### EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# COUNTY PROFILE

# **Nobles Co.**

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

### **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2022 population:	21,947 people		
Population change,	569 people	Median Age:	<b>36.4</b> years
2010-2022	2.7% increase	state:	38.5 years

Nobles Co. is the 44th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 36th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Nobles Co.'s population has a younger 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		igure 1. Population Pyramid, 2	2000-2022	
	Number	Percent	2000 Population	2022 Estimate	
Under 5 years	1,770	8.1%	1,447	1,770	Under 5 years
5-14 years	3,297	15.0%	3,027	3,297	5-14 years
15-24 years	3,050	13.9%			
25-34 years	2,495	11.4%	2,761	3,050	15-24 years
35-44 years	2,567	11.7%	2,468	2,495	25-34 years
45-54 years	2,367	10.8%	3,076	2,567	35-44 years
55-64 years	2,634	12.0%	2,585	2,367	45-54 years
65-74 years	2,035	9.3%	1,844	2,634	55-64 years
75-84 years	1,099	5.0%	1,678	2,035	65-74 years
85 years & over	633	2.9%			,
Total Population	21,947	100.0%	1,329	1,099	75-84 years
	pulation Estimates,	2018-2022 ACS	617	<mark>633</mark>	85 years & over

Nobles Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Nobles 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, 2020-2022								
	Total	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022						
	Population	Natural	Vital Events		Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Nobles Co.	-347	321	806	485	-663	240	-903	
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, Nobles Co. has a larger percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Nobles 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	Nobl	es Co.	Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	4,462	20.1%	1,303	41.2%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	15	0.3%	-14	-48.3%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	796	17.8%	144	22.1%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	643	14.4%	459	249.5%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	-12	-100.0%	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	3,008	67.4%	726	31.8%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	3,008	67.4%	743	32.8%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	0	0.0%	-17	-100.0%	2.5%	-4.6%	



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



#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

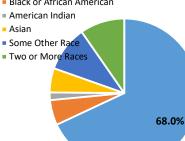
#### **Nobles Co**

Nobles 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,



- White
- Black or African American



		Nobles Co	).	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	
Total	22,194	100.0%	4.7%	100.0%	7.9%	
White	15,099	68.0%	-17.4%	79.7%	-0.4%	
Black or African American	1,211	5.5%	65.9%	6.7%	44.3%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	367	1.7%	389.3%	0.9%	-10.2%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,168	5.3%	15.8%	5.1%	37.1%	
Some Other Race	2,204	9.9%	221.8%	2.3%	84.7%	
Two or More Races	2,145	9.7%	427.0%	5.3%	159.6%	
Hispanic or Latino origin	6,658	30.0%	46.3%	5.7%	34.6%	

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

## **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

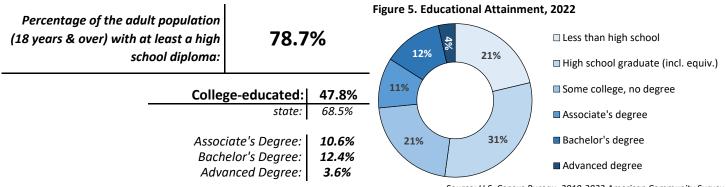
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Nobles Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

					Figure 4. P	rojections	by Age Group	, 2025-
Table 5. Population Proj	jections by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	25,000	22,164	22,258	
Nobles Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				85 years & over
Under 5 years	1,861	1,842	-19	-1.0%	20,000			75-84 years
5-14 years	3,519	3,563	44	1.3%	_0,000			, 65-74 years
15-24 years	3,053	3,423	370	12.1%				,
25-34 years	2,232	2,295	63	2.8%	15,000			□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	2,643	2,114	-529	-20.0%				■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	2,401	2,636	235	9.8%	10,000			■ 35-44 years
55-64 years	2,527	2,313	-214	-8.5%				25-34 years
65-74 years	2,207	2,025	-182	-8.2%	5,000			15-24 years
75-84 years	1,198	1,523	325	27.1%				□ 5-14 years
85 years & over	523	524	1	0.2%	1			Under 5 years
Total Population	22,164	22,258	94	0.4%		2025	2035	
	S	ource: Minnesota	State Demoa	raphic Center	-	Projection	Projection	

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

## **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

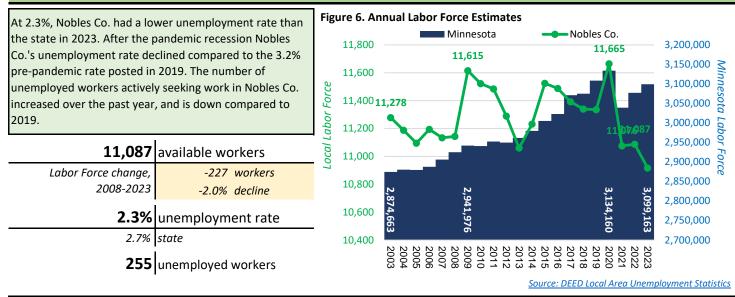
Nobles Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Nobles Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.



