EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

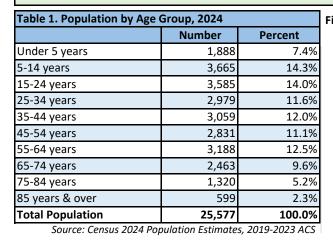
Lyon Co.

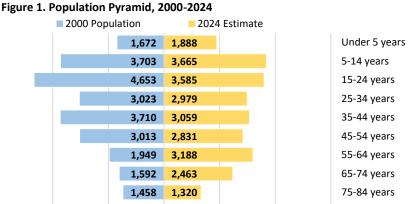
Lyon Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 8, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Lyon Co. is the 42nd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 37th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Lyon Co.'s population has a younger 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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Lyon Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Lyon 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	vents	Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Lyon Co.	56	236	1,278	1,042	-206	512	-718	
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

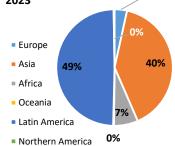
Compared to the state, Lyon Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Lyon Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Lyon Co.		Change 2	013-2023	Minnesota				
Population, 2023	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change			
Foreign-born Population	1,534	6.0%	100	7.0%	8.6%	24.7%			
Europe	53	3.5%	-15	-22.1%	8.8%	-3.4%			
Asia	614	40.0%	158	34.6%	35.7%	18.1%			
Africa	103	6.7%	-88	-46.1%	28.3%	78.8%			
Oceania	3	0.2%	3	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%			
Americas:	761	49.6%	42	5.8%	26.7%	8.7%			
Latin America	757	49.3%	45	6.3%	24.2%	9.7%			
Northern America	4	0.3%	-3	-42.9%	2.5%	0.4%			

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

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 4% 2023

85 years & over



COUNTY PROFILE

Lyon 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



Black or African American

American Indian

Asian



		Lyon Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	25,498	100.0%	-0.8%	100.0%	6.8%
White	21,279	83.5%	-8.1%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	634	2.5%	-3.2%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	100	0.4%	-28.6%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,205	4.7%	55.7%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	1,120	4.4%	30.8%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	1,160	4.5%	843.1%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,881	7.4%	20.4%	6.2%	37.5%

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

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

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

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

83.5%

2025 2035 Numeric Percent **Projection** Lyon Co. Projection Change Change -4.0% Under 5 years 1,753 1,683 -70 5-14 years 3,903 3,616 -287 -7.4% 3,723 10.5% 15-24 years 4,113 390 25-34 years 2,726 2,595 -131 -4.8% 35-44 years 3,230 2,579 -651 -20.2% 3,410 364 12.0% 45-54 years 3,046 55-64 years 2,881 2,900 19 0.7% 65-74 years 2,845 2,626 -219 -7.7% 75-84 years 1,500 2,267 767 51.1% 85 years & over 706 833 127 18.0% **Total Population** 26,313 26,622 309 1.2%

5,000

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023

2035 30,000 26,622 26,313 ■ 85 years & over 25,000 ■ 75-84 years **□** 65-74 years 20,000 **□** 55-64 years ■ 45-54 years 15,000 ■ 35-44 years 10,000 ■ 25-34 years

■ 15-24 years

■ 5-14 years

□ Under 5 years

2025 Projection 2035 Projection

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Lyon 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. Lyon 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:

91.4%

■ Less than high school 7% 9% ■ High school graduate (incl. equiv.) 19% 26% ■ Some college, no degree Associate's degree 14% ■ Bachelor's degree 25% ■ Advanced degree

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

College-educated: 65.1% 68.8% state:

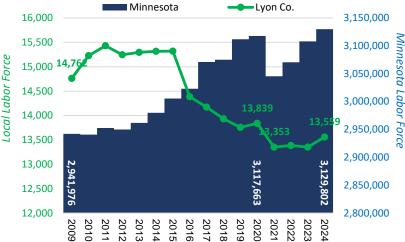
> Associate's Degree: 14.3% Bachelor's Degree: 18.7% Advanced Degree: 7.2%

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.7%, Lyon Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Lyon Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.4% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Lyon Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

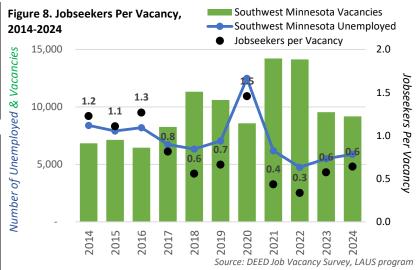
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Lyon Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Lyon Co. is expected to see a labor 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	2,167	2,453		
25 to 54 years	7,940	7,545		
55 to 64 years	2,220	2,235		
65 years & over	954	983		
Total Labor Force	13,281	13,216		

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).



