

**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Pipestone Co.**

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



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2025 population:	<b>9,260 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>40.4 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2025	-160 people -1.7% decline	state:	38.8 years

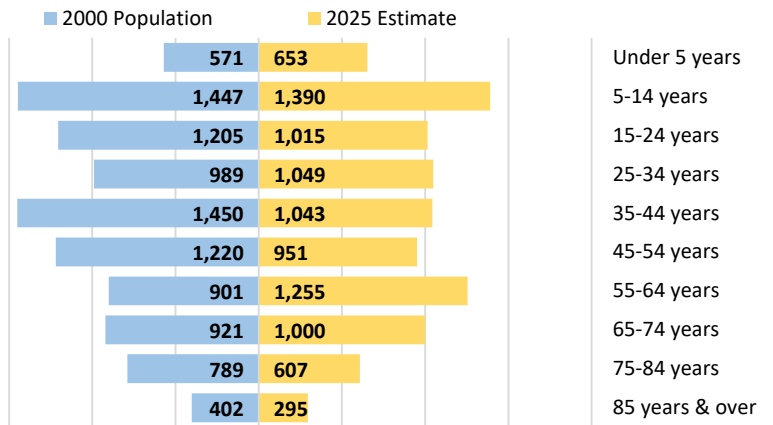
Pipestone Co. is the 72nd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 72nd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Pipestone Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

**Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2025**

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	653	7.1%
5-14 years	1,390	15.0%
15-24 years	1,015	11.0%
25-34 years	1,049	11.3%
35-44 years	1,043	11.3%
45-54 years	951	10.3%
55-64 years	1,255	13.6%
65-74 years	1,000	10.8%
75-84 years	607	6.6%
85 years & over	295	3.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,260</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

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



Pipestone 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, Pipestone Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

**Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2025**

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2025					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Pipestone Co.	-160	-15	660	675	-145	165	-310
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

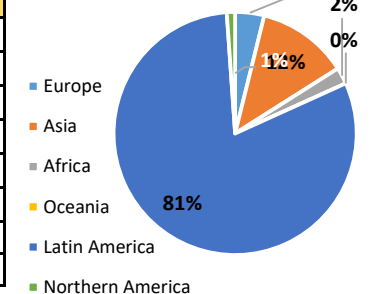
Compared to the state, Pipestone Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2014 to 2024, Pipestone Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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

	Pipestone Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
Europe	21	3.9%	0	0.0%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	66	12.2%	-6	-8.3%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	12	2.2%	-28	-70.0%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	444	81.8%	301	210.5%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	438	80.7%	311	244.9%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	6	1.1%	-10	-62.5%	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**



Pipestone 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

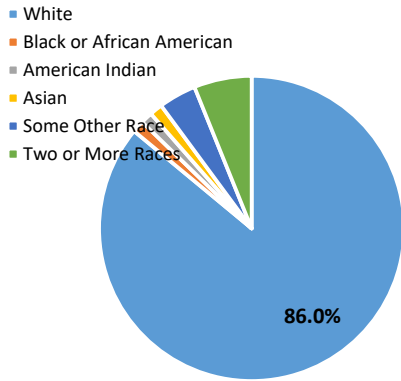


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2024	Pipestone Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
White	7,985	86.0%	-9.3%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	118	1.3%	21.6%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	116	1.2%	12.6%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	127	1.4%	19.8%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	370	4.0%	164.3%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	568	6.1%	271.2%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	799	8.6%	95.8%	6.4%	38.4%

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

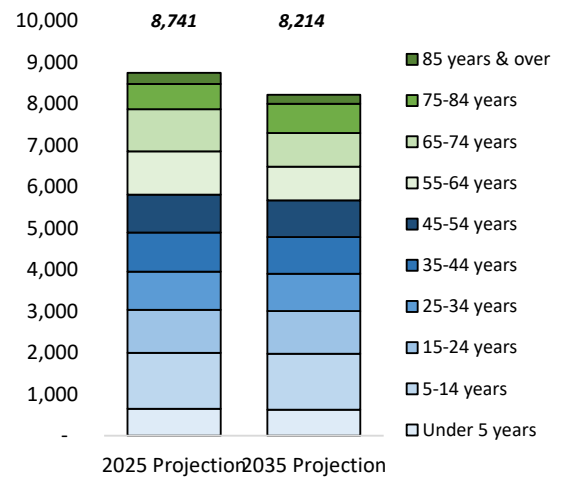
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

