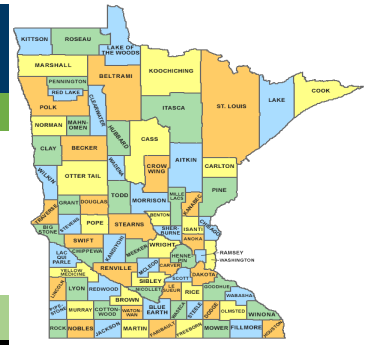


## Pipestone Co.

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



### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

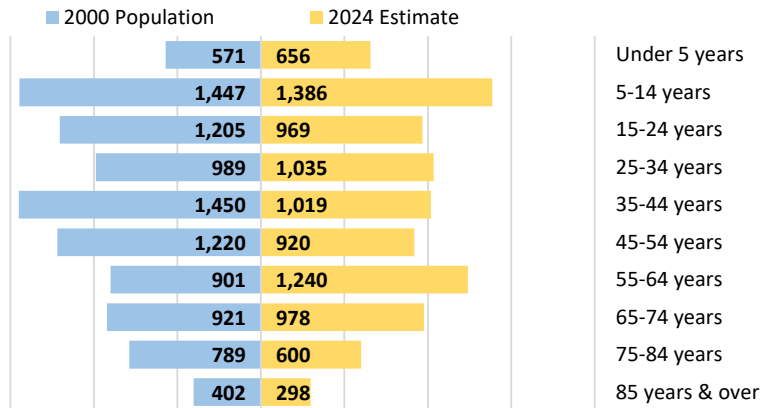
2024 population:	<b>9,100 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>39.8 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	-324 people -3.4% decline	state:	38.6 years

Pipestone Co. is the 72nd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 83rd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Pipestone 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).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	656	7.2%
5-14 years	1,386	15.2%
15-24 years	969	10.7%
25-34 years	1,035	11.4%
35-44 years	1,019	11.2%
45-54 years	920	10.1%
55-64 years	1,240	13.6%
65-74 years	978	10.7%
75-84 years	600	6.6%
85 years & over	298	3.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Pipestone 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, Pipestone 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
Pipestone Co.	-315	-101	473	574	-209	95	-304
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

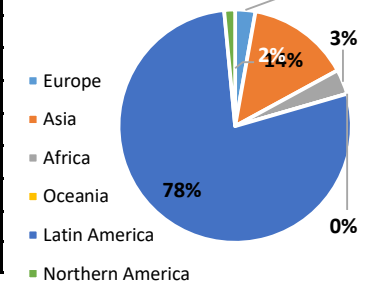
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

	Pipestone Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>101.3%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
Europe	13	2.8%	-24	-64.9%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	66	14.3%	5	8.2%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	16	3.5%	3	23.1%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	368	79.5%	249	209.2%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	361	78.0%	261	261.0%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	7	1.5%	-12	-63.2%	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



## COUNTY PROFILE

## Pipestone Co.

Pipestone 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**

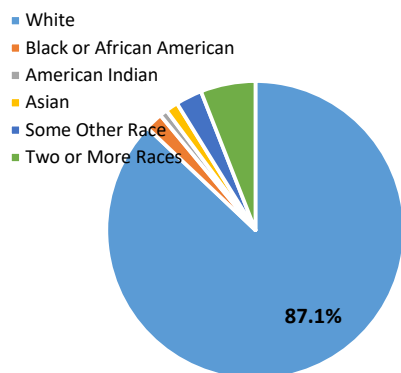


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Pipestone Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,352</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
White	8,142	87.1%	-8.0%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	181	1.9%	503.3%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	77	0.8%	-35.8%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	127	1.4%	15.5%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	268	2.9%	63.4%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	557	6.0%	187.1%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	789	8.4%	106.5%	6.2%	37.5%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