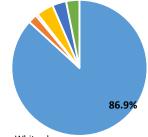
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

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	Lyon 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
13,209	67.1%	3.4%	68.5%	3.9%	6,981	6,232
812	46.8%	9.0%	52.7%	9.9%	344	468
1,320	84.5%	2.4%	83.4%	6.5%	713	607
5,414	89.9%	4.1%	88.7%	3.5%	2,766	2,648
2,393	84.8%	0.8%	87.8%	2.9%	1,335	1,058
2,449	77.1%	3.2%	72.8%	3.0%	1,288	1,161
638	26.0%	2.8%	27.8%	3.4%	375	264
186	9.7%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	160	26
spanic Origin					Figure 9. La	bor Force b
11,474	67.2%	2.7%	67.5%	3.4%	_	
283	61.5%	15.5%	71.0%	8.4%		
72	94.7%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
535	64.6%	2.1%	74.6%	3.5%		
437	59.3%	0.2%	75.9%	5.6%		
417	81.6%	18.2%	74.2%	6.1%		
793	69.4%	2.4%	77.1%	5.9%		
20 to 64 years						
755	53.4%	4.4%	55.3%	9.5%		
al Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
10,253	85.3%	3.1%	84.4%	3.3%		
558	64.0%	5.2%	67.1%	4.7%		African Americ
1,889	76.6%	1.5%	76.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alas
4,132	86.5%	2.8%	85.0%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
3,675	94.1%	2.1%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race
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Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

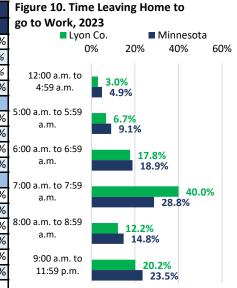
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- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

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

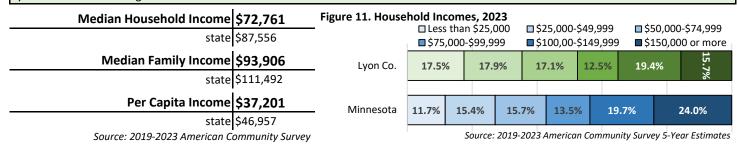
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Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20
Worked in state of residence	12,453	99.0%	2,870,678	97.8%	Lyor
Worked in county of residence	11,422	90.8%	1,984,232	67.6%	
Worked out of county of residence	1,031	8.2%	886,447	30.2%	12:00 a.m. to
Worked outside state of residence	126	1.0%	64,576	2.2%	4:59 a.m.
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					
Car, truck, or van	10,390	82.6%	2,286,563	77.9%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	13	0.1%	61,640	2.1%	u.iii.
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	868	6.9%	120,345	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59
Worked at home	1,308	10.4%	463,770	15.8%	a.m.
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59
Less than 10 minutes	5,447	43.3%	478,446	16.3%	a.m.
10 to 19 minutes	3,874	30.8%	924,605	31.5%	
20 to 29 minutes	1,673	13.3%	651,626	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59
30 to 44 minutes	1,019	8.1%	551,828	18.8%	a.m.
45 to 59 minutes	201	1.6%	176,115	6.0%	9:00 a.m. to
60 or more minutes	365	2.9%	149,698	5.1%	11:59 p.m.
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	14.9	minutes	23.1	minutes	



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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Lyon Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Lyon Co. had the 36th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Lyon Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.47 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$16.82 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024 **Monthly Costs Single Yearly Hourly Wage** Single Adult, 0 children Health Trans-**Cost of Living** Required **Child Care** Food Housing Other Taxes Care ortation Lyon Co. \$28,022 \$13.47 \$0 \$418 \$150 \$722 \$513 \$264 \$268 \$0 \$392 State of Minnesota \$36,768 \$17.68 \$424 \$156 \$1,154 \$573 \$365 Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 **Monthly Costs Family Yearly Hourly Wage** working full-time, 1 part-Health Trans-**Child Care** Housing Food Other **Cost of Living** Required **Taxes** time), 1 child portation Care Lyon Co. \$52,488 \$16.82 \$273 \$950 \$530 \$931 \$435 \$376 \$879 State of Minnesota \$70,308 \$22.53 \$545 \$964 \$556 \$1,446 \$1,028 \$557 \$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Lyon Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 53rd highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Lyon 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-	Lyon Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	7,057	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	486	6.9%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	880	12.5%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,125	15.9%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,234	17.5%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,039	28.9%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	917	13.0%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	376	5.3%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$193,1	\$305,500	