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

#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

### LABOR FORCE TRENDS



Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Nobles Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Nobles Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

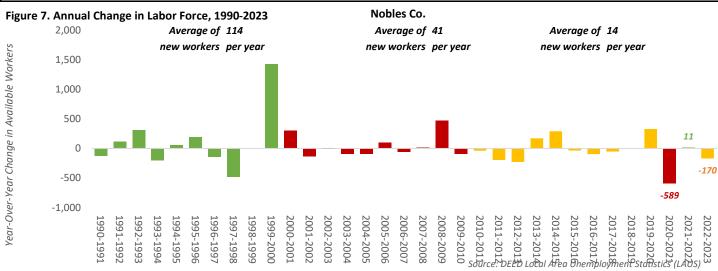
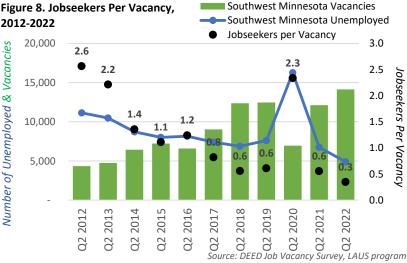


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force	e Projection	
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035	
16 to 24 years	1,859	2,129	
25 to 54 years	6,155	5,972	
55 to 64 years	1,898	1,737	
65 years & over	882	836	
Total Labor Force	10,793	10,674	

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).



### LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	N	lobles Co.		Minne	esota	Labor Force	by Gender	1
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female	
Total Labor Force	11,051	66.2%	3.0%	68.7%	4.0%	6,313	4,731	ı.
16 to 19 years	687	48.8%	10.9%	53.0%	9.8%	321	366	1
20 to 24 years	1,173	90.2%	2.5%	83.1%	6.7%	576	597	1
25 to 44 years	4,259	83.2%	1.8%	88.8%	3.5%	2,579	1,682	1
45 to 54 years	2,092	87.4%	1.9%	87.8%	2.9%	1,231	862	1
55 to 64 years	2,001	75.1%	0.7%	72.8%	3.1%	1,124	876	1
65 to 74 years	731	35.5%	12.7%	27.6%	3.3%	402	329	1
75 years & over	100	5.7%	2.0%	6.6%	3.2%	80	19	1
Employment Characteristics by Race & H	lispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force b	v
White alone	7,703	64.4%	2.2%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022		
Black or African American	581	70.7%	12.9%	71.5%	8.7%	-		
American Indian & Alaska Native	162	77.5%	1.9%	57.6%	11.9%			
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	428	54.0%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%			
Some Other Race	1,135	72.6%	3.7%	76.1%	6.1%			
Two or More Races	1,037	77.1%	4.1%	74.3%	6.6%			
Hispanic or Latino	3,177	77.1%	5.7%	77.0%	6.3%			69.
Employment Characteristics by Disabilit	y, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	805	61.5%	4.7%	54.4%	10.2%			
Employment Characteristics by Educatic	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years						
Population, 25 to 64 years	8,355	82.1%	1.6%	84.4%	3.3%	White al		
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,781	79.8%	1.6%	67.2%	4.6%		African America	
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,125	78.2%	0.2%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Alas	
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,850	84.1%	2.1%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islar	nders
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,598	86.9%	0.6%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race	

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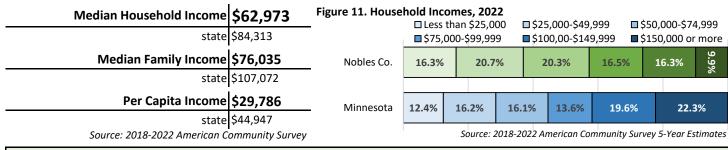
A larger percentage of workers in Nobles Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Nobles Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

