$23.46
Education, Training & Library	453	\$18.35
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$31.97
Healthcare Support	508	\$16.76
Protective Service	177	\$22.52
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180	\$15.32
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	\$16.90
Personal Care & Service	188	\$14.60
Sales & Related	1,164	\$15.93
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27
Construction & Extraction	431	\$25.04
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653	\$22.92
Production	540	\$18.93
Transportation & Material Moving	773	\$21.15

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2023

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons \$34,798/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$54,491/yr	Registered Nurses \$85,138/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$69,245/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$36,495/yr	Nursing Assistants \$39,764/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$74,684/yr	General and Operations Managers \$82,482/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,228/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$58,499/yr	Dental Hygienists \$84,870/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$65,364/yr
Cashiers \$30,595/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$64,265/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$60,049/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,349/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,031/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$59,444/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$78,236/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$52,112/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$45,427/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$47,963/yr	Agricultural Technicians \$50,274/yr	Financial Managers \$119,560/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,379/yr	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters \$61,794/yr	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping \$49,828/yr	Industrial Engineers \$90,455/yr
Construction Laborers \$49,744/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$49,947/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$71,227/yr	Computer Systems Analysts \$96,291/yr
Bus Drivers, School \$49,228/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$50,024/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$62,988/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,534/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$43,003/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$60,689/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$40,453/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$37,747/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

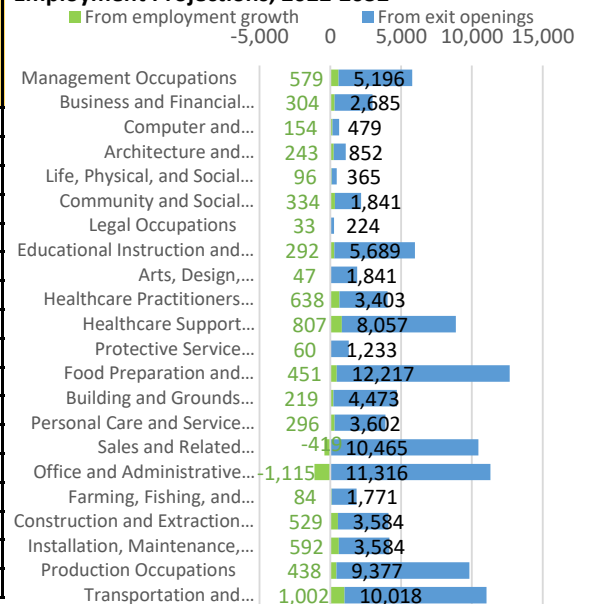
Le Sueur Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>202,214</b>	<b>207,878</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,523	5,777	4.6%
Utilities	690	690	0.0%
Construction	7,679	8,252	7.5%
Manufacturing	32,192	33,537	4.2%
Wholesale Trade	8,001	8,116	1.4%
Retail Trade	19,409	19,084	-1.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,297	6,810	8.1%
Information	2,093	2,046	-2.2%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,227	8,375	1.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,544	5,985	8.0%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,127	4,331	4.9%
Educational Services	16,065	16,116	0.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	28,786	30,498	5.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,625	14,377	5.5%
Other Services	7,097	7,281	2.6%
Public Administration	14,117	14,370	1.8%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



**ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Le Sueur Co. had the 42nd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Le Sueur Co. was the 19th fastest growing in the past year and the 59th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Le Sueur Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**789** business establishments

