EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

Lac Qui Parle Co.

Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	6,636 people		
Population change,	-83 people	Median Age:	47.7 years
2020-2024	-1.2% decline	state:	38.6 years

Lac Qui Parle Co. is the 76th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 59th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Lac Qui Parle 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).

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Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Lac Qui Parle 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, Lac Qui Parle Co. welcomed net international inmigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2024										
	Total			April	1, 2020 to J	uly 1, 2024				
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents	Net Migration					
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic			
Lac Qui Parle Co.	-83	-124	306	430	44	12	32			
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	9 33,161 81,091 -47,930					
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Lac Qui	Parle Co.	Change 2	013-2023	Minnesota			
Population, 2023	Number Percent		Number	Percent	Percent Chang			
Foreign-born Population	130	1.9%	21	19.3%	8.6%	24.7%		
Europe	9	6.9%	-2	-18.2%	8.8%	-3.4%		
Asia	36	27.7%	-2	-5.3%	35.7%	18.1%		
Africa	13	10.0%	7	116.7%	28.3%	78.8%		
Oceania	0	0.0%	-4	-100.0%	0.4%	5.4%		
Americas:	72	55.4%	22	44.0%	26.7%	8.7%		
Latin America	70	53.8%	32	84.2%	24.2%	9.7%		
Northern America	2	1.5%	-10	-83.3%	2.5%	0.4%		
		Source: U.S. Cens	us Bureau, 20	19-2023 Amei	rican Commu	nity Survey		

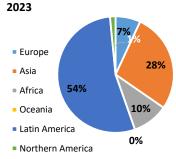


Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population,



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Figure 3. Population by Race,

2023 White

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



93.9%

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Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	6,694	100.0%	-6.8%	100.0%	6.8%
White	6,288	93.9%	-10.6%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	42	0.6%	55.6%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	12	0.2%	-52.0%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	29	0.4%	-27.5%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	136	2.0%	#DIV/0!	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	187	2.8%	201.6%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	210	3.1%	68.0%	6.2%	37.5%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

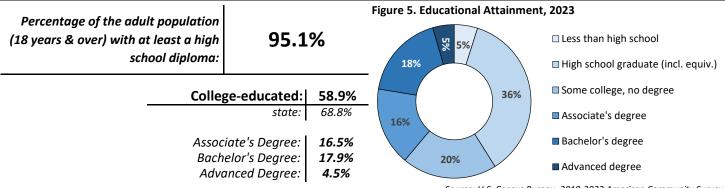
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease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

					Figure 4. Pr	ojections by	/ Age Group,	2025-
Table 5. Population Proje	ctions by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	8,000	6,678	6,599	
Lac Qui Parle Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change	7,000			85 years & over
Under 5 years	381	404	23	6.0%	7,000			■ 75-84 years
5-14 years	793	893	100	12.6%	6,000			□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	732	729	-3	-0.4%	5,000			,
25-34 years	649	679	30	4.6%				□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	683	771	88	12.9%	4,000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	688	699	11	1.6%	3,000			■ 35-44 years
55-64 years	845	692	-153	-18.1%	2 000			25-34 years
65-74 years	1,018	757	-261	-25.6%	2,000			■ 15-24 years
75-84 years	576	695	119	20.7%	1,000			□ 5-14 years
85 years & over	313	280	-33	-10.5%				Under 5 years
Total Population	6,678	6,599	-79	-1.2%	2	025 Projectio	n2035 Projectio	on

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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

COUNTY PROFILE

Lac Qui Parle Co.

