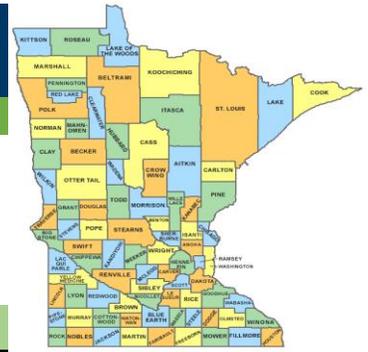


COUNTY PROFILE

Big Stone Co.

Big Stone Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	5,067 people	Median Age:	47.4 years
Population change, 2020-2024	-99 people -1.9% decline	state:	38.6 years

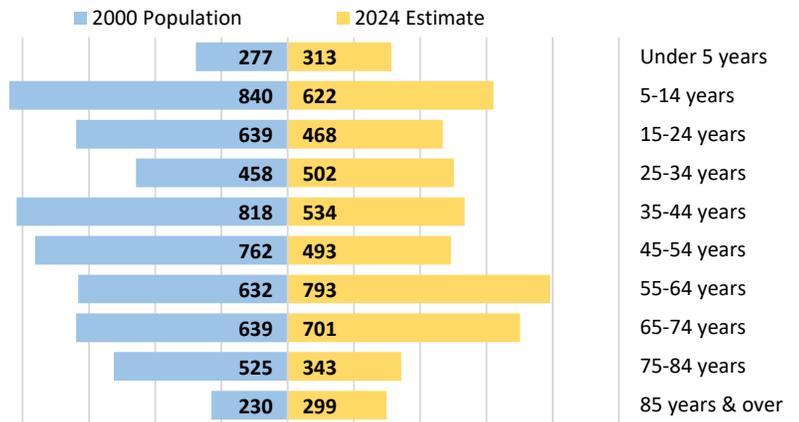
Big Stone Co. is the 83rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 74th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Big Stone Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2024

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	313	6.2%
5-14 years	622	12.3%
15-24 years	468	9.2%
25-34 years	502	9.9%
35-44 years	534	10.5%
45-54 years	493	9.7%
55-64 years	793	15.6%
65-74 years	701	13.8%
75-84 years	343	6.8%
85 years & over	299	5.9%
Total Population	5,067	100.0%

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Big Stone Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2024, but also had neutral migration patterns. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Big Stone 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, 2020-2024

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Big Stone Co.	-102	-102	250	352	0	6	-6
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

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

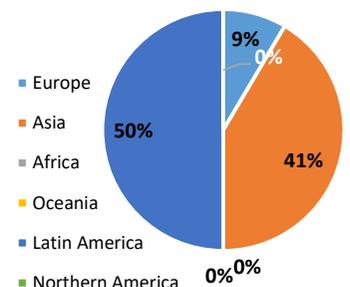
Compared to the state, Big Stone Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Big Stone Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023

	Big Stone Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	94	1.8%	41	77.4%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	8	8.5%	1	14.3%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	39	41.5%	31	387.5%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	47	50.0%	9	23.7%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	47	50.0%	29	161.1%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	0	0.0%	-20	-100.0%	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



COUNTY PROFILE

Big Stone Co.

Big Stone 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, 2023

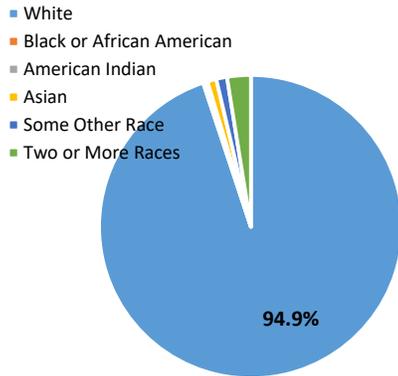


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Big Stone Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	5,152	100.0%	-1.1%	100.0%	6.8%
White	4,889	94.9%	-4.4%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	9	0.2%	-47.1%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	16	0.3%	60.0%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	49	1.0%	2350.0%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	59	1.1%	490.0%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	130	2.5%	124.1%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	130	2.5%	140.7%	6.2%	37.5%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

