

COUNTY PROFILE

Blue Earth Co.

Blue Earth Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 9, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2025 population:	70,634 people	Median Age:	31.6 years
Population change, 2020-2025	1,517 people 2.2% increase	state:	38.8 years

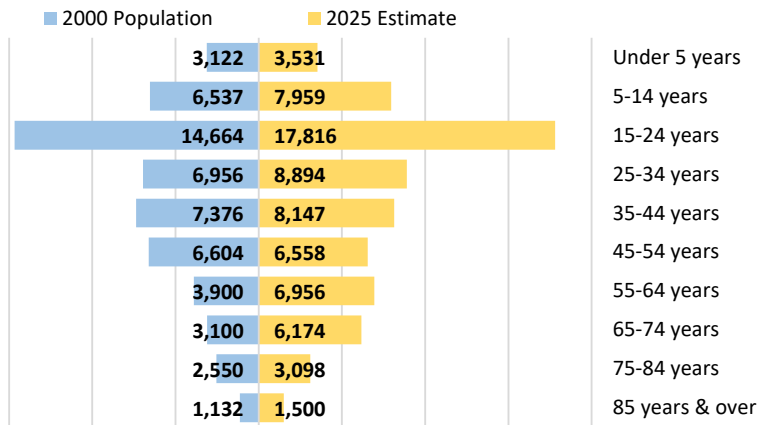
Blue Earth Co. is the 13th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 29th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Blue Earth Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and 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, 2025

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	3,531	5.0%
5-14 years	7,959	11.3%
15-24 years	17,816	25.2%
25-34 years	8,894	12.6%
35-44 years	8,147	11.5%
45-54 years	6,558	9.3%
55-64 years	6,956	9.8%
65-74 years	6,174	8.7%
75-84 years	3,098	4.4%
85 years & over	1,500	2.1%
Total Population	70,634	100.0%

Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2025



Blue Earth Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2025, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Blue Earth 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, 2020-2025

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2025					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Blue Earth Co.	1,436	543	3,579	3,036	893	1,078	-185
State of Minnesota	122,685	63,075	330,813	267,738	59,610	96,812	-37,202

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

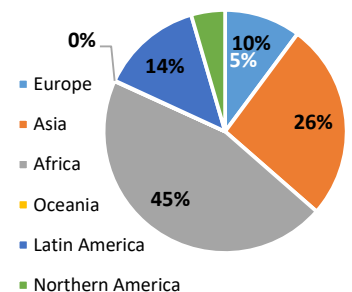
Compared to the state, Blue Earth Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2014 to 2024, Blue Earth Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2024

	Blue Earth Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	3,741	5.4%	1,173	45.7%	8.7%	23.3%
Europe	380	10.2%	-88	-18.8%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	983	26.3%	-83	-7.8%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	1,697	45.4%	982	137.3%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	3	0.1%	-25	-89.3%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	678	18.1%	387	133.0%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	509	13.6%	266	109.5%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	169	4.5%	121	252.1%	2.4%	-2.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2024



Blue Earth Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2014, the white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2024

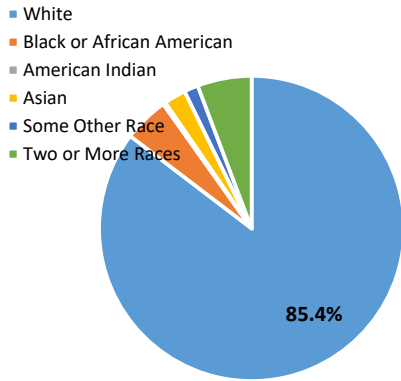


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2024	Blue Earth Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
Total	69,871	100.0%	8.0%	100.0%	6.6%
White	59,639	85.4%	-0.3%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	3,360	4.8%	70.6%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	192	0.3%	-17.9%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,621	2.3%	23.4%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	1,042	1.5%	290.3%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	4,017	5.7%	256.4%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	3,369	4.8%	86.2%	6.4%	38.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

