### EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Freeborn Co.

Freeborn Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 10, which is located in the Southeast Planning Region.

### **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2022 population:	30,718 people		
Population change,	-537 people	Median Age:	44.1 years
2010-2022	-1.7% decline	state:	38.5 years

Freeborn Co. is the 35th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 62nd fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Freeborn 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		Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022				
	Number	Percent	2000 Population	2022 Estimate			
Under 5 years	1,678	5.5%	1,867	1,678	Under 5 years		
5-14 years	3,844	12.5%	4,391	3,844	5-14 years		
15-24 years	3,336	10.9%					
25-34 years	3,274	10.7%	4,004	3,336	15-24 years		
35-44 years	3,451	11.2%	3,435	3,274	25-34 years		
45-54 years	3,595	11.7%	4,887	3,451	35-44 years		
55-64 years	4,671	15.2%	4,435	3,595	45-54 years		
65-74 years	3,685	12.0%	3,409	4,671	55-64 years		
75-84 years	1,988	6.5%	2,872	3,685	65-74 years		
85 years & over	1,196	3.9%	2,350	1,988	, 75-84 years		
Total Population	30,718	100.0%					
Source: Census Pop	oulation Estimates,	2018-2022 ACS	934	1,196	85 years & ove		

Freeborn Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Freeborn 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 Events		Net Migration					
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic			
Freeborn Co.	-183	-195	705	900	3	66	-63			
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									

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

Compared to the state, Freeborn Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Freeborn 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	Freebo	orn Co.	Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	1,512	4.9%	537	55.1%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	72	4.8%	-49	-40.5%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	640	42.3%	430	204.8%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	24	1.6%	-30	-55.6%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	6	0.4%	-11	-64.7%	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	770	50.9%	197	34.4%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	748	49.5%	208	38.5%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	22	1.5%	-11	-33.3%	2.5%	-4.6%	



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

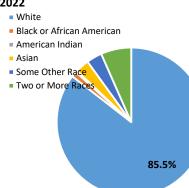


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#### Freeborn Co.

Freeborn 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



	F	reeborn C	<b>.</b>	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	
Total	30,857	100.0%	-1.4%	100.0%	7.9%	
White	26,387	85.5%	-11.8%	79.7%	-0.4%	
Black or African American	367	1.2%	27.9%	6.7%	44.3%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	106	0.3%	9.3%	0.9%	-10.2%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	923	3.0%	252.3%	5.1%	37.1%	
Some Other Race	1,039	3.4%	116.9%	2.3%	84.7%	
Two or More Races	2,035	6.6%	679.7%	5.3%	159.6%	
Hispanic or Latino origin	3,284	10.6%	24.7%	5.7%	34.6%	

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

### **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

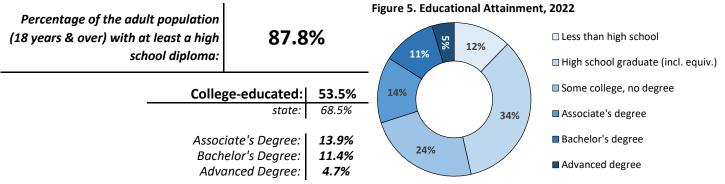
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Freeborn Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

					Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-			
Table 5. Population Proj	ections by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	35,000	30,354	29,530	
Freeborn Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				85 years & over
Under 5 years	1,703	1,682	-21	-1.2%	30,000			75-84 years
5-14 years	3,711	3,664	-47	-1.3%	25,000			□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	3,551	3,353	-198	-5.6%	20,000			
25-34 years	3,336	3,571	235	7.0%	20,000			□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	3,521	3,404	-117	-3.3%	45 000			45-54 years
45-54 years	3,257	3,498	241	7.4%	15,000			35-44 years
55-64 years	3,943	3,192	-751	-19.0%	10,000			25-34 years
65-74 years	4,102	3,476	-626	-15.3%				15-24 years
75-84 years	2,295	2,763	468	20.4%	5,000			□ 5-14 years
85 years & over	935	927	-8	-0.9%	_			Under 5 years
Total Population	30,354	29,530	-824	-2.7%		2025	2035	
	S	ource: Minnesota	State Demoa	raphic Center	-	Projection	Projection	

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

# **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Freeborn 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. Freeborn 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.