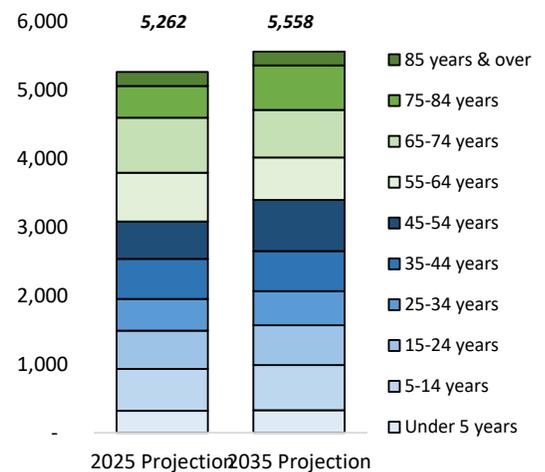
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Big Stone Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

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

Big Stone Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	321	331	10	3.1%
5-14 years	608	657	49	8.1%
15-24 years	559	580	21	3.8%
25-34 years	463	496	33	7.1%
35-44 years	586	586	0	0.0%
45-54 years	543	747	204	37.6%
55-64 years	711	616	-95	-13.4%
65-74 years	801	693	-108	-13.5%
75-84 years	466	653	187	40.1%
85 years & over	204	199	-5	-2.5%
Total Population	5,262	5,558	296	5.6%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

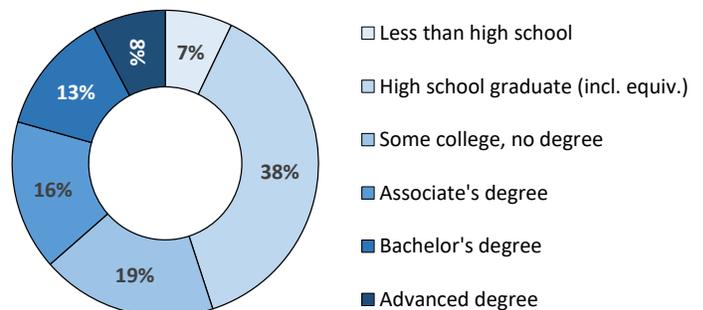


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Big Stone 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. Big Stone 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:	92.9%
College-educated:	55.0%
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	15.8%
Bachelor's Degree:	12.9%
Advanced Degree:	7.7%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023



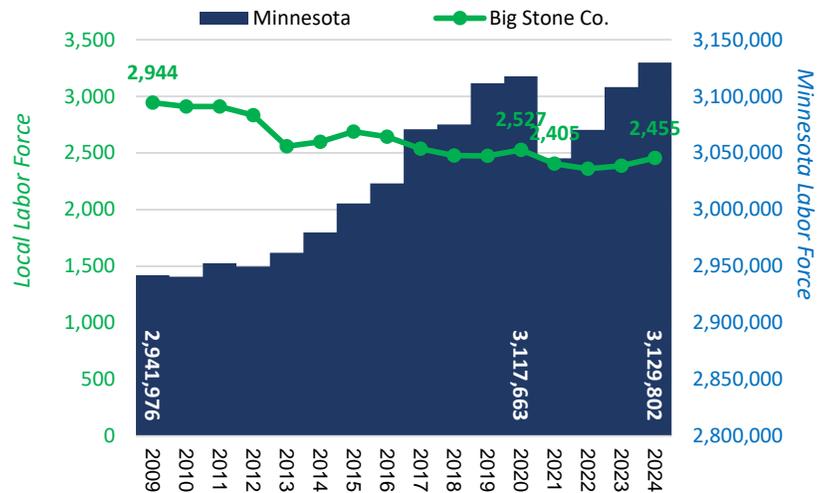
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.4%, Big Stone Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Big Stone Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.2% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Big Stone Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

2,455	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2009-2024</i>	-489 workers -16.6% decline
3.5%	unemployment rate
<i>3.0%</i>	state
86	unemployed workers