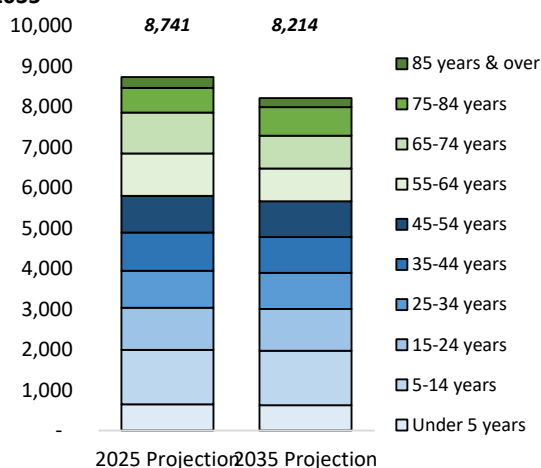
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Pipestone Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over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

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

Pipestone Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	649	628	-21	-3.2%
5-14 years	1,348	1,347	-1	-0.1%
15-24 years	1,036	1,031	-5	-0.5%
25-34 years	916	894	-22	-2.4%
35-44 years	945	883	-62	-6.6%
45-54 years	910	883	-27	-3.0%
55-64 years	1,044	812	-232	-22.2%
65-74 years	1,014	812	-202	-19.9%
75-84 years	609	702	93	15.3%
85 years & over	270	222	-48	-17.8%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>8,741</b>	<b>8,214</b>	<b>-527</b>	<b>-6.0%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

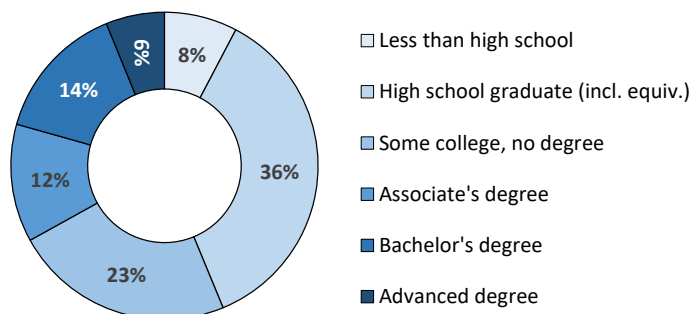


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Pipestone 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. Pipestone 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.

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>56.2%</b>
state:	68.8%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>12.4%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>6.2%</b>



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

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.9%, Pipestone Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Pipestone 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 Pipestone Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