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

### **COUNTY PROFILE**

### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates At 2.7%, Freeborn Co. had a lower unemployment rate Minnesota Freeborn Co. than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession 17,500 3,200,000 Freeborn Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to 17,000**16,866** 3,150,000 Minnesota the 3.7% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number 3,100,000 of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Freeborn ocal Labor Force. 16,500 3,050,000 Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019. 3,000,000 Labor 16,000 2,950,000 15,839 available workers Force 15,500 2,900,000 Labor Force change -389 workers 2,850,000 15,000 2008-2023 -2.4% decline 2,941,976 ,874,663 ,134,160 2,800,000 099,163 14,500 2.7% unemployment rate 2,750,000 2.7% state 14,000 2,700,000 428 unemployed workers 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, Freeborn 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, Freeborn Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

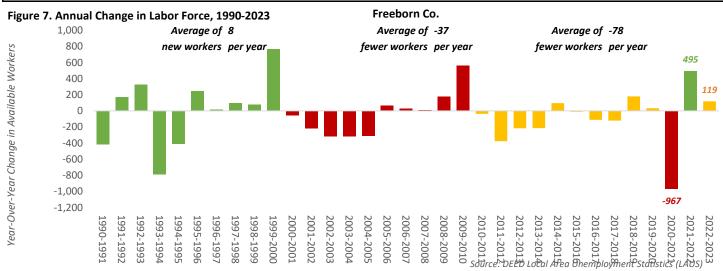
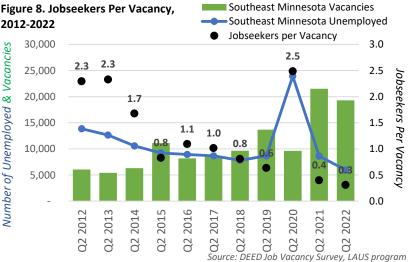


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force	e Projection	
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035	:
16 to 24 years	2,086	1,999	
25 to 54 years	8,625	8,931	
55 to 64 years	2,956	2,393	
65 years & over	1,204	1,076	
Total Labor Force	14,870	14,399	

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 Southeast 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).



## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	Fre	eeborn 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
Total Labor Force	15,376	62.0%	4.4%	68.7%	4.0%	8,126	7,250
16 to 19 years	608	47.8%	17.1%	53.0%	9.8%	308	300
20 to 24 years	1,303	83.1%	9.2%	83.1%	6.7%	582	721
25 to 44 years	5,751	85.1%	4.1%	88.8%	3.5%	3,102	2,651
45 to 54 years	3,091	85.6%	3.2%	87.8%	2.9%	1,598	1,493
55 to 64 years	3,518	75.0%	2.6%	72.8%	3.1%	1,851	1,665
65 to 74 years	914	24.7%	2.0%	27.6%	3.3%	593	323
75 years & over	189	5.9%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	92	97
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. L	abor Force by
White alone	13,352	61.3%	3.6%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	127	44.4%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	48	59.3%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	374	63.1%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	600	78.9%	2.8%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	876	67.4%	19.4%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,585	74.1%	12.9%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabilit	y, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	837	51.1%	3.9%	54.4%	10.2%		86.8
<b>Employment Characteristics by Education</b>	onal Attainment, 25	5 to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	12,363	82.1%	3.5%	84.4%	3.3%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,130	65.9%	3.5%	67.2%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,480	77.2%	4.7%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	5,437	86.7%	2.7%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,315	90.2%	2.1%	90.3%	2.0%	Some O	ther Race



