

**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Lincoln Co.**

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



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

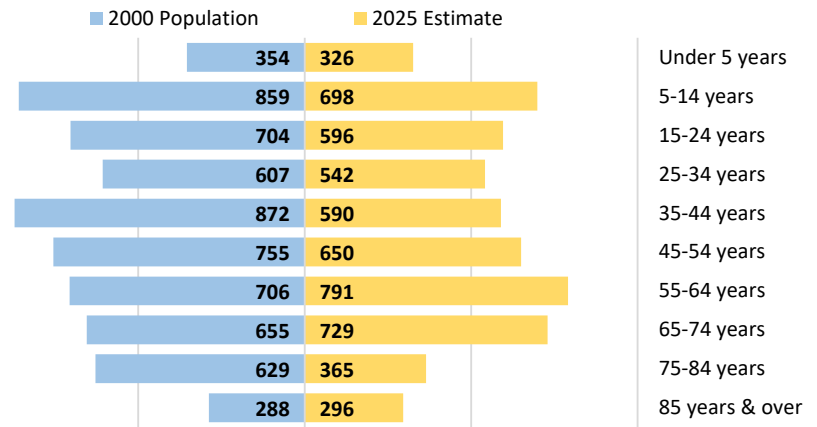
2025 population:	<b>5,583 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>45.6 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2025	-55 people -1.0% decline	state:	38.8 years

Lincoln Co. is the 80th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 62nd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Lincoln 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, 2025**

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	326	5.8%
5-14 years	698	12.5%
15-24 years	596	10.7%
25-34 years	542	9.7%
35-44 years	590	10.6%
45-54 years	650	11.6%
55-64 years	791	14.2%
65-74 years	729	13.1%
75-84 years	365	6.5%
85 years & over	296	5.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5,583</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2025**



Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

Lincoln Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2025, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Lincoln 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
Lincoln Co.	-53	-40	320	360	-13	15	-28
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

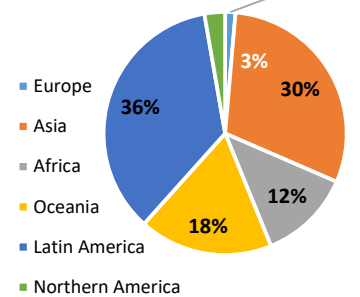
Compared to the state, Lincoln Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2014 to 2024, Lincoln Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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

	Lincoln Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35.2%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
Europe	1	1.4%	-13	-92.9%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	22	30.1%	8	57.1%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	9	12.3%	4	80.0%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	13	17.8%	13	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	28	38.4%	7	33.3%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	26	35.6%	5	23.8%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	2	2.7%	2	#DIV/0!	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**



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Lincoln 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**

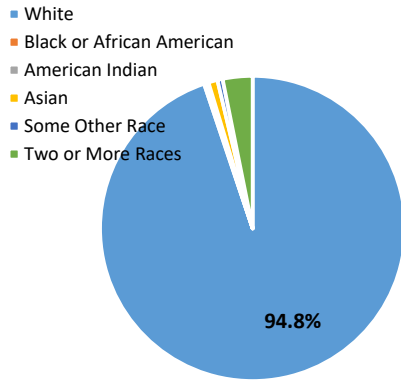


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2024	Lincoln Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,603</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
White	5,314	94.8%	-6.4%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	6	0.1%	-78.6%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	21	0.4%	162.5%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	54	1.0%	350.0%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	31	0.6%	-56.3%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	177	3.2%	580.8%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	147	2.6%	56.4%	6.4%	38.4%