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

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

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

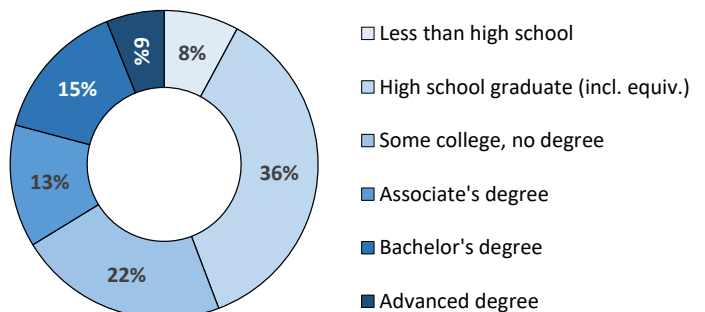


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:	<b>92.1%</b>
College-educated:	<b>55.8%</b>
state:	68.9%
Associate's Degree:	<b>12.9%</b>
Bachelor's Degree:	<b>14.8%</b>
Advanced Degree:	<b>6.1%</b>

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024



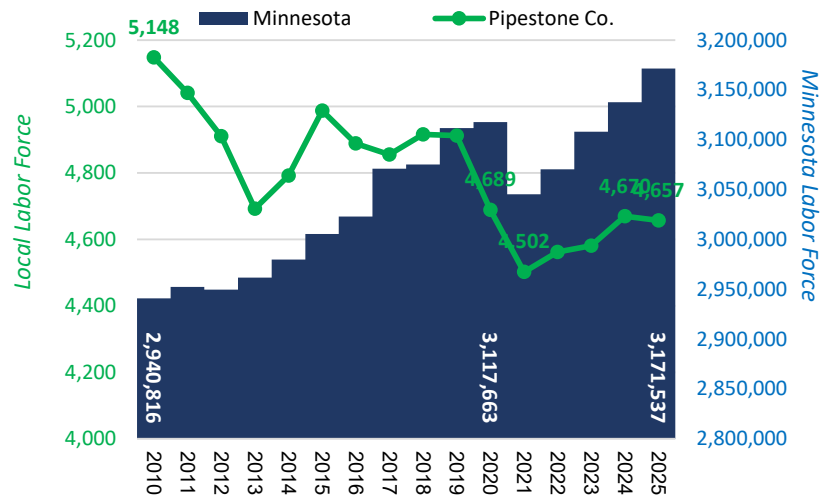
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.1%, Pipestone Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Pipestone Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.1% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Pipestone Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

<b>4,657</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2010-2025	-491 workers -9.5% decline
<b>4.1%</b>	unemployment rate
3.9%	state
<b>191</b>	unemployed workers