LABOR FORCE TRENDS **Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates** At 2.6%, Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower unemployment rate Minnesota Lac Qui Parle Co. than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Lac 5,000 3,150,000 Qui Parle Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to 4,333 4,500 the 3.6% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number 3,100,000 linnesota 4,000 of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Lac Qui ocal Labor Force 3,050,000 3,500 Parle Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019. 3.000 Labo 3,000,000 2,500 3.785 available workers Force 2,950,000 2.000 -548 workers Labor Force change, 1,500 2,900,000 2009-2024 -12.6% decline 3,129,802 3,117,663 ,941,976 1,000 2,850,000 **2.6%** unemployment rate 500 2.8% state 0 2,800,000 2020 2024 2009 2012 2017 2016 2015 2014 2013 2018 2019 2021 2022 2023 2011 98 unemployed workers 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, Lac Qui Parle 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, Lac Qui Parle Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

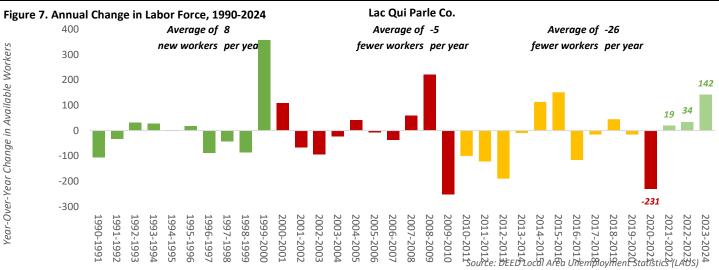
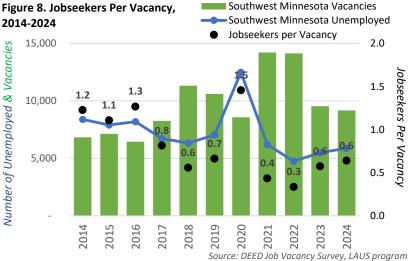


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force	e Projection
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	456	455
25 to 54 years	1,733	1,846
55 to 64 years	613	502
65 years & over	458	374
Total Labor Force	3,260	3,177

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

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

	Lac (Qui Parle 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	3,310	61.0%	1.8%	68.5%	3.9%	1,785	1,526
16 to 19 years	128	49.0%	10.9%	52.7%	9.9%	64	64
20 to 24 years	293	90.4%	0.0%	83.4%	6.5%	144	149
25 to 44 years	1,183	89.0%	1.8%	88.7%	3.5%	610	573
45 to 54 years	548	79.5%	2.2%	87.8%	2.9%	307	241
55 to 64 years	728	72.5%	0.9%	72.8%	3.0%	377	351
65 to 74 years	338	35.6%	0.3%	27.8%	3.4%	229	109
75 years & over	93	10.7%	4.3%	6.6%	3.1%	54	39
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	bor Force by
White alone	3,149	60.9%	1.7%	67.5%	3.4%		· · · · · ,
Black or African American	6	19.4%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%	,	
American Indian & Alaska Native	3	25.0%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	17	63.0%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	63	77.8%	4.8%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	75	70.8%	6.7%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	103	80.5%	3.9%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	194	53.7%	3.1%	55.3%	9.5%		95.1%
Employment Characteristics by Educati	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,460	81.4%	1.7%	84.4%	3.3%	White ale	one
Less than H.S. Diploma	79	60.3%	1.2%	67.1%	4.7%	Black or J	African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	656	75.7%	0.7%	76.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,055	83.9%	2.2%	85.0%	3.6%	Asian or	Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	670	87.4%	1.0%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

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

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

	Lac Qui Pa	rle 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	3,066	96.4%	2,870,678	97.8%	Lac Qui		■ Minnesota 20% 40	0/	
Worked in county of residence	2,303	72.4%	1,984,232	67.6%	0	70 2	.0% 40	/70	
Worked out of county of residence	767	24.1%	886,447	30.2%	12:00 a.m. to				
Worked outside state of residence	115	3.6%	64,576	2.2%	4:59 a.m.	3.3% 4.9%			
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK						4.570			
Car, truck, or van	2,599	81.7%	2,286,563	77.9%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	10.			
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	10	0.3%	61,640	2.1%		9.1%			
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	172	5.4%	120,345	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		17.0%		
Worked at home	401	12.6%	463,770	15.8%	a.m.		18.9%		
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59				
Less than 10 minutes	1,282	40.3%	478,446	16.3%			36 28.8%	.7%	
10 to 19 minutes	770	24.2%	924,605	31.5%			20.0%		
20 to 29 minutes	550	17.3%	651,626	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59		19.4%		
30 to 44 minutes	328	10.3%	551,828	18.8%	a.m.	1	4.8%		
45 to 59 minutes	99	3.1%	176,115	6.0%	9:00 a.m. to				
60 or more minutes	156	4.9%	149,698	5.1%	11:59 p.m.	12	.7%		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.3	minutes	23.1	minutes	Ī				