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

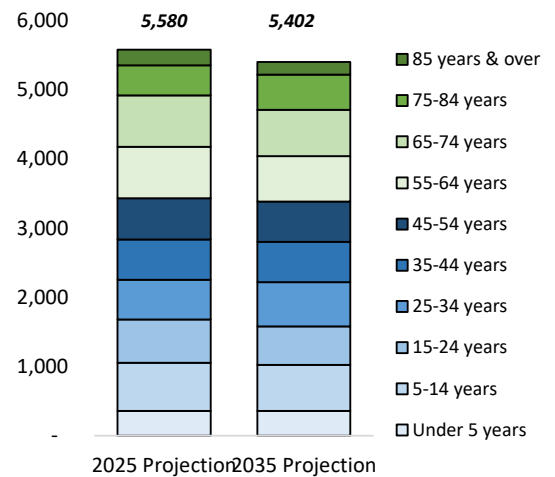
## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Lincoln 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				
Lincoln Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	357	356	-1	-0.3%
5-14 years	696	669	-27	-3.9%
15-24 years	625	556	-69	-11.0%
25-34 years	577	640	63	10.9%
35-44 years	582	581	-1	-0.2%
45-54 years	593	581	-12	-2.0%
55-64 years	744	658	-86	-11.6%
65-74 years	744	668	-76	-10.2%
75-84 years	434	509	75	17.3%
85 years & over	228	184	-44	-19.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>5,580</b>	<b>5,402</b>	<b>-178</b>	<b>-3.2%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

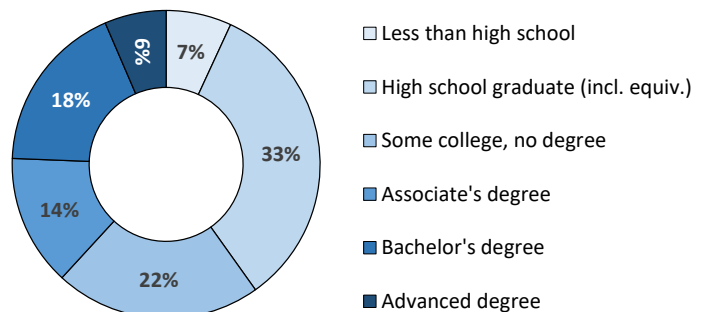


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Lincoln Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.3%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Lincoln 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>93.1%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>59.9%</b>
state:	68.9%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>17.9%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>6.5%</b>

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024**



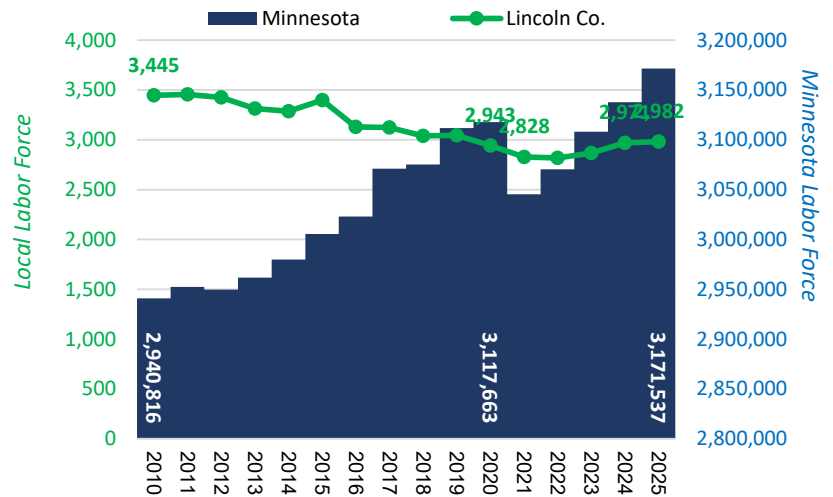
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.5%, Lincoln Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Lincoln Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.7% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Lincoln Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

<b>2,982</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2010-2025	-463 workers -13.4% decline
<b>4.5%</b>	unemployment rate
3.9%	state
<b>134</b>	unemployed workers