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

20% 0% 10% 30% 40% Lyon Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 9.1% 10.3% 2000 to 2009 1980 to 1999 25.0% 29.1% 1960 to 1979 23.5% 14.7% 1940 to 1959 13.5% 20.0% 1939 or earlier

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage \$1,454

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

19.7%

state 22.5%

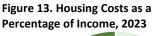
Median monthly rent costs \$742

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

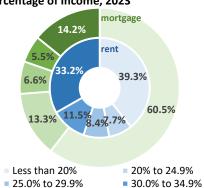
44.7%

state 47.2%

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



35% or more



OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.79 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 8 than the state. Overall, Region 8 had the 2nd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$47.64) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.57) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025								
		Region 8				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	\$22.79	51,430	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%	
Management	\$47.64	2,590	5.0%	0.7	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$35.16	2,110	4.1%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.37	460	0.9%	0.3	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$41.06	600	1.2%	0.6	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$31.96	500	1.0%	0.9	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%	
Community & Social Service	\$28.62	910	1.8%	0.9	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%	
Legal	\$36.43	120	0.2%	0.3	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$23.59	3,930	7.6%	1.3	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$21.73	380	0.7%	0.6	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.68	2,780	5.4%	0.8	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%	
Healthcare Support	\$18.46	3,170	6.2%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%	
Protective Service	\$28.87	750	1.5%	0.9	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.57	3,910	7.6%	0.9	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.24	1,560	3.0%	1.1	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$16.87	780	1.5%	0.7	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%	
Sales & Related	\$17.10	4,620	9.0%	1.1	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.65	5,470	10.6%	0.9	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.00	240	0.5%	4.1	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%	
Construction & Extraction	\$27.84	2,420	4.7%	1.2	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.54	2,470	4.8%	1.3	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%	
Production	\$21.30	6,170	12.0%	1.7	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.15	5,460	10.6%	1.4	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%	

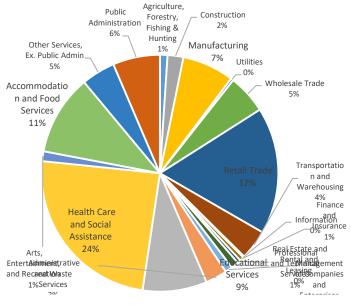
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Lyon 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			
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	9,168				
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				
Community & Social Service	409	•			
Education, Training & Library	548				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738				
Healthcare Support	984	•			
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 Plannir	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	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Dental Hygienists	Elementary School Teachers,					
Workers \$30,228/yr	Nurses \$58,499/yr	\$84,870/yr	Except Special Education \$65,364/yr					
	Heating, Air Conditioning, and	Industrial Engineering	Secondary School Teachers, Except					
Cashiers	Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	Technologists and Technicians	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 Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term					
Postsecondary \$38,031/yr	Engine Specialists \$59,444/yr	\$78,236/yr	\$52,112/yr					
First-Line Supervisors of	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing	Agricultural Technicians	Financial Managers					
Retail Sales Workers \$45,427/yr	Clerks \$47,963/yr	\$50,274/yr	\$119,560/yr					
Janitors and Cleaners,	• • • • • •	Human Resources Assistants,	·					
Except Maids and	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	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	Civil Engineering Technologists	Computer Systems Analysts					
Construction Laborers	mental health counselors	and Technicians	Computer systems Analysis					
\$49,744/yr	\$49,947/yr	\$71,227/yr	\$96,291/yr					
Bus Drivers, School	Automotive Service Technicians and	Physical Therapist Assistants	Middle School Teachers, Except					
,	Mechanics		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 Special					
and Material Movers, Hand	·	Technicians	Education					
\$43,003/yr	\$60,689/yr	\$40,453/yr	\$37,747/yr					

