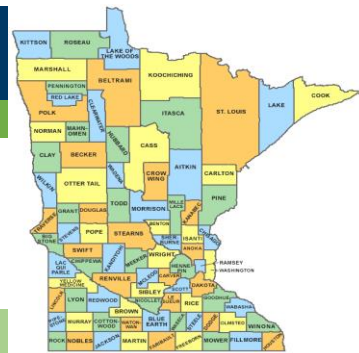


**COUNTY PROFILE**

# Yellow Medicine Co.

Yellow Medicine Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

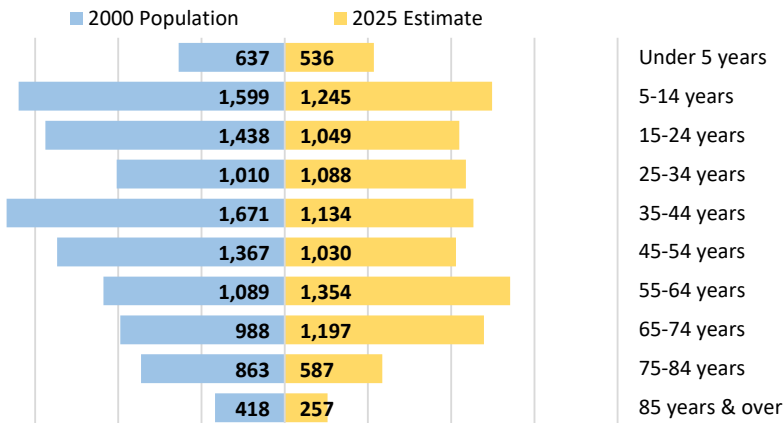
2025 population:	<b>9,477 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>42.1 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2025	-48 people -0.5% decline	state:	38.8 years

Yellow Medicine Co. is the 71st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 57th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2025. Yellow Medicine 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).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	536	5.7%
5-14 years	1,245	13.1%
15-24 years	1,049	11.1%
25-34 years	1,088	11.5%
35-44 years	1,134	12.0%
45-54 years	1,030	10.9%
55-64 years	1,354	14.3%
65-74 years	1,197	12.6%
75-84 years	587	6.2%
85 years & over	257	2.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,477</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2025 Population Estimates, 2020-2024 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2025



Yellow Medicine Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2025, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Yellow Medicine 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
Yellow Medicine Co.	-43	110	645	535	-153	89	-242
State of Minnesota	122,685	63,075	330,813	267,738	59,610	96,812	-37,202

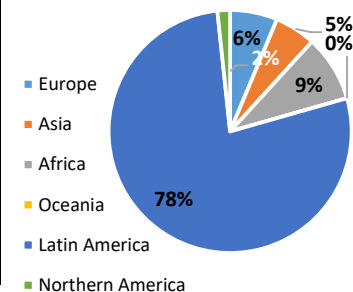
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

	Yellow Medicine Co.		Change 2014-2024		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>40.8%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>23.3%</b>
Europe	15	6.3%	-15	-50.0%	8.7%	-3.6%
Asia	13	5.5%	-33	-71.7%	34.8%	12.8%
Africa	21	8.8%	11	110.0%	28.6%	73.9%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	189	79.4%	106	127.7%	27.4%	12.8%
Latin America	185	77.7%	105	131.3%	25.0%	14.5%
Northern America	4	1.7%	1	33.3%	2.4%	-2.8%

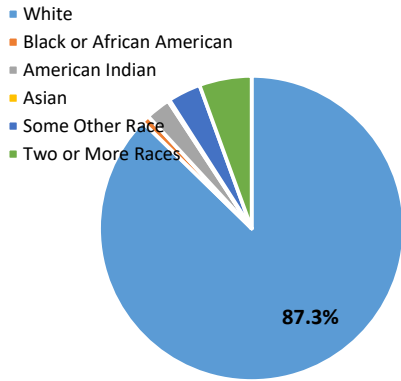
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

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



Yellow Medicine 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



	Yellow Medicine Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2014-2024	Percent	Change from 2014-2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,451</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-7.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>
White	8,251	87.3%	-13.5%	77.1%	-3.5%
Black or African American	79	0.8%	182.1%	7.0%	38.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	248	2.6%	-27.1%	0.9%	-8.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	17	0.2%	-61.4%	5.2%	27.1%
Some Other Race	331	3.5%	218.3%	2.9%	107.8%
Two or More Races	525	5.6%	186.9%	7.0%	188.0%
Hispanic or Latino origin	517	5.5%	24.3%	6.4%	38.4%