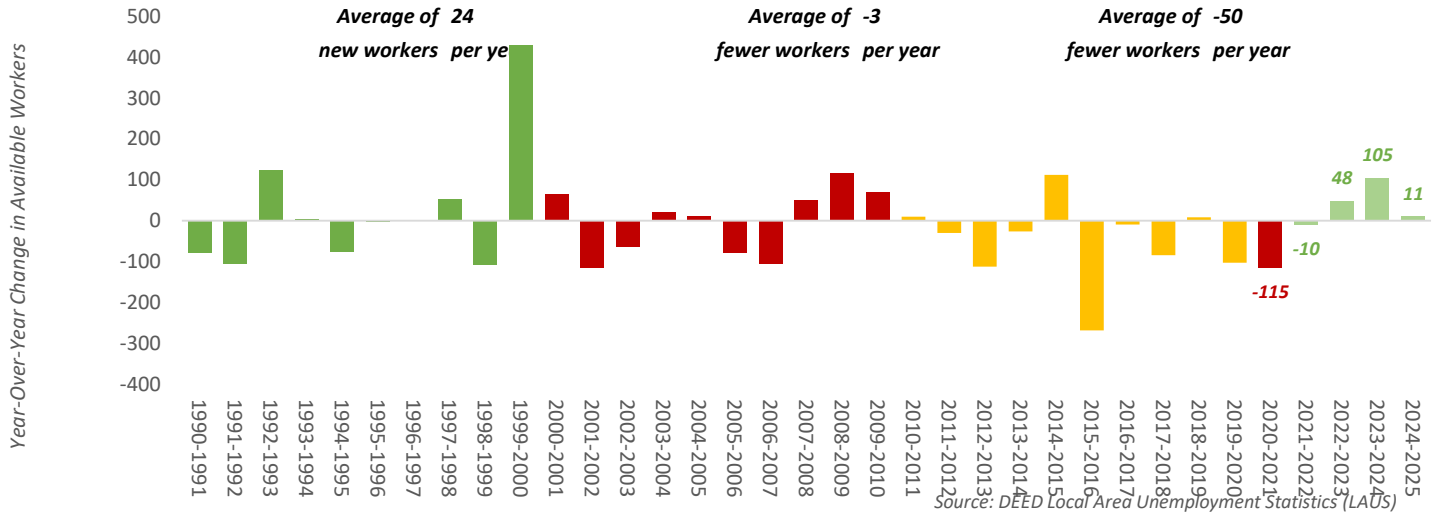
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Lincoln 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, Lincoln Co. is expected to see a labor force decline 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	357	323
25 to 54 years	1,528	1,573
55 to 64 years	567	501
65 years & over	281	258
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>2,732</b>	<b>2,655</b>

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**

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

	Lincoln 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>2,783</b>	<b>61.6%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>1,541</b>	<b>1,244</b>
16 to 19 years	82	31.9%	22.0%	52.6%	10.3%	45	37
20 to 24 years	264	93.0%	2.3%	83.3%	6.6%	123	141
25 to 44 years	1,006	88.6%	2.5%	88.7%	3.7%	548	458
45 to 54 years	551	84.5%	1.6%	87.8%	3.0%	320	231
55 to 64 years	605	76.2%	1.5%	72.7%	3.2%	336	269
65 to 74 years	240	32.8%	2.9%	27.7%	3.6%	139	101
75 years & over	37	5.6%	0.0%	6.7%	3.2%	30	7

Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin					
White alone	2,629	61.4%	2.7%	67.0%	3.5%
Black or African American	0	0.0%	0.0%	70.8%	8.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	7	33.3%	0.0%	58.0%	10.8%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	28	58.4%	0.0%	75.2%	3.5%
Some Other Race	28	90.3%	0.0%	75.4%	5.8%
Two or More Races	91	67.9%	2.2%	74.0%	5.7%
Hispanic or Latino	91	71.1%	0.0%	76.6%	5.8%

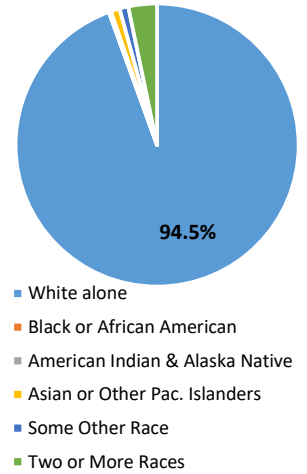
  

Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years					
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	194	56.4%	10.3%	56.1%	9.4%

Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	2,161	83.7%	2.0%	84.5%	3.4%
Less than H.S. Diploma	108	81.2%	1.0%	66.2%	4.9%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	516	76.9%	2.3%	76.6%	2.5%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	833	84.8%	1.9%	85.0%	3.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	705	88.6%	1.4%	90.5%	2.2%

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2024**



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

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024	Lincoln Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	2,353	88.1%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	1,501	56.2%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	849	31.8%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	318	11.9%	64,678	2.2%

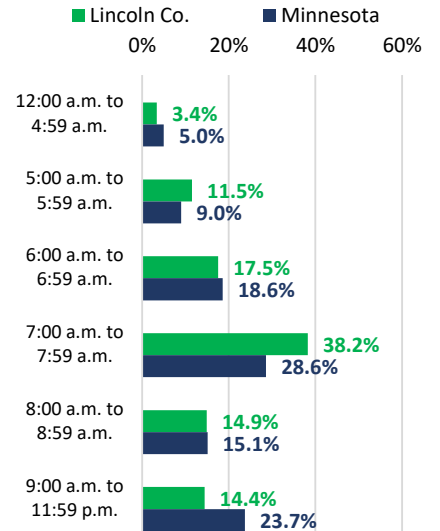
  

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	2,113	79.1%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	0	0.0%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	120	4.5%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	438	16.4%	517,420	17.6%

TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	836	31.3%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	475	17.8%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	385	14.4%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	753	28.2%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	128	4.8%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	93	3.5%	144,055	4.9%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>22.0 minutes</b>		<b>22.7 minutes</b>	

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



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

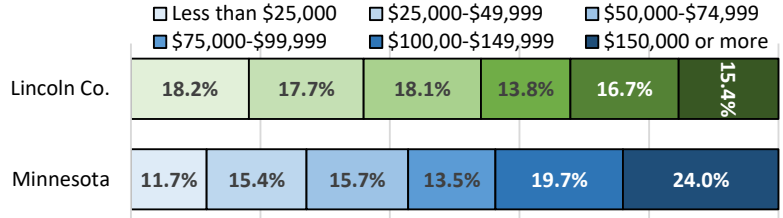
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Lincoln Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Lincoln Co. had the 69th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$69,694</b>
state	\$89,062
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$86,791</b>
state	\$113,993
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$39,497</b>
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. Lincoln Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.77 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.55 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
Lincoln Co.	\$30,715	\$14.77	\$0	\$440	\$183	\$742	\$617	\$261	\$317
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
Lincoln Co.	\$61,002	\$19.55	\$281	\$1,000	\$639	\$964	\$1,170	\$434	\$595
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

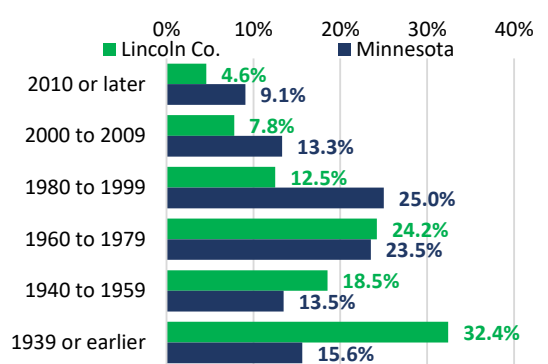
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Lincoln Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 70th highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Lincoln 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, 2024	Lincoln Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	221	11.1%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	413	20.7%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	234	11.8%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	291	14.6%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	369	18.5%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	322	16.2%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	141	7.1%	19.6%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$164,400</b>		<b>\$329,300</b>

