

# **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Cottonwood Co.

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

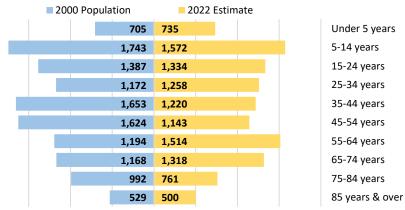
# **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**



Cottonwood Co. is the 63rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 69th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Cottonwood 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, 2022 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 735 6.5% 1,572 13.8% 5-14 years 15-24 years 1,334 11.7% 25-34 years 1,258 11.1% 35-44 years 1,220 10.7% 45-54 years 1,143 10.1% 55-64 years 1,514 13.3% 65-74 years 1,318 11.6% 75-84 years 761 6.7% 500 4.4% 85 years & over **Total Population** 11,356 100.0% Source: Census Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022



Cottonwood Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Cottonwood Co. welcomed net international inmigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022								
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents	Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Cottonwood Co.	-150	-84	302	386	-73	6	-79	
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377	

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

Compared to the state, Cottonwood Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Cottonwood Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Cottonwood Co.		Cottonwood Co. Change 2010-2022		Minne	esota	
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	678	5.9%	189	38.7%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	5	0.7%	-31	-86.1%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	195	28.8%	35	21.9%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	69	10.2%	65	1625.0%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	34	5.0%	34	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	375	55.3%	86	29.8%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	369	54.4%	90	32.3%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	6	0.9%	-4	-40.0%	2.5%	-4.6%	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 1% 2022

Europe
Asia
Africa

Africa

5%

Latin AmericaNorthern America

Oceania

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Cottonwood Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

	Co	ttonwood	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	11,481	100.0%	-1.8%	100.0%	7.9%
White	9,787	85.2%	-10.5%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	178	1.6%	191.8%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	33	0.3%	-29.8%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	484	4.2%	86.9%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	569	5.0%	172.2%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	430	3.7%	138.9%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,049	9.1%	55.2%	5.7%	34.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

## **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

85.2%

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Cottonwood 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 (4.5%). 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 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Cottonwood Co. Projection Projection Change Change Under 5 years 732 21 3.0% 5-14 years 1,739 1.657 -82 -4.7% 1,317 1,451 134 10.2% 15-24 years 25-34 years 1,138 1,115 -23 -2.0% -5 35-44 years 1,222 1,217 -0.4% 1,138 1,144 6 0.5% 45-54 years 55-64 years 1,367 1,111 -256 -18.7% 65-74 years 1,386 1,138 -248 -17.9%

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11,224



83

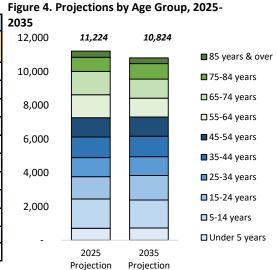
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-400

9.9%

-8.1%

-3.6%



#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

75-84 years

85 years & over

**Total Population** 

Cottonwood Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Cottonwood 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:

90.7%

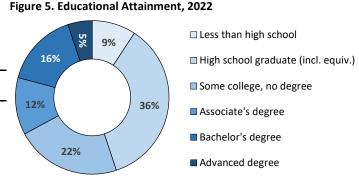
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340

10,824

College-educated: 55.1% state: 68.5%

Associate's Degree: 12.1%
Bachelor's Degree: 15.7%
Advanced Degree: 5.1%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.8%, Cottonwood Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Cottonwood Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to the 3.9% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Cottonwood Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

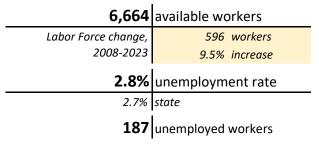
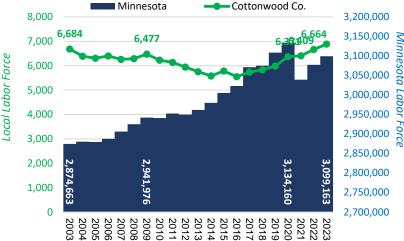


Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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

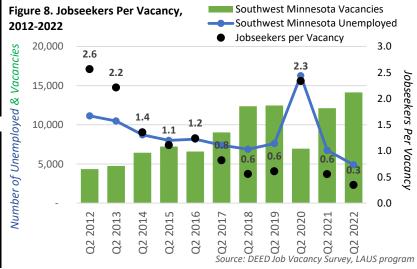
forward, Cottonwood Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6). Cottonwood Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 800 Average of 37 Average of -5 Average of 14 new workers per year fewer workers per year new workers per year 600



Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	784	883		
25 to 54 years	2,959	2,941		
55 to 64 years	1,099	893		
65 years & over	515	440		
Total Labor Force	5,358	5,158		

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2018-2022 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. Job vacancies in Southwest reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).