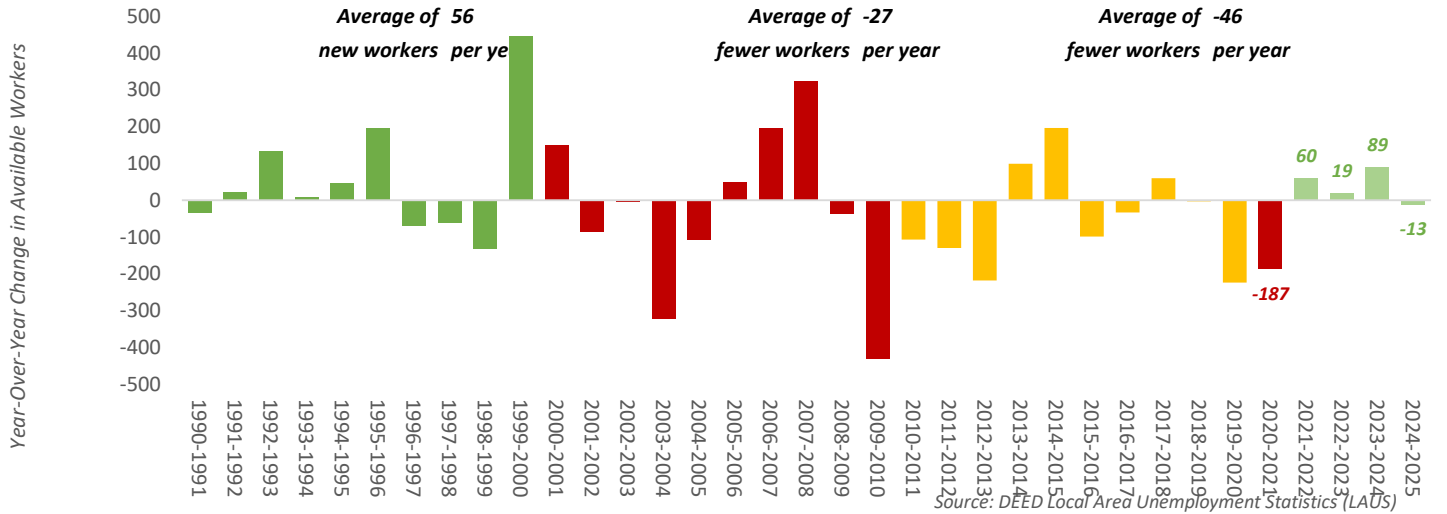
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Pipestone Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Pipestone Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	630	631
25 to 54 years	2,343	2,249
55 to 64 years	845	657
65 years & over	522	447
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>4,341</b>	<b>3,984</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**

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

**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2024**

	Pipestone Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>4,720</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>2,553</b>	<b>2,168</b>
16 to 19 years	250	52.5%	2.4%	52.6%	10.3%	140	110
20 to 24 years	350	86.6%	3.7%	83.3%	6.6%	186	164
25 to 44 years	1,791	85.4%	1.9%	88.7%	3.7%	892	899
45 to 54 years	790	82.9%	5.6%	87.8%	3.0%	429	361
55 to 64 years	1,019	81.0%	1.9%	72.7%	3.2%	551	468
65 to 74 years	403	40.2%	8.7%	27.7%	3.6%	246	157
75 years & over	118	13.0%	0.0%	6.7%	3.2%	109	9

Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin					
White alone	4,071	65.5%	3.4%	67.0%	3.5%
Black or African American	54	62.1%	0.0%	70.8%	8.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	67	72.8%	0.0%	58.0%	10.8%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	100	78.7%	0.0%	75.2%	3.5%
Some Other Race	100	49.3%	4.0%	75.4%	5.8%
Two or More Races	330	88.5%	2.4%	74.0%	5.7%
Hispanic or Latino	345	75.8%	2.9%	76.6%	5.8%

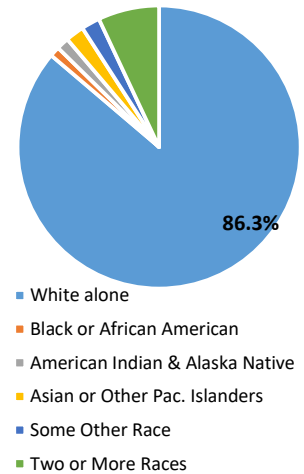
  

Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years					
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	217	43.1%	14.7%	56.1%	9.4%

Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,598	83.5%	2.7%	84.5%	3.4%
Less than H.S. Diploma	230	74.9%	1.9%	66.2%	4.9%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	980	77.8%	0.0%	76.6%	2.5%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,468	87.3%	1.7%	85.0%	3.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	923	87.0%	0.0%	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 Pipestone Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Pipestone Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024**

	Pipestone Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	4,105	91.3%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	3,669	81.6%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	432	9.6%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	391	8.7%	64,678	2.2%

