EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

Faribault Co.

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

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

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2024 population:	13,886 people		
Population change,	-35 people	Median Age:	44.6 years
2020-2024	-0.3% decline	state:	38.6 years

Faribault Co. is the 59th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 52nd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Faribault 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		Figure 1. Population Pyram	nid, 2000-2024	4	
	Number	Percent	2000 Population	ı <mark>=</mark> 20	24 Estimate	
Under 5 years	713	5.1%		841 713		Under 5 years
5-14 years	1,754	12.6%		213 1,754		, 5-14 years
15-24 years	1,528	11.0%				,
25-34 years	1,353	9.7%	1,	970 1,528		15-24 years
35-44 years	1,657	11.9%	1,	404 1,353		25-34 years
45-54 years	1,574	11.3%	2,	347 1,657		35-44 years
55-64 years	2,087	15.0%	2,	160 1,574		45-54 years
65-74 years	1,801	13.0%	1,	647 2,087		55-64 years
75-84 years	940	6.8%	1.	635 1,801		65-74 years
85 years & over	478	3.4%		316 <u>940</u>		75-84 years
Total Population	13,886	100.0%				,
Source: Census 202	4 Population Estimates,	2019-2023 ACS		648 <mark>478</mark>		85 years & over

Faribault Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net in-migration meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Faribault 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	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024									
	Population	Natural	Vital E	Vital Events		Net Migration			Net Migration		
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic				
Faribault Co.	-31	-214	553	767	188	28	160				
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	19 33,161 81,091		-47,930				
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Figure 2. Place of Birth for

Compared to the state, Faribault Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Faribault 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	Fariba	ult Co.	Change 2	013-2023	Minnesota		
Population, 2023	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	273	2.0%	-7	-2.5%	8.6%	24.7%	
Europe	17	6.2%	-6	-26.1%	8.8%	-3.4%	
Asia	48	17.6%	15	45.5%	35.7%	18.1%	
Africa	7	2.6%	-3	-30.0%	28.3%	78.8%	
Oceania	23	8.4%	23	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%	
Americas:	178	65.2%	-36	-16.8%	26.7%	8.7%	
Latin America	173	63.4%	-16	-8.5%	24.2%	9.7%	
Northern America	5	1.8%	-20	-80.0%	2.5%	0.4%	



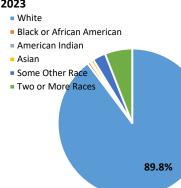
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

COUNTY PROFILE

Faribault Co.

Faribault 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



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Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	13,909	100.0%	-3.6%	100.0%	6.8%
White	12,486	89.8%	-11.2%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	83	0.6%	27.7%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	36	0.3%	-34.5%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	87	0.6%	3.6%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	389	2.8%	309.5%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	828	6.0%	1050.0%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,086	7.8%	30.1%	6.2%	37.5%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

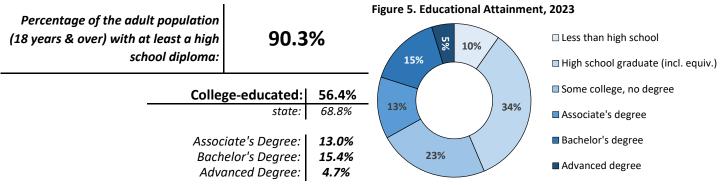
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Faribault Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over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

				Figure 4. P	rojections by	Age Group, 2	025-	
Table 5. Population Project	ons by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	16,000	13,434	12,734	
Faribault Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change	14,000			85 years & over
Under 5 years	681	670	-11	-1.6%	14,000			75-84 years
5-14 years	1,688	1,530	-158	-9.4%	12,000			□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	1,514	1,426	-88	-5.8%	10,000			
25-34 years	1,409	1,418	9	0.6%	10,000			□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	1,617	1,623	6	0.4%	8,000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	1,470	1,568	98	6.7%	6,000			35-44 years
55-64 years	1,752	1,438	-314	-17.9%	4 000			25-34 years
65-74 years	1,871	1,494	-377	-20.1%	4,000			15-24 years
75-84 years	1,031	1,227	196	19.0%	2,000			5-14 years
85 years & over	401	340	-61	-15.2%]			Under 5 years
Total Population	13,434	12,734	-700	-5.2%	2	025 Projectio	n2035 Projection	1

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Faribault 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. Faribault 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.