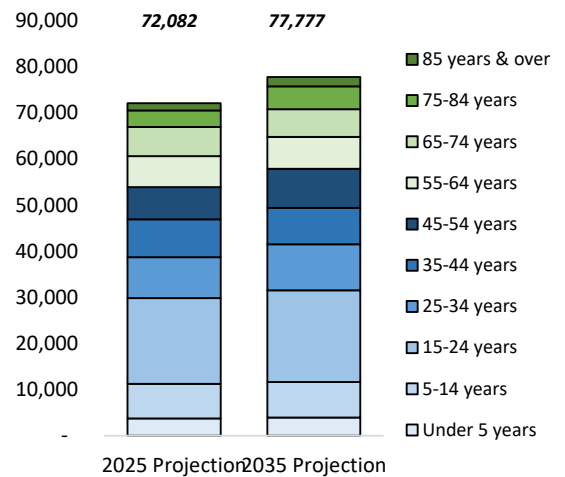
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

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

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035				
Blue Earth Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	3,709	3,934	225	6.1%
5-14 years	7,562	7,665	103	1.4%
15-24 years	18,552	19,930	1,378	7.4%
25-34 years	8,879	9,962	1,083	12.2%
35-44 years	8,224	7,927	-297	-3.6%
45-54 years	6,952	8,425	1,473	21.2%
55-64 years	6,729	6,963	234	3.5%
65-74 years	6,356	5,966	-390	-6.1%
75-84 years	3,580	4,983	1,403	39.2%
85 years & over	1,539	2,022	483	31.4%
Total Population	72,082	77,777	5,695	7.9%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

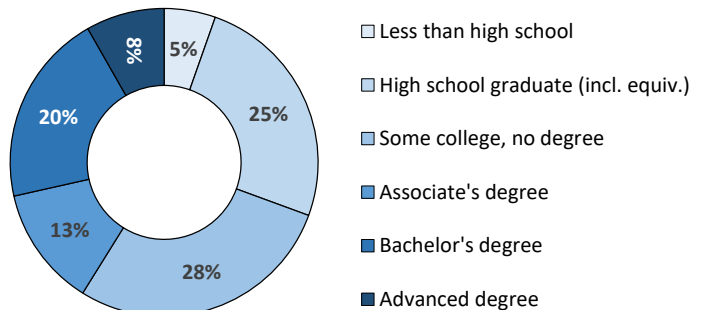


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Blue Earth Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.3%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Blue Earth Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:	94.6%
College-educated:	69.4%
state:	68.9%
Associate's Degree:	12.6%
Bachelor's Degree:	20.3%
Advanced Degree:	8.2%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024



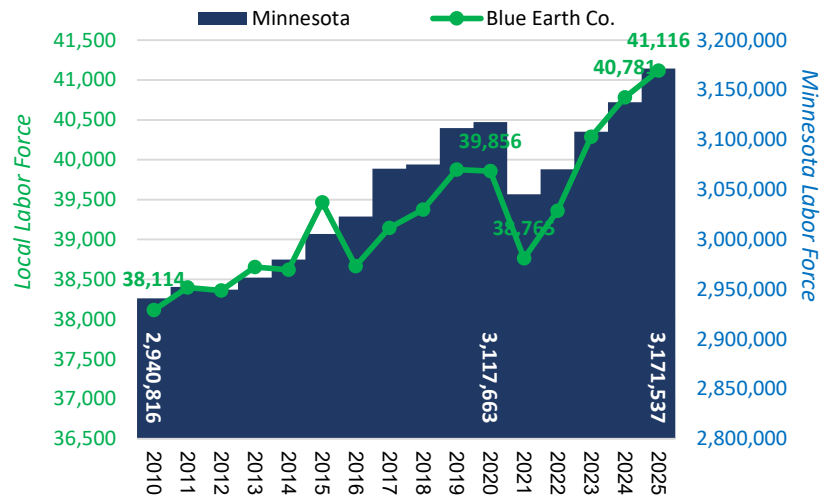
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.4%, Blue Earth Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Blue Earth Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 5.5% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Blue Earth Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