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

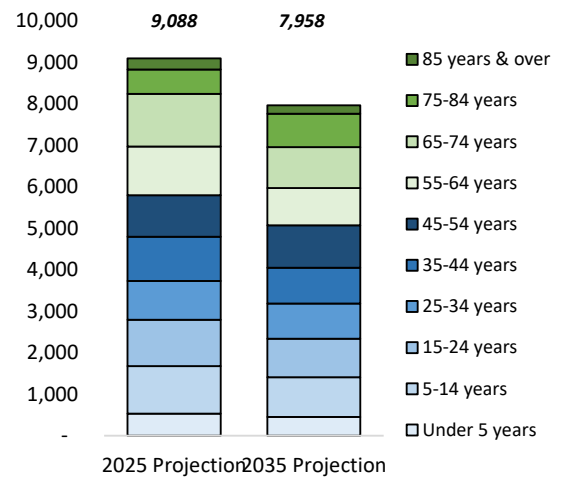
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Yellow Medicine 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).

Yellow Medicine Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	534	454	-80	-15.0%
5-14 years	1,143	952	-191	-16.7%
15-24 years	1,116	929	-187	-16.8%
25-34 years	932	848	-84	-9.0%
35-44 years	1,069	866	-203	-19.0%
45-54 years	997	1,022	25	2.5%
55-64 years	1,172	895	-277	-23.6%
65-74 years	1,269	983	-286	-22.5%
75-84 years	591	809	218	36.9%
85 years & over	265	200	-65	-24.5%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,088</b>	<b>7,958</b>	<b>-1,130</b>	<b>-12.4%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035

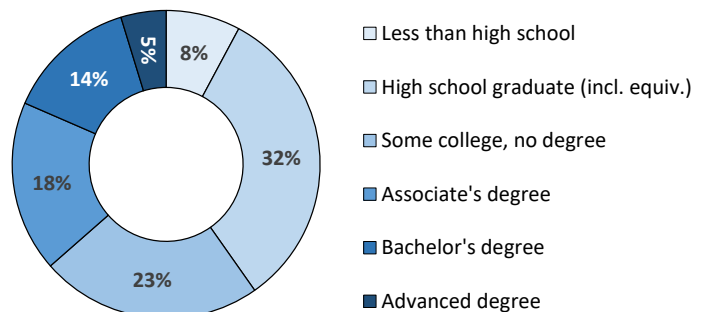


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Yellow Medicine 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. Yellow Medicine 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>92.2%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>59.8%</b>
state:	68.9%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>18.0%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>13.7%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>4.7%</b>

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2024



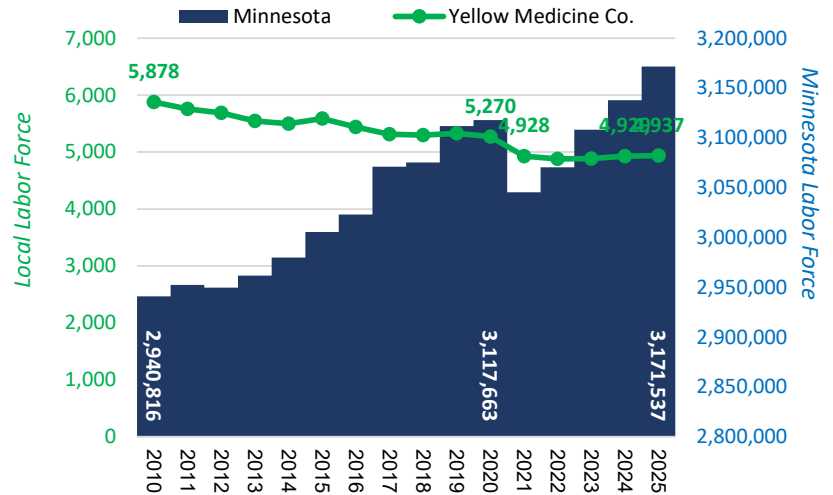
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2020-2024 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 4.2%, Yellow Medicine Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2025. Yellow Medicine Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.7% pandemic rate posted in 2020. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Yellow Medicine Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2020.