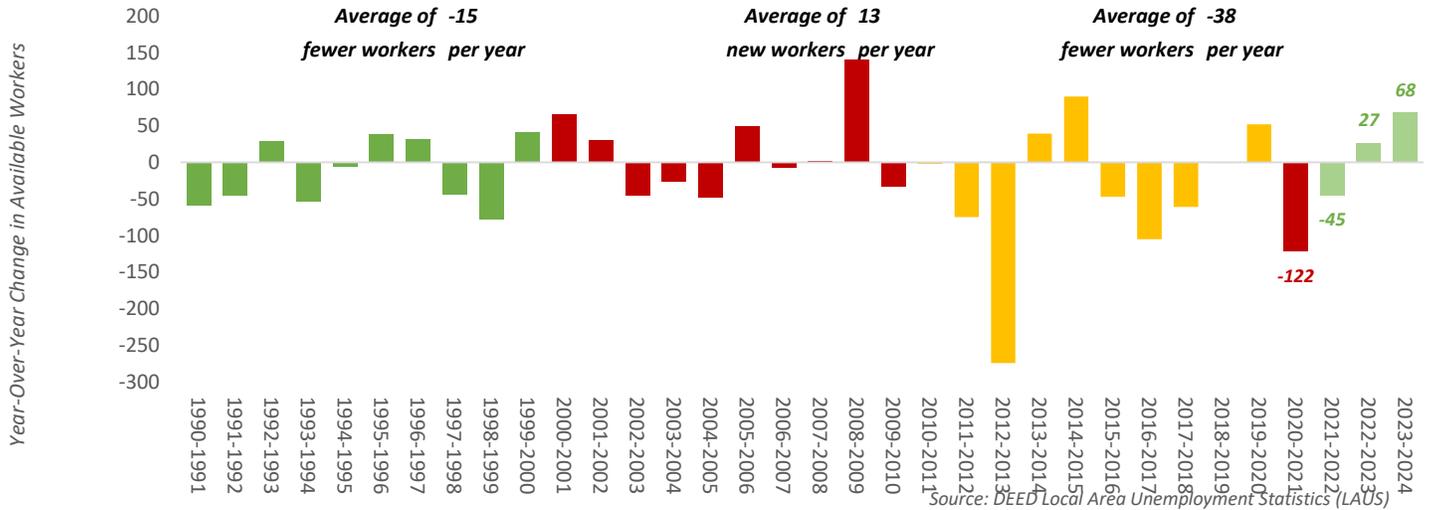
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2024



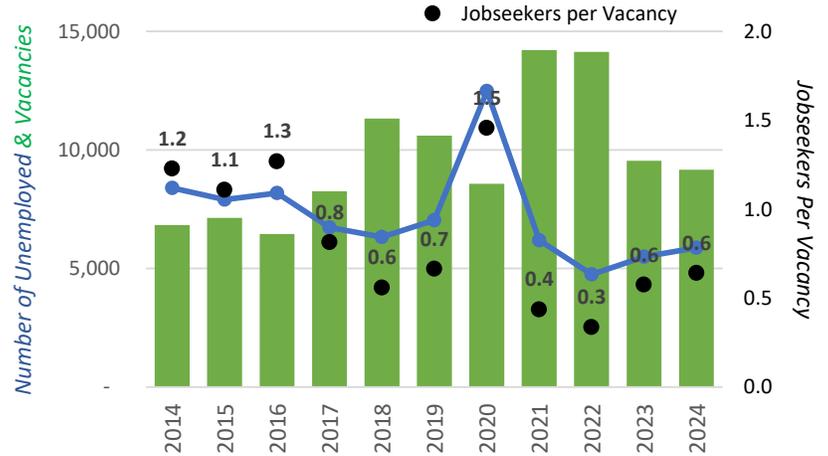
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	374	390
25 to 54 years	1,346	1,545
55 to 64 years	473	409
65 years & over	228	216
Total Labor Force	2,421	2,561

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 2024, 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, 2014-2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

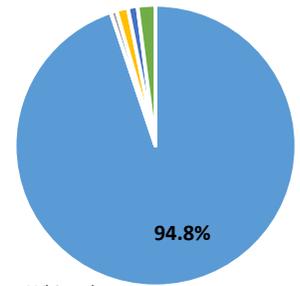
Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023

	Big Stone 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
Total Labor Force	2,349	57.1%	3.0%	68.5%	3.9%	1,285	1,064
16 to 19 years	92	50.3%	8.7%	52.7%	9.9%	45	47
20 to 24 years	199	97.1%	0.0%	83.4%	6.5%	100	99
25 to 44 years	896	85.1%	4.4%	88.7%	3.5%	476	420
45 to 54 years	419	83.6%	3.8%	87.8%	2.9%	209	210
55 to 64 years	536	66.5%	1.0%	72.8%	3.0%	314	222
65 to 74 years	162	22.7%	1.2%	27.8%	3.4%	105	57
75 years & over	45	6.9%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	36	9

Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin

White alone	2,226	56.5%	2.3%	67.5%	3.4%
Black or African American	0	0.0%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%
American Indian & Alaska Native	16	100.0%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	31	75.6%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%
Some Other Race	26	56.5%	0.0%	75.9%	5.6%
Two or More Races	48	73.8%	39.6%	74.2%	6.1%
Hispanic or Latino	59	72.0%	10.2%	77.1%	5.9%

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023



- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years

With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	127	44.4%	7.1%	55.3%	9.5%
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Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years

Population, 25 to 64 years	1,850	78.4%	3.2%	84.4%	3.3%
Less than H.S. Diploma	53	50.0%	3.4%	67.1%	4.7%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	508	67.1%	0.0%	76.5%	2.6%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	853	86.1%	4.7%	85.0%	3.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	437	86.4%	0.0%	90.5%	2.0%

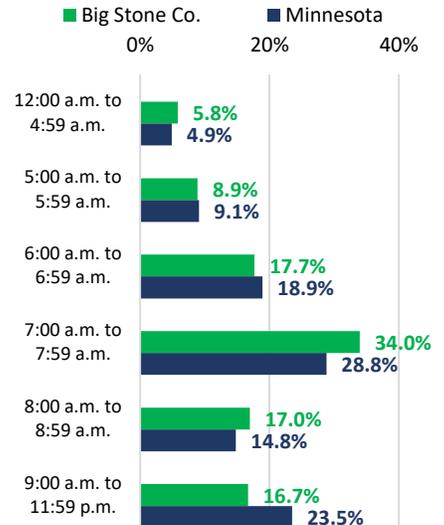
Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A larger percentage of workers in Big Stone Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Big Stone Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022

	Big Stone Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	1,848	85.0%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	1,500	69.0%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	348	16.0%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	326	15.0%	64,576	2.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	1,824	83.9%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	28	1.3%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	143	6.6%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	176	8.1%	463,770	15.8%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	791	36.3%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	602	27.6%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	317	14.6%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	228	10.5%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	87	4.0%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	152	7.0%	149,698	5.1%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	19.4 minutes		23.1 minutes	

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



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

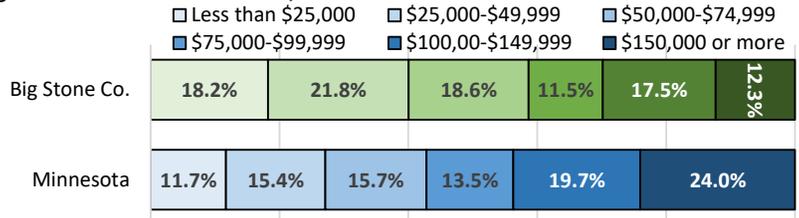
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Big Stone Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Big Stone Co. had the 78th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$65,475
state	\$87,556
Median Family Income	\$82,794
state	\$111,492
Per Capita Income	\$36,923
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. Big Stone Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.46 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.93 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Big Stone Co.	\$30,074	\$14.46	\$0	\$421	\$150	\$776	\$582	\$277	\$300
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392

Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Big Stone Co.	\$55,930	\$17.93	\$284	\$958	\$530	\$931	\$1,053	\$437	\$468
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

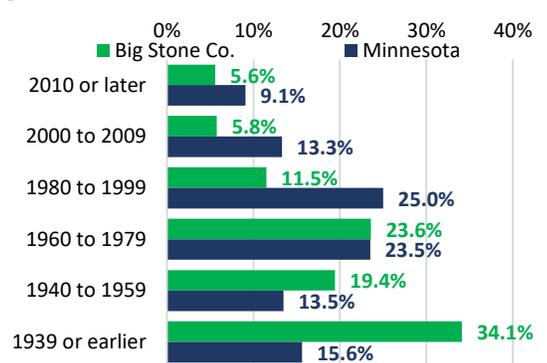
Big Stone Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 82nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Big Stone Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2022

	Big Stone Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	1,730	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	187	10.8%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	470	27.2%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	256	14.8%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	192	11.1%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	354	20.5%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	191	11.0%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	80	4.6%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$135,700		\$305,500

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,296
state	\$1,890

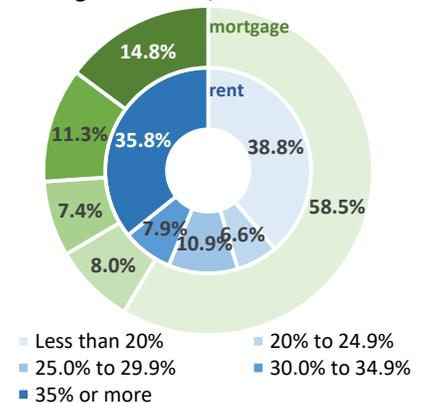
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	26.1%
state	22.5%