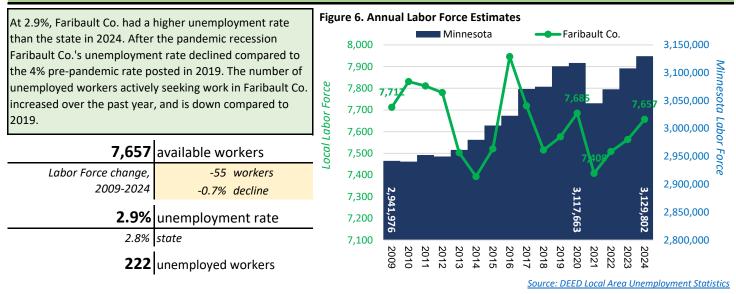


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

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Faribault Co.

LABOR FORCE TRENDS



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

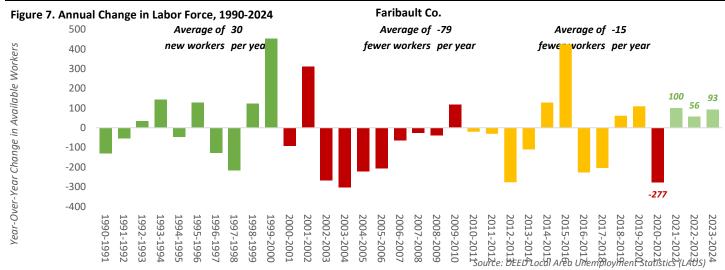
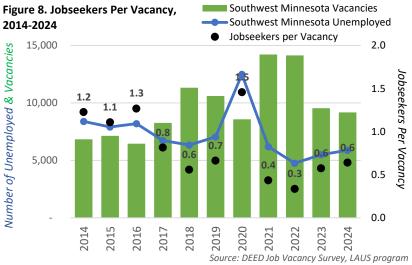


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection						
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035					
16 to 24 years	933	881					
25 to 54 years	3,899	3,995					
55 to 64 years	1,285	1,054					
65 years & over	730	617					
Total Labor Force	6,846	6,548					

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).



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	Fa	ribault 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	7,139	63.5%	3.8%	68.5%	3.9%	3,913	3,224
16 to 19 years	343	53.1%	6.5%	52.7%	9.9%	160	183
20 to 24 years	575	83.3%	8.2%	83.4%	6.5%	329	246
25 to 44 years	2,639	87.5%	3.9%	88.7%	3.5%	1,480	1,159
45 to 54 years	1,340	85.0%	2.8%	87.8%	2.9%	693	647
55 to 64 years	1,532	73.3%	2.6%	72.8%	3.0%	803	730
65 to 74 years	594	32.9%	4.2%	27.8%	3.4%	378	216
75 years & over	114	8.0%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	70	43
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	bor Force by
White alone	6,380	62.1%	3.5%	67.5%	3.4%	Race, 2023	
Black or African American	51	64.6%	7.8%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	9	25.7%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	69	97.2%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	255	82.8%	3.1%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	377	79.2%	10.3%	74.2%	6.1%		N
Hispanic or Latino	553	76.8%	4.7%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabil	ity, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	448	48.7%	7.8%	55.3%	9.5%		89.4
Employment Characteristics by Educat	ional Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	5,513	82.5%	3.3%	84.4%	3.3%	White ale	one
Less than H.S. Diploma	379	68.5%	7.4%	67.1%	4.7%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,430	75.0%	0.4%	76.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,292	84.7%	1.8%	85.0%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,410	93.0%	2.0%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

