

COUNTY PROFILE

# Brown Co.

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



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

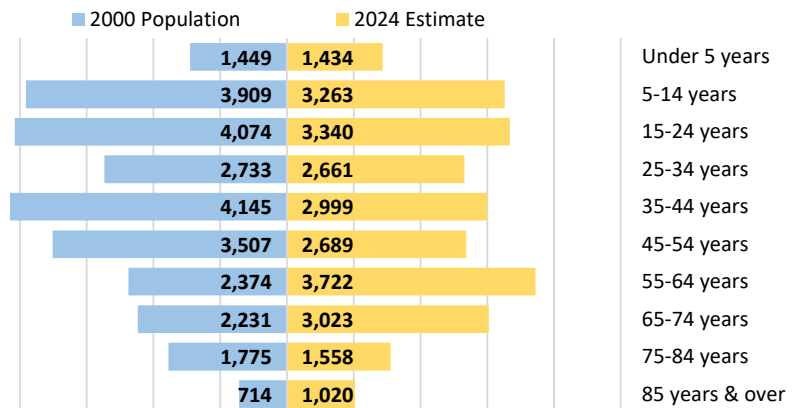
2024 population:	<b>25,710 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>42.4 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	-202 people -0.8% decline	state:	38.6 years

Brown Co. is the 41st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 57th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Brown 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	1,434	5.6%
5-14 years	3,263	12.7%
15-24 years	3,340	13.0%
25-34 years	2,661	10.4%
35-44 years	2,999	11.7%
45-54 years	2,689	10.5%
55-64 years	3,722	14.5%
65-74 years	3,023	11.8%
75-84 years	1,558	6.1%
85 years & over	1,020	4.0%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>25,710</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Brown Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Brown Co. welcomed net international immigration - 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
Brown Co.	-205	-192	1,136	1,328	-23	145	-168
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

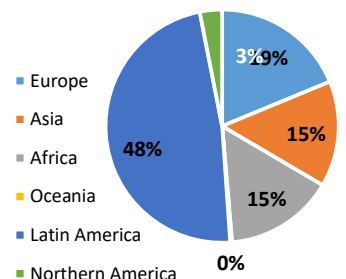
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

	Brown Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>141.1%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
Europe	152	18.8%	64	72.7%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	119	14.7%	64	116.4%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	123	15.2%	121	6050.0%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	2	0.2%	2	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	414	51.1%	223	116.8%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	389	48.0%	214	122.3%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	25	3.1%	9	56.3%	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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Brown 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**

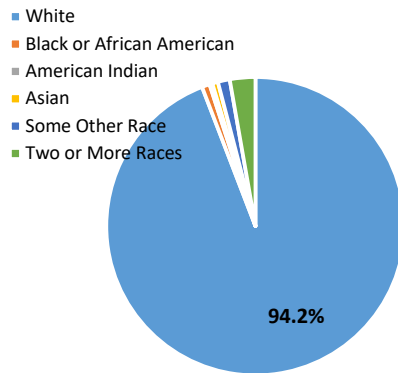


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Brown Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,826</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
White	24,319	94.2%	-2.7%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	219	0.8%	160.7%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	80	0.3%	233.3%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	160	0.6%	34.5%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	333	1.3%	54.2%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	715	2.8%	268.6%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,252	4.8%	41.0%	6.2%	37.5%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

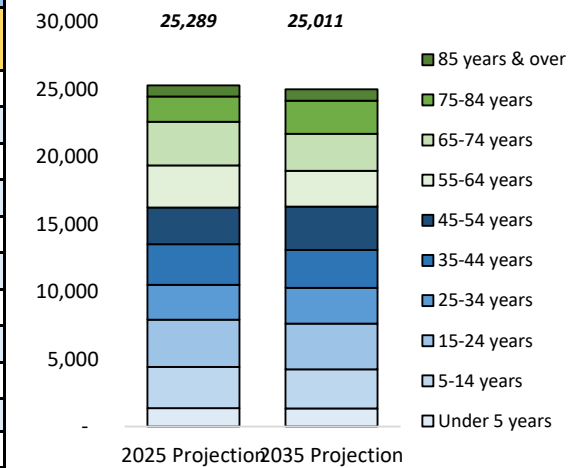
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Brown Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the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