41,116	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2010-2025</i>	3,002 workers 7.9% increase
3.4%	unemployment rate
<i>3.9% state</i>	
1,398	unemployed workers

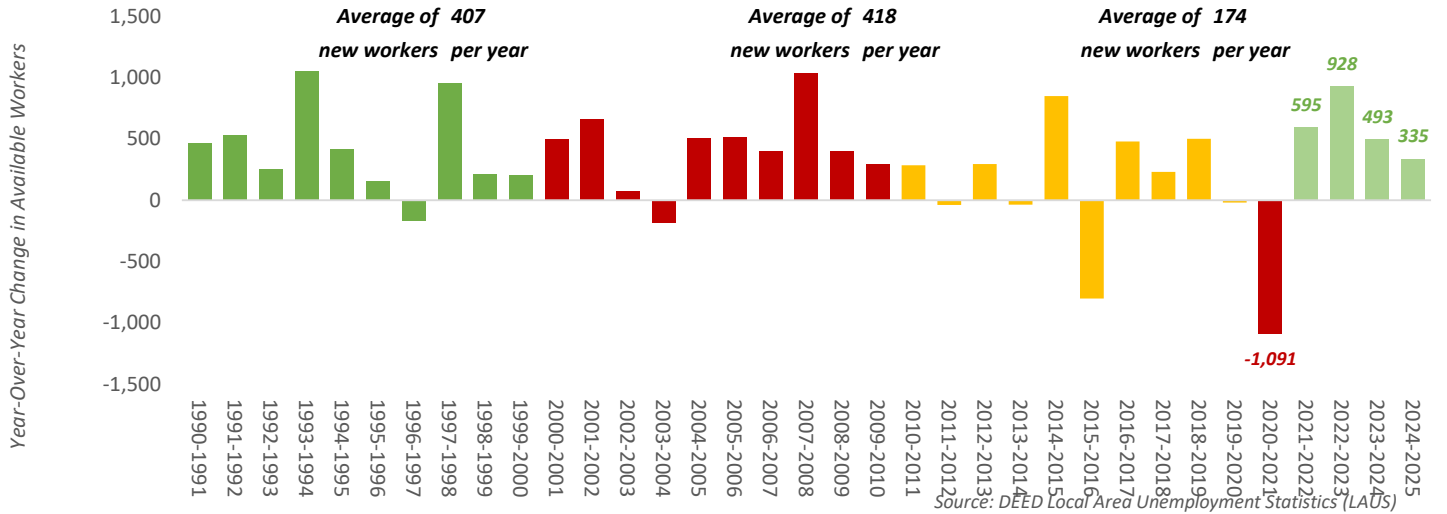
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Blue Earth Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Blue Earth Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2025



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	12,859	14,022
25 to 54 years	21,183	23,162
55 to 64 years	4,967	5,140
65 years & over	2,155	2,146
Total Labor Force	41,164	44,470

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2020-2024 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession. In 2024, job vacancies in Southwest returned to pre-pandemic levels and the number of unemployed workers was trending upward, but employers were 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

Blue Earth Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Blue Earth Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 78.7% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2024

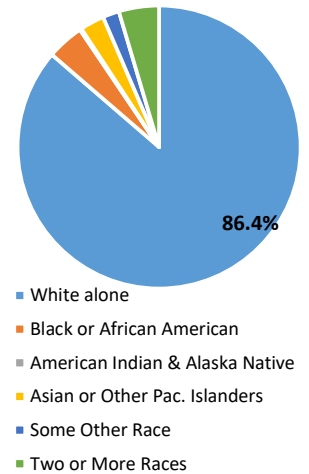
	Blue Earth Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	39,976	69.3%	4.9%	68.1%	4.1%	20,864	19,135
16 to 19 years	3,344	55.9%	12.6%	52.6%	10.3%	1,453	1,893
20 to 24 years	8,971	82.9%	6.4%	83.3%	6.6%	4,516	4,453
25 to 44 years	14,903	88.4%	4.7%	88.7%	3.7%	8,215	6,685
45 to 54 years	5,657	87.2%	2.4%	87.8%	3.0%	2,812	2,844
55 to 64 years	5,079	73.8%	2.2%	72.7%	3.2%	2,600	2,478
65 to 74 years	1,795	29.4%	1.3%	27.7%	3.6%	1,093	704
75 years & over	255	5.6%	0.8%	6.7%	3.2%	175	78

Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin					
White alone	34,536	68.8%	4.3%	67.0%	3.5%
Black or African American	1,692	68.8%	7.0%	70.8%	8.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	81	63.3%	0.0%	58.0%	10.8%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,109	74.9%	17.5%	75.2%	3.5%
Some Other Race	754	87.8%	3.1%	75.4%	5.8%
Two or More Races	1,836	71.7%	8.1%	74.0%	5.7%
Hispanic or Latino	1,989	78.5%	5.7%	76.6%	5.8%

Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years					
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	2,327	56.6%	12.1%	56.1%	9.4%

Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	25,631	84.8%	3.7%	84.5%	3.4%
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,135	68.8%	3.3%	66.2%	4.9%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	4,969	75.4%	2.6%	76.6%	2.5%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,875	87.3%	4.3%	85.0%	3.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	9,661	90.5%	3.0%	90.5%	2.2%

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2024



Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

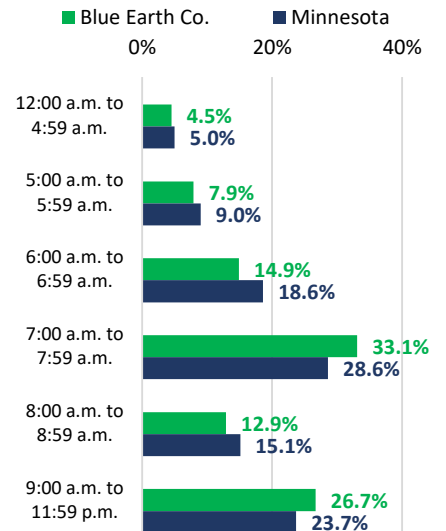
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024

	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	36,845	99.7%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	28,937	78.3%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	7,946	21.5%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	111	0.3%	64,678	2.2%

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	31,856	86.2%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	480	1.3%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,515	4.1%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	3,141	8.5%	517,420	17.6%

TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	9,350	25.3%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	17,739	48.0%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	4,841	13.1%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	2,809	7.6%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	887	2.4%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	1,330	3.6%	144,055	4.9%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	16.8 minutes		22.7 minutes	

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2024



Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

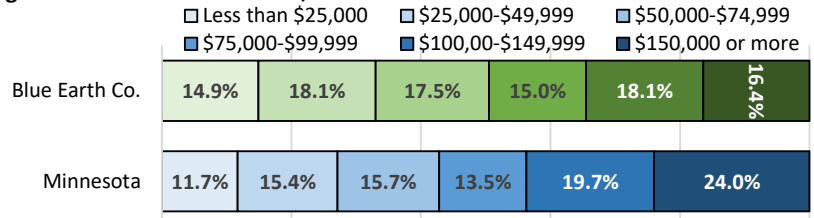
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Blue Earth Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Blue Earth Co. had the 40th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$74,477
state	\$89,062
Median Family Income	\$98,056
state	\$113,993
Per Capita Income	\$37,155
state	\$48,237

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2024



Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased in recent years with expenses up in many areas. Blue Earth Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.77 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.35 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
Blue Earth Co.	\$32,801	\$15.77	\$0	\$420	\$183	\$1,000	\$485	\$314	\$331
State of Minnesota	\$38,376	\$18.45	\$0	\$452	\$202	\$1,199	\$561	\$365	\$419

