COUNTY PROFILE

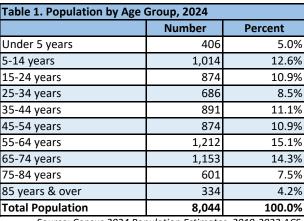
Murray Co.

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

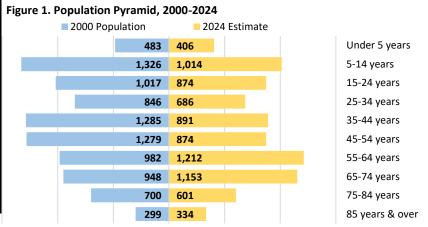
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Murray Co. is the 75th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 67th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Murray 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).



Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS



Murray Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Murray 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 July 1, 2024				
	Population	Natural	Vital Events		Net Migration		
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Murray Co.	-124	-77	281	358	-50	49	-99
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

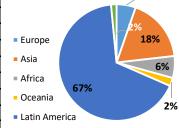
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Murra	Murray Co.		013-2023	Minnesota		
Population, 2023	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	263	3.2%	80	43.7%	8.6%	24.7%	
Europe	14	5.3%	-7	-33.3%	8.8%	-3.4%	
Asia	47	17.9%	15	46.9%	35.7%	18.1%	
Africa	16	6.1%	-17	-51.5%	28.3%	78.8%	
Oceania	6	2.3%	6	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%	
Americas:	180	68.4%	83	85.6%	26.7%	8.7%	
Latin America	176	66.9%	85	93.4%	24.2%	9.7%	
Northern America	4	1.5%	-2	-33.3%	2.5%	0.4%	

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





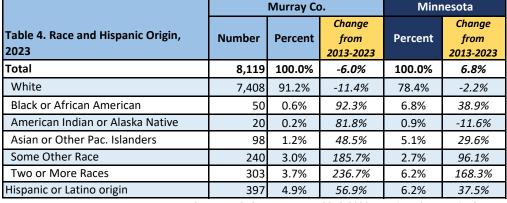
Northern America

COUNTY PROFILE

Murray 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

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race Two or More Races



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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Murray 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).

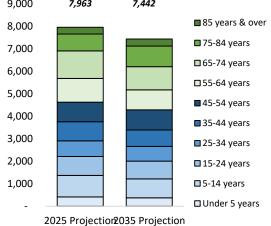
Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035

91.2%

Numeric Percent Murray Co. Projection Projection Change Change Under 5 years 377 -38 -9.2% 5-14 years 956 843 -113 -11.8% 846 787 -7.0% 15-24 years -59 25-34 years 694 658 -36 -5.2% -125 35-44 years 854 729 -14.6% 898 30 3.5% 45-54 years 868 55-64 years 1,057 888 -169 -16.0% 65-74 years 1,221 1,033 -188 -15.4% 75-84 years 755 914 159 21.1% 297 18 85 years & over 315 6.1% **Total Population** 7,963 7,442 -521 -6.5%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 9,000 7,442 7,963



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Murray 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. Murray 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.

57.7%

68.8%

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

90.0%

6% 10% 17% 32% 14% 20%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023

■ Less than high school

■ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree ■ Advanced degree

Associate's Degree: 14.3% 17.3% Bachelor's Degree: Advanced Degree: 5.6%

state:

College-educated:

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

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.3%, Murray Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Murray Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.7% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Murray Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

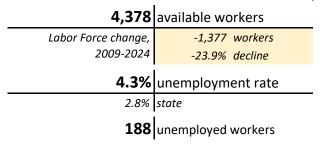
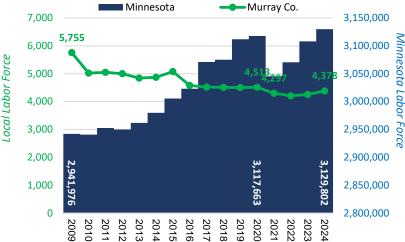


Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

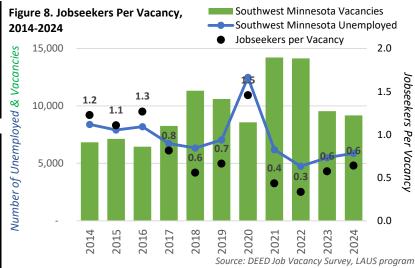
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Murray Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Murray Co. is expected to see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

Murray Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2024 1,000 Average of 65 Average of -18 Average of -51 new workers per yea fewer workers per year fewer workers per year 800 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 600 400 200 0 -200 -90 -216 -400 -600 -800 -1,000 2011-2012e 2013-201点 2012-201起 2019-2020 2019-2020 2019-2019-2010 2019-2010 2017-2010 2015-2010 2 2022-2023 2010-2011 2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 2009-2010 1999-2000 2000-2001 1991-1992 1993-1994 1998-1999 .992-1993 .994-1995 .995-1996 .996-1997 .997-1998

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	542	509		
25 to 54 years	2,161	2,042		
55 to 64 years	759	637		
65 years & over	518	467		
Total Labor Force	3,980	3,655		

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).



