# EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# COUNTY PROFILE

# Lincoln Co.

Lincoln Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 8, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.

# **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

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2023 population:	5,521 people		
Population change,	-119 people	Median Age:	<b>45.0</b> years
2020-2023	-2.1% decline	state:	38.6 years

Lincoln Co. is the 81st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 76th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Lincoln 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).

Table 1. Population by Age	Figure 1. Population	n Pyramid, 2	000-2023				
	Number	Percent	<b>2000</b> Po	2023 Estim	ate		
Under 5 years	318	5.8%		354	318		Under 5 years
5-14 years	714	12.9%		859	714		, 5-14 years
15-24 years	599	10.9%					,
25-34 years	538	9.7%		704	599		15-24 years
35-44 years	596	10.8%		607	538		25-34 years
45-54 years	639	11.6%		872	596		35-44 years
55-64 years	781	14.1%		755	639		45-54 years
65-74 years	686	12.4%		706	781		55-64 years
75-84 years	388	7.0%		655	686		65-74 years
85 years & over	264	4.8%					
Total Population	5,521	100.0%		629	388		75-84 years
Source: Census 2023 Pop	oulation Estimates	, 2019-2023 ACS		288	264		85 years & over

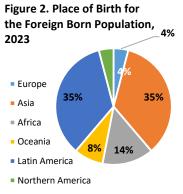
Lincoln Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Lincoln Co. welcomed net international inmigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (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 Events		Net Migration							
Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic					
-120	-114	195	309	-6	9	-15					
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Lincoln Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Lincoln Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Linco	In Co.	Change 2	013-2023	Minnesota		
Population, 2023	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	49	0.9%	-25	-33.8%	8.6%	24.7%	
Europe	2	4.1%	-29	-93.5%	8.8%	-3.4%	
Asia	17	34.7%	0	0.0%	35.7%	18.1%	
Africa	7	14.3%	5	250.0%	28.3%	78.8%	
Oceania	4	8.2%	1	33.3%	0.4%	5.4%	
Americas:	19	38.8%	-2	-9.5%	26.7%	8.7%	
Latin America	17	34.7%	-4	-19.0%	24.2%	9.7%	
Northern America	2	4.1%	2	#DIV/0!	2.5%	0.4%	



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

### **COUNTY PROFILE**

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

### Figure 3. Population by Race,



- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race



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		Lincoln Co	Minr	nesota	
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	5,594	100.0%	-4.4%	100.0%	6.8%
White	5,342	95.5%	-6.5%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	9	0.2%	-35.7%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	8	0.1%	-38.5%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	43	0.8%	152.9%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	21	0.4%	-68.7%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	171	3.1%	470.0%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	131	2.3%	48.9%	6.2%	37.5%

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

# **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

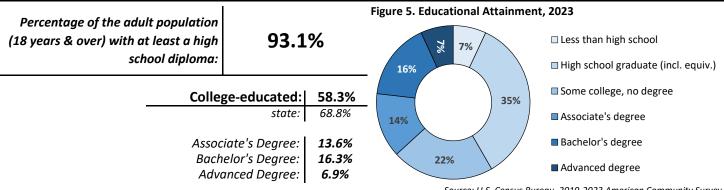
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Lincoln Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over 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	6,000	5,580	5,402	
Lincoln Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				85 years & over
Under 5 years	357	356	-1	-0.3%	5,000			■ 75-84 years
5-14 years	696	669	-27	-3.9%				□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	625	556	-69	-11.0%	4,000			·
25-34 years	577	640	63	10.9%				□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	582	581	-1	-0.2%	3,000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	593	581	-12	-2.0%				■ 35-44 years
55-64 years	744	658	-86	-11.6%	2,000			25-34 years
65-74 years	744	668	-76	-10.2%	1,000			15-24 years
75-84 years	434	509	75	17.3%	1,000			□ 5-14 years
85 years & over	228	184	-44	-19.3%	]			Under 5 years
Total Population	5,580	5,402	-178	-3.2%	2	2025 Projectio	n2035 Projectio	on

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

# **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

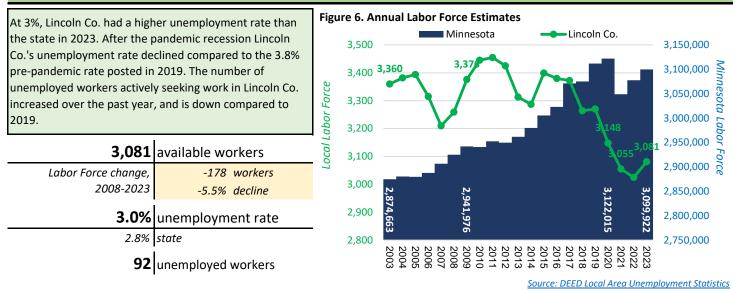
Lincoln Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Lincoln Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.