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
Blue Earth Co.	\$60,365	\$19.35	\$340	\$955	\$639	\$1,213	\$838	\$479	\$566
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

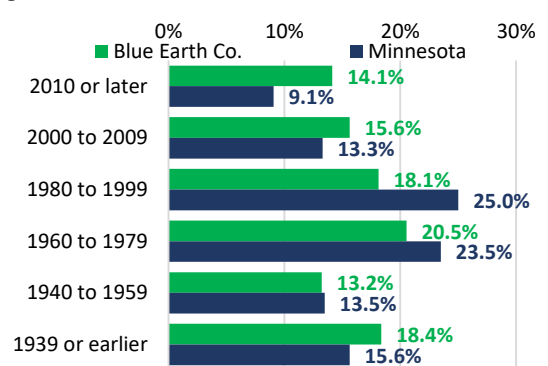
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Blue Earth Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 27th highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Blue Earth Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2024	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	16,939	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	1,156	6.8%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	486	2.9%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,314	7.8%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,195	13.0%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,897	28.9%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,965	29.3%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	1,926	11.4%	19.6%
Median (dollars)	\$266,700		\$329,300

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2024



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,662
state	\$1,947

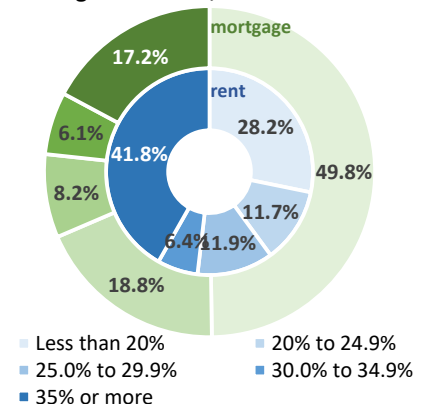
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	23.3%
state	23.2%

Median monthly rent costs	\$1,123
state	\$1,280

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	48.1%
state	48.1%

Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2024



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.5 in 2025, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$48.78) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$15.01) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 9				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
Total, All Occupations	\$23.50	102,130	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
Management	\$48.78	5,790	5.7%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$35.84	4,270	4.2%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.02	1,150	1.1%	0.3	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.56	1,790	1.8%	0.9	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$33.52	860	0.8%	0.8	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$29.90	2,240	2.2%	1.1	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$36.69	390	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.30	6,550	6.4%	1.1	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.18	1,060	1.0%	0.8	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$41.33	5,960	5.8%	0.9	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.67	6,720	6.6%	1.1	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.66	1,340	1.3%	0.8	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$15.01	9,860	9.7%	1.2	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.53	2,970	2.9%	1.0	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.90	2,240	2.2%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.32	8,810	8.6%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.22	11,360	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.44	260	0.3%	2.3	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.81	4,190	4.1%	1.1	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.17	4,650	4.6%	1.3	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$23.49	10,360	10.1%	1.4	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.63	9,340	9.1%	1.2	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

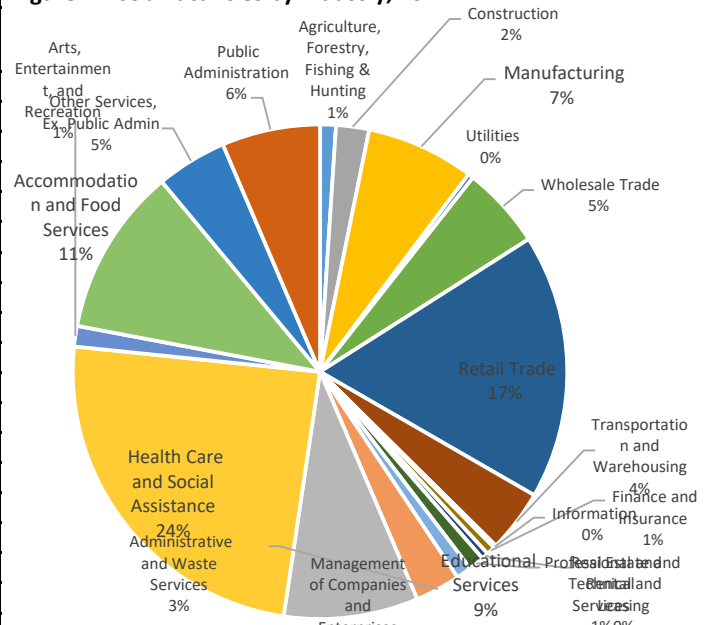
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Blue Earth 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
Total, All Occupations	9,168	\$19.48
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, 2025