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Lyon 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	Projected Employ-	Percent Change 2022-2032				
_		2.8%				
•		4.6%				
690	690	0.0%				
7,679	8,252	7.5%				
	33,537	4.2%				
8,001	8,116	1.4%				
19,409	19,084	-1.7%				
6,297	6,810	8.1%				
2,093	2,046	-2.2%				
8,227	8,375	1.8%				
5,544	5,985	8.0%				
4,127	4,331	4.9%				
16,065	16,116	0.3%				
28,786	30,498	5.9%				
13,625	14,377	5.5%				
7,097	7,281	2.6%				
14,117	14,370	1.8%				
	Estimated Employment 2022 202,214 5,523 690 7,679 32,192 8,001 19,409 6,297 2,093 8,227 5,544 4,127 16,065 28,786 13,625 7,097 14,117	Estimated Employment 2022 ment 2032 202,214 207,878 5,523 5,777 690 690 7,679 8,252 32,192 33,537 8,001 8,116 19,409 19,084 6,297 6,810 2,093 2,046 8,227 8,375 5,544 5,985 4,127 4,331 16,065 16,116 28,786 30,498 13,625 14,377 7,097 7,281				

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outloo

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

	Employment Projection From employment gri -5.				penings 000 15,	000
	Management Occupations	579	5,196			
	Business and Financial	304	2,6 85			
	Computer and	154	479			
ı	Architecture and	243	852			
	Life, Physical, and Social	96	365			
1	Community and Social	334	1 ,841			
1	Legal Occupations	33	224			
1	Educational Instruction and	292	5,689	1		
1	Arts, Design,	47	1 ,841			
	Healthcare Practitioners	638	3,403			
ı	Healthcare Support	807	8,057			
	Protective Service	60	1,233			
1	Food Preparation and	451	12,217	1		
1	Building and Grounds	219	4,473			
1	Personal Care and Service	296	3,602			
4	Sales and Related	-41	9 10,465			
	Office and Administrative	-1,115	11,316			
ı	Farming, Fishing, and	84	1 ,771			
	Construction and Extraction	529	3,584			
1	Installation, Maintenance,	592	3,584			
1	Production Occupations	438	9,377			
	Transportation and	1,002	10,01	8		
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Lyon Co. had the 31st largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Lyon Co. was the 39th fastest growing in the past year and the 63rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Lyon Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

859 business establishments \$52,867 annual average wage

13,760 jobs \$727,456,794 total industry payroll

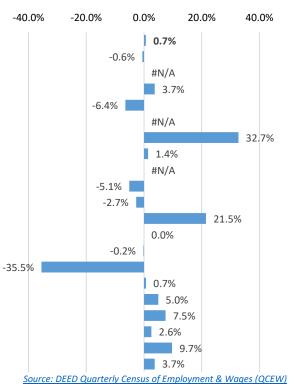
Job change, 2019-2024 3.0% increase 3.0% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024 Source: DEED QCEW program Lyon Co. Minnesota 15.500 2,931,419 3,000,000 2.901.632 14,883 2,900,000 15,000 2,800,000 14,500 14,845 2,700,000 13,760 14.000 2,707,821 2.680.5 2,600,000 14.04 13,500 13,362 13,362 13,668 2,500,000 13,000 2,400,000 12,500 2,300,000

2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024

Average Number of Percent of Annual Table 15. Lyon Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024 **Jobs** Total Jobs Wage 13,760 100.0% \$52,867 **Total, All Industries** Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt 179 1.3% \$56,831 #N/A Mining #N/A #N/A 503 Construction 3.7% \$68,566 1,756 12.8% \$61,904 Manufacturing Utilities #N/A #N/A #N/A Wholesale Trade 592 4.3% \$76.944 Retail Trade 12.8% \$32,973 1,766 Transportation & Warehousing #N/A #N/A #N/A Information 56 0.4% \$35,590 Finance & Insurance 972 7.1% \$78,614 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing 113 0.8% \$33,714 284 **Professional & Technical Services** 2.1% \$74,801 Management of Companies 487 3.5% \$66,349 380 Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs. 2.8% \$44,287 **Educational Services** 1,437 10.4% \$56,667 Health Care & Social Assistance 2.479 18.0% \$53,312 Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation 158 1.1% \$13,474 Accommodation & Food Services 947 6.9% \$19,454 Other Services 316 2.3% \$38,563 777 5.6% Public Administration \$55,215

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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