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

	Faribaul	t Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to				
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20					
Worked in state of residence	6,445	97.1%	2,870,678	97.8%	Fariba		■ Minnesota 0% 40%			
Worked in county of residence	4,666	70.3%	1,984,232	67.6%		/0 20	40%			
Worked out of county of residence	1,779	26.8%	886,447	30.2%	12:00 a.m. to					
Worked outside state of residence	192	2.9%	64,576	2.2%	4:59 a.m.	5.5% 4.9%				
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK						-11370				
Car, truck, or van	5,615	84.6%	2,286,563	77.9%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	8.5%				
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	27	0.4%	61,640	2.1%		9.1%				
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	425	6.4%	120,345	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		20.2%			
Worked at home	571	8.6%	463,770	15.8%	a.m.		18.9%			
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59					
Less than 10 minutes	2,310	34.8%	478,446	16.3%			32.6%			
10 to 19 minutes	1,653	24.9%	924,605	31.5%			20.0%			
20 to 29 minutes	876	13.2%	651,626	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	12.	9%			
30 to 44 minutes	1,082	16.3%	551,828	18.8%	a.m.	14	.8%			
45 to 59 minutes	431	6.5%	176,115	6.0%	9:00 a.m. to		20.22			
60 or more minutes	285	4.3%	149,698	5.1%	11:59 p.m.		20.3% 23.5%			
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.0	minutes	23.1	minutes	I					

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Faribault Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Faribault Co. had the 81st highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income state	\$64,391 \$87,556	. ,		⊒\$25,000-\$49 ∎\$100,00-\$14		,000-\$7 0,000 o	74,999 or more			
Median Family Income	\$79,663	Faribault Co.	bault Co. 17.2% 20.5% 20.7% 13.4%		16	5.1%	12.2%			
state	\$111,492	Faribault Co.								%
Per Capita Income	\$36,782	82 Minnesota		15.4%	15.79	% 13.5%	19.7%	7% 24.0%		
state	\$46,957		11.7%	101170	10177	1010/0				
Source: 2019-2023 American C				Source	: 2019-20	23 American Co	ommunity S	Survey	5-Year E	stimates

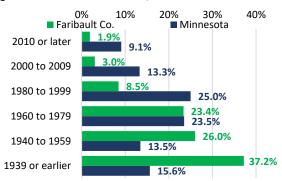
The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Faribault Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.27 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.68 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost o	Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024										
	Single Yearly	Single Yearly Hourly Wage		Monthly Costs							
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living	, ,	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes		
Faribault Co.	\$29,684	\$14.27	\$0	\$432	\$150	\$732	\$594	\$269	\$297		
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392		
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		
Faribault Co.	\$58,288	\$18.68	\$357	\$984	\$530	\$931	\$1,083	\$443	\$529		
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763		
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool											

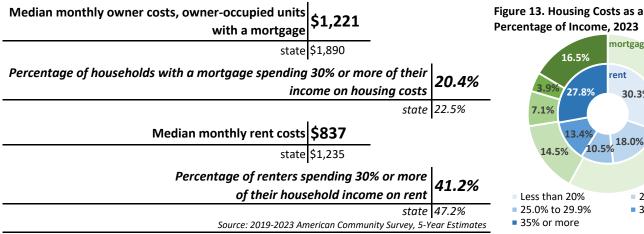
Faribault Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 86th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Faribault Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

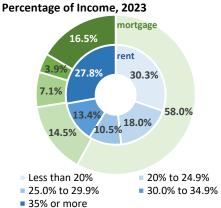
Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Faribault Co.		Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total Percent		Percent	
Total	4,814	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	659	13.7%	4.0%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,297	26.9%	4.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	877	18.2%	6.2%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	640	13.3%	8.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	750	15.6%	25.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	424	8.8%	33.6%	
\$500,000 or more	167	3.5%	17.5%	
Median (dollars)	\$120,2	\$305,500		

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



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





OCCUPATIONS

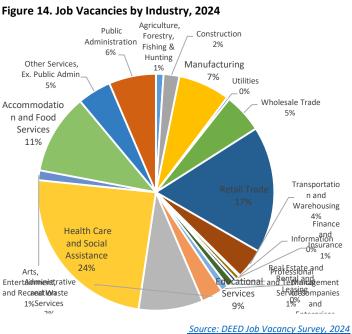
At \$23.5 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$48.78) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$15.01) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025								
		Region 9				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	\$23.50	102,130	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%	
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%	