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

Brown Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,375	1,337	-38	-2.8%
5-14 years	3,051	2,915	-136	-4.5%
15-24 years	3,500	3,378	-122	-3.5%
25-34 years	2,581	2,651	70	2.7%
35-44 years	3,022	2,815	-207	-6.8%
45-54 years	2,702	3,212	510	18.9%
55-64 years	3,141	2,652	-489	-15.6%
65-74 years	3,220	2,751	-469	-14.6%
75-84 years	1,870	2,451	581	31.1%
85 years & over	827	849	22	2.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>25,289</b>	<b>25,011</b>	<b>-278</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Brown 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. Brown 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.

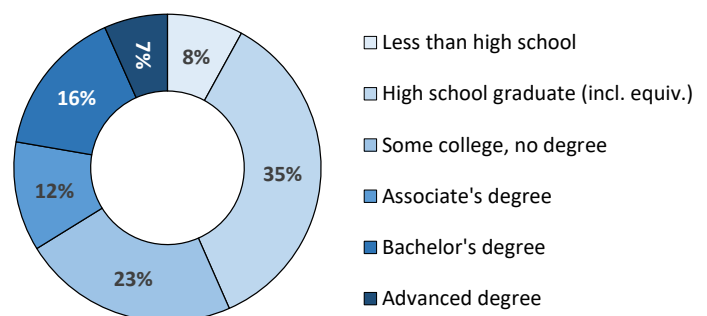
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**92.0%**

**College-educated:** 56.6%  
state: 68.8%

**Associate's Degree:** 11.5%  
**Bachelor's Degree:** 15.6%  
**Advanced Degree:** 6.7%

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



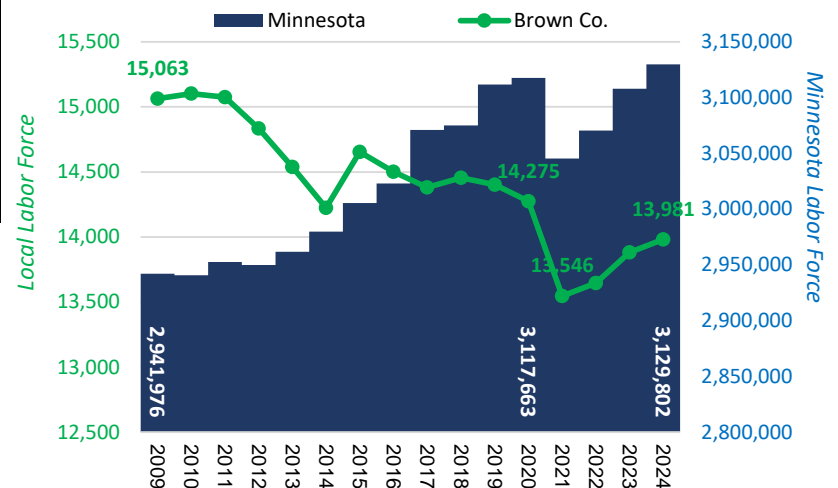
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.9%, Brown Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Brown Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.7% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Brown Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>13,981</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2009-2024	-1,082 workers -7.2% decline
<b>2.9%</b>	unemployment rate
2.8%	state
<b>405</b>	unemployed workers