**4,673** available workers

Labor Force change,  
2009-2024

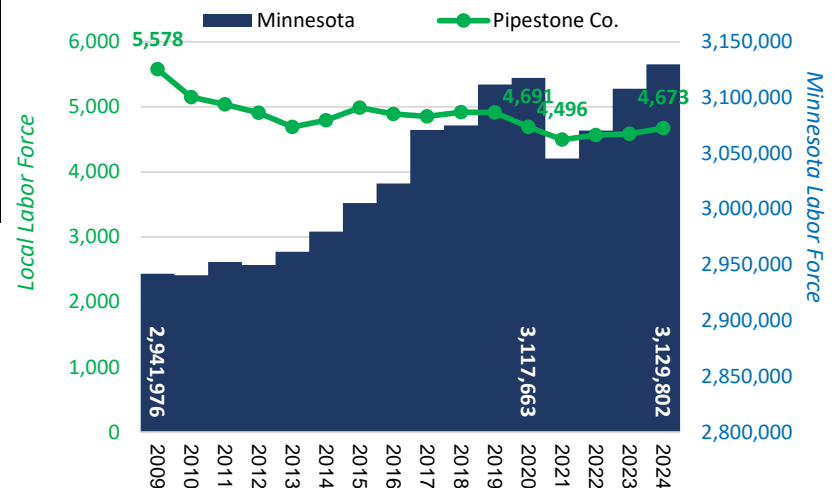
-905 workers  
-16.2% decline

**2.9%** unemployment rate

2.8% state

**136** unemployed workers

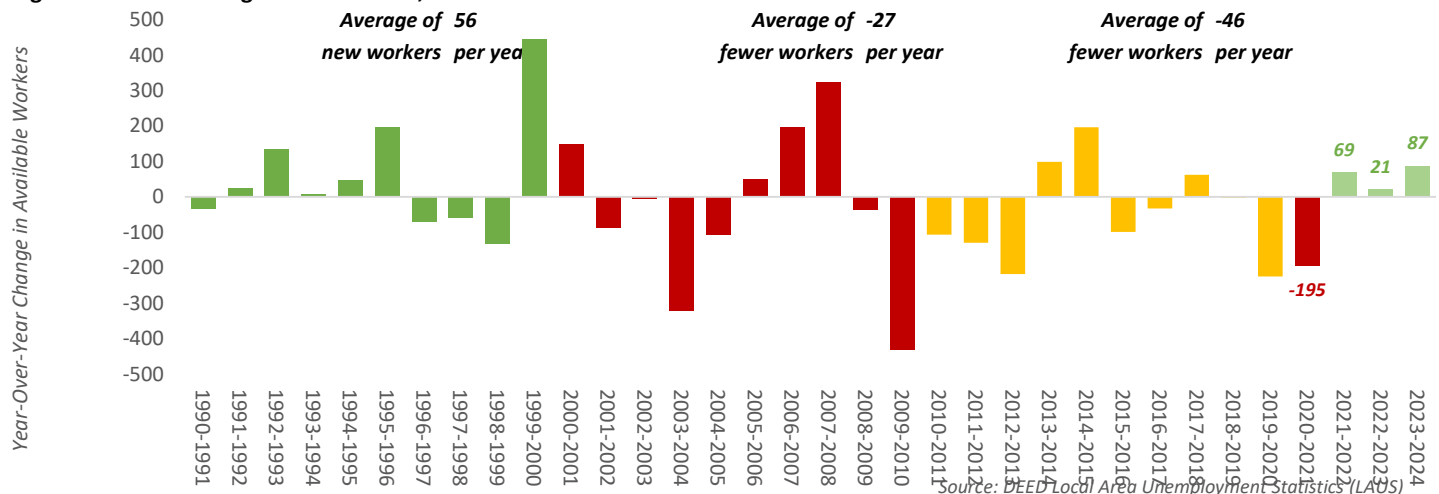
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Pipestone 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, Pipestone 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



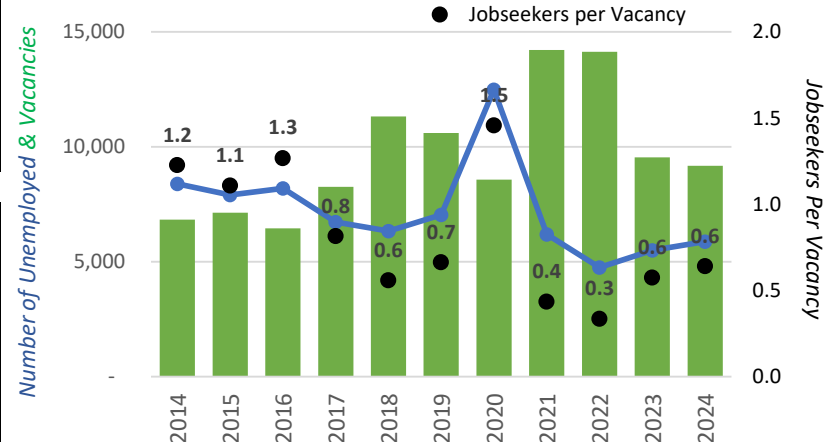
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	670	669
25 to 54 years	2,306	2,214
55 to 64 years	873	679
65 years & over	445	383
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>3,945</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

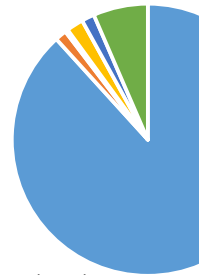


Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Pipestone Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Pipestone 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