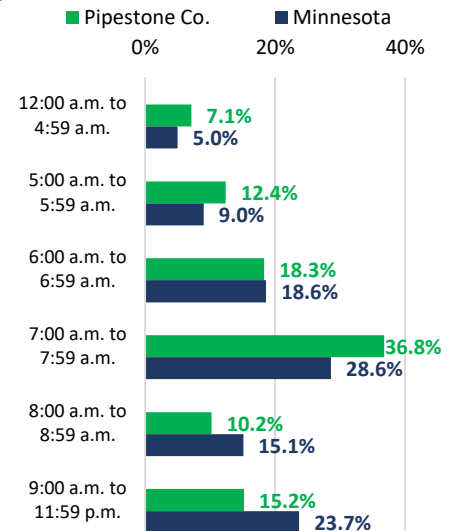
  

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	3,849	85.6%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	18	0.4%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	220	4.9%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	409	9.1%	517,420	17.6%

TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	2,091	46.5%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	976	21.7%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	580	12.9%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	423	9.4%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	220	4.9%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	202	4.5%	144,055	4.9%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>16.5 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

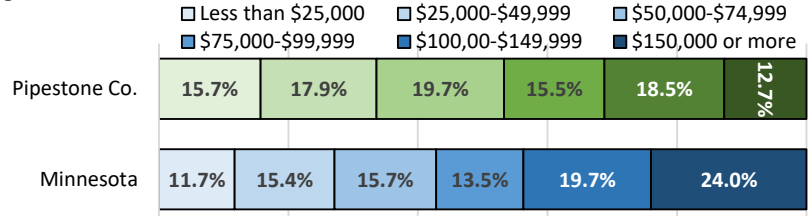
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Pipestone Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Pipestone Co. had the 70th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$69,628</b>
state	\$89,062
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$83,462</b>
state	\$113,993
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$37,956</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. Pipestone Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.03 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.39 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Pipestone Co.	\$29,179	\$14.03	\$0	\$448	\$183	\$725	\$528	\$259	\$289
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
Pipestone Co.	\$57,363	\$18.39	\$275	\$1,017	\$639	\$964	\$945	\$438	\$502
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

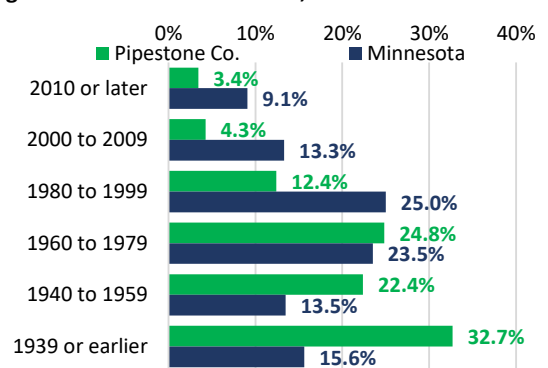
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Pipestone Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 84th highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Pipestone Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2024	Pipestone Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	377	11.7%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	837	26.1%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	476	14.8%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	325	10.1%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	611	19.0%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	424	13.2%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	159	5.0%	19.6%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$140,200</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>\$1,165</b>
state	\$1,947

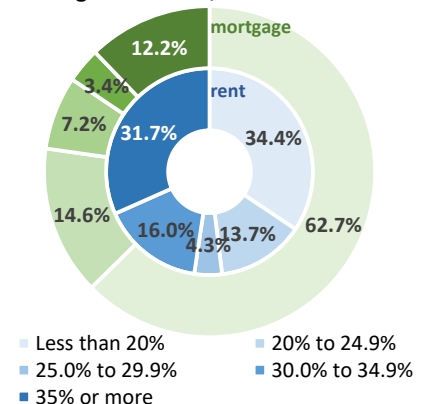
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>15.6%</b>
state	23.2%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$754</b>
state	\$1,280

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>47.6%</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