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

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# LABOR FORCE TRENDS



Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Lincoln Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Lincoln Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

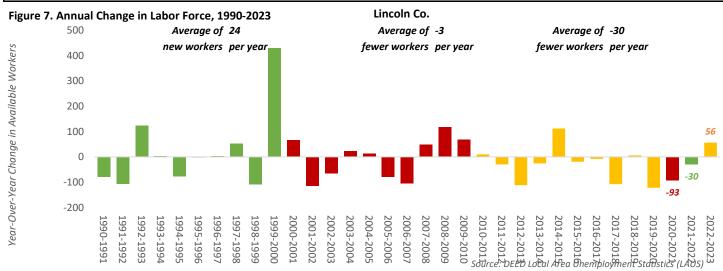
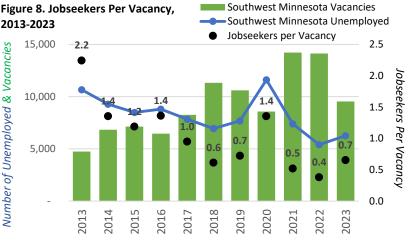


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection						
Projections, 2025-2035	2025 2035						
16 to 24 years	381	344					
25 to 54 years	1,531	1,576					
55 to 64 years	590	522					
65 years & over	288	266					
Total Labor Force	2,790	2,707					

#### 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).



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	Li	ncoln 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	2,824	63.0%	2.7%	68.5%	3.9%	1,536	1,286
16 to 19 years	123	43.2%	22.0%	52.7%	9.9%	64	59
20 to 24 years	232	91.0%	2.6%	83.4%	6.5%	116	116
25 to 44 years	1,017	88.5%	1.3%	88.7%	3.5%	551	466
45 to 54 years	551	85.2%	2.4%	87.8%	2.9%	316	235
55 to 64 years	627	79.3%	1.6%	72.8%	3.0%	336	291
65 to 74 years	225	32.4%	3.6%	27.8%	3.4%	122	103
75 years & over	47	7.1%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	31	16
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	bor Force by
White alone	2,687	62.7%	2.5%	67.5%	3.4%	Race, 2023	•
Black or African American	5	83.3%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%	-	
American Indian & Alaska Native	2	25.0%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	24	66.7%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	17	81.0%	0.0%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	89	70.6%	10.1%	74.2%	6.1%		l III
Hispanic or Latino	89	71.2%	10.1%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabil	ity, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	193	54.8%	5.7%	55.3%	9.5%		95.1%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educat</b>	ional Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,194	84.8%	1.6%	84.4%	3.3%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	108	80.6%	1.1%	67.1%	4.7%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	542	76.8%	2.2%	76.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	861	86.8%	2.1%	85.0%	3.6%	Asian or	Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	684	90.6%	1.8%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

A smaller percentage of workers in Lincoln Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Lincoln Co. also had a

shorter average commute time than the state.

	Lincoln	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to					
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20		:			
Worked in state of residence	2,404	88.9%	2,870,678	97.8%	Linco			nnesota 0% 60%		
Worked in county of residence	1,479	54.7%	1,984,232	67.6%	. 0	70 ZU	J70 41	J% 60%		
Worked out of county of residence	925	34.2%	886,447	30.2%	12:00 a.m. to	_				
Worked outside state of residence	300	11.1%	64,576	2.2%	4:59 a.m.	<b>3.7%</b>				
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5.00 a ta 5.50					
Car, truck, or van	2,166	80.1%	2,286,563	77.9%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.		2.0%			
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	8	0.3%	61,640	2.1%	u	9.1	%			
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	103	3.8%	120,345	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		17.1%			
Worked at home	425	15.7%	463,770	15.8%	a.m.		18.9%			
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59					
Less than 10 minutes	744	27.4%	478,446	16.3%	a.m.		28.	38.1%		
10 to 19 minutes	541	20.0%	924,605	31.5%			20.	0/0		
20 to 29 minutes	384	14.2%	651,626	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	1	3.8%			
30 to 44 minutes	773	28.5%	551,828	18.8%	a.m.		L4.8%			
45 to 59 minutes	162	6.0%	176,115	6.0%	9:00 a.m. to		15 20/			
60 or more minutes	105	3.9%	149,698	5.1%	11:59 p.m.		15.2% 23.5%			
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	22.7	minutes	23.1	minutes	[	· · · · ·				