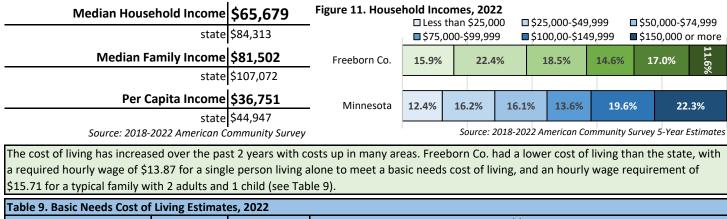
A larger percentage of workers in Freeborn Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Freeborn Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Freebori	n Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Tim	e Leaving Ho	me to
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20		
Worked in state of residence	13,819	95.7%	2,867,086	97.7%	Freeb		■ Minnesota )% 40%
Worked in county of residence	10,888	75.4%	1,957,366	66.7%	· · ·	J% 20	J% 40%
Worked out of county of residence	2,931	20.3%	909,720	31.0%	12:00 a.m. to		
Worked outside state of residence	621	4.3%	67,495	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	6.8% 4.7%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				-			
Car, truck, or van	12,794	88.6%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	9.4%	
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	29	0.2%	81,926	2.8%	u.m.	9.2%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	650	4.5%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		20.3%
Worked at home	982	6.8%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.2%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59		
Less than 10 minutes	4,000	27.7%	465,223	15.9%	a.m.		28.4%
10 to 19 minutes	4,953	34.3%	895,335	30.6%			20.1%
20 to 29 minutes	2,411	16.7%	649,557	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	10.9	%
30 to 44 minutes	1,733	12.0%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.	14	1.7%
45 to 59 minutes	462	3.2%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to		24.201
60 or more minutes	866	6.0%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.		24.2%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.3	minutes	23.3	minutes	[		

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

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

Freeborn Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Freeborn Co. had the 64th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Freeborn Co.	\$28,857	\$13.87	\$0	\$395	\$163	\$622	\$772	\$246	\$207
State of Minnesota	\$34,992	\$16.82	\$0	\$403	\$159	\$961	\$760	\$330	\$303
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs						
working full-time, 1 part- time), 1 child	Cost of Living	, ,	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Freeborn Co.	\$49,028	\$15.71	\$339	\$903	\$528	\$833	\$902	\$420	\$161
State of Minnesota	\$60,720	\$19.46	\$574	\$921	\$555	\$1,216	\$886	\$517	\$391
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool									

Freeborn Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 66th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Freeborn 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-	Freebor	n Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	10,100	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	758	7.5%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,088	20.7%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,004	19.8%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,755	17.4%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,037	20.2%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,061	10.5%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	397	3.9%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$154,7	/00	\$286,800
Source: 2018-20	022 American Commu	unity Survey, 5-	Year Estimates

ota Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

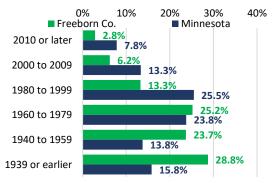
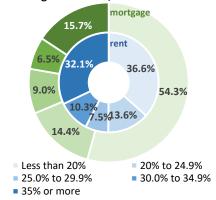


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2022



 Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage
 \$1,259

 state
 \$1,818

 Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs
 22.3%

 state
 \$1,178

 Median monthly rent costs
 \$803

 state
 \$1,178

 Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their of their household income on rent
 42.4%

state 46.7% Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates **Freeborn Co** 

#### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$23.44 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 10 than the state. Overall, Region 10 had the 2nd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$48.3) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.24) (see Table 11).

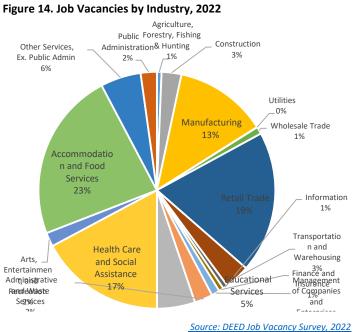
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 20	23						
		Regio	n 10		State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$23.44	236,590	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$48.30	12,310	5.2%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.82	9,260	3.9%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$42.65	4,280	1.8%	0.5	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.83	3,390	1.4%	0.8	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$37.08	2,520	1.1%	1.0	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$28.75	4,480	1.9%	1.0	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$40.10	740	0.3%	0.5	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.64	14,590	6.2%	1.1	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$24.58	2,110	0.9%	0.7	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$41.68	30,920	13.1%	2.0	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$18.00	14,050	5.9%	1.0	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$28.06	3,460	1.5%	1.0	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.24	19,140	8.1%	1.1	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.95	6,300	2.7%	1.0	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.98	4,470	1.9%	0.9	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.54	18,100	7.7%	0.9	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.20	27,900	11.8%	1.0	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$18.65	420	0.2%	1.2	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.56	8,510	3.6%	0.9	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$25.43	8,300	3.5%	1.0	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$20.84	22,610	9.6%	1.3	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.69	18,740	7.9%	1.0	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

