EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

St. Louis Co.

St. Louis Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 3, which is located in the Northeast Planning Region.

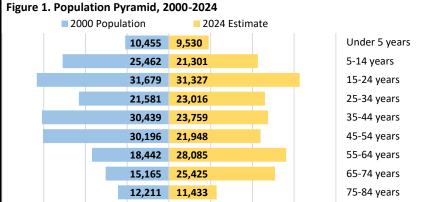
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



St. Louis Co. is the 6th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 48th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. St. Louis 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	9,530	4.7%			
5-14 years	21,301	10.6%			
15-24 years	31,327	15.6%			
25-34 years	23,016	11.5%			
35-44 years	23,759	11.8%			
45-54 years	21,948	10.9%			
55-64 years	28,085	14.0%			
65-74 years	25,425	12.7%			
75-84 years	11,433	5.7%			
85 years & over	4,969	2.5%			
Total Population	200,794	100.0%			
Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS					

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4,8<mark>98 4,9</mark>69

St. Louis 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, St. Louis 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	tal Events Net Migration				
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
St. Louis Co.	563	-2,383	7,647	10,030	2,758	620	2,138	
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

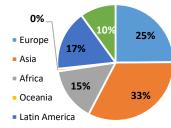
Compared to the state, St. Louis Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, St. Louis Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	St. Louis Co.		Change 2	013-2023	Minnesota			
Population, 2023	Number	Number Percent Number Percent		Percent	Change			
Foreign-born Population	4,262	2.1%	93	2.2%	8.6%	24.7%		
Europe	1,061	24.9%	-124	-10.5%	8.8%	-3.4%		
Asia	1,396	32.8%	177	14.5%	35.7%	18.1%		
Africa	636	14.9%	292	84.9%	28.3%	78.8%		
Oceania	31	0.7%	-15	-32.6%	0.4%	5.4%		
Americas:	1,138	26.7%	-237	-17.2%	26.7%	8.7%		
Latin America	713	16.7%	-56	-7.3%	24.2%	9.7%		
Northern America	425	10.0%	-181	-29.9%	2.5%	0.4%		

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

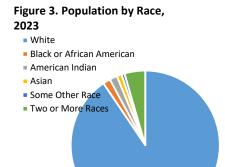
Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023

85 years & over



Northern America

St. Louis 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).



	St. Louis Co.			Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	
Total	200,056	100.0%	-0.1%	100.0%	6.8%	
White	181,117	90.5%	-2.7%	78.4%	-2.2%	
Black or African American	3,199	1.6%	8.1%	6.8%	38.9%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	3,325	1.7%	-28.0%	0.9%	-11.6%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	2,117	1.1%	9.9%	5.1%	29.6%	
Some Other Race	1,316	0.7%	122.7%	2.7%	96.1%	
Two or More Races	8,982	4.5%	119.2%	6.2%	168.3%	
Hispanic or Latino origin	3,767	1.9%	45.8%	6.2%	37.5%	

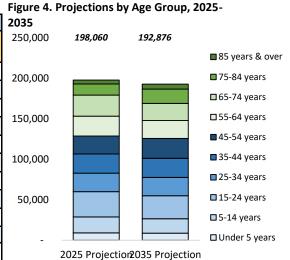
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

90.5%

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, St. Louis 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 increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035 Numeric Percent St. Louis Co. **Projection** Projection Change Change Under 5 years 9,071 8,706 -365 -4.0% 5-14 years 19,748 17,835 -1,913-9.7% -8.3% 31,170 28,590 -2,580 15-24 years 25-34 years 22,985 22,621 -364 -1.6% 35-44 years 23,710 23,525 -185 -0.8% 22,245 24,574 2,329 10.5% 45-54 years 55-64 years 24,446 22,215 -2,231 -9.1% 65-74 years 25,994 21,045 -4,949 -19.0% 75-84 years 13,696 17,809 4,113 30.0% 85 years & over 4,995 5,956 961 19.2% **Total Population** 198,060 192,876 -5,184 -2.6%



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

St. Louis 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. St. Louis 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.

19.4%

10.1%

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

94.6%

College-educated: 68.7%
state: 68.8%

Associate's Degree: 12.8%

Bachelor's Degree:

Advanced Degree:

Less than high school

High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Advanced degree

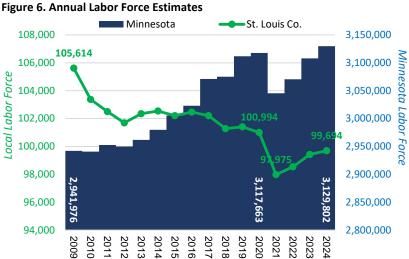
Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023

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

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.2%, St. Louis Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession St. Louis Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.1% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in St. Louis Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.