<b>4,937</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2010-2025	-941 workers -16.0% decline
<b>4.2%</b>	unemployment rate
3.9%	state
<b>207</b>	unemployed workers

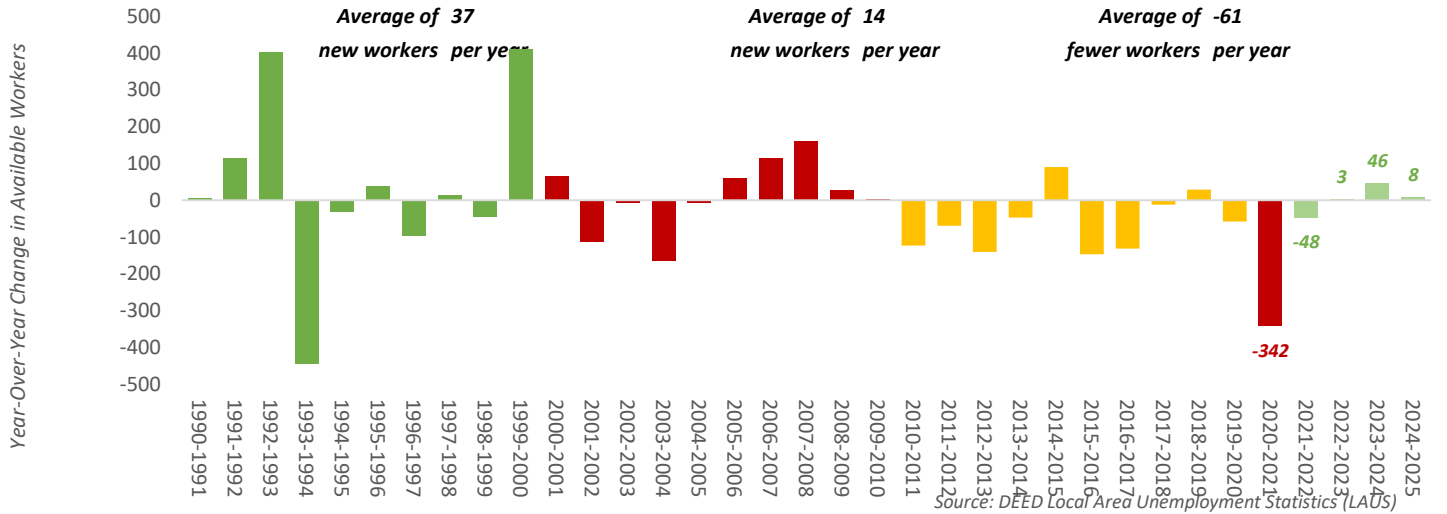
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Yellow Medicine Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Yellow Medicine 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)

	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	744	629
25 to 54 years	2,571	2,348
55 to 64 years	865	661
65 years & over	435	358
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>4,616</b>	<b>3,997</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

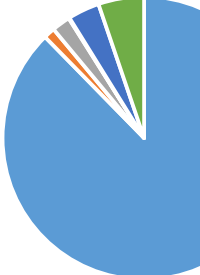


Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

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

	Yellow Medicine 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>4,858</b>	<b>64.6%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>2,691</b>	<b>2,168</b>
16 to 19 years	250	59.7%	8.0%	52.6%	10.3%	161	89
20 to 24 years	422	89.2%	3.1%	83.3%	6.6%	237	185
25 to 44 years	1,888	85.2%	3.6%	88.7%	3.7%	1,078	809
45 to 54 years	892	86.9%	4.6%	87.8%	3.0%	451	441
55 to 64 years	997	73.8%	2.2%	72.7%	3.2%	532	465
65 to 74 years	361	30.2%	1.7%	27.7%	3.6%	205	155
75 years & over	51	6.1%	3.9%	6.7%	3.2%	27	24
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>						<b>Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2024</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	4,262	64.2%	3.2%	67.0%	3.5%		
Black or African American	63	79.7%	0.0%	70.8%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	102	47.7%	7.1%	58.0%	10.8%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	5	45.5%	0.0%	75.2%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	176	78.9%	16.5%	75.4%	5.8%		
Two or More Races	254	71.5%	0.4%	74.0%	5.7%		
Hispanic or Latino	261	74.8%	10.7%	76.6%	5.8%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	306	51.7%	3.3%	56.1%	9.4%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,775	82.2%	3.5%	84.5%	3.4%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	245	74.9%	4.4%	66.2%	4.9%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	942	75.7%	1.2%	76.6%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,701	84.2%	1.5%	85.0%	3.7%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	889	88.7%	3.6%	90.5%	2.2%		