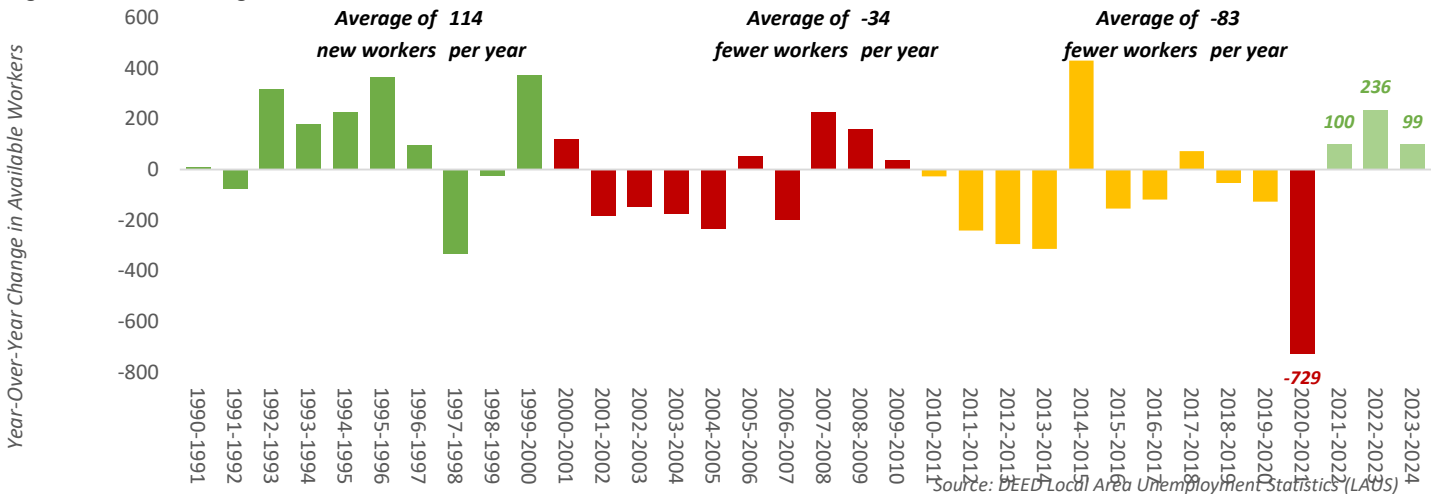
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Brown 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, Brown Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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



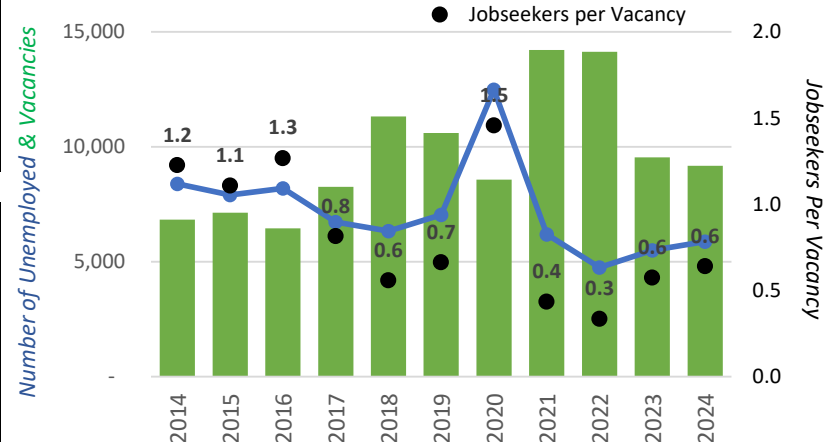
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	2,097	2,050
25 to 54 years	7,462	7,799
55 to 64 years	2,531	2,137
65 years & over	1,197	1,086
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>13,286</b>	<b>13,071</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 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

Brown Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Brown 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

	Brown 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	13,683	66.0%	2.6%	68.5%	3.9%	7,080	6,593
16 to 19 years	683	53.1%	7.5%	52.7%	9.9%	311	372
20 to 24 years	1,310	77.4%	1.4%	83.4%	6.5%	595	716
25 to 44 years	5,099	89.7%	2.2%	88.7%	3.5%	2,728	2,370
45 to 54 years	2,436	90.2%	1.0%	87.8%	2.9%	1,236	1,201
55 to 64 years	3,012	80.6%	4.3%	72.8%	3.0%	1,565	1,447
65 to 74 years	966	31.8%	1.9%	27.8%	3.4%	520	447
75 years & over	166	6.4%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	125	40
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin						<div>Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023</div> <div>93.8%</div>	
White alone	12,841	65.5%	2.6%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	132	82.0%	8.3%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	49	70.0%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	87	54.3%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	195	63.9%	0.0%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	368	85.4%	0.0%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	633	81.2%	6.0%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	648	52.7%	13.1%	55.3%	9.5%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	10,550	87.0%	2.5%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	385	59.7%	2.2%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,918	82.9%	1.8%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	4,055	88.4%	3.8%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,188	94.5%	1.2%	90.5%	2.0%		