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Faribault 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					
Number of	Wage				
Vacancies	Offer				
9,168	\$19.48				
176	\$37.03				
189	\$27.48				
40	\$36.13	Acco			
115	\$27.92	n a			
88	\$38.63	S			
409	\$24.68				
548	\$21.55				
738	\$30.27				
984					
222					
1,188	\$15.62				
395	\$15.71				
114	\$15.42				
1,026	\$15.96				
388	\$20.28				
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Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

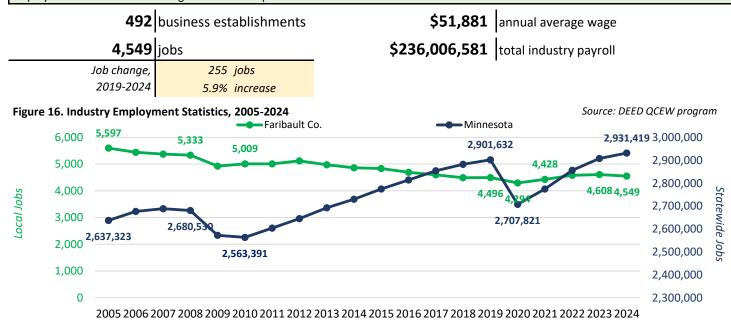
Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2024						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Retail Salespersons	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	Accountants and Auditors			
\$34,798/yr	\$54,491/yr	\$85,138/yr	\$69,245/yr			
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers		General and Operations Managers			
\$36,495/yr	\$39,764/yr	\$74,684/yr	\$82,482/yr			
Fast Food and Counter Workers	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Dental Hygienists	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education			
\$30,228/yr	\$58,499/yr	\$84,870/yr	\$65,364/yr			
Cashiers	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical			
\$30,595/yr	\$64,265/yr	\$60,049/yr	\$66,349/yr			
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$38,031/yr	\$59,444/yr	\$78,236/yr	\$52,112/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	Agricultural Technicians	Financial Managers			
\$45,427/vr	\$47,963/yr	\$50,274/yr	\$119,560/yr			
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	Human Resources Assistants, 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 mental health counselors	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Computer Systems Analysts			
\$49,744/yr	\$49,947/yr	\$71,227/yr	\$96,291/yr			
Bus Drivers, School	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Physical Therapist Assistants	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical			
\$49,228/yr	\$50,024/yr	\$62,988/yr	\$66,534/yr			
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education			
\$43,003/yr	\$60,689/yr	\$40,453/yr	\$37,747/yr			
			Source: DEED Occupations in Demana			

Faribault 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 1			
	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 Arts, Design,	292 5,689 47 1 ,841		
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 Sales and Related	296 3,602 -419 10,465		
Educational Services	16,065	16,116	0.3%	Office and Administrative1			
Health Care & Social Assistance	28,786	30,498	5.9%	Farming, Fishing, and	84 1,771		
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 3,58 4		
Public Administration	14,117	14,370	1.8%	Production Occupations	438 9,377		
Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook							

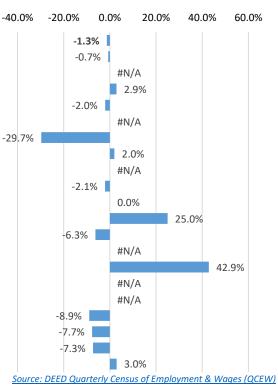
ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Faribault Co. had the 61st largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Faribault Co. was the 75th fastest growing in the past year and the 44th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Faribault Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.



			Average
Table 15. Faribault Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2024	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	4,549	100.0%	\$51,881
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	143	3.1%	\$48,931
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	214	4.7%	\$56 <i>,</i> 956
Manufacturing	1,012	22.2%	\$65 <i>,</i> 813
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	149	3.3%	\$60,101
Retail Trade	360	7.9%	\$28,466
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	95	2.1%	\$72,519
Finance & Insurance	164	3.6%	\$82 <i>,</i> 098
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	10	0.2%	\$21,037
Professional & Technical Services	75	1.6%	\$87,137
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	80	1.8%	\$15,706
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	9	0.2%	\$8,966
Accommodation & Food Services	246	5.4%	\$9 <i>,</i> 562
Other Services	229	5.0%	\$37,782
Public Administration	383	8.4%	\$39,299

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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