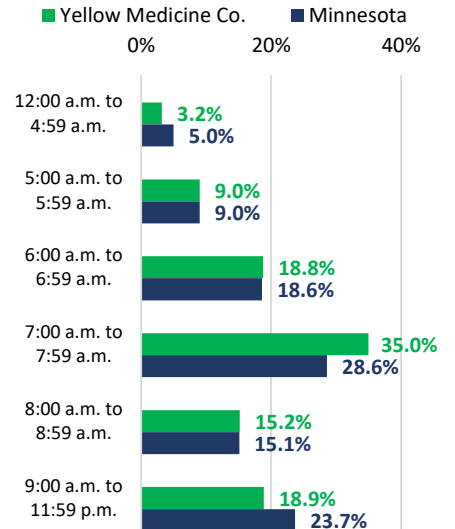
Source: 2020-2024 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2024**

	Yellow Medicine Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	4,457	97.7%	2,875,211	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	2,673	58.6%	2,013,824	68.5%
Worked out of county of residence	1,784	39.1%	864,327	29.4%
Worked outside state of residence	105	2.3%	64,678	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	3,910	85.7%	2,246,075	76.4%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	27	0.6%	52,918	1.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	210	4.6%	123,475	4.2%
Worked at home	411	9.0%	517,420	17.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,305	28.6%	490,961	16.7%
10 to 19 minutes	1,182	25.9%	943,704	32.1%
20 to 29 minutes	826	18.1%	658,535	22.4%
30 to 44 minutes	794	17.4%	538,000	18.3%
45 to 59 minutes	274	6.0%	164,634	5.6%
60 or more minutes	182	4.0%	144,055	4.9%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>21.1 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

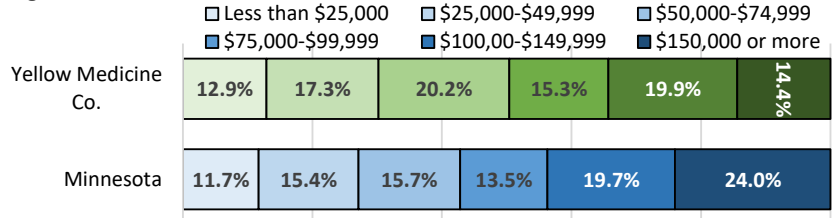
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Yellow Medicine Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Yellow Medicine Co. had the 45th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$74,000</b>
state	\$89,062
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$90,833</b>
state	\$113,993
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$40,068</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. Yellow Medicine Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.6 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.94 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
Yellow Medicine Co.	\$30,378	\$14.60	\$0	\$450	\$183	\$725	\$602	\$259	\$313
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
Yellow Medicine Co.	\$62,211	\$19.94	\$368	\$1,022	\$639	\$964	\$1,134	\$439	\$618
State of Minnesota	\$74,616	\$23.92	\$558	\$1,028	\$697	\$1,498	\$1,026	\$558	\$853

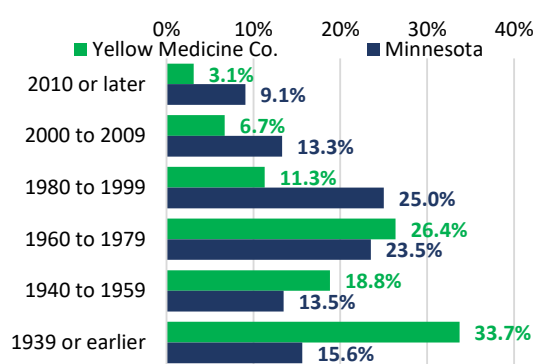
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Yellow Medicine Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 82nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2024. Yellow Medicine 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	Yellow Medicine Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,419</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	308	9.0%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	689	20.2%	3.7%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	664	19.4%	5.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	467	13.7%	8.1%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	668	19.5%	22.6%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	456	13.3%	36.9%
\$500,000 or more	167	4.9%	19.6%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$154,700</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>\$1,389</b>
state	\$1,947

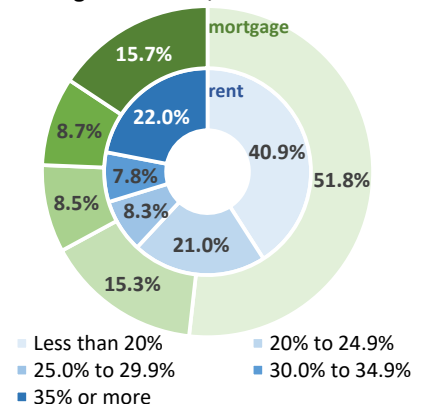
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>24.4%</b>
state	23.2%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$678</b>
state	\$1,280