	Nobles	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	e Leaving Ho	me to
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20		
Worked in state of residence	9,680	92.9%	2,867,086	97.7%	Noble		Minnesota
Worked in county of residence	8,273	79.4%	1,957,366	66.7%		70 20	J% 40%
Worked out of county of residence	1,407	13.5%	909,720	31.0%	12:00 a.m. to		
Worked outside state of residence	740	7.1%	67,495	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	4.8%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK							
Car, truck, or van	9,138	87.7%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.		.0%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	104	1.0%	81,926	2.8%		9.2%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	615	5.9%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		16.9%
Worked at home	563	5.4%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.2%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59		
Less than 10 minutes	3,366	32.3%	465,223	15.9%			31.2%
10 to 19 minutes	3,553	34.1%	895,335	30.6%			20.1%
20 to 29 minutes	1,261	12.1%	649,557	22.2%		10.19	6
30 to 44 minutes	1,271	12.2%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.	14	1.7%
45 to 59 minutes	542	5.2%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to		22.00/
60 or more minutes	427	4.1%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.		23.0% 23.5%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.9	minutes	23.3	minutes	Ī		

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

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

Nobles Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Nobles Co. had the 76th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



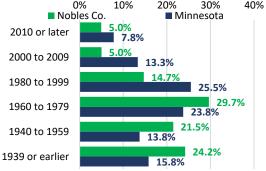
The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Nobles Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.82 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.22 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

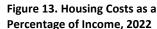
Table 9. Basic Needs Cost o	f Living Estimat	es, 2022								
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage		Monthly Costs						
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes	
Nobles Co.	\$28,745	\$13.82	\$0	\$396	\$163	\$652	\$729	\$254	\$201	
State of Minnesota	\$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	
Nobles Co.	\$47,492	\$15.22	\$272	\$905	\$528	\$858	\$849	\$427	\$119	
State of Minnesota	\$60,720	\$19.46	\$574	\$921	\$555	\$1,216	\$886	\$517	\$391	
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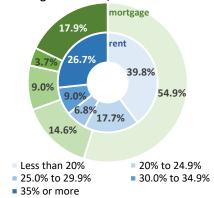
Nobles Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 64th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Nobles Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Nobles	Co.	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent	
Total	5,726	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	529	9.2%	4.1%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,069	18.7%	4.6%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,021	17.8%	7.1%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	966	16.9%	10.7%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,236	21.6%	27.1%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	729	12.7%	31.7%	
\$500,000 or more	176	3.1%	14.7%	
Median (dollars)	\$161,0	00	\$286,800	

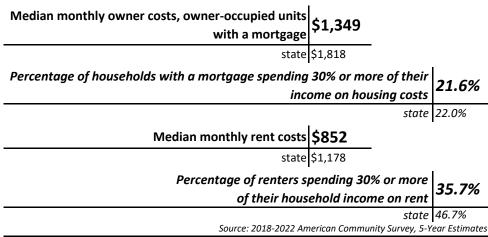
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022







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



Nobles Co.

#### **OCCUPATIONS**

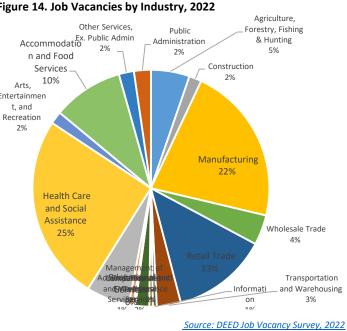
At \$21.23 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 8 than the state. Overall, Region 8 had the 4th lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.66) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.11)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

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 202	23						
		Regio	n 8	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	\$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	7.1%
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%

#### **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Nobles 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).

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Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey	Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 20		
	Number of	Wage	Other Services
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer	Accommodatio
Total, All Occupations	14,128	\$16.55	n and Food $2\%$ $2\%$
Management	430	\$27.04	Services
Business & Financial Operations	151	\$24.64	Arts. 10%
Computer & Mathematical	99	\$31.77	Entertainmen
Architecture & Engineering	130	\$27.09	t, and
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$20.91	Recreation 2%
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	Health Care
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,626	\$13.56	and Social
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	379	\$15.50	Assistance
Personal Care & Service	135	\$12.78	25%
Sales & Related	1,467	\$14.33	Reta
Office & Administrative Support	766	\$14.07	Managern at of AdtBiblioternin at another
Construction & Extraction	165	\$17.90	Addithight alternoo
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	554	\$22.90	anosonario can ce Serviñar intra
Production	1,782	\$18.26	10/ 20/
Transportation & Material Moving	786	\$17.46	<u>Sour</u>



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

# **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 \$51,299/yr	Mechanics \$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, & Material Movers, Hand	Computer User Support Specialists	Computer Network Support Specialists	Medical & Health Services 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 Workers, General	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Civil Engineering Technologists & Technicians	Lawyers				
\$49,219/yr	\$59,803/yr	\$71,840/yr	\$103,321/yr				
Teaching Assistants, exc. Postsecondary	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians	Environmental Science & Protection Technicians, Including	Personal Financial Advisors				
\$36,756/yr	\$51,684/yr	\$39,218/yr	\$78,180/yr				
			Source: DEED Occupations in Demand				