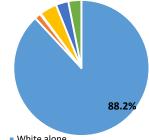
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# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Cottonwood Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Cottonwood Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 81.3% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Cott	onwood Co.		Minne	esota	Labor Force	by Gender
In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
5,617	62.7%	3.9%	68.7%	4.0%	3,116	2,503
256	46.4%	9.8%	53.0%	9.8%	148	108
533	87.8%	11.4%	83.1%	6.7%	342	191
2,081	83.1%	2.0%	88.8%	3.5%	1,118	963
1,015	87.8%	3.3%	87.8%	2.9%	531	484
1,231	80.4%	4.8%	72.8%	3.1%	675	556
419	31.4%	0.2%	27.6%	3.3%	252	167
84	6.6%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	50	34
panic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force
4,953	62.5%	3.4%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
83	78.3%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%	ī	
12	100.0%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
232	61.7%	9.5%	73.9%	3.6%		
168	58.7%	9.5%	76.1%	6.1%		
174	68.2%	8.6%	74.3%	6.6%		<u> </u>
404	68.5%	4.0%	77.0%	6.3%		
20 to 64 years						
335	57.7%	6.6%	54.4%	10.2%		
l Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
4,325	83.3%	3.1%	84.4%	3.3%		
216	51.6%	2.5%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
1,299	81.0%	3.1%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
1,705	88.1%	2.6%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
1,108	89.8%	4.1%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race
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Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022



- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

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

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

	Cottonwo	od Co.	Minnesota			
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Worked in state of residence	5,126	98.0%	2,867,086	97.7%		
Worked in county of residence	4,132	79.0%	1,957,366	66.7%		
Worked out of county of residence	994	19.0%	909,720	31.0%		
Worked outside state of residence	105	2.0%	67,495	2.3%		
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK						
Car, truck, or van	4,441	84.9%	2,387,561	81.6%		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	0	0.0%	81,926	2.8%		
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	340	6.5%	122,889	4.2%		
Worked at home	455	8.7%	333,556	11.4%		
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK						
Less than 10 minutes	2,228	42.6%	465,223	15.9%		
10 to 19 minutes	1,611	30.8%	895,335	30.6%		
20 to 29 minutes	486	9.3%	649,557	22.2%		
30 to 44 minutes	492	9.4%	567,631	19.4%		
45 to 59 minutes	199	3.8%	190,186	6.5%		
60 or more minutes	209	4.0%	158,000	5.4%		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	16.1	minutes	23.3	minutes		

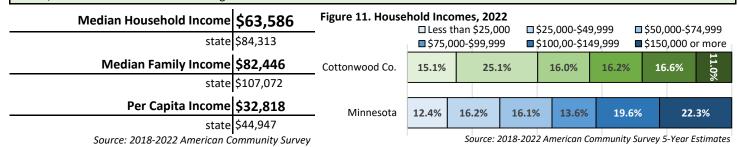
Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Cottonwood Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 22.2% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 33.0% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 17.6% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

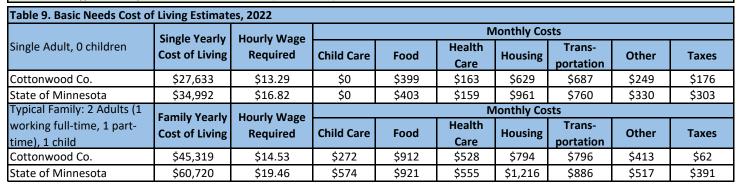
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### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Cottonwood Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Cottonwood Co. had the 72nd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Cottonwood Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.29 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.53 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).



Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Cottonwood Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 70th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Cottonwood 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-	Cottonwood Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	3,537	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	316	8.9%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	834	23.6%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	734	20.8%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	730	20.6%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	499	14.1%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	343	9.7%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	81	2.3%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$141,6	\$286,800	

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% Cottonwood Co. Minnesota 3.89 2010 or later 2000 to 2009 11.5% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 30.9% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 21.9% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 27.8% 1939 or earlier

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

state \$1,818

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

18.0%

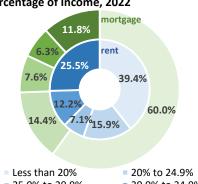
Median monthly rent costs

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

state 46.7%

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2022



25.0% to 29.9% 35% or more

30.0% to 34.9%

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### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$21.23 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 8 than the state. Overall, Region 8 had the 4th lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.66) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.11) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023								
	Region 8 State of Min						sota	
Occupational Group	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	\$21.23	51,900	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%	
Management	\$42.66	2,760	5.3%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.03	1,980	3.8%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940		
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.33	530	1.0%	0.3	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$34.54	670	1.3%	0.7	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.81	500	1.0%	0.9	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$25.00	870	1.7%	0.9	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%	
Legal	\$34.75	120	0.2%	0.3	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$23.94	3,850	7.4%	1.3	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$22.40	370	0.7%	0.5	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$35.05	2,880	5.5%	0.8	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%	
Healthcare Support	\$16.77	2,960	5.7%	1.0	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%	
Protective Service	\$24.61	650	1.3%	0.9	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.11	3,720	7.2%	0.9	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.60	1,540	3.0%	1.1	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%	
Personal Care & Service	\$15.68	720	1.4%	0.7	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%	
Sales & Related	\$15.72	4,420	8.5%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.57	5,780	11.1%	0.9	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.20	270	0.5%	3.6	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%	
Construction & Extraction	\$24.18	2,220	4.3%	1.1	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.67	2,360	4.5%	1.3	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%	
Production	\$20.18	7,440	14.3%	1.9	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$20.72	5,280	10.2%	1.3	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%	

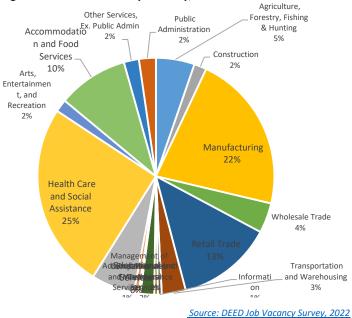
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

## **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Cottonwood Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 14128 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022						
	Number of	Wage				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer				
Total, All Occupations	14,128	\$16.55				
Management	430	\$27.04				
Business & Financial Operations	151	\$24.64				
Computer & Mathematical	99	\$31.77				
Architecture & Engineering	130	\$27.09				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$20.91				
Community & Social Service	159	\$25.21				
Education, Training & Library	731	\$17.88				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,252	\$25.17				
Healthcare Support	1,290	\$14.92				
Protective Service	142	\$19.76				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,626	\$13.56				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	379	\$15.50				
Personal Care & Service	135	\$12.78				
Sales & Related	1,467	\$14.33				
Office & Administrative Support	766	<u> </u>				
Construction & Extraction	165					
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	554	\$22.90				
Production	1,782	\$18.26				
Transportation & Material Moving	786	\$17.46				