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 43rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$71,639	Figure 11. House				□\$25,000-\$49,999				□\$50,000-\$74,999		
state	\$87,556		□ Less than \$25,000 □ \$75,000-\$99,999			■\$25,000-\$49,999 ■\$100,00-\$149,999				■ \$150,000 or more		
Median Family Income	\$92,463	Lac Qui Parle Co.	15.7%	1	L 8.1%	18	3.7%	14.	.8%	18.:	1%	14.5%
state	\$111,492									<u> </u>		×
Per Capita Income	\$40,282	- Minnesota	11.7%	15.4	% 1	5.7%	13.5%	6	19.7	7%	2	4.0%
state	\$46,957		11.770	13.4	/0 1.		13.37	Ŭ	1.5.7			4.070
Source: 2019-2023 American C				Sou	urce: 2019	9-2023	Americai	n Corr	munit	ty Survey	/ 5-Yea	ır Estimates

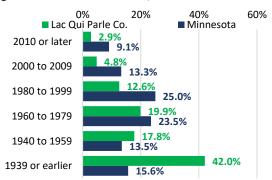
The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.09 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.66 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost o	f Living Estimate	es, 2024									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts				
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living	, 0	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes		
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$29,309	\$14.09	\$0	\$434	\$150	\$748	\$549	\$273	\$288		
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392		
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts				
working full-time, 1 part- time), 1 child	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes		
Lac Qui Parle Co.	\$55,091	\$17.66	\$282	\$987	\$530	\$931	\$970	\$444	\$447		
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763		
	Source: DEED Cost of Living tool										

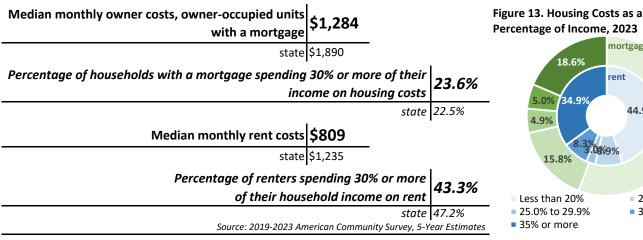
Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 81st highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

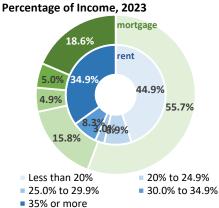
Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Lac Qui Pa	rle Co.	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Total Percent		
Total	2,390	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	367	15.4%	4.0%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	462	19.3%	4.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	404	16.9%	6.2%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	248	10.4%	8.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	469	19.6%	25.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	267	11.2%	33.6%	
\$500,000 or more	173	7.2%	17.5%	
Median (dollars)	\$143,4	\$305,500		

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



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





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).

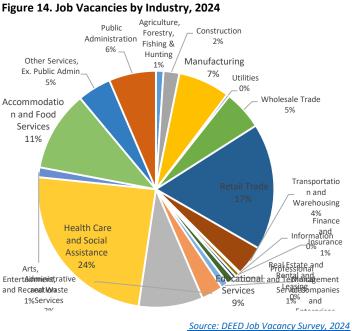
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025							
	Region 6W				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$23.10	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

