

**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:	<b>6,636 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>47.7 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	-83 people -1.2% decline	state:	38.6 years

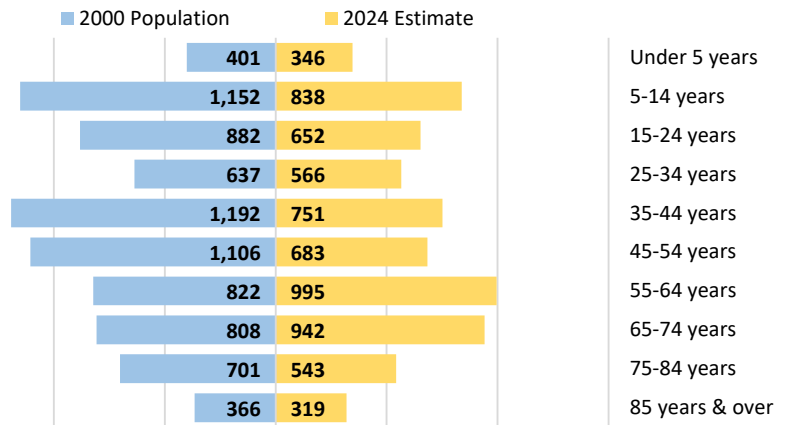
Lac Qui Parle Co. is the 76th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 59th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Lac Qui Parle Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

**Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2024**

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	346	5.2%
5-14 years	838	12.6%
15-24 years	652	9.8%
25-34 years	566	8.5%
35-44 years	751	11.3%
45-54 years	683	10.3%
55-64 years	995	15.0%
65-74 years	942	14.2%
75-84 years	543	8.2%
85 years & over	319	4.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>6,636</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024**



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 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
Lac Qui Parle Co.	-83	-124	306	430	44	12	32
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

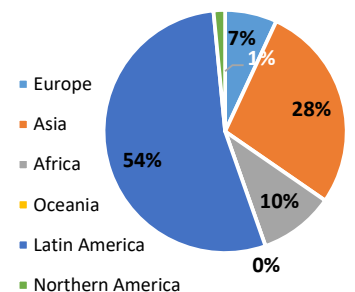
Compared to the state, Lac Qui Parle Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Lac Qui Parle Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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

	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>19.3%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
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. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

**Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023**



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Figure 3. Population by Race, 2023

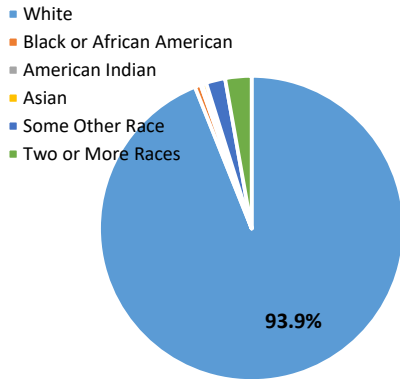


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Lac Qui Parle Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,694</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
White	6,288	93.9%	-10.6%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	42	0.6%	55.6%	6.8%	38.9%
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

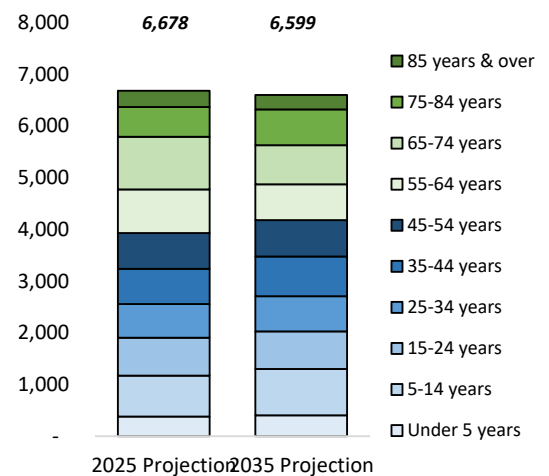
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

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).