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, St. Louis 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, St. Louis Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

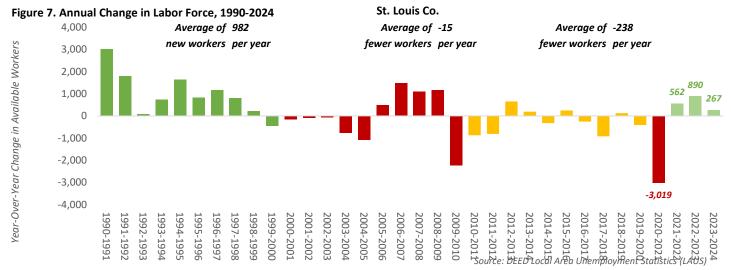
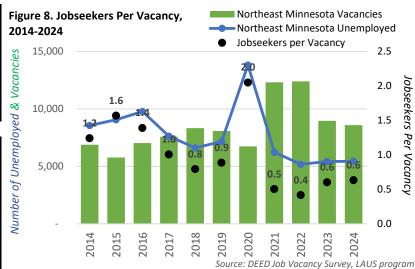


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025 2035			
16 to 24 years	19,887	18,428		
25 to 54 years	59,166	60,654		
55 to 64 years	15,439	14,030		
65 years & over	6,227	5,516		
Total Labor Force	100,719	98,628		

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 Northeast returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).



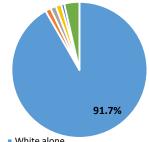
LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

shorter average commute time than the state.

St. Louis Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in St. Louis 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							
	St	. Louis 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	102,454	61.2%	4.5%	68.5%	3.9%	53,770	48,681
16 to 19 years	5,819	49.3%	7.5%	52.7%	9.9%	3,211	2,604
20 to 24 years	14,245	81.5%	6.0%	83.4%	6.5%	7,202	7,049
25 to 44 years	40,333	86.5%	4.6%	88.7%	3.5%	21,730	18,593
45 to 54 years	18,434	84.3%	3.1%	87.8%	2.9%	9,654	8,770
55 to 64 years	17,673	63.2%	3.4%	72.8%	3.0%	8,695	8,972
65 to 74 years	5,066	20.0%	4.2%	27.8%	3.4%	2,751	2,314
75 years & over	899	5.5%	6.8%	6.6%	3.1%	527	379
Employment Characteristics by Race & His	panic Origin					Figure 9. La	bor Force b
White alone	93,974	61.1%	4.1%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	1,344	56.2%	21.7%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	1,351	49.6%	9.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,351	74.8%	5.9%	74.6%	3.5%		\
Some Other Race	770	78.6%	2.3%	75.9%	5.6%		\\\\
Two or More Races	3,691	64.7%	5.8%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,878	73.8%	5.5%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability,	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	7,069	48.1%	9.3%	55.3%	9.5%		91.
Employment Characteristics by Educationa	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	76,390	79.2%	3.9%	84.4%	3.3%	White ald	one
Less than H.S. Diploma	2,510	54.4%	6.1%	67.1%	4.7%	■ Black or A	African Americ
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	14,374	67.3%	3.2%	76.5%	2.6%	Americar	n Indian & Alas
Some College or Assoc. Degree	30,476	80.7%	3.5%	85.0%	3.6%	Asian or	Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	29,051	88.8%	2.2%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

ure 9. Labor Force by ce, 2023



- 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 St. Louis Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. St. Louis Co. also had a

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

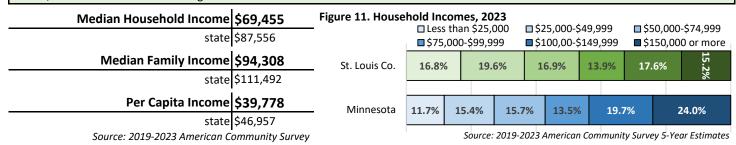
	St. Louis	Co.	Minn	esota	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	1
Worked in state of residence	91,218	95.3%	2,870,678	97.8%	
Worked in county of residence	86,050	89.9%	1,984,232	67.6%	
Worked out of county of residence	5,264	5.5%	886,447	30.2%	
Worked outside state of residence	4,499	4.7%	64,576	2.2%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					_
Car, truck, or van	79,924	83.5%	2,286,563	77.9%	5
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	1,531	1.6%	61,640	2.1%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	4,882	5.1%	120,345	4.1%	6
Worked at home	9,476	9.9%	463,770	15.8%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					-
Less than 10 minutes	19,143	20.0%	478,446	16.3%	•
10 to 19 minutes	38,383	40.1%	924,605	31.5%	
20 to 29 minutes	18,378	19.2%	651,626	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	12,347	12.9%	551,828	18.8%	
45 to 59 minutes	3,254	3.4%	176,115	6.0%	
60 or more minutes	4,116	4.3%	149,698	5.1%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.1	minutes	23.1	minutes	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2023 St. Louis Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 3.7% 4:59 a.m. 4.9% 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.1% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 18.4% 18.9% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 30.0% a.m. 28.8% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 13.8% a.m. 9:00 a.m. to 25.5% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