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2024



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,385</b>
state	\$1,947

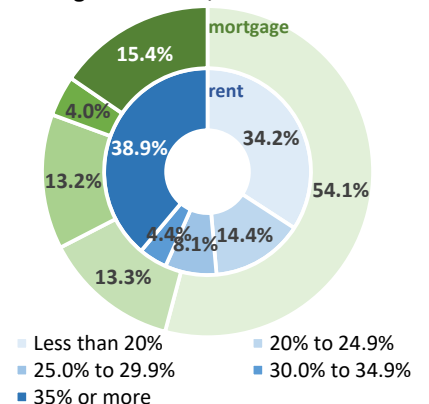
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>19.4%</b>
state	23.2%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$674</b>
state	\$1,280

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>43.3%</b>
state	48.1%

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

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



OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.79 in 2025, wages were lower in Region 8 than the state. Overall, Region 8 had the 2nd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$47.64) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.57) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

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

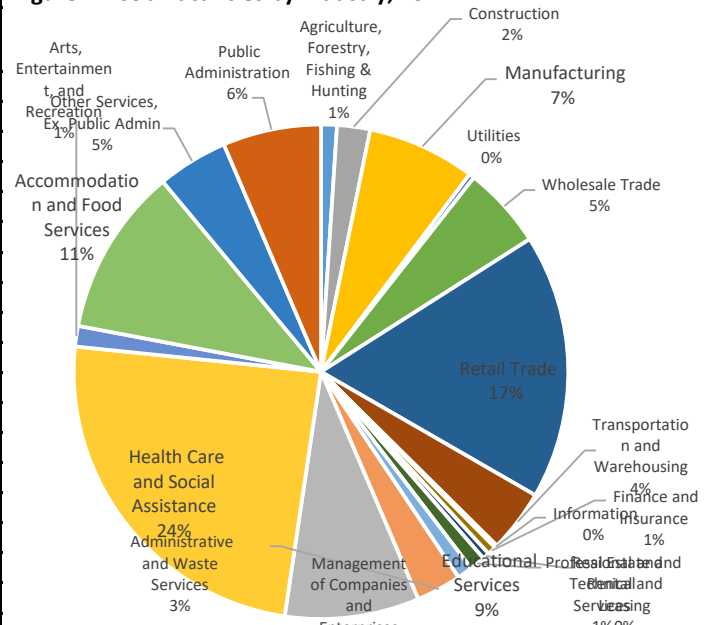
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Lincoln 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, 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

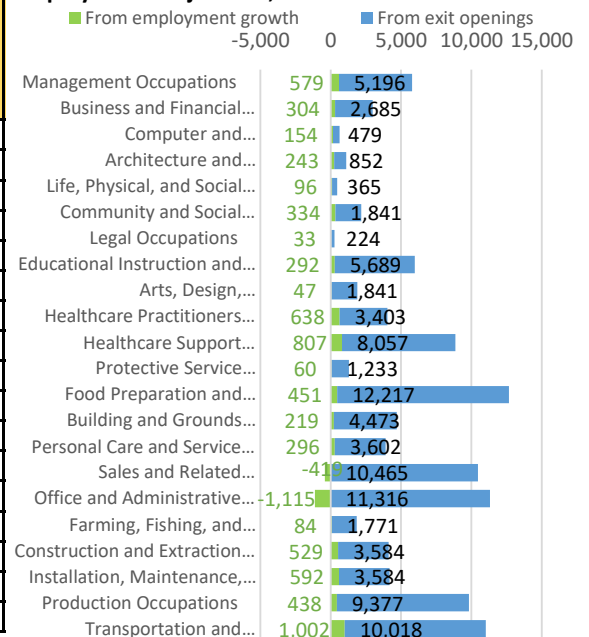
Lincoln Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<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**

After losing jobs over the past year, Lincoln Co. had the 82nd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Lincoln Co. was the 56th fastest growing in the past year and the 10th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Lincoln Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