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

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

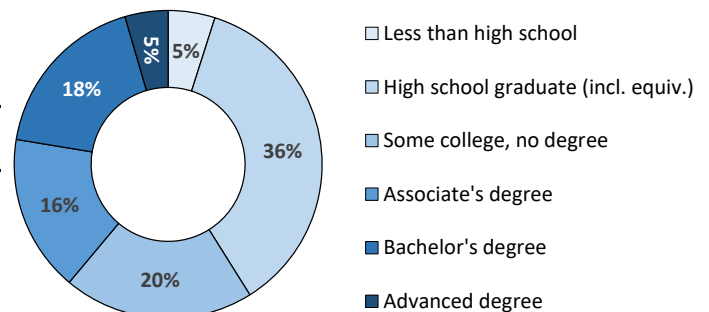


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:	<b>95.1%</b>
College-educated:	<b>58.9%</b>
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	<b>16.5%</b>
Bachelor's Degree:	<b>17.9%</b>
Advanced Degree:	<b>4.5%</b>

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023



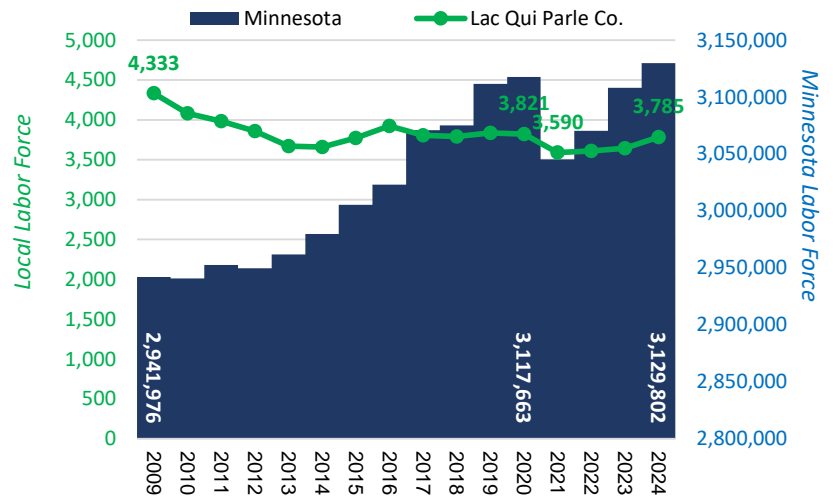
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.6%, Lac Qui Parle Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Lac Qui Parle Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.6% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Lac Qui Parle Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>3,785</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2009-2024	-548 workers -12.6% decline
<b>2.7%</b>	unemployment rate
3.0%	state
<b>102</b>	unemployed workers

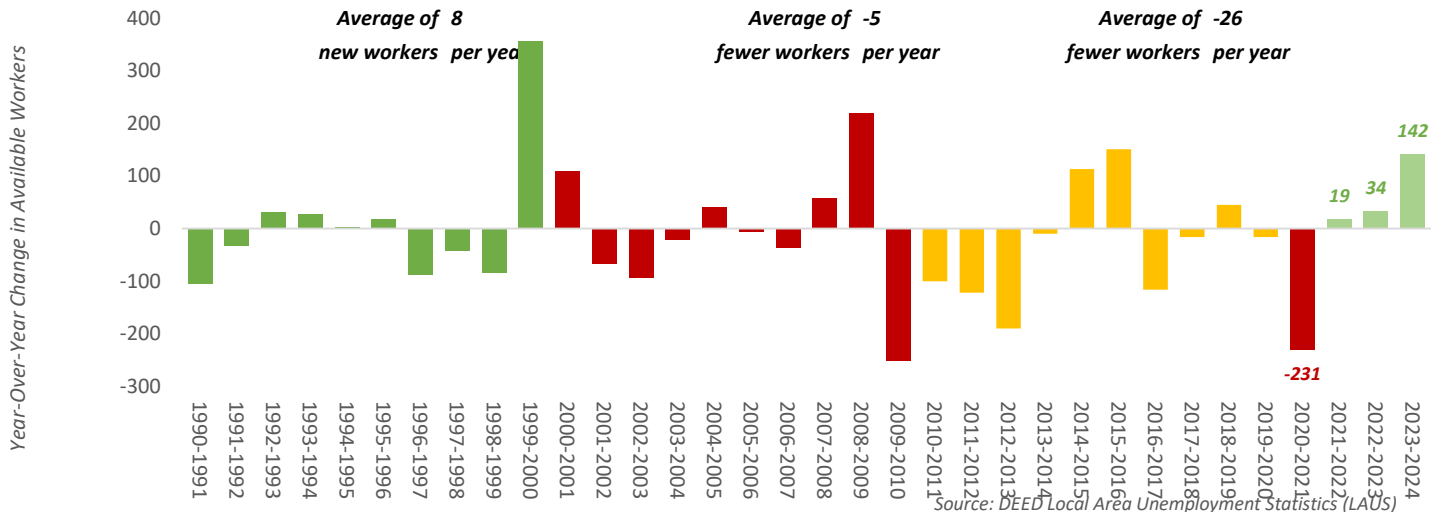
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, 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).