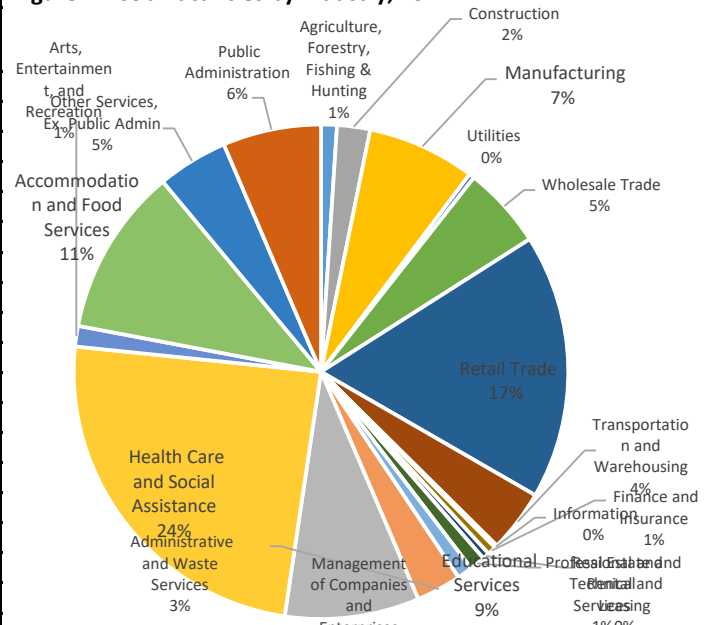
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Pipestone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 9168 job vacancies posted by employers in 2024, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>9,168</b>	<b>\$19.48</b>
Management	176	\$37.03
Business & Financial Operations	189	\$27.48
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$36.13
Architecture & Engineering	115	\$27.92
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	88	\$38.63
Community & Social Service	409	\$24.68
Education, Training & Library	548	\$21.55
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$30.27
Healthcare Support	984	\$14.95
Protective Service	222	\$28.05
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,188	\$15.62
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	395	\$15.71
Personal Care & Service	114	\$15.42
Sales & Related	1,026	\$15.96
Office & Administrative Support	388	\$20.28
Construction & Extraction	132	\$23.65
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	645	\$23.30
Production	457	\$18.67
Transportation & Material Moving	1,033	\$21.37

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 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

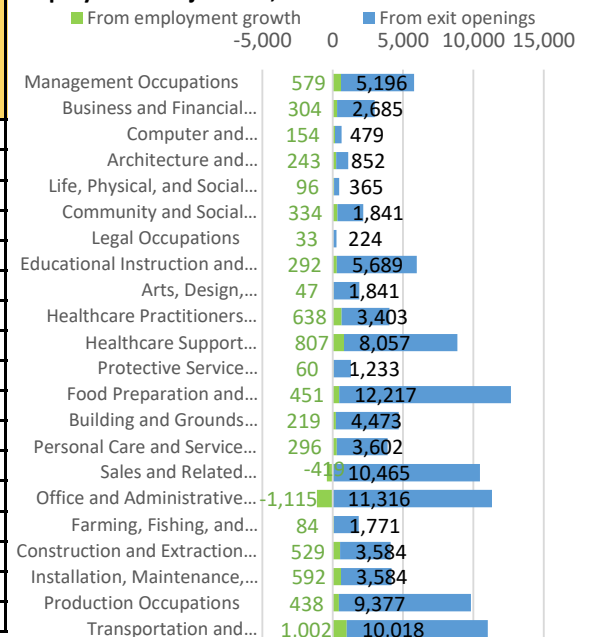
Pipestone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

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, Pipestone Co. had the 65th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Pipestone Co. was the 65th fastest growing in the past year and the 66th fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Pipestone Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