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

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Brown Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	13,137	99.8%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	11,149	84.7%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	1,988	15.1%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	26	0.2%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	11,452	87.0%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	79	0.6%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	619	4.7%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	1,000	7.6%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	6,055	46.0%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	3,725	28.3%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	1,277	9.7%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,290	9.8%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	329	2.5%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	474	3.6%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>15.3 minutes</b>		<b>23.1 minutes</b>	

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

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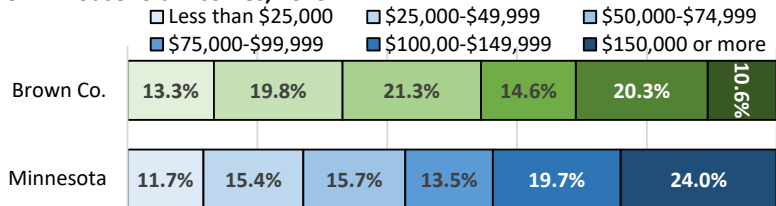
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Brown Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Brown Co. had the 68th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$68,690
state	\$87,556
Median Family Income	\$89,439
state	\$111,492
Per Capita Income	\$36,580
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. Brown Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.26 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.28 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
Brown Co.	\$27,574	\$13.26	\$0	\$417	\$150	\$699	\$516	\$258	\$258
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
Brown Co.	\$53,909	\$17.28	\$351	\$948	\$530	\$931	\$886	\$435	\$411
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

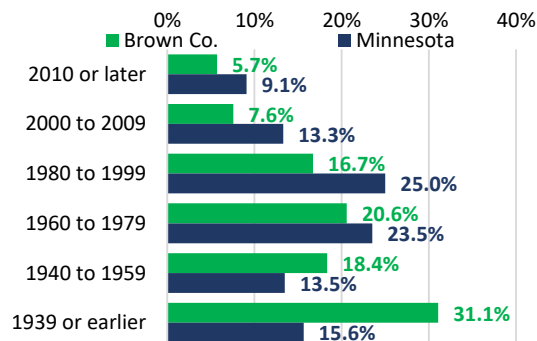
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Brown Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 56th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Brown 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	Brown Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	8,695	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	537	6.2%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	959	11.0%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,688	19.4%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,742	20.0%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,232	25.7%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,178	13.5%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	359	4.1%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$181,700		\$305,500

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

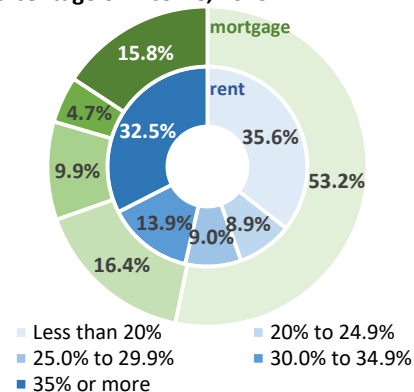
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,355
state	\$1,890
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	20.5%
state	22.5%
Median monthly rent costs	\$931
state	\$1,235
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	46.4%
state	47.2%

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

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





# OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.5 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 (\$48.78) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$15.01) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