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022



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# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Home Health & Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$32,800/yr	\$38,146/yr	\$80,694/yr	\$46,668/yr			
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	General & Operations Managers			
\$30,660/yr	\$52,242/yr	\$66,050/yr	\$78,383/yr			
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	Automotive Service Technicians &	Dental Hygienists	Elementary School Teachers			
Truck Drivers	Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Elementary School Teachers			
\$51,299/yr	\$49,362/yr	\$82,983/yr	\$63,391/yr			
Cashiers	Dental Assistants	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians	Secondary School Teachers			
\$29,092/yr	\$54,422/yr	\$61,801/yr	\$64,067/yr			
Fast Food & Counter Workers	Machinists	Industrial Engineering Technologists & Technicians	Accountants & Auditors			
\$29,393/yr	\$49,288/yr	\$49,646/yr	\$66,142/yr			
Waiters & Waitresses	Electricians	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	Preschool Teachers			
\$24,271/yr	\$63,396/yr	\$66,703/yr	\$35,451/yr			
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &	Communitary Lloon Community Consciolists	Computer Network Support	Medical & Health Services			
Material Movers, Hand	Computer User Support Specialists	Specialists	Managers			
\$39,654/yr	\$57,870/yr	\$72,682/yr	\$95,320/yr			
Office Clerks, General	Medical Assistants	Electrical & Electronic Engineering Technologists &	Industrial Production Managers			
\$41,160/yr	\$46,233/yr	\$66,192/yr	\$99,559/yr			
Maintenance & Repair	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Civil Engineering Technologists &	Laurens			
Workers, General	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Technicians	Lawyers			
\$49,219/yr	\$59,803/yr	\$71,840/yr	\$103,321/yr			
Teaching Assistants, exc.	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service	Environmental Science &	Personal Financial Advisors			
Postsecondary	Technicians	Protection Technicians, Including				
\$36,756/yr	\$51,684/yr	\$39,218/yr	\$78,180/yr			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Cottonwood Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% 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, 2020-2030						
Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030			
Total, All Industries	195,812	203,504	3.9%			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,931	6,026	1.6%			
Utilities	713	735	3.1%			
Construction	7,573	8,082	6.7%			
Manufacturing	30,107	30,719	2.0%			
Wholesale Trade	8,045	8,118	0.9%			
Retail Trade	18,569	17,653	-4.9%			
Transportation & Warehousing	7,385	7,817	5.8%			
Information	2,152	2,001	-7.0%			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,098	8,232	1.7%			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,283	5,512	4.3%			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,421	3,636	6.3%			
Educational Services	15,564	16,274	4.6%			
Health Care & Social Assistance	29,352	32,081	9.3%			
Leisure & Hospitality	11,744	14,382	22.5%			
Other Services	6,756	7,462	10.4%			
Public Administration	13,193	13,517	2.5%			
So	urce: DEED 2020-2	2030 Employm	ent Outlook			

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

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	Management Occupations	312	8,590			
'	Business and Financial	301	<b>1</b> ,897			
	Computer and	83	432			
	Architecture and	174	682			
	Life, Physical, and Social	111	533			
	Community and Social	434	<b>1</b> ,676			
4	Legal Occupations	47	194			
4	Educational Instruction and	855	4,608	3		
	Arts, Design,	196	1,129			
	Healthcare Practitioners	729	<b>2,7</b> 38	3		
	Healthcare Support	1,322	7,04	9		
	Protective Service	125	1,134			
	Food Preparation and	2,02	6 9,7	44		
7	Building and Grounds	414	3,715			
4	Personal Care and Service	446	3,452			
4	Sales and Related	-83	9,573			
	Office and Administrative	-999	10,245	i		
	Farming, Fishing, and	63	<b>1</b> ,651			
	Construction and Extraction	433	<b>2,6</b> 23			
1	Installation, Maintenance,	515	<b>2,6</b> 60			
1	Production Occupations	-49	7,349			
	Transportation and	986	7,522			
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COUNTY PROFILE Cottonwood Co.

### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

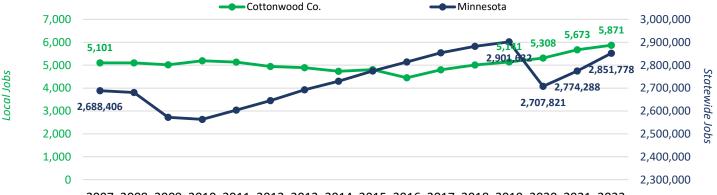
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Cottonwood Co. had the 52nd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Cottonwood Co. was the 13th fastest growing in the past year and the 1st fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Cottonwood Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

439 business establishments \$44,725 annual average wage

5,871 jobs \$262,581,513 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2022 14.2% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

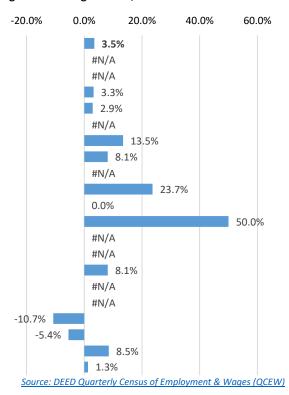


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Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Cottonwood Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	5,871	100.0%	\$44,725
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	380	6.5%	\$59,453
Manufacturing	1,992	33.9%	\$46,066
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	312	5.3%	\$73,101
Retail Trade	465	7.9%	\$23,272
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	47	0.8%	\$36,657
Finance & Insurance	89	1.5%	\$67,580
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6	0.1%	\$40,625
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	133	2.3%	\$39,661
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	50	0.9%	\$19,864
Accommodation & Food Services	261	4.4%	\$15,615
Other Services	153	2.6%	\$27,888
Public Administration	303	5.2%	\$43,549

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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