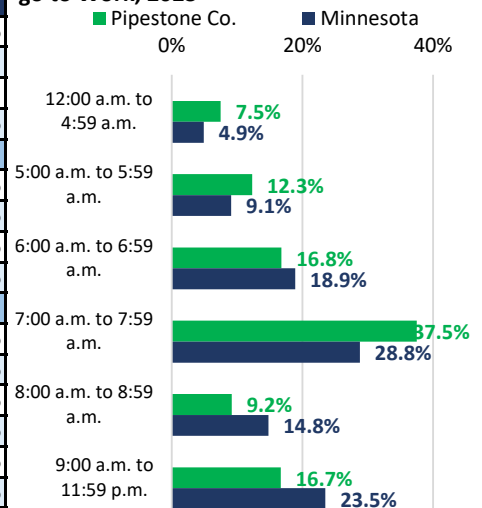
	Pipestone Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	4,674	65.7%	3.0%	68.5%	3.9%	2,496	2,181
16 to 19 years	277	60.6%	1.1%	52.7%	9.9%	139	138
20 to 24 years	346	86.7%	6.4%	83.4%	6.5%	173	173
25 to 44 years	1,725	81.7%	2.0%	88.7%	3.5%	921	804
45 to 54 years	816	86.3%	7.8%	87.8%	2.9%	397	419
55 to 64 years	1,065	83.6%	0.7%	72.8%	3.0%	582	483
65 to 74 years	337	33.5%	3.0%	27.8%	3.4%	183	154
75 years & over	111	12.0%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	101	10
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin						<b>Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023</b>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>White alone</li><li>Black or African American</li><li>American Indian &amp; Alaska Native</li><li>Asian or Other Pac. Islanders</li><li>Some Other Race</li><li>Two or More Races</li></ul>	
White alone	4,127	65.5%	3.2%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	64	45.1%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	16	28.1%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	94	74.0%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	71	49.7%	4.2%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	304	88.4%	1.6%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	308	71.0%	2.6%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	207	45.6%	16.9%	55.3%	9.5%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,607	83.3%	2.9%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	210	75.5%	1.8%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	955	75.8%	1.0%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,582	88.9%	2.5%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	859	84.8%	0.0%	90.5%	2.0%		

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

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Pipestone Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	4,005	90.5%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	3,567	80.6%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	438	9.9%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	420	9.5%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	3,792	85.7%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	9	0.2%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	252	5.7%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	372	8.4%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,987	44.9%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	965	21.8%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	637	14.4%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	429	9.7%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	217	4.9%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	190	4.3%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>16.7 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

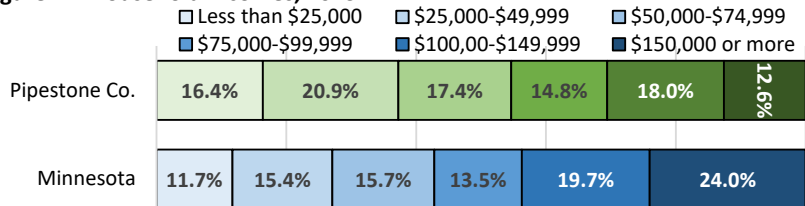
## INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Pipestone Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Pipestone Co. had the 75th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$66,073</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$82,486</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$36,551</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. Pipestone Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.57 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.26 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
Pipestone Co.	\$28,216	\$13.57	\$0	\$421	\$150	\$706	\$540	\$261	\$273
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
Pipestone Co.	\$53,841	\$17.26	\$275	\$957	\$530	\$931	\$947	\$437	\$410
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

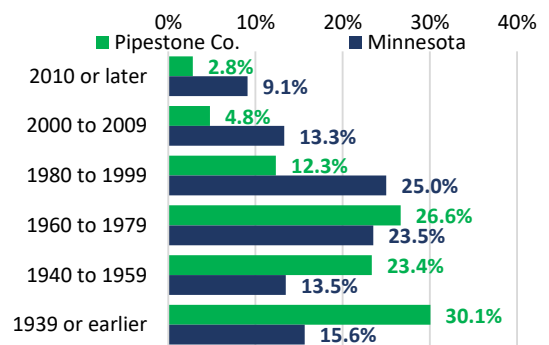
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Pipestone Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 85th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Pipestone 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	Pipestone Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,235</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	434	13.4%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	874	27.0%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	479	14.8%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	321	9.9%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	640	19.8%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	351	10.9%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	136	4.2%	17.5%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$126,700</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>

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

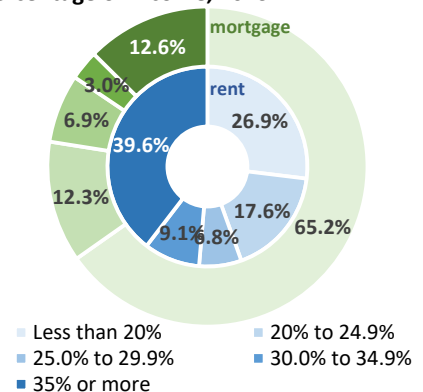
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,129</b>
state	\$1,890
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
state	22.5%
<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$731</b>
state	\$1,235
<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>48.7%</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 \$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 &amp; Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 8				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>\$22.79</b>	<b>51,430</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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