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>29.7%</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 \$23.1 in 2025, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 9th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$45.57) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.69) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025

Occupational Group	Region 6W				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>\$23.10</b>	<b>16,330</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$45.57	960	5.9%	0.9	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.43	490	3.0%	0.4	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$35.12	100	0.6%	0.2	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.95	130	0.8%	0.4	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$27.58	140	0.9%	0.8	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$27.97	350	2.1%	1.1	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$36.51	50	0.3%	0.4	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.52	1,390	8.5%	1.5	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$21.71	130	0.8%	0.6	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$39.19	1,070	6.6%	1.0	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.85	1,020	6.2%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$27.13	290	1.8%	1.1	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.69	1,420	8.7%	1.1	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.45	560	3.4%	1.2	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.24	320	2.0%	0.9	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$16.83	1,330	8.1%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.55	1,810	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.31	60	0.4%	3.3	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.56	870	5.3%	1.4	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.57	800	4.9%	1.4	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$22.89	1,360	8.3%	1.2	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$23.05	1,700	10.4%	1.3	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

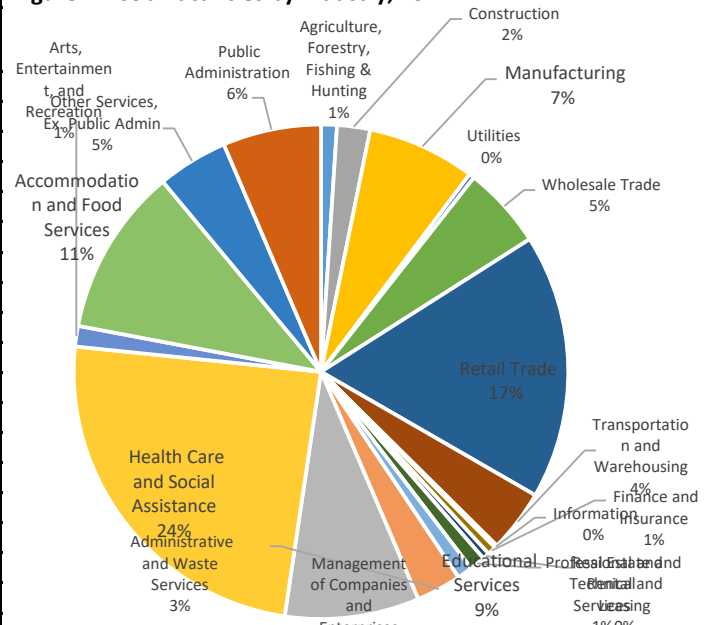
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Yellow Medicine 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



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

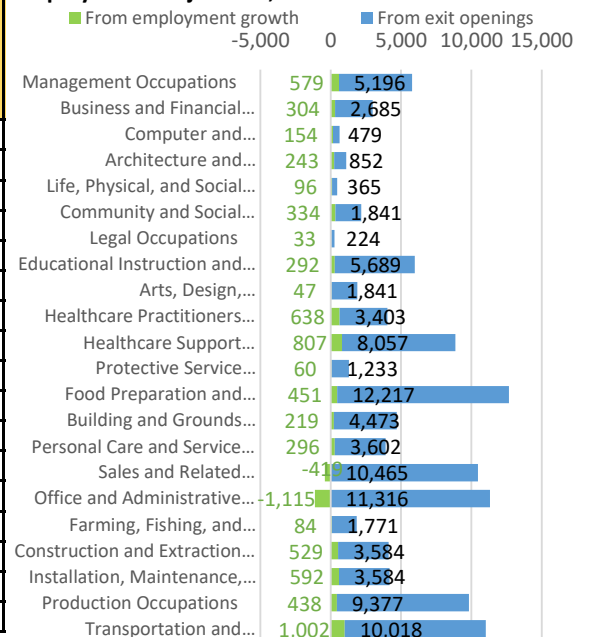
Yellow Medicine Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

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, Yellow Medicine Co. had the 72nd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Yellow Medicine Co. was the 45th fastest growing in the past year and the 83rd fastest growing since 2020. From 2020 to 2025, employment in Yellow Medicine Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**381** business establishments