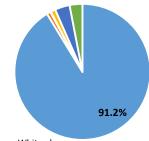
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Murray Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Murray 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							
	Murray 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	4,152	63.0%	2.6%	68.5%	3.9%	2,242	1,909
16 to 19 years	208	54.3%	15.9%	52.7%	9.9%	103	105
20 to 24 years	364	90.1%	1.4%	83.4%	6.5%	186	178
25 to 44 years	1,438	90.4%	1.2%	88.7%	3.5%	783	655
45 to 54 years	774	87.8%	2.6%	87.8%	2.9%	394	380
55 to 64 years	878	71.8%	3.4%	72.8%	3.0%	465	413
65 to 74 years	411	35.3%	1.2%	27.8%	3.4%	254	157
75 years & over	78	8.3%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	<i>57</i>	21
Employment Characteristics by Race & His	panic Origin					Figure 9. La	bor Force b
White alone	3,787	62.1%	2.5%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	38	97.4%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	5	29.4%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%	N.	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	47	58.0%	4.3%	74.6%	3.5%		\\\ \
Some Other Race	146	81.6%	7.5%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	126	71.2%	2.4%	74.2%	6.1%		N N
Hispanic or Latino	271	88.9%	4.1%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability,	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	168	48.3%	8.9%	55.3%	9.5%		91.
Employment Characteristics by Educationa	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,090	83.6%	2.2%	84.4%	3.3%	White ald	
Less than H.S. Diploma	234	77.0%	2.2%	67.1%	4.7%		African Americ
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	821	82.4%	1.3%	76.5%	2.6%	Americar	n Indian & Alas
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,132	84.2%	1.9%	85.0%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	902	85.8%	1.0%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

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

gure 9. Labor Force by ace, 2023



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

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

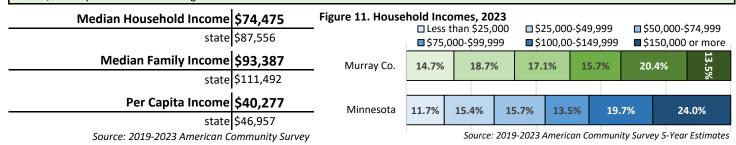
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	Murray	Co.	Minn	esota	F
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	g
Worked in state of residence	3,935	98.7%	2,870,678	97.8%	ĺ
Worked in county of residence	2,500	62.7%	1,984,232	67.6%	ĺ
Worked out of county of residence	1,439	36.1%	886,447	30.2%	ĺ
Worked outside state of residence	52	1.3%	64,576	2.2%	ĺ
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					Ĺ
Car, truck, or van	3,337	83.7%	2,286,563	77.9%	5
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	0	0.0%	61,640	2.1%	ĺ
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	271	6.8%	120,345	4.1%	6:
Worked at home	379	9.5%	463,770	15.8%	ĺ
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:
Less than 10 minutes	1,256	31.5%	478,446	16.3%	
10 to 19 minutes	873	21.9%	924,605	31.5%	ĺ
20 to 29 minutes	730	18.3%	651,626	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	785	19.7%	551,828	18.8%	ĺ
45 to 59 minutes	171	4.3%	176,115	6.0%	ĺ
60 or more minutes	171	4.3%	149,698	5.1%	ĺ
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.8	minutes	23.1	minutes	ĺ

