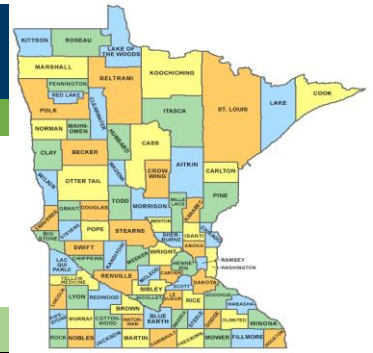


**COUNTY PROFILE**

**St. Louis Co.**

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



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2024 population:	<b>200,794 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>41.3 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	563 people 0.3% increase	state:	38.6 years

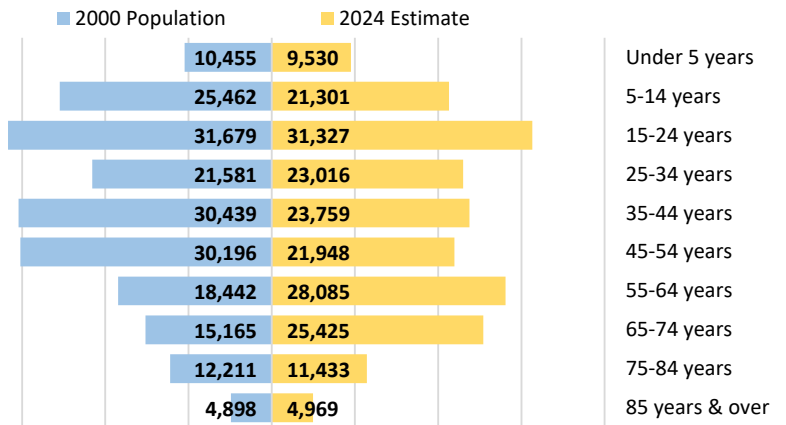
St. Louis Co. is the 6th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 48th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. St. Louis Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. 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%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>200,794</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

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



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 Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			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

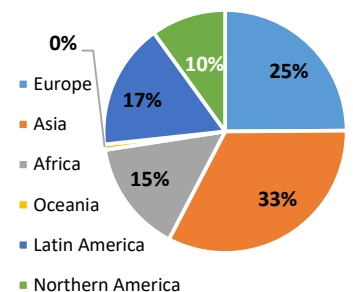
Compared to the state, St. Louis Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, St. Louis Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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

	St. Louis Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>4,262</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
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%

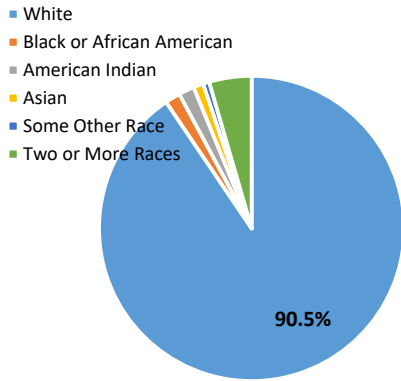
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

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



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).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2023



	St. Louis Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>200,056</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
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

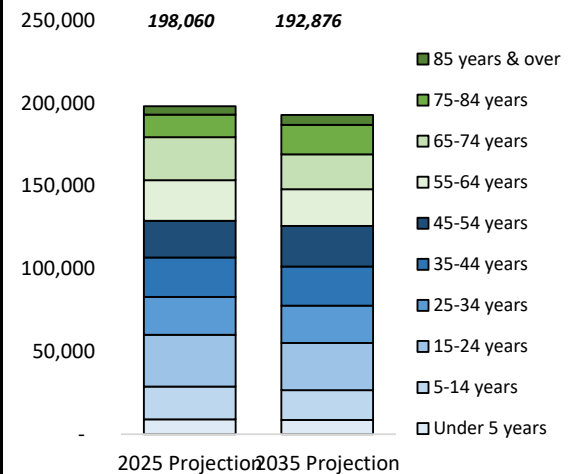
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

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).