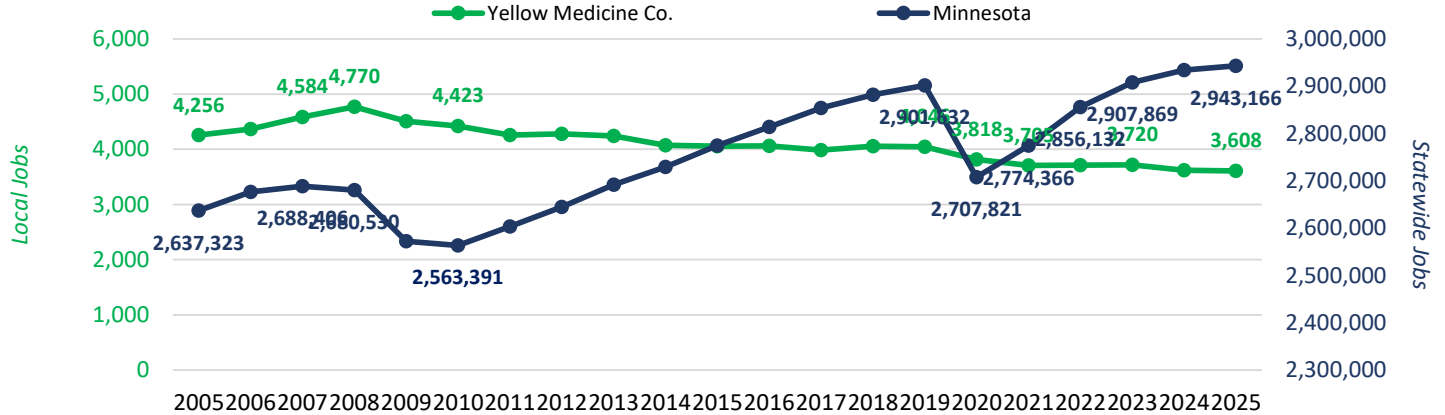
**\$50,284** annual average wage

**3,608** jobs

**\$181,412,264** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2020-2025  
-210 jobs  
-5.5% decline

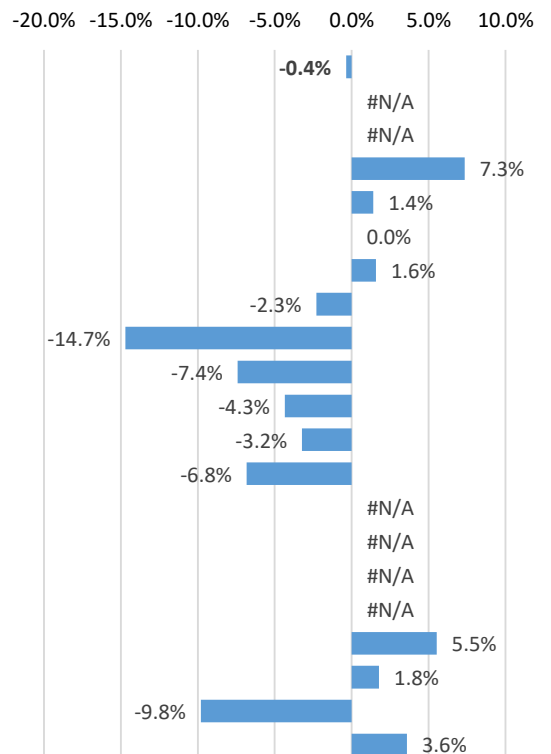
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2025



Source: DEED QCEW program

Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>3,608</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$50,284</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	190	5.3%	\$73,528
Manufacturing	144	4.0%	\$58,292
Utilities	4	0.1%	\$138,112
Wholesale Trade	193	5.3%	\$79,196
Retail Trade	383	10.6%	\$27,560
Transportation & Warehousing	145	4.0%	\$65,156
Information	50	1.4%	\$61,932
Finance & Insurance	88	2.4%	\$67,288
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	30	0.8%	\$72,696
Professional & Technical Services	41	1.1%	\$43,420
Management of Companies	21	0.6%	\$191,464
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Services	25	0.7%	\$55,822
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	315	8.7%	\$52,026
Accommodation & Food Services	228	6.3%	\$15,236
Other Services	92	2.5%	\$36,920
Public Administration	317	8.8%	\$52,624

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2024-2025



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

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