**225** business establishments

**\$46,124** annual average wage

**1,671** jobs

**\$77,134,188** total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2025  
**182 jobs**  
 12.2% increase

**Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025**

Source: DEED QCEW program

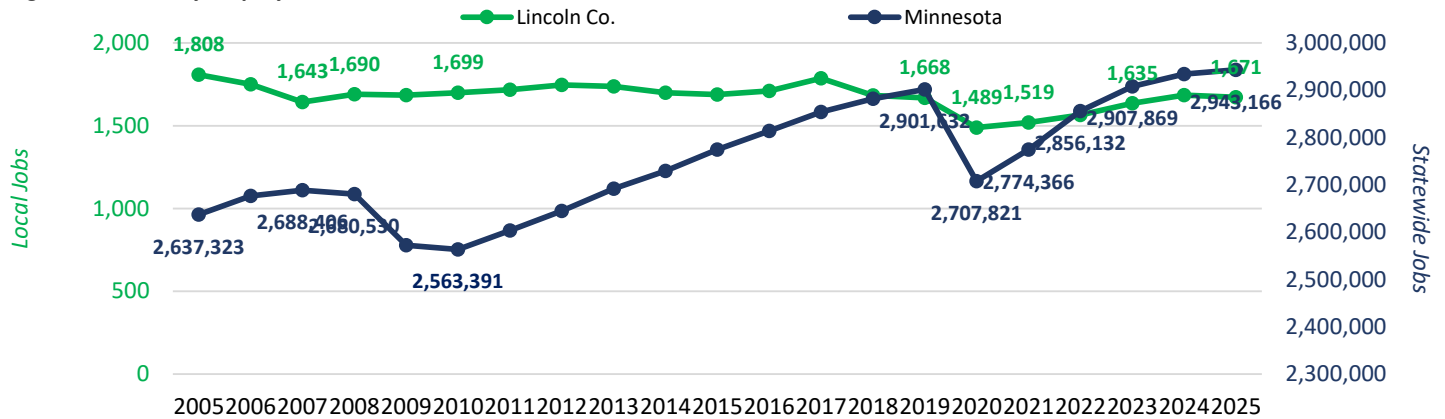
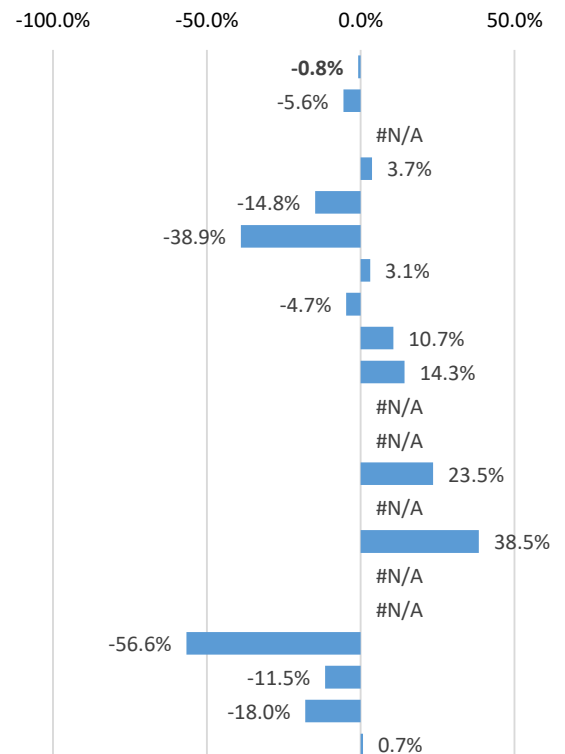


Table 15. Lincoln Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2025	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$46,124</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	186	11.1%	\$56,888
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	168	10.1%	\$65,364
Manufacturing	23	1.4%	\$61,932
Utilities	44	2.6%	\$84,552
Wholesale Trade	67	4.0%	\$83,902
Retail Trade	204	12.2%	\$26,988
Transportation & Warehousing	107	6.4%	\$30,073
Information	8	0.5%	\$56,368
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	28	1.7%	\$45,604
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	18	1.1%	\$35,984
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	16	1.0%	\$24,873
Accommodation & Food Services	72	4.3%	\$12,255
Other Services	41	2.5%	\$49,088
Public Administration	139	8.3%	\$36,452

**Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025**



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

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