Lac Qui Parle 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		Figure 14. Job Vaca
	Number of	Wage	_
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer	Adm
Total, All Occupations	9,168	\$19.48	1
Management	176	\$37.03	Other Services, Ex. Public Admin
Business & Financial Operations	189	\$27.48	5%
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$36.13	Accommodatio
Architecture & Engineering	115	\$27.92	n and Food
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	88	\$38.63	Services
Community & Social Service	409	\$24.68	11%
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	Health Ca
Personal Care & Service	114	\$15.42	and Soci
Sales & Related	1,026	\$15.96	Assistanc
Office & Administrative Support	388	\$20.28	Arts, 24%
Construction & Extraction	132	\$23.65	EntertAidhmienstrative
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	645	\$23.30	1%Services
Production	457	\$18.67	20/
Transportation & Material Moving	1,033	\$21.37	1



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	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel	Radiologic Technologists and	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term				
Postsecondary	Engine Specialists	Technicians					
\$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/yr	\$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,	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Veterinary Technologists and	Preschool Teachers, Except Specia				
and Material Movers, Hand		Technicians	Education				
\$43,003/yr	\$60,689/yr	\$40,453/yr	\$37,747/yr				

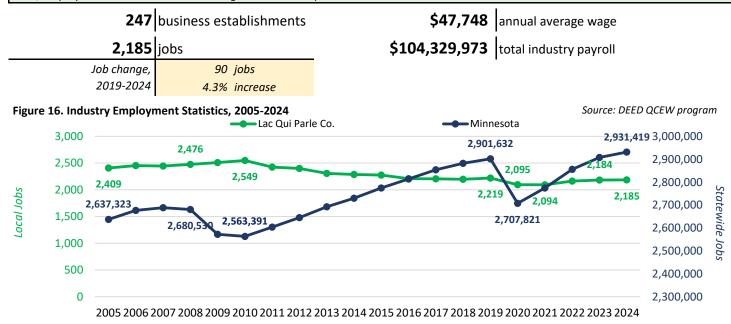
Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032				Figure 15. Regional Occupational				
				Employment Projections, 2022-2032				
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	-5,000 0 5,000		From exit op	n exit openings 0 10,000 15,000	
	Employment	Employ-	Change				.00 13,000	
Southwest Planning Region	2022	ment 2032	2022-2032	Management Occupations	579	5,196		
Total, All Industries	202,214	207,878	2.8%	Business and Financial Computer and	304 154	2,6 85 479		
Natural Resources & Mining	5,523	5,777	4.6%	Architecture and	243	852		
Utilities	690	690	0.0%	Life, Physical, and Social		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	5,689		
Retail Trade	19,409	19,084	-1.7%	Arts, Design, Healthcare Practitioners	47 638	1,841 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		5,985	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		
Educational Services	16,065	16,116	0.3%	Office and Administrative		9 10,465 11.316		
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	3,584		
Public Administration	14,117	14,370	1.8%	Production Occupations	438	9,377	_	
Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook Transportation and 1,002 10,018								

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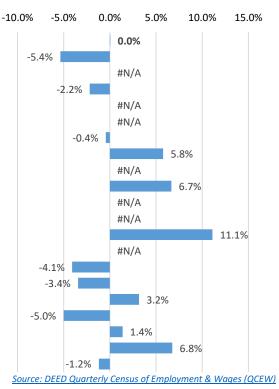
ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Lac Qui Parle Co. had the 77th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Lac Qui Parle Co. was the 55th fastest growing in the past year and the 58th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Lac Qui Parle Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.



			Average
Table 15. Lac Qui Parle Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2024	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	2,185	100.0%	\$47,748
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	53	2.4%	\$44,797
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	135	6.2%	\$54,722
Manufacturing	127	5.8%	\$16,768
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	231	10.6%	\$55 <i>,</i> 069
Retail Trade	220	10.1%	\$35,200
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	21	1.0%	\$19,733
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	10	0.5%	\$22,430
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	47	2.2%	\$37,515
Educational Services	309	14.1%	\$47 <i>,</i> 436
Health Care & Social Assistance	458	21.0%	\$52 <i>,</i> 499
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	19	0.9%	\$3,988
Accommodation & Food Services	110	5.0%	\$6,527
Other Services	79	3.6%	\$19,833
Public Administration	167	7.6%	\$46,255

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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