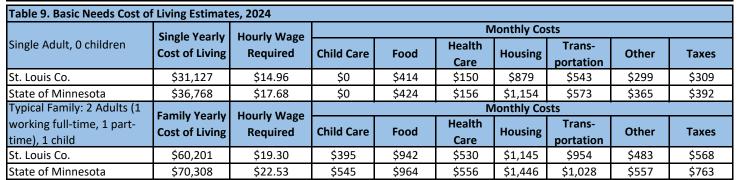
Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

St. Louis Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, St. Louis Co. had the 62nd 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. St. Louis Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.96 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.3 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).



Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

St. Louis Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 50th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. St. Louis 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-	St. Louis Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total Percent		Percent
Total	62,085	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	3,367	5.4%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7,737	12.5%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	9,019	14.5%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	9,481	15.3%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	15,045	24.2%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	12,041	19.4%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	5,395	8.7%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$208,500		\$305,500

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

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% St. Louis Co. Minnesota 2010 or later 2000 to 2009 1980 to 1999 25.0% 22.2% 1960 to 1979 19.8% 1940 to 1959 13.5% 28.6% 1939 or earlier

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs **15.7%**

35% or more

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

state

21.8%

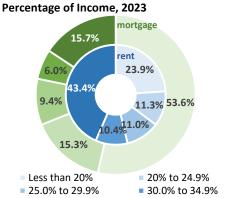
Median monthly rent costs \$970

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

53.8%

state 47.2%

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



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.47 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 3 than the state. Overall, Region 3 had the 7th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.38) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.56) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 20	25						
		Regio	n 3		State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$23.47	139,940	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
Management	\$46.38	7,780	5.6%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$36.09	6,060	4.3%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.42	2,100	1.5%	0.4	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.58	2,240	1.6%	0.8	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$36.86	1,730	1.2%	1.1	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$27.67	4,330	3.1%	1.5	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$40.98	530	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.07	8,410	6.0%	1.0	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.54	1,280	0.9%	0.7	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40.04	11,570	8.3%	1.3	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.28	10,020	7.2%	1.2	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$27.12	3,020	2.2%	1.3	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.56	14,420	10.3%	1.2	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.77	4,660	3.3%	1.2	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.15	3,520	2.5%	1.2	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$16.71	11,750	8.4%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.70	16,400	11.7%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$24.08	230	0.2%	1.5	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$34.23	7,820	5.6%	1.4	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$30.21	6,770	4.8%	1.3	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$25.14	6,360	4.5%	0.6	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.57	8,930	6.4%	0.8	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

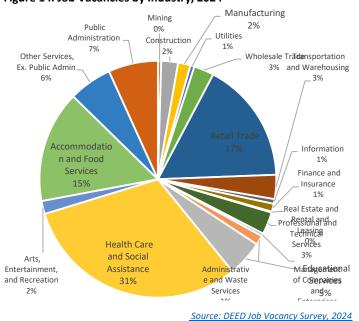
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

St. Louis Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region. There were 8587 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. Northeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024						
	Number of Wa					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer				
Total, All Occupations	8,587	\$18.66				
Management	185	-				
Business & Financial Operations	276	•				
Computer & Mathematical	30	\$29.91				
Architecture & Engineering	305	•				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	77	\$28.87				
Community & Social Service	229					
Education, Training & Library	302					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,091	•				
Healthcare Support	976					
Protective Service	79	7				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,381	\$14.85				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	290					
Personal Care & Service	453					
Sales & Related	1,347					
Office & Administrative Support	303					
Construction & Extraction	61	\$24.60				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	331	\$22.85				
Production	83	\$20.38				
Transportation & Material Moving	435	\$19.58				