High School or Less	Vocational Training	Associate Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Cashiers \$29,957/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$56,626/yr	Registered Nurses \$87,199/yr	General and Operations Managers \$83,095/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$37,313/yr	Nursing Assistants \$42,326/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$77,653/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$62,582/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,720/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$60,328/yr	Dental Hygienists \$96,312/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$63,481/yr
Retail Salespersons \$34,590/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$60,377/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$60,463/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$75,070/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,684/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$49,699/yr	Occupational Therapy Assistants \$61,484/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$42,191/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$37,463/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$62,197/yr	Detectives and Criminal Investigators \$83,721/yr	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and \$106,848/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and \$44,165/yr	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians \$62,029/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$79,581/yr	Financial Managers \$129,957/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$36,766/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$50,172/yr	Mechanical Drafters \$67,942/yr	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School \$63,516/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$45,638/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians \$41,569/yr	Agricultural Technicians \$63,397/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$63,878/yr
Food Preparation Workers \$32,590/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$61,914/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$63,751/yr	Physical Therapists \$99,992/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

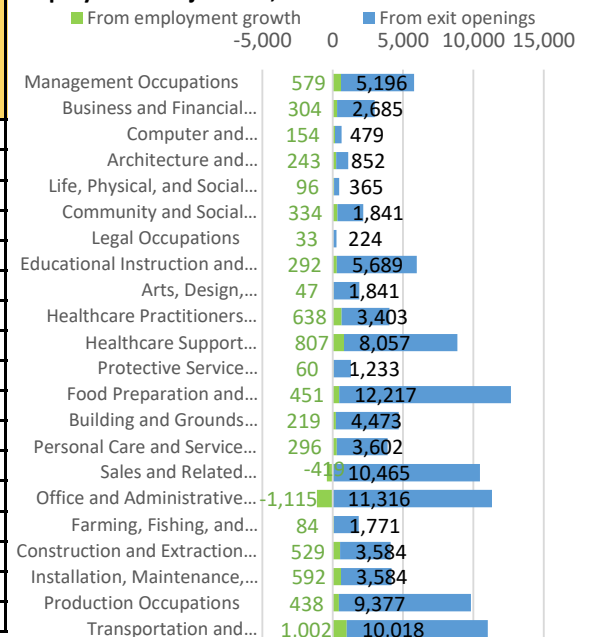
Blue Earth Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
Total, All Industries	202,214	207,878	2.8%
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

After gaining jobs over the past year, Blue Earth Co. had the 11th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Blue Earth Co. was the 31st fastest growing in the past year and the 14th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Blue Earth Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