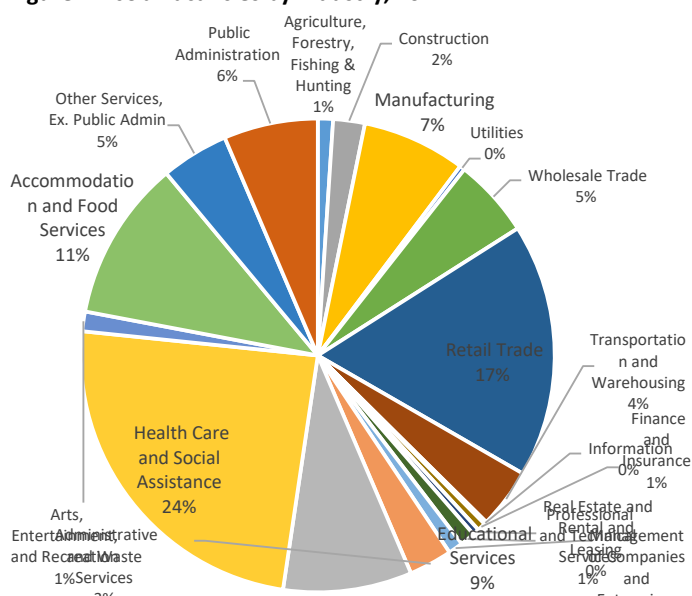
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Pipestone 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, 2024

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons \$34,798/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$54,491/yr	Registered Nurses \$85,138/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$69,245/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$36,495/yr	Nursing Assistants \$39,764/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$74,684/yr	General and Operations Managers \$82,482/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,228/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$58,499/yr	Dental Hygienists \$84,870/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$65,364/yr
Cashiers \$30,595/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$64,265/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$60,049/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,349/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,031/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$59,444/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$78,236/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$52,112/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$45,427/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$47,963/yr	Agricultural Technicians \$50,274/yr	Financial Managers \$119,560/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,379/yr	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters \$61,794/yr	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping \$49,828/yr	Industrial Engineers \$90,455/yr
Construction Laborers \$49,744/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$49,947/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$71,227/yr	Computer Systems Analysts \$96,291/yr
Bus Drivers, School \$49,228/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$50,024/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$62,988/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,534/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$43,003/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$60,689/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$40,453/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$37,747/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

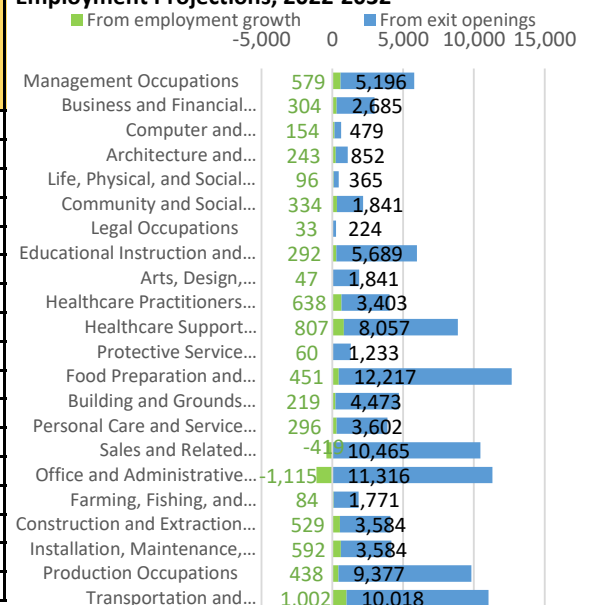
Pipestone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Southwest Planning Region</b>			
<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 losing jobs over the past year, Pipestone Co. had the 65th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Pipestone Co. was the 63rd fastest growing in the past year and the 60th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Pipestone Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