Median monthly rent costs	\$718
state	\$1,235

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	43.7%
state	47.2%

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

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



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.1 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 9th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$45.57) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.69) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 6W				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
Total, All Occupations	\$23.10	16,330	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
Management	\$45.57	960	5.9%	0.9	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.43	490	3.0%	0.4	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$35.12	100	0.6%	0.2	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.95	130	0.8%	0.4	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$27.58	140	0.9%	0.8	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$27.97	350	2.1%	1.1	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$36.51	50	0.3%	0.4	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.52	1,390	8.5%	1.5	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$21.71	130	0.8%	0.6	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$39.19	1,070	6.6%	1.0	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.85	1,020	6.2%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$27.13	290	1.8%	1.1	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.69	1,420	8.7%	1.1	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.45	560	3.4%	1.2	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.24	320	2.0%	0.9	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$16.83	1,330	8.1%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.55	1,810	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.31	60	0.4%	3.3	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.56	870	5.3%	1.4	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.57	800	4.9%	1.4	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$22.89	1,360	8.3%	1.2	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.05	1,700	10.4%	1.3	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

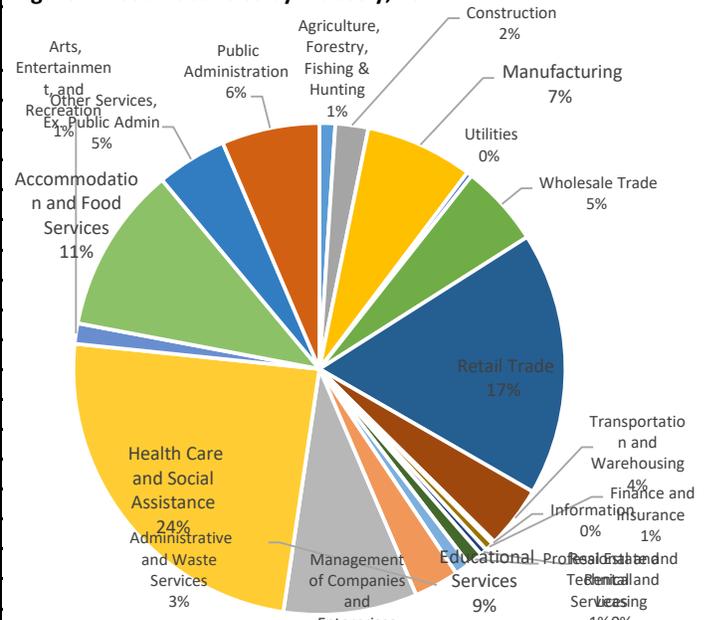
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Big Stone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 9168 job vacancies posted by employers in 2024, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
Total, All Occupations	9,168	\$19.48
Management	176	\$37.03
Business & Financial Operations	189	\$27.48
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$36.13
Architecture & Engineering	115	\$27.92
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	88	\$38.63
Community & Social Service	409	\$24.68
Education, Training & Library	548	\$21.55
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$30.27
Healthcare Support	984	\$14.95
Protective Service	222	\$28.05
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,188	\$15.62
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	395	\$15.71
Personal Care & Service	114	\$15.42
Sales & Related	1,026	\$15.96
Office & Administrative Support	388	\$20.28
Construction & Extraction	132	\$23.65
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	645	\$23.30
Production	457	\$18.67
Transportation & Material Moving	1,033	\$21.37

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2025

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Cashiers \$29,957/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$56,626/yr	Registered Nurses \$87,199/yr	General and Operations Managers \$83,095/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$37,313/yr	Nursing Assistants \$42,326/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$77,653/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$62,582/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,720/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$60,328/yr	Dental Hygienists \$96,312/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$63,481/yr
Retail Salespersons \$34,590/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$60,377/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$60,463/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$75,070/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,684/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$49,699/yr	Occupational Therapy Assistants \$61,484/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$42,191/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$37,463/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$62,197/yr	Detectives and Criminal Investigators \$83,721/yr	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and \$106,848/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$44,165/yr	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians \$62,029/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$79,581/yr	Financial Managers \$129,957/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$36,766/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$50,172/yr	Mechanical Drafters \$67,942/yr	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School \$63,516/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$45,638/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians \$41,569/yr	Agricultural Technicians \$63,397/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$63,878/yr
Food Preparation Workers \$32,590/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$61,914/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$63,751/yr	Physical Therapists \$99,992/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Big Stone 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
Total, All Industries	202,214	207,878	2.8%
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, Big Stone Co. had the 81st largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Big Stone Co. was the 12th fastest growing in the past year and the 67th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2024, employment in Big Stone Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