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	456	455
25 to 54 years	1,733	1,846
55 to 64 years	613	502
65 years & over	458	374
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>3,260</b>	<b>3,177</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**

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.

**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023**

	Lac Qui Parle 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
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>3,310</b>	<b>61.0%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>1,785</b>	<b>1,526</b>
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					
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%

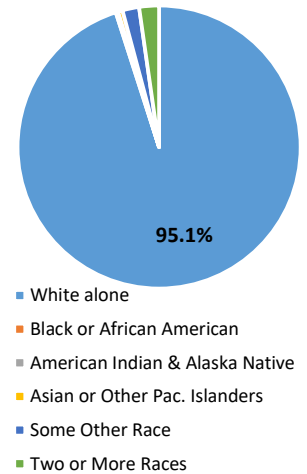
  

Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years					
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	194	53.7%	3.1%	55.3%	9.5%

Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,460	81.4%	1.7%	84.4%	3.3%
Less than H.S. Diploma	79	60.3%	1.2%	67.1%	4.7%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	656	75.7%	0.7%	76.5%	2.6%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,055	83.9%	2.2%	85.0%	3.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	670	87.4%	1.0%	90.5%	2.0%

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023**



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.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	3,066	96.4%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	2,303	72.4%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	767	24.1%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	115	3.6%	64,576	2.2%

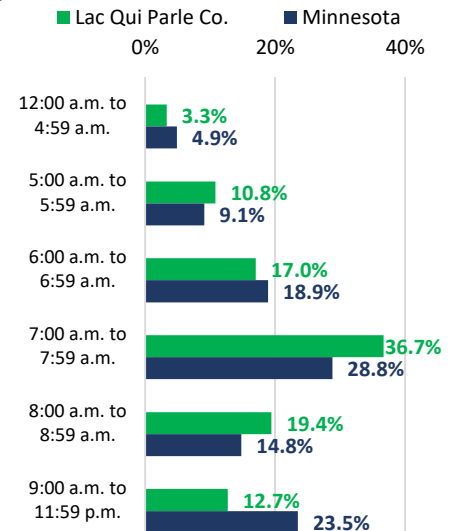
  

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	2,599	81.7%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	10	0.3%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	172	5.4%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	401	12.6%	463,770	15.8%

TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	1,282	40.3%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	770	24.2%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	550	17.3%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	328	10.3%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	99	3.1%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	156	4.9%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>17.3 minutes</b>		<b>23.1 minutes</b>	

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



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

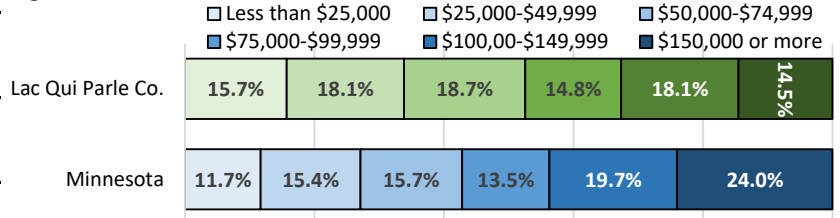
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

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.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$71,639</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$92,463</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$40,282</b>
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. 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 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
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 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
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