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

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

Lincoln Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Lincoln Co. had the 71st highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income state	<b>\$67,715</b> \$87,556				□ Less than \$25,000 □ \$25,000-\$49,999					),000-\$74,999 50,000 or more		
Median Family Income	\$86,875	Lincoln Co.	17.6%	6	18.	2%	20.2%	11.9%	16.3	15.8%		
state	\$111,492											~ ~
Per Capita Income	<b>\$38,390</b> \$46,957	- Minnesota	11.7%	15	.4%	15.7	/% 13.5%	19.7	7%	24.0%		
Source: 2019-2023 American C				S	ource:	2019-2	023 American (	Communit	y Survey	5-Year Estimates		

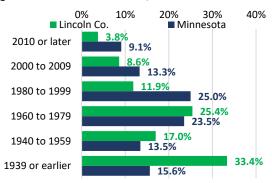
The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Lincoln Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.11 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.32 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Lincoln Co.	\$29,350	\$14.11	\$0	\$420	\$161	\$670	\$625	\$261	\$309
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
working full-time, 1 part- time), 1 child	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Lincoln Co.	\$57,167	\$18.32	\$281	\$958	\$576	\$853	\$1,114	\$433	\$549
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739
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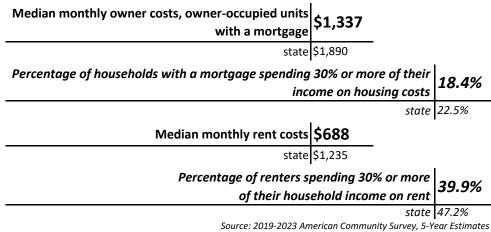
Lincoln Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 71st highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Lincoln Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Lincoln Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	ccupied Housing Units, 2022 Total Percent		Percent
Total	1,998	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	251	12.6%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	446	22.3%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	288	14.4%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	253	12.7%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	378	18.9%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	258	12.9%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	124	6.2%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$152,200		\$305,500

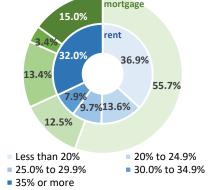
ota Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



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







Lincoln Co.

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

## **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$22.81 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 8 than the state. Overall, Region 8 had the 9th 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 (\$14.46) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024								
		Region 8				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	\$22.81	52,080	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%	
Management	\$46.14	2,680	5.1%	0.7	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.67	2,190	4.2%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.94	540	1.0%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.82	730	1.4%	0.7	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$34.31	390	0.7%	0.7	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$27.33	920	1.8%	0.9	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%	
Legal	\$37.81	110	0.2%	0.3	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$24.94	3,840	7.4%	1.3	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.27	380	0.7%	0.6	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.34	2,720	5.2%	0.8	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%	
Healthcare Support	\$18.03	3,060	5.9%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%	
Protective Service	\$29.14	660	1.3%	0.8	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.46	3,920	7.5%	0.9	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.02	1,610	3.1%	1.1	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$17.30	690	1.3%	0.6	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%	
Sales & Related	\$17.09	4,450	8.5%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.23	5,920	11.4%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.24	240	0.5%	3.8	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%	
Construction & Extraction	\$26.91	2,220	4.3%	1.1	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.09	2,410	4.6%	1.3	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%	
Production	\$21.77	7,330	14.1%	2.0	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.79	5,060	9.7%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%	

### **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Lincoln 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			Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023				
	Number of	Wage	Other Agriculture,				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer	Accommodatio				
Total, All Occupations	9,546	\$19.74	n and Food				
Management	202	\$32.04	Services 5%				
Business & Financial Operations	520	\$25.88	10%				
Computer & Mathematical	100	\$37.50	Arts,				
Architecture & Engineering	96	\$28.56	Entertainmen 9%				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$24.18	Recreation				
Community & Social Service	258	\$23.46	2% Utilities				
Education, Training & Library	453	\$18.35	10% Wholesale Trade				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$31.97	4%				
Healthcare Support	508	\$16.76					
Protective Service	177	\$22.52	Health Care				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180	\$15.32	and Social Retail Trade				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	\$16.90	Assistance				
Personal Care & Service	188	\$14.60	18% Real				
Sales & Related	1,164	\$15.93	Pstate and on				
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27	Rental 0%				
Construction & Extraction	431	\$25.04	AdMinistgretivent Educational and Frateosity Instructional Instructiona				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653	\$22.92	Services g Warehousing				
Production	540	\$18.93					
Transportation & Material Moving	773	\$21.15	Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023				

# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

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

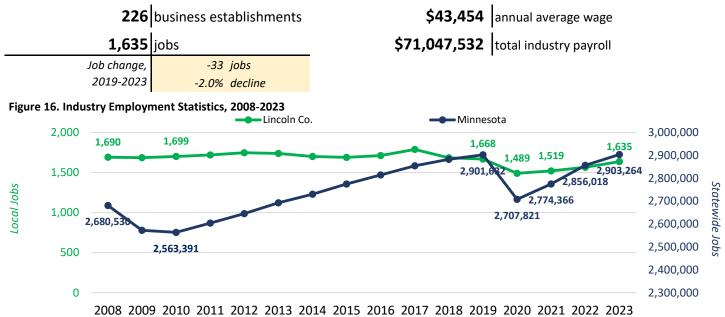
Lincoln Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032				Figure 15. Regional Occupational			
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	Employment Projections, 2022-2032 From employment growth -5,000 0 5,000 10,000 15,00			
	Employment	Employ-	Change	Management Occupations 579 5.196			
Southwest Planning Region	2022	ment 2032	2022-2032	Business and Financial 304 2,685			
Total, All Industries	202,214	207,878	2.8%	Computer and 154 479			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,523	5,777	4.6%	Architecture and 243 852			
Utilities	690	690	0.0%	Life, Physical, and Social 96 365			
Construction	7,679	8,252	7.5%	Community and Social 334 1,841			
Manufacturing	32,192	33,537	4.2%	Legal Occupations 33 224			
Wholesale Trade	8,001	8,116	1.4%	Educational Instruction and 292 <b>5,689</b> Arts, Design, 47 <b>1,841</b>			
Retail Trade	19,409	19,084	-1.7%	Healthcare Practitioners 638 3,403			
Transportation & Warehousing	6,297	6,810	8.1%	Healthcare Support 807 8,057			
Information	2,093	2,046	-2.2%	Protective Service 60 1,233			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,227	8,375	1.8%	Food Preparation and 451 12,217			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,544	5,985	8.0%	Building and Grounds 219 4,473			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,127	4,331	4.9%	Personal Care and Service 296 3,602 Sales and Related419 10,465			
Educational Services	16,065	16,116	0.3%	Office and Administrative1,115 - 11,316			
Health Care & Social Assistance	28,786	30,498	5.9%	Farming, Fishing, and 84 <b>1</b> ,771			
Leisure & Hospitality	13,625	14,377	5.5%	Construction and Extraction 529 3,584			
Other Services	7,097	7,281	2.6%	Installation, Maintenance, 592 <b>3,584</b>			
Public Administration	14,117	14,370	1.8%	Production Occupations 438 9,377			
<u>So</u>	urce: DEED 2022-2	2032 Employm	ent Outlook	Transportation and 1,002 10,018			

#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

## **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

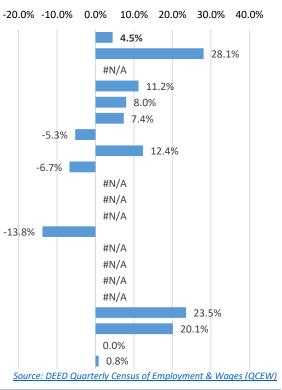
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Lincoln Co. had the 83rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Lincoln Co. was the 2nd fastest growing in the past year and the 48th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Lincoln Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.



Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average	
Table 15. Lincoln Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual	
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage	
Total, All Industries	1,635	100.0%	\$43,454	
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	164	10.0%	\$58,544	
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Construction	159	9.7%	\$54,101	
Manufacturing	27	1.7%	\$61,500	
Utilities	73	4.5%	\$101,119	
Wholesale Trade	90	5.5%	\$57,642	
Retail Trade	200	12.2%	\$23,629	
Transportation & Warehousing	97	5.9%	\$32,225	
Information	7	0.4%	\$26,665	
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Professional & Technical Services	25	1.5%	\$41,163	
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	13	0.8%	\$21,601	
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	21	1.3%	\$15,023	
Accommodation & Food Services	88	5.4%	\$8,728	
Other Services	54	3.3%	\$34,190	
Public Administration	122	7.5%	\$37,103	

#### Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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