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>\$23.50</b>	<b>102,130</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$48.78	5,790	5.7%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$35.84	4,270	4.2%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.02	1,150	1.1%	0.3	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.56	1,790	1.8%	0.9	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$33.52	860	0.8%	0.8	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$29.90	2,240	2.2%	1.1	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$36.69	390	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.30	6,550	6.4%	1.1	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.18	1,060	1.0%	0.8	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$41.33	5,960	5.8%	0.9	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.67	6,720	6.6%	1.1	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.66	1,340	1.3%	0.8	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$15.01	9,860	9.7%	1.2	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.53	2,970	2.9%	1.0	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.90	2,240	2.2%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.32	8,810	8.6%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.22	11,360	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.44	260	0.3%	2.3	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.81	4,190	4.1%	1.1	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.17	4,650	4.6%	1.3	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$23.49	10,360	10.1%	1.4	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.63	9,340	9.1%	1.2	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

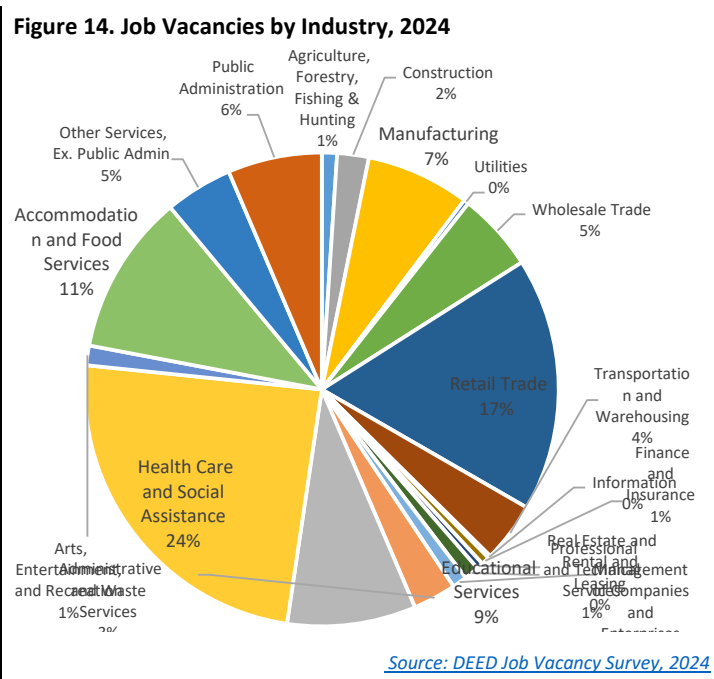
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

# JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Brown 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
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>9,168</b>	<b>\$19.48</b>
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



## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2024

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

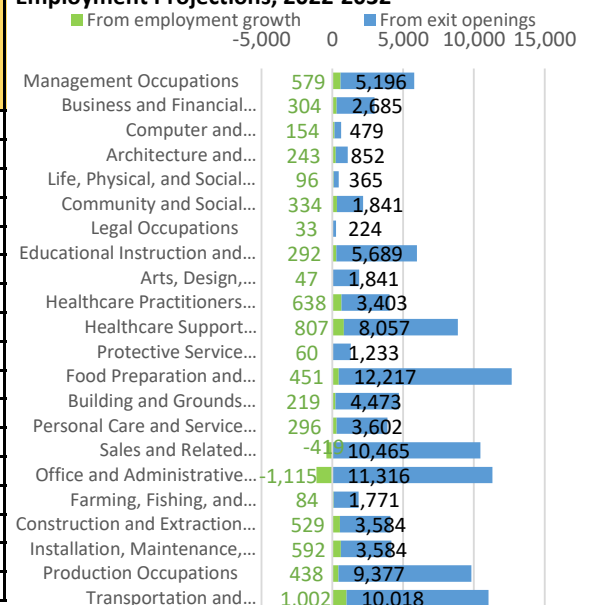
Brown Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Southwest Planning Region</b>			
<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 losing jobs over the past year, Brown Co. had the 33rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Brown Co. was the 62nd fastest growing in the past year and the 72nd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Brown Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