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

### **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Freeborn Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region. There were 19304 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. Southeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022					
	Number of	Wage			
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	19,304	\$16.08			
Management	333	\$30.93			
Business & Financial Operations	254	\$24.78			
Computer & Mathematical	188	\$33.61			
Architecture & Engineering	186	\$29.46			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	152	\$24.51			
Community & Social Service	171	\$23.79			
Education, Training & Library	490	\$20.68			
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,328	\$31.77			
Healthcare Support	1,139	\$15.40			
Protective Service	100	\$19.68			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	4,822	\$13.72			
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	945	\$15.09			
Personal Care & Service	805	\$15.13			
Sales & Related	2,248	\$14.59			
Office & Administrative Support	828	\$16.86			
Construction & Extraction	924	\$19.83	1		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	739	\$14.23			
Production	1,593	\$15.96			
Transportation & Material Moving	1,752	\$16.97	1		



# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Southeast 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	Automotive Service Technicians &	Registered Nurses	Elementary School Teachers				
Care Aides	Mechanics	-					
\$33,154/yr	\$48,274/yr	\$86,697/yr	\$63,367/yr				
First-Line Supervisors of	Nursing Assistants	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Pharmacists				
Retail Sales Workers	5	& Technicians					
\$44,169/yr	\$38,287/yr	\$60,703/yr	\$143,081/yr				
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, &	Radiologic Technologists &	Secondary School Teachers				
Material Movers, Hand	Cosmetologists	Technicians					
\$40,221/yr	\$36,972/yr	\$80,182/yr	\$65,242/yr				
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Accountants & Auditors				
Truck Drivers	Nurses	\$71.226.hur	670.266.hr				
\$55,244/yr	\$52,969/yr	\$71,226/yr	\$70,366/yr				
Retail Salespersons	Medical Assistants	Dental Hygienists	Software Developers				
\$31,528/yr	\$49,832/yr	\$84,003/yr	\$104,831/yr				
Stockers & Order Fillers	Electricians	Biological Technicians	Medical & Health Services				
Stockers & Order Fillers	Electricians	Biological reclinicians	Managers				
\$33,967/yr	\$66,736/yr	\$66,195/yr	\$101,144/yr				
Janitors & Cleaners, exc.	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Surgical Technologists	Physician Assistants				
Maids & Housekeeping							
\$37,499/yr	\$52,730/yr	\$68,975/yr	\$129,221/yr				
Teaching Assistants, exc.	Computer User Support Specialists	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	Industrial Engineers				
Postsecondary \$37,835/yr	\$63,467/yr	\$63,872/yr	\$83,210/yr				
	Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration	Industrial Engineering	·				
Bartenders	Mechanics & Installers	Technologists & Technicians	Physicians, All Other				
\$25,042/yr	\$64,819/yr	\$62,105/yr	NA				
Customer Service		Computer Network Support					
Representatives	Dental Assistants	Specialists	Nurse Practitioners				
\$41,637/yr	\$58,673/yr	\$73,341/yr	\$134,164/yr				
			Source: DEED Occupations in Demana				