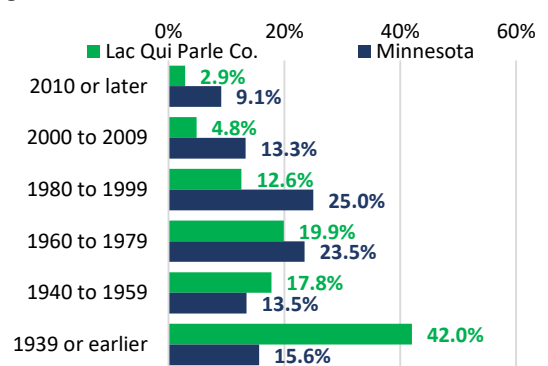
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

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-occupied Housing Units, 2022	Lac Qui Parle Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,390</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$143,400</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>

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

**Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023**



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,284</b>
state	\$1,890

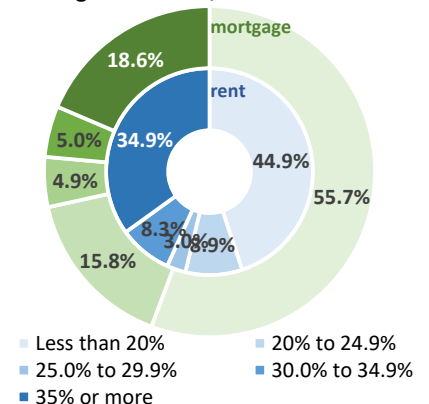
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>23.6%</b>
state	22.5%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$809</b>
state	\$1,235

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>43.3%</b>
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
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$23.10</b>	<b>16,330</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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

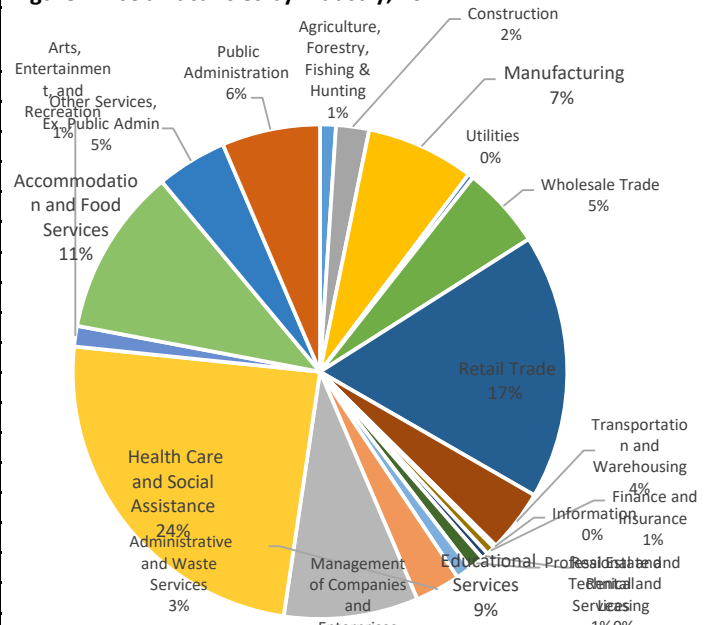
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

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

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

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 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

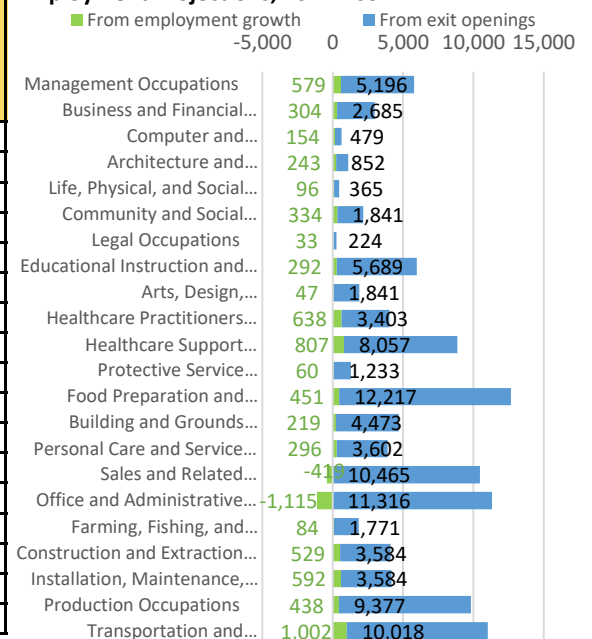
Lac Qui Parle Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<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 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 2020. From 2020 to 2024, employment in Lac Qui Parle Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