St. Louis Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	9,071	8,706	-365	-4.0%
5-14 years	19,748	17,835	-1,913	-9.7%
15-24 years	31,170	28,590	-2,580	-8.3%
25-34 years	22,985	22,621	-364	-1.6%
35-44 years	23,710	23,525	-185	-0.8%
45-54 years	22,245	24,574	2,329	10.5%
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%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>198,060</b>	<b>192,876</b>	<b>-5,184</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

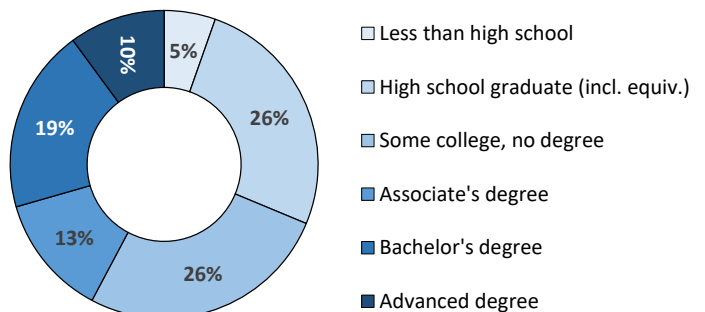


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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.

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>94.6%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>68.7%</b>
state:	68.8%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>12.8%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>10.1%</b>

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023



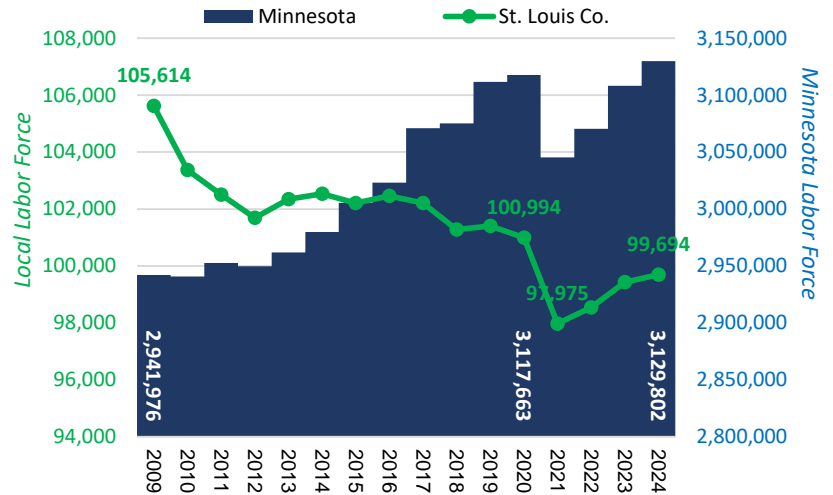
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

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.

<b>99,694</b>	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2009-2024</i>	<b>-5,920 workers</b> <b>-5.6% decline</b>
<b>3.4%</b>	unemployment rate
<i>3.0%</i>	state
<b>3,390</b>	unemployed workers

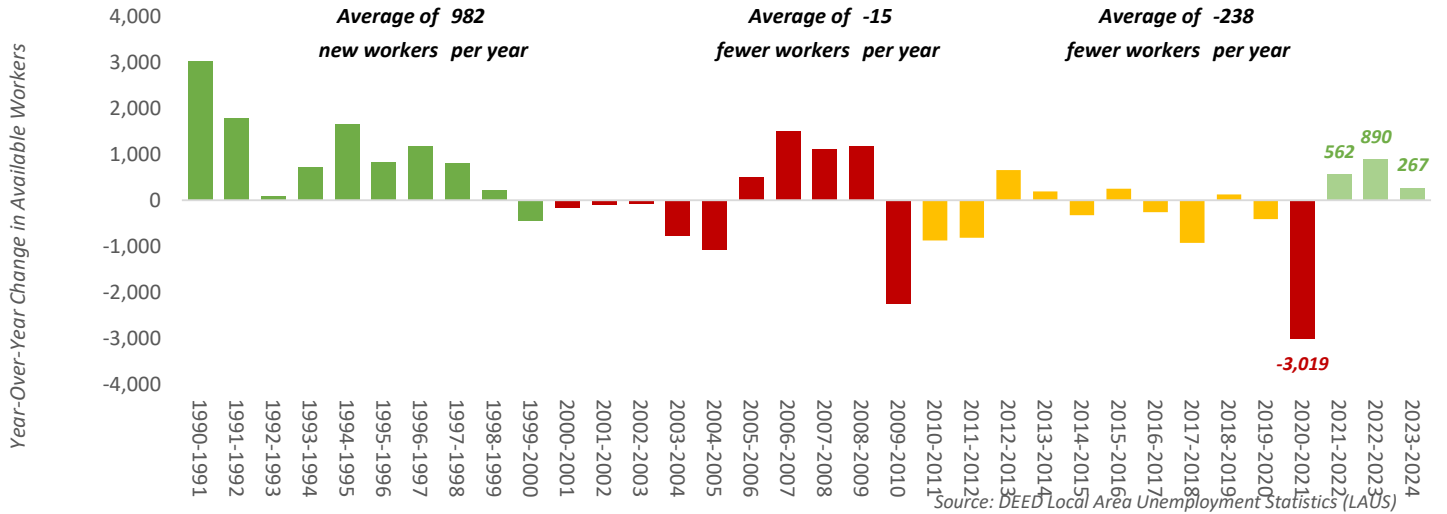
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, 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).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2024