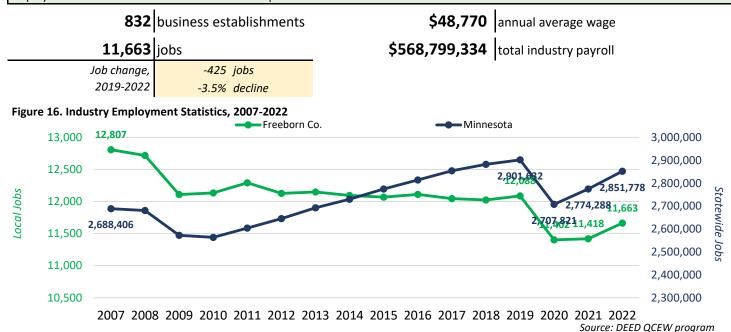
Freeborn Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region, which is projected to see a 5.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030				Figure 15. Regional Occupational					
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	Employment Projections, 2020-2030 From employment growth -5,000 5,000 15,000					
	Employment	Employ-	Change						
Southeast Planning Region	2020	ment 2030	2020-2030	Management Occupations 564 6,880 Business and Financial 355 2,692					
Total, All Industries	261,589	274,824	5.1%	Computer and 171 976					
Natural Resources & Mining	3,447	3,477	0.9%	Architecture and 145 704					
Utilities	1,160	1,150	-0.9%	Life, Physical, and Social 97 379					
Construction	9,396	9,891	5.3%	Community and Social 539 1,957					
Manufacturing	36,536	36,636	0.3%	Legal Occupations 72 312					
Wholesale Trade	7,047	7,342	4.2%	Educational Instruction and 1,099 5,797 Arts, Design, 211 1,268					
Retail Trade	25,379	24,160	-4.8%	Healthcare Practitioners 2,850 8,417					
Transportation & Warehousing	7,801	8,311	6.5%	Healthcare Support 1,995 10,457					
Information	2,943	2,941	-0.1%	Protective Service 226 1,834					
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	6,025	6,133	1.8%	Food Preparation and 3,295 15,489					
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	7,642	7,966	4.2%	Building and Grounds 515 5,041 Personal Care and Service 745 4,581					
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	8,158	8,815	8.1%	Personal Care and Service 745 4,581 Sales and Related962 12,007					
Educational Services	19,447	20,396	4.9%	Office and Administrative996 12,332					
Health Care & Social Assistance	64,850	70,687	9.0%	Farming, Fishing, and11 918					
Leisure & Hospitality	19,129	23,366	22.1%	Construction and Extraction 521 3,228					
Other Services	8,287	9,159	10.5%	Installation, Maintenance, 375 2,969					
Public Administration	13,990	14,748	5.4%	Production Occupations 62 9,269 Transportation and 1,367 9,066					
Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook									

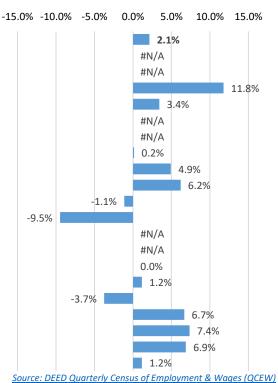
#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Freeborn Co. had the 34th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Freeborn Co. was the 39th fastest growing in the past year and the 53rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Freeborn Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.



Average Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022 Number of Percent of Annual Table 15. Freeborn Co. Industry **Employment Statistics, 2022** Jobs Total Jobs Wage 11,663 100.0% \$48,770 Total, All Industries Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt #N/A #N/A #N/A #N/A Mining #N/A #N/A 522 Construction 4.5% \$66,704 2,415 20.7% \$57,468 Manufacturing Utilities #N/A #N/A #N/A Wholesale Trade #N/A #N/A #N/A **Retail Trade** 1,980 17.0% \$36,558 Transportation & Warehousing 576 4.9% \$47,645 Information 120 1.0% \$44,388 Finance & Insurance 352 3.0% \$76,043 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing 67 0.6% \$26,764 -9 5% #N/A Professional & Technical Services #N/A #N/A Management of Companies #N/A #N/A #N/A Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs. 270 2.3% \$40,913 720 \$41,258 **Educational Services** 6.2% Health Care & Social Assistance 1.615 13.8% \$40.755 Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation 96 0.8% \$20,247 Accommodation & Food Services 1,050 9.0% \$18,035 Other Services 420 3.6% \$30,260 606 5.2% Public Administration \$58,872



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