220 business establishments

\$53,384 annual average wage

1,694 jobs

\$90,431,847 total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2024
40 jobs
2.4% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

Source: DEED QCEW program

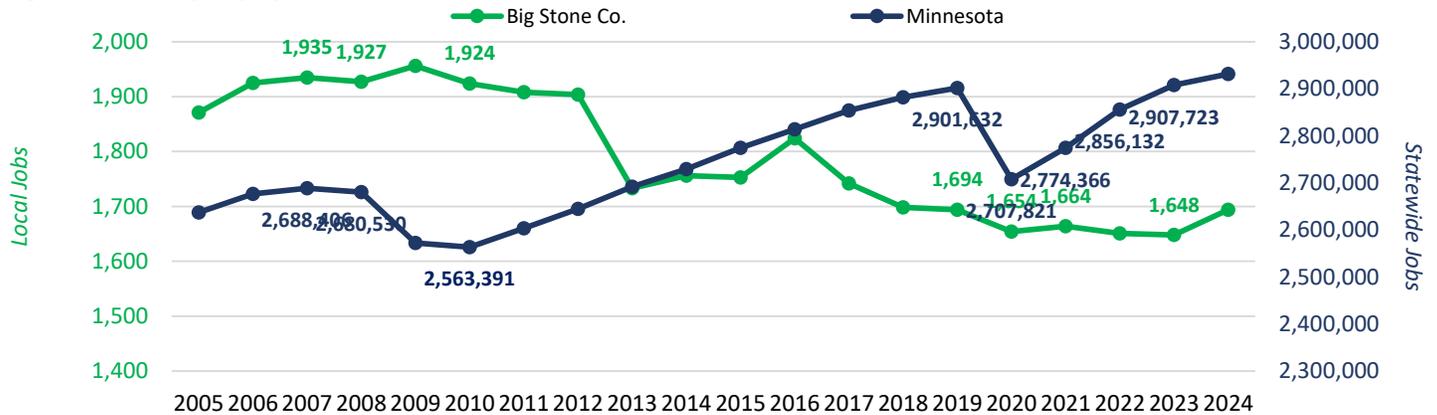
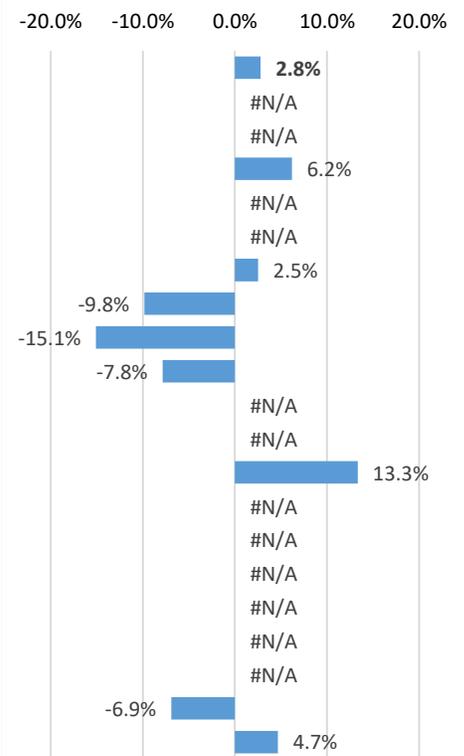


Table 15. Big Stone Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024	Number of Establishments	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	220	1,694	100.0%	\$53,384
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	28	189	11.2%	\$103,350
Manufacturing	3	21	1.2%	\$13,386
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	9	81	4.8%	\$73,210
Retail Trade	24	156	9.2%	\$30,030
Transportation & Warehousing	15	45	2.7%	\$59,013
Information	3	16	0.9%	\$27,208
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	7	17	1.0%	\$51,205
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	4	21	1.2%	\$5,809
Accommodation & Food Services	13	117	6.9%	\$6,250
Other Services	25	54	3.2%	\$24,321
Public Administration	15	157	9.3%	\$60,174

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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