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2023 Murray Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 5.5% 4:59 a.m. 4.9% 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.1% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 23.9% 18.9% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 32.8% a.m. 28.8% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 12.7% a.m. 14.8% 9:00 a.m. to 16.2% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Murray Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Murray Co. had the 33rd 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. Murray Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.16 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.33 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-**Child Care Cost of Living** Required Food Housing Other Taxes Care ortation Murray Co. \$29,459 \$14.16 \$0 \$428 \$150 \$712 \$606 \$264 \$295 \$0 State of Minnesota \$36,768 \$17.68 \$424 \$156 \$1,154 \$573 \$365 \$392 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 Care ortation \$57.197 \$18.33 \$280 \$973 \$530 \$931 \$440 \$499 Murray Co. \$1,113 State of Minnesota \$70,308 \$22.53 \$545 \$964 \$556 \$1,446 \$1,028 \$557 \$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Murray Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 58th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Murray 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-	Murray	Murray Co.	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	2,947	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	294	10.0%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	470	15.9%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	400	13.6%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	557	18.9%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	596	20.2%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	416	14.1%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	214	7.3%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$179,400		\$305,500

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

10% 20% 30% Murray Co. Minnesota 2010 or later 9.1% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 1980 to 1999 25.0% 23.5% 1960 to 1979 23.5% 1940 to 1959 13.5% 26.4% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage \$1,359

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs 19.6%

state 22.5%

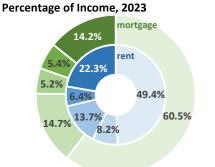
Median monthly rent costs \$768

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

28.7%

state 47.2%

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



Less than 20%25.0% to 29.9%

20% to 24.9%

■ 35% or more

■ 30.0% to 34.9%

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						ota
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%

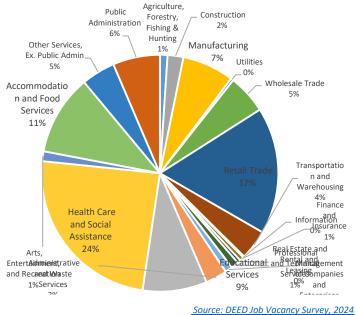
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Murray 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



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Plannin	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/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, 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 Demand

Murray 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%			
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Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

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ı	Management Occupations	579	5,196			
ł	Business and Financial	304	2,6 85			
4	Computer and	154	479			
	Architecture and	243	852			
	Life, Physical, and Social	96	365			
1	Community and Social	334	1 ,841			
t	Legal Occupations	33	224			
ł	Educational Instruction and	292	5,689			
ļ	Arts, Design,	47	1 ,841			
l	Healthcare Practitioners	638	3,403	}		
	Healthcare Support	807	8,057	7		
1	Protective Service	60	1,233			
t	Food Preparation and	451	12,21	7		
ł	Building and Grounds	219	4,473			
4	Personal Care and Service	296	3,602			
ļ	Sales and Related	-41	9 10,465	5		
	Office and Administrative	-1,115	11,316	5		
I	Farming, Fishing, and	84	1 ,771			
1	Construction and Extraction	529	3,584			
t	Installation, Maintenance,	592	3,584	Ļ		
ł	Production Occupations	438	9,377			
l	Transportation and	1,002	10,0	18		
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Murray Co. had the 73rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Murray Co. was the 16th fastest growing in the past year and the 59th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Murray Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

341 business establishments \$49,054 annual average wage

2,913 jobs \$142,893,272 total industry payroll

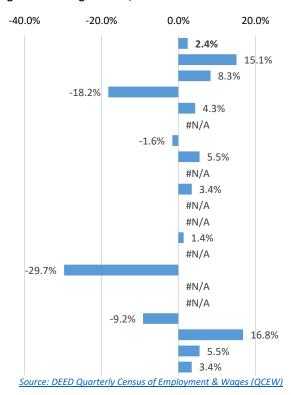
Job change, 2019-2024 4.1% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024 Source: DEED QCEW program Murray Co. Minnesota 3.100 2,931,419 3,000,000 2.901.632 2,900,000 3,000 2,913 2,868 2,800,000 2,900 2,680,530 2,700,000 2,800 2,600,000 2,797 2,777 2,700 2,500,000 2,563,391 2.722 2,600 2,400,000 2,500 2,300,000

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			Average
Table 15. Murray Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2024	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	2,913	100.0%	\$49,054
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	99	3.4%	\$41,453
Mining	26	0.9%	\$70,745
Construction	148	5.1%	\$48,376
Manufacturing	528	18.1%	\$51,220
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	185	6.4%	\$58,779
Retail Trade	366	12.6%	\$33,861
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	15	0.5%	\$30,507
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	75	2.6%	\$83,557
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	26	0.9%	\$44,711
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	30	1.0%	\$21,360
Accommodation & Food Services	183	6.3%	\$10,837
Other Services	77	2.6%	\$35,953
Public Administration	180	6.2%	\$51,024

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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