2,145 business establishments

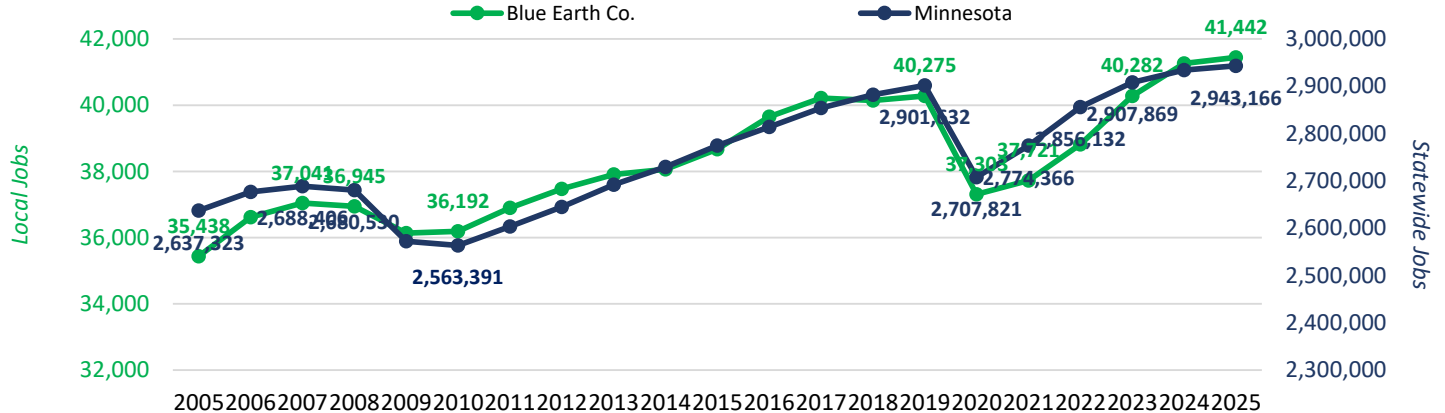
\$59,436 annual average wage

41,442 jobs

\$2,463,638,533 total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2025
4,139 jobs
11.1% increase

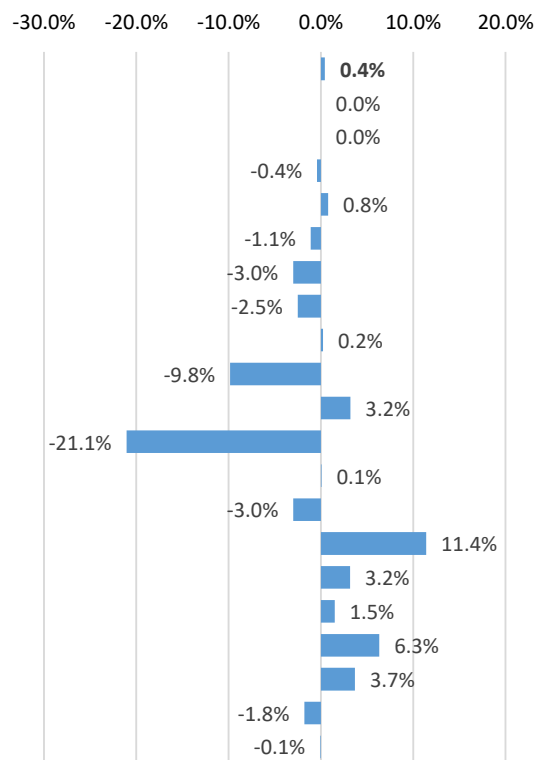
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Blue Earth Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2025	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	41,442	100.0%	\$59,436
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	400	1.0%	\$45,994
Mining	84	0.2%	\$84,448
Construction	1,941	4.7%	\$81,744
Manufacturing	4,417	10.7%	\$78,936
Utilities	181	0.4%	\$121,888
Wholesale Trade	1,036	2.5%	\$79,768
Retail Trade	5,467	13.2%	\$36,088
Transportation & Warehousing	1,634	3.9%	\$59,228
Information	486	1.2%	\$69,004
Finance & Insurance	1,287	3.1%	\$94,536
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	690	1.7%	\$47,840
Professional & Technical Services	1,212	2.9%	\$97,032
Management of Companies	130	0.3%	\$147,004
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	1,075	2.6%	\$50,076
Educational Services	3,894	9.4%	\$63,908
Health Care & Social Assistance	9,778	23.6%	\$63,856
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	572	1.4%	\$19,032
Accommodation & Food Services	4,237	10.2%	\$22,412
Other Services	1,481	3.6%	\$39,468
Public Administration	1,442	3.5%	\$77,220

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025



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

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