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2024						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers			
\$34,948/yr	\$40,605/yr	\$81,894/yr	\$76,245/yr			
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Accountants and Auditors			
\$33,663/yr	\$54,185/yr	\$76,015/yr	\$71,413/yr			
Cashiers	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Human Resources Specialists			
\$29,976/yr	\$61,962/yr	\$71,154/yr	\$65,973/yr			
Cooks, Restaurant	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education			
\$37,144/yr	\$47,607/yr Automotive Service Technicians and	\$48,119/yr	\$63,522/yr			
Fast Food and Counter Workers	Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Physician Assistants			
\$30,037/yr	\$54,132/yr	\$84,405/yr	\$120,821/yr			
Teaching Assistants, Except	Heating, Air Conditioning, and	Civil Engineering Technologists	Secondary School Teachers, Except			
Postsecondary \$38,927/yr	Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$66,247/yr	and Technicians \$73,049/yr	Special and Career/Technical \$65,592/yr			
Waiters and Waitresses	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors	Community Health Workers	Child, Family, and School Social Workers			
\$22,936/yr	\$49,373/yr	\$43,268/yr	\$69,154/yr			
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and	Machinists	Surgical Technologists	Medical and Health Services Managers			
\$36,904/yr	\$62,131/yr	\$65,008/yr	\$100,366/yr			
Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	Emergency Medical Technicians	Forest and Conservation Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$33,611/yr	\$39,523/yr	\$53,442/yr	\$41,313/yr			
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	Medical Assistants	Respiratory Therapists	Nurse Practitioners			
\$50,367/yr	\$47,014/yr	\$80,721/yr	\$132,823/yr			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

St. Louis Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 3.3% 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 Employ-	Percent Change 2022-2032			
_		3.3%			
•		0.8%			
1,352	1,342	-0.7%			
7,006	7,544	7.7%			
8,777	9,016	2.7%			
3,202	3,359	4.9%			
16,565	16,360	-1.2%			
4,151	4,437	6.9%			
1,222	1,208	-1.1%			
5,827	5,846	0.3%			
5,808	6,264	7.9%			
3,097	3,231	4.3%			
12,004	12,056	0.4%			
31,799	33,864	6.5%			
17,159	18,243	6.3%			
5,953	6,118	2.8%			
15,176	15,440	1.7%			
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Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

	Employment Projection	s, 2022	-2032			
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	Management Occupations	593	3,000			
	Business and Financial	320	2 ,173			
	Computer and	298	546			
	Architecture and	170	698			
1	Life, Physical, and Social	90	419			
1	Community and Social	348	2 ,015			
4	Legal Occupations	25	194			
_	Educational Instruction and	211	4,062			
	Arts, Design,	40	999			
	Healthcare Practitioners	873	3,925	5		
	Healthcare Support	849	7,193	\$		
	Protective Service	57	1 ,479			
7	Food Preparation and	611	12,12	5		
-	Building and Grounds	241	3,674			
_	Personal Care and Service	260	2,8 49			
_	Sales and Related	-25	58,073			
	Office and Administrative	-888■	9,529			
	Farming, Fishing, and	-43	402			
	Construction and Extraction	595	3,2 93			
1	Installation, Maintenance,	334	2,9 64			
1	Production Occupations	-157	2,924			
	Transportation and	585	5,427			
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

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Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, St. Louis Co. had the 7th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. St. Louis Co. was the 37th fastest growing in the past year and the 43rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in St. Louis Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

5,643 business establishments \$60,450 annual average wage

95,489 jobs \$5,772,295,601 total industry payroll

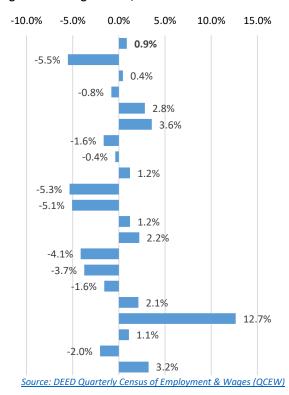
Job change, 2019-2024 6.1% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024 Source: DEED QCEW program St. Louis Co. Minnesota 100.000 2,931,419 3,000,000 2.901.632 97,117 98,000 2,900,000 96,000 2,800,000 93,407 2,680,5 94.000 2,700,000 92,000 2,600,000 90,000 2,637,323 91,364 2,500,000 2,563,391 89,960 88,000 2,400,000 86,000

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

			Average
Table 15. St. Louis Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2024	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	95,489	100.0%	\$60,450
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	137	0.1%	\$38,296
Mining	3,373	3.5%	\$113,342
Construction	4,845	5.1%	\$81,239
Manufacturing	5,518	5.8%	\$69,918
Utilities	988	1.0%	\$115,053
Wholesale Trade	1,857	1.9%	\$75,714
Retail Trade	11,340	11.9%	\$35,186
Transportation & Warehousing	2,931	3.1%	\$66,322
Information	763	0.8%	\$56,279
Finance & Insurance	2,527	2.6%	\$78,192
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,006	1.1%	\$44,870
Professional & Technical Services	3,927	4.1%	\$88,088
Management of Companies	625	0.7%	\$92,881
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	1,932	2.0%	\$37,997
Educational Services	7,438	7.8%	\$58,990
Health Care & Social Assistance	24,925	26.1%	\$68,793
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2,377	2.5%	\$27,093
Accommodation & Food Services	9,417	9.9%	\$23,061
Other Services	3,284	3.4%	\$36,546
Public Administration	6,276	6.6%	\$70,045

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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