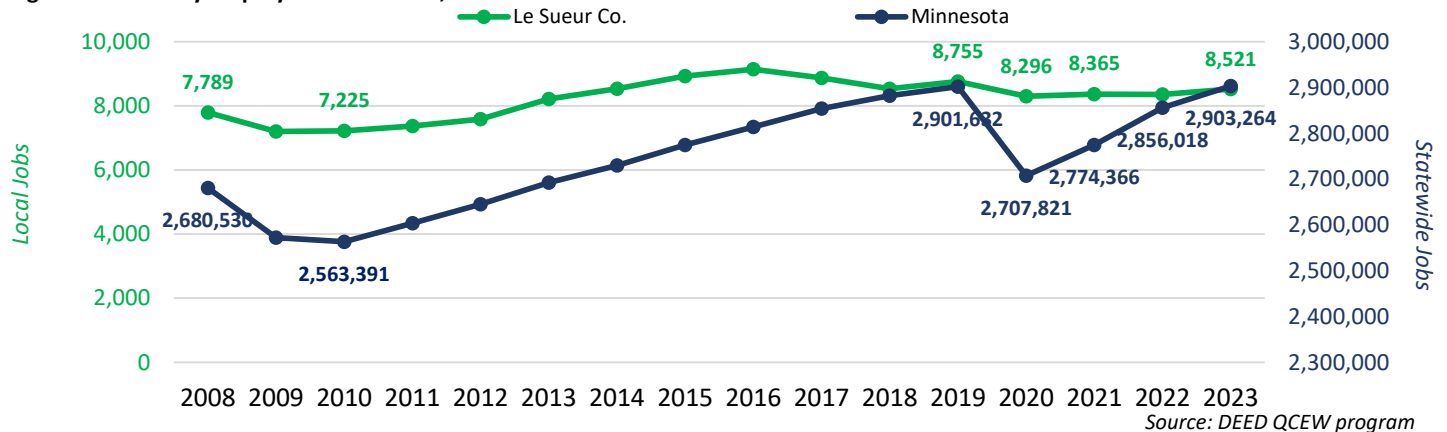
**\$53,546** annual average wage

**8,521** jobs

**\$456,262,037** total industry payroll

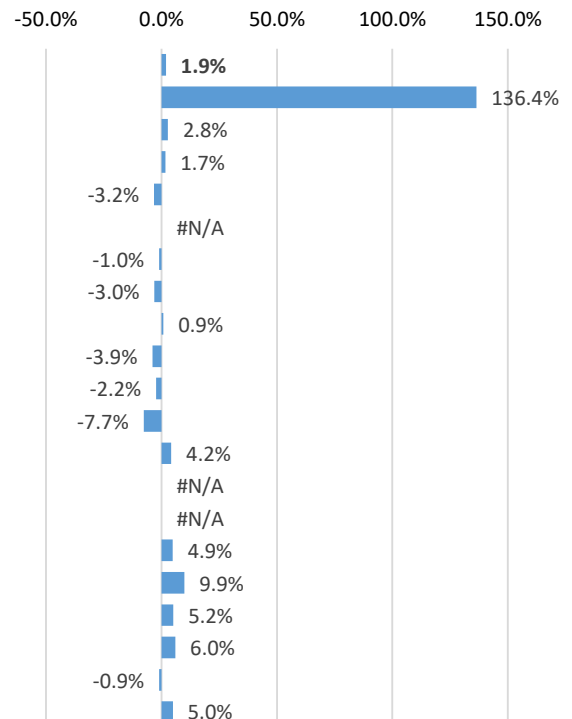
Job change, 2019-2023: -234 jobs, -2.7% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023



Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>8,521</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$53,546</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	186	2.2%	\$34,127
Mining	36	0.4%	\$70,732
Construction	602	7.1%	\$71,215
Manufacturing	2,760	32.4%	\$72,389
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	252	3.0%	\$17,153
Retail Trade	802	9.4%	\$26,686
Transportation & Warehousing	324	3.8%	\$41,077
Information	49	0.6%	\$77,981
Finance & Insurance	262	3.1%	\$68,610
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	36	0.4%	\$32,380
Professional & Technical Services	172	2.0%	\$15,440
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	168	2.0%	\$24,946
Educational Services	634	7.4%	\$22,698
Health Care & Social Assistance	810	9.5%	\$35,999
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	142	1.7%	\$17,463
Accommodation & Food Services	477	5.6%	\$16,910
Other Services	211	2.5%	\$28,802
Public Administration	572	6.7%	\$51,130

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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