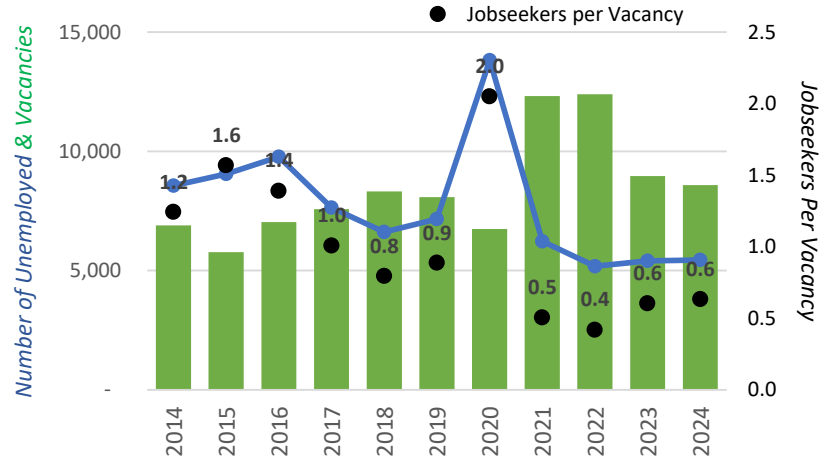
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	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
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>100,719</b>	<b>98,628</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 Northeast 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

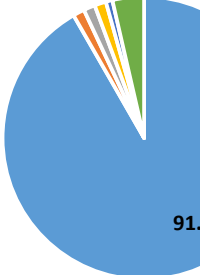


Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

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.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>102,454</b>	<b>61.2%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>53,770</b>	<b>48,681</b>
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
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>						<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	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%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	7,069	48.1%	9.3%	55.3%	9.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	76,390	79.2%	3.9%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	2,510	54.4%	6.1%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	14,374	67.3%	3.2%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	30,476	80.7%	3.5%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	29,051	88.8%	2.2%	90.5%	2.0%		

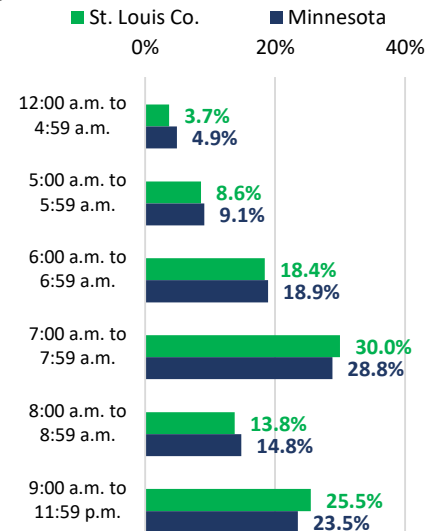
Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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 shorter average commute time than the state.