**400** business establishments

**\$50,886** annual average wage

**4,302** jobs

**\$218,913,077** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2024

149 jobs  
3.6% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

Source: DEED QCEW program

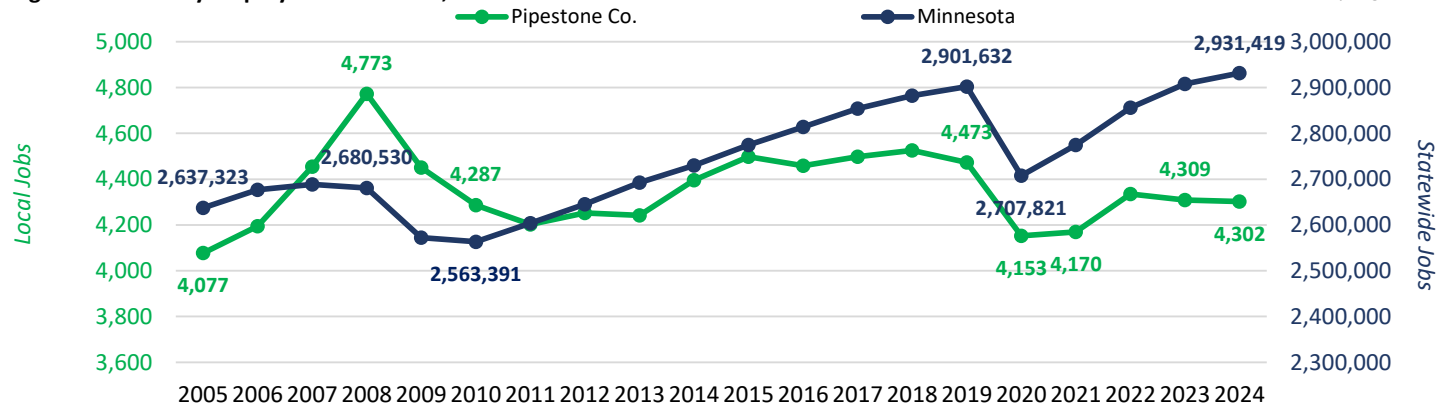
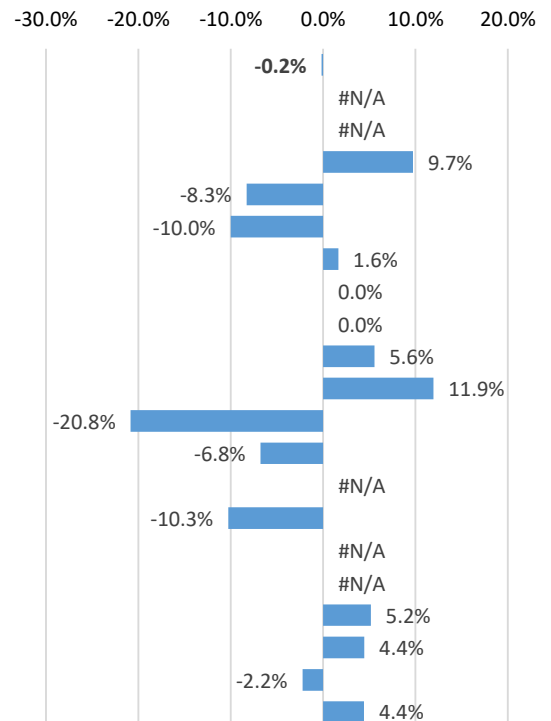


Table 15. Pipestone Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024			
	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>4,302</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$50,886</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	327	7.6%	\$69,499
Manufacturing	332	7.7%	\$57,446
Utilities	36	0.8%	\$108,820
Wholesale Trade	247	5.7%	\$70,027
Retail Trade	493	11.5%	\$29,635
Transportation & Warehousing	145	3.4%	\$47,447
Information	76	1.8%	\$37,630
Finance & Insurance	119	2.8%	\$50,635
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6	0.1%	\$16,507
Professional & Technical Services	262	6.1%	\$84,363
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	35	0.8%	\$93,991
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	31	0.7%	\$18,349
Accommodation & Food Services	294	6.8%	\$7,259
Other Services	88	2.0%	\$35,827
Public Administration	283	6.6%	\$42,389

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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

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