247 business establishments

\$47,748 annual average wage

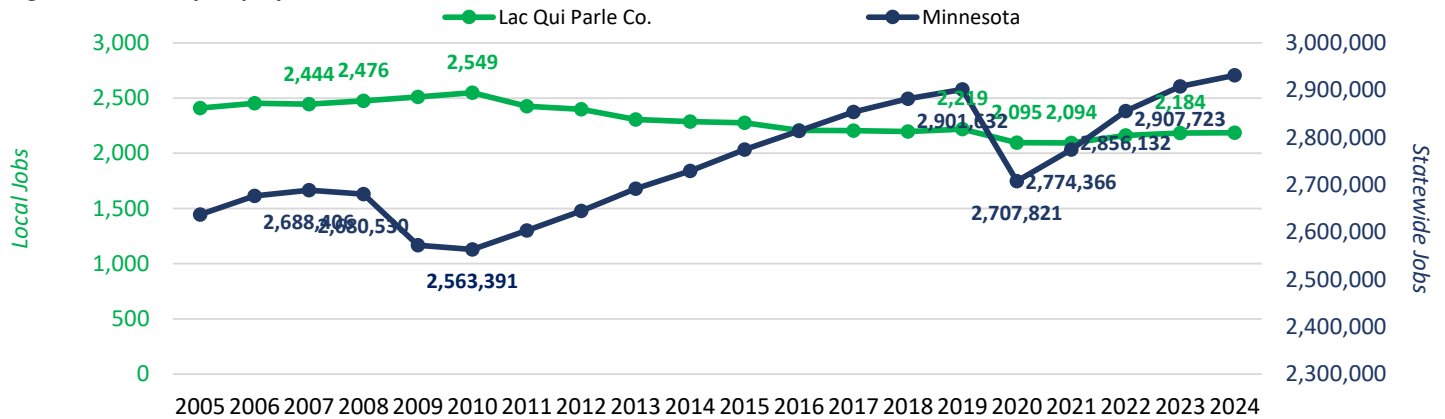
2,185 jobs

\$104,329,973 total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2024  
90 jobs  
4.3% increase

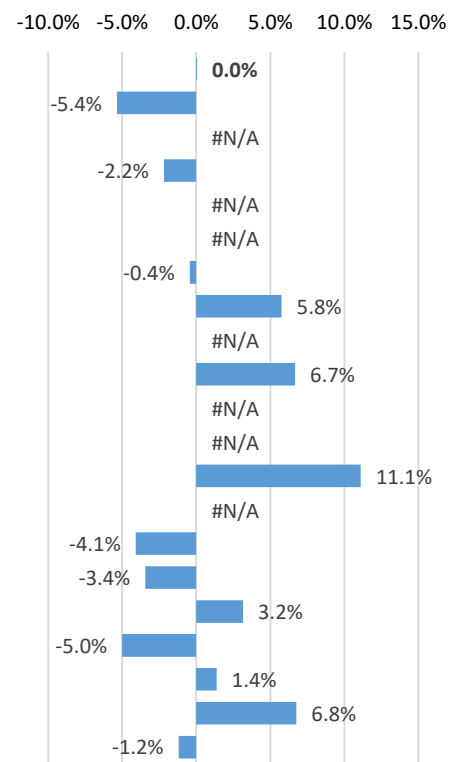
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

Source: DEED QCEW program



	Number of Establishments	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>2,185</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$47,748</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	19	53	2.4%	\$44,797
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	41	135	6.2%	\$54,722
Manufacturing	9	127	5.8%	\$16,768
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	17	231	10.6%	\$55,069
Retail Trade	30	220	10.1%	\$35,200
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	6	21	1.0%	\$19,733
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	6	10	0.5%	\$22,430
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	7	47	2.2%	\$37,515
Educational Services	3	309	14.1%	\$47,436
Health Care & Social Assistance	19	458	21.0%	\$52,499
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	3	19	0.9%	\$3,988
Accommodation & Food Services	13	110	5.0%	\$6,527
Other Services	19	79	3.6%	\$19,833
Public Administration	16	167	7.6%	\$46,255

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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

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