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	St. Louis Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
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%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	79,924	83.5%	2,286,563	77.9%
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%
Worked at home	9,476	9.9%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
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%
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%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>20.1 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

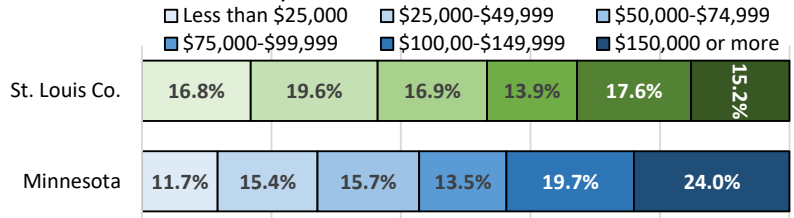
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

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.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$69,455</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$94,308</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$39,778</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. 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).

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
St. Louis Co.	\$31,127	\$14.96	\$0	\$414	\$150	\$879	\$543	\$299	\$309
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
St. Louis Co.	\$60,201	\$19.30	\$395	\$942	\$530	\$1,145	\$954	\$483	\$568
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

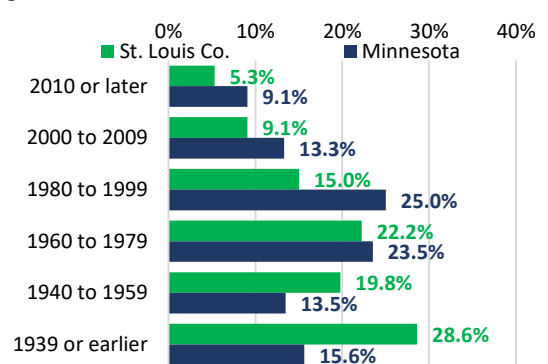
St. Louis Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 50th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. St. Louis Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2022

	St. Louis Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>62,085</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$208,500</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>\$1,495</b>
state	\$1,890

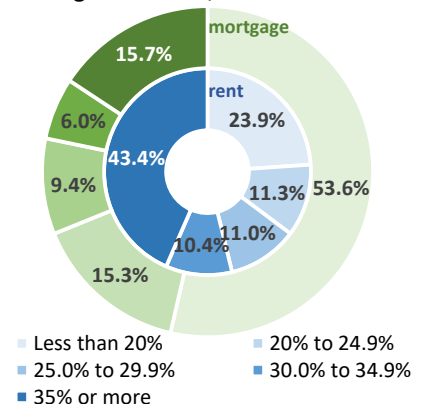
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>21.8%</b>
state	22.5%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$970</b>
state	\$1,235

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>53.8%</b>
state	47.2%

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

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.47 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, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 3				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$23.47</b>	<b>139,940</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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

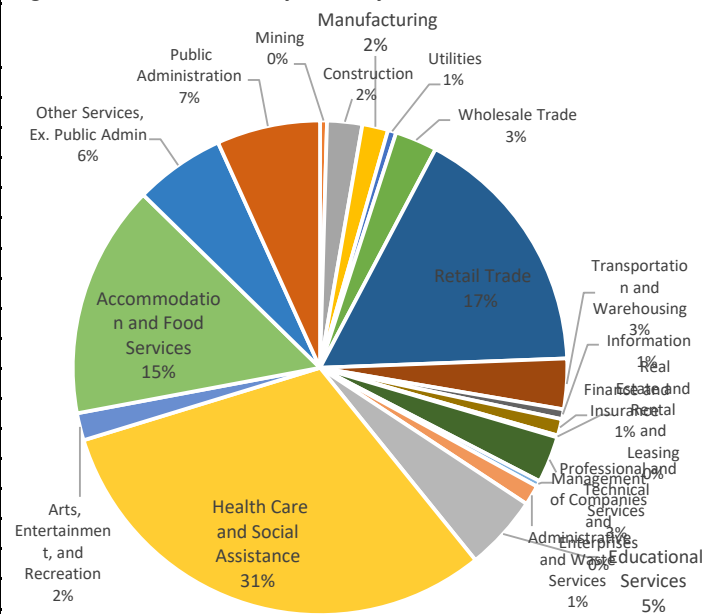
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