**902** business establishments

**\$55,471** annual average wage

**13,212** jobs

**\$732,886,655** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2024

130 jobs  
1.0% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

Source: DEED QCEW program

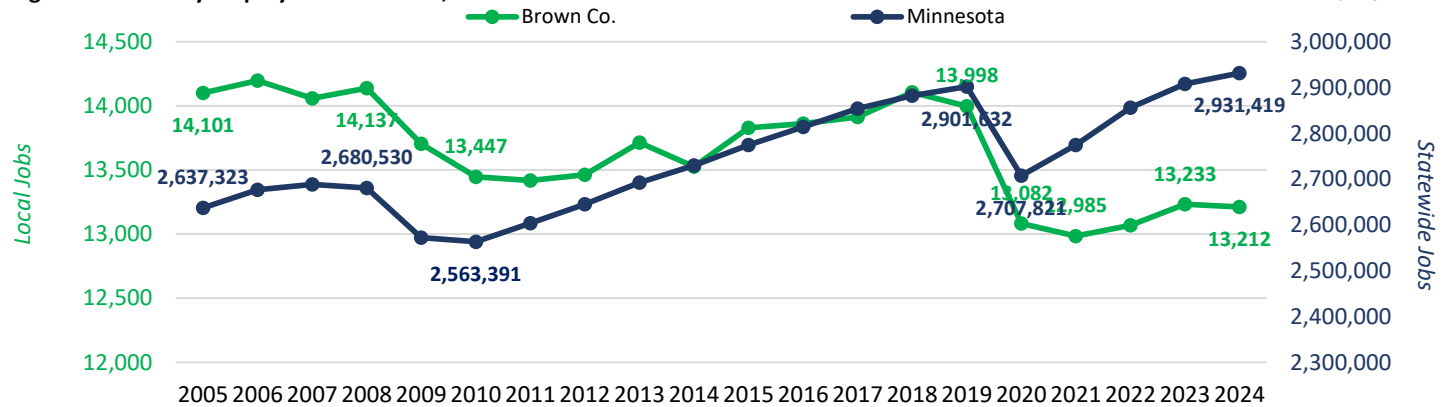
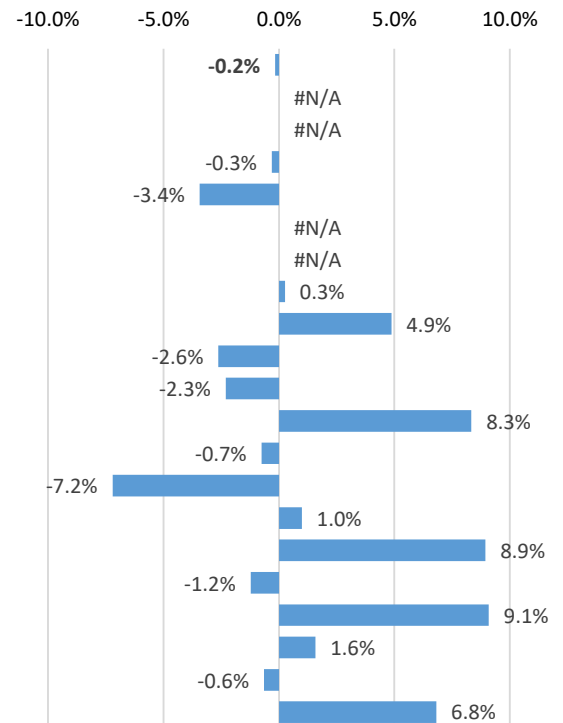


Table 15. Brown Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>13,212</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$55,471</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	655	5.0%	\$73,524
Manufacturing	2,367	17.9%	\$70,903
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Retail Trade	1,537	11.6%	\$34,285
Transportation & Warehousing	839	6.4%	\$47,767
Information	260	2.0%	\$66,263
Finance & Insurance	425	3.2%	\$74,542
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	26	0.2%	\$22,690
Professional & Technical Services	534	4.0%	\$59,501
Management of Companies	335	2.5%	\$93,267
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	203	1.5%	\$29,969
Educational Services	743	5.6%	\$48,532
Health Care & Social Assistance	2,101	15.9%	\$58,407
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	168	1.3%	\$17,282
Accommodation & Food Services	966	7.3%	\$17,188
Other Services	308	2.3%	\$40,905
Public Administration	721	5.5%	\$55,531

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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

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