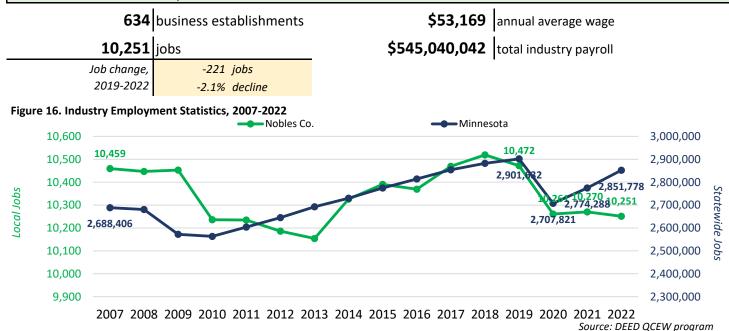
Nobles Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment P	Figure 15. Regional Occupational							
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	Employment Projections, 2020-2030   From employment growth From exit openings   -5,000 5,000 10,000 15,000				
Southwest Planning Region	Employment 2020	Employ- ment 2030	Change 2020-2030	Management Occupations Business and Financial	312 <b>8,590</b> 301 <b>1</b> ,897			
Total, All Industries	195,812	203,504	3.9%	Computer and	83 432			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,931	6,026	1.6%	Architecture and	174 682			
Utilities	713	735	3.1%	Life, Physical, and Social	111 533			
Construction	7,573	8,082	6.7%	Community and Social	434 1,676			
Manufacturing	30,107	30,719	2.0%	Legal Occupations	47 194			
Wholesale Trade	8,045	8,118	0.9%	Educational Instruction and Arts, Design,	855 4,608 196 1,129			
Retail Trade	18,569	17,653	-4.9%	Healthcare Practitioners	729 2,738			
Transportation & Warehousing	7,385	7,817	5.8%	Healthcare Support	1,322 7,049			
Information	2,152	2,001	-7.0%	Protective Service	125 1,134			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,098	8,232	1.7%	Food Preparation and	2,02 <b>6 9,744</b>			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,283	5,512	4.3%	Building and Grounds	414 3,715			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,421	3,636	6.3%	Personal Care and Service Sales and Related	446 <b>3,452</b> -8 <mark>3</mark> 2 9,573			
Educational Services	15,564	16,274	4.6%	Office and Administrative	-999 10,245			
Health Care & Social Assistance	29,352	32,081	9.3%	Farming, Fishing, and	63 1,651			
Leisure & Hospitality	11,744	14,382	22.5%	Construction and Extraction	433 2,623			
Other Services	6,756	7,462	10.4%	Installation, Maintenance,	515 <b>2,660</b>			
Public Administration	13,193	13,517	2.5%	Production Occupations	-49 7,349			
Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook								

#### **COUNTY PROFILE**

### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Nobles Co. had the 39th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Nobles Co. was the 72nd fastest growing in the past year and the 42nd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Nobles Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.



Average Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022 Number of Percent of Annual Table 15. Nobles Co. Industry -10.0% -20.0% 0.0% **Employment Statistics, 2022** Jobs Total Jobs Wage 10,251 100.0% \$53,169 Total, All Industries -0.2% Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt 369 3.6% \$35,246 Mining #N/A #N/A #N/A Construction 263 2.6% \$54,741 3,381 Manufacturing 33.0% \$66,876 Utilities 27 0.3% \$97,100 Wholesale Trade 299 2.9% \$78.692 \$30,245 **Retail Trade** 1.270 12.4% -1.5% Transportation & Warehousing 396 3.9% \$52,239 -2.5% Information 69 0.7% \$48,840 -1.4% Finance & Insurance 241 2.4% \$69,535 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing 21 0.2% \$18,710 #N/A Professional & Technical Services #N/A #N/A Management of Companies #N/A #N/A #N/A Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs. 374 3.6% \$95,037 -0.3% 892 **Educational Services** 8.7% \$23,872 -6.0% Health Care & Social Assistance 1.100 10.7% \$27,996 -11.5% Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation 51 0.5% \$19,660 -14.5% Accommodation & Food Services 608 5.9% \$17,144 -0.6% Other Services 292 2.8% \$32,382 0.0% 390 3.8% 1.8% Public Administration \$50,061

# 10.0% 20.0% 30.0% 9.8% #N/A 1.2% 1.7% 0.0% 2.0% 0.0% 23.5% #N/A #N/A

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

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