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

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>8,587</b>	<b>\$18.66</b>
Management	185	\$50.94
Business & Financial Operations	276	\$26.51
Computer & Mathematical	30	\$29.91
Architecture & Engineering	305	\$31.47
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	77	\$28.87
Community & Social Service	229	\$20.86
Education, Training & Library	302	\$21.23
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,091	\$39.45
Healthcare Support	976	\$17.84
Protective Service	79	\$20.78
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,381	\$14.85
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	290	\$15.85
Personal Care & Service	453	\$16.99
Sales & Related	1,347	\$15.90
Office & Administrative Support	303	\$17.38
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



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northeast Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2025

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$36,611/yr	Nursing Assistants \$43,783/yr	Registered Nurses \$84,451/yr	General and Operations Managers \$77,788/yr
Retail Salespersons \$33,817/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$62,124/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$76,419/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$74,639/yr
Food Preparation Workers \$33,094/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$39,033/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$79,035/yr	Pharmacists \$143,951/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,019/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$57,976/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$47,241/yr	Project Management Specialists \$94,155/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,249/yr	Medical Assistants \$47,235/yr	Dental Hygienists \$91,369/yr	Financial Managers \$128,471/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$22,952/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$53,239/yr	Surgical Technologists \$66,757/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$61,345/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$43,418/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$51,475/yr	Respiratory Therapists \$81,337/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$41,454/yr
Cashiers \$29,732/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$48,935/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$64,843/yr	Medical and Health Services Managers \$103,535/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,028/yr	Electricians \$85,688/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$79,462/yr	Human Resources Specialists \$67,642/yr
Cooks, Restaurant \$36,715/yr	Pharmacy Technicians \$47,252/yr	Cardiovascular Technologists and Technicians \$86,132/yr	Industrial Engineers \$95,993/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

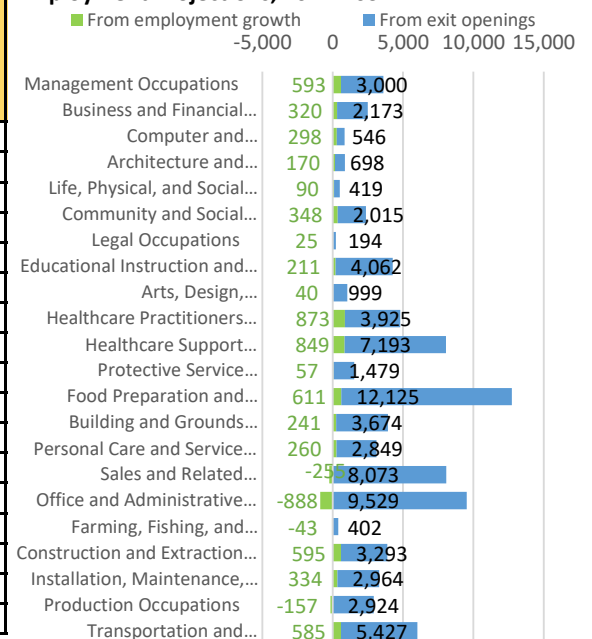
St. Louis Co. is a part of the Northeast planning region, which is projected to see a 3.3% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Northeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>153,945</b>	<b>159,102</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,228	5,268	0.8%
Utilities	1,352	1,342	-0.7%
Construction	7,006	7,544	7.7%
Manufacturing	8,777	9,016	2.7%
Wholesale Trade	3,202	3,359	4.9%
Retail Trade	16,565	16,360	-1.2%
Transportation & Warehousing	4,151	4,437	6.9%
Information	1,222	1,208	-1.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	5,827	5,846	0.3%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,808	6,264	7.9%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,097	3,231	4.3%
Educational Services	12,004	12,056	0.4%
Health Care & Social Assistance	31,799	33,864	6.5%
Leisure & Hospitality	17,159	18,243	6.3%
Other Services	5,953	6,118	2.8%
Public Administration	15,176	15,440	1.7%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, 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 2020. From 2020 to 2024, employment in St. Louis Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