386 business establishments

\$52,572 annual average wage

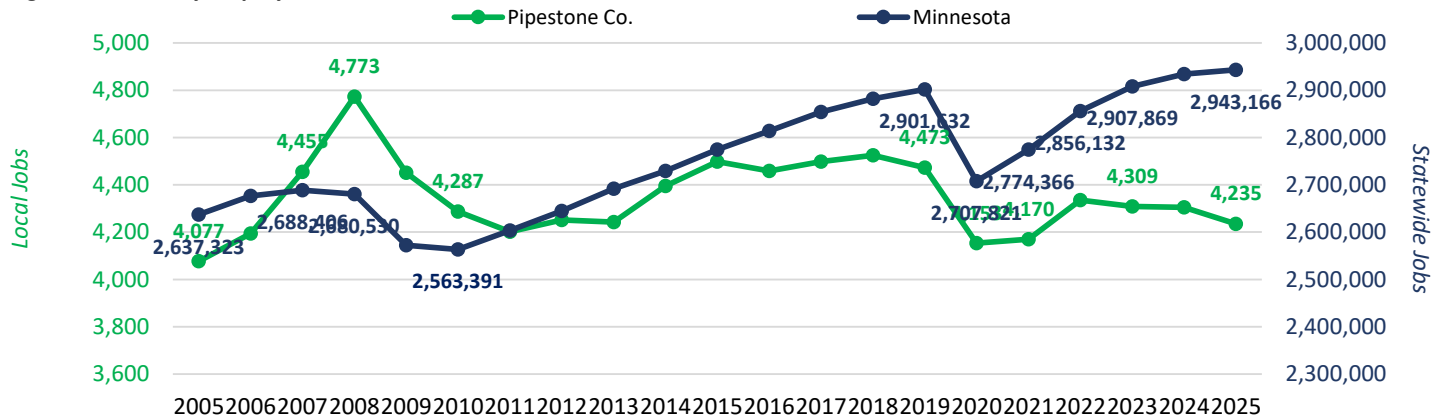
4,235 jobs

\$222,610,552 total industry payroll

Job change, 2020-2025	82 jobs 2.0% increase
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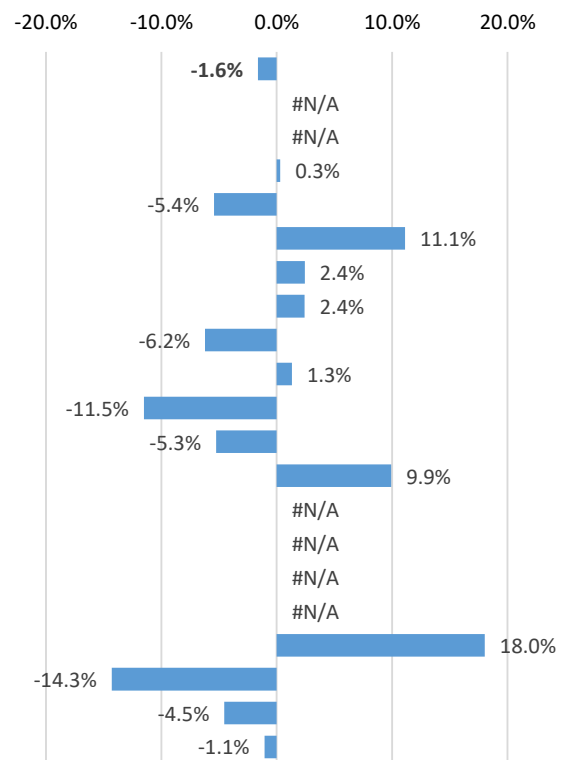
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025

Source: DEED QCEW program



Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>4,235</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$52,572</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	328	7.7%	\$69,212
Manufacturing	313	7.4%	\$59,956
Utilities	40	0.9%	\$101,920
Wholesale Trade	253	6.0%	\$64,376
Retail Trade	509	12.0%	\$31,616
Transportation & Warehousing	136	3.2%	\$47,164
Information	77	1.8%	\$36,348
Finance & Insurance	105	2.5%	\$76,648
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6	0.1%	\$22,568
Professional & Technical Services	288	6.8%	\$84,084
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	36	0.9%	\$34,216
Accommodation & Food Services	252	5.9%	\$17,602
Other Services	84	2.0%	\$37,492
Public Administration	280	6.6%	\$45,708

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025



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

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