**5,643** business establishments

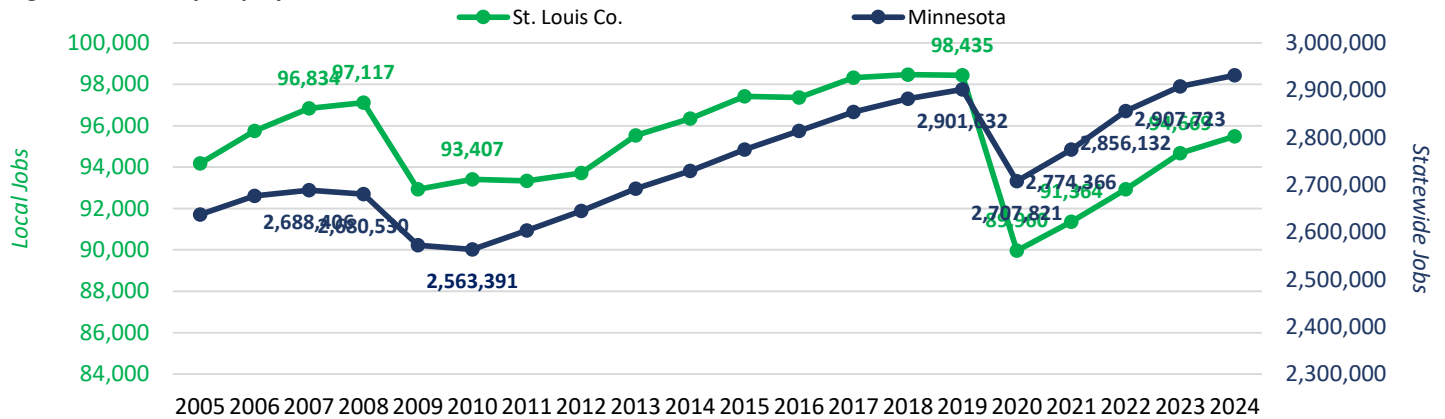
**\$60,450** annual average wage

**95,489** jobs

**\$5,772,295,601** total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2024: **5,529 jobs** (6.1% increase)

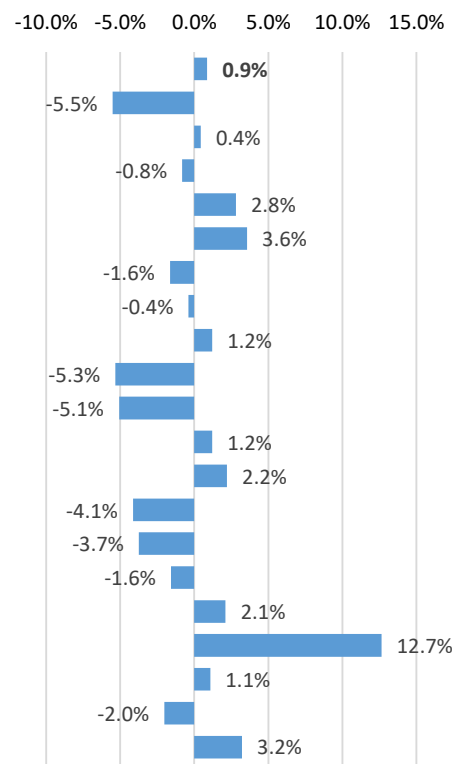
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. St. Louis Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024	Number of Establishments	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>5,643</b>	<b>95,489</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$60,450</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	46	137	0.1%	\$38,296
Mining	21	3,373	3.5%	\$113,342
Construction	605	4,845	5.1%	\$81,239
Manufacturing	209	5,518	5.8%	\$69,918
Utilities	21	988	1.0%	\$115,053
Wholesale Trade	179	1,857	1.9%	\$75,714
Retail Trade	764	11,340	11.9%	\$35,186
Transportation & Warehousing	182	2,931	3.1%	\$66,322
Information	92	763	0.8%	\$56,279
Finance & Insurance	277	2,527	2.6%	\$78,192
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	202	1,006	1.1%	\$44,870
Professional & Technical Services	414	3,927	4.1%	\$88,088
Management of Companies	39	625	0.7%	\$92,881
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	210	1,932	2.0%	\$37,997
Educational Services	147	7,438	7.8%	\$58,990
Health Care & Social Assistance	688	24,925	26.1%	\$68,793
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	164	2,377	2.5%	\$27,093
Accommodation & Food Services	557	9,417	9.9%	\$23,061
Other Services	634	3,284	3.4%	\$36,546
Public Administration	195	6,276	6.6%	\$70,045

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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

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