

**COUNTY PROFILE**

# Pipestone Co.

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



## POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

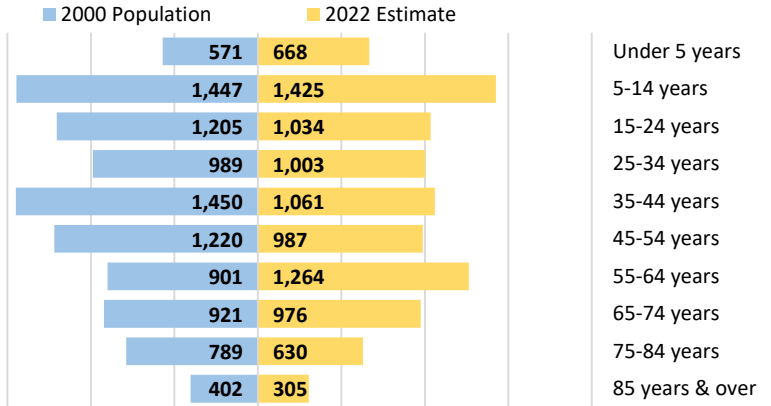
2022 population:	<b>9,355 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>40.0 years</b>
Population change, 2010-2022	-241 people -2.5% decline	state:	38.5 years

Pipestone Co. is the 72nd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 67th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Pipestone Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	668	7.1%
5-14 years	1,425	15.2%
15-24 years	1,034	11.1%
25-34 years	1,003	10.7%
35-44 years	1,061	11.3%
45-54 years	987	10.6%
55-64 years	1,264	13.5%
65-74 years	976	10.4%
75-84 years	630	6.7%
85 years & over	305	3.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,355</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022



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

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Pipestone Co.	-61	21	302	281	-81	53	-134
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377

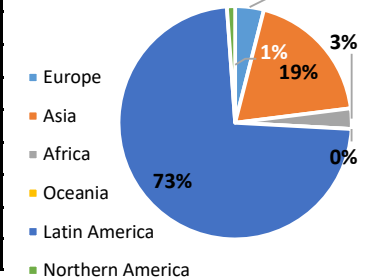
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Pipestone Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Pipestone Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

	Pipestone Co.		Change 2010-2022		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>16.2%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Europe	14	4.0%	-24	-63.2%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	67	19.0%	7	11.7%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	10	2.8%	-36	-78.3%	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	261	74.1%	102	64.2%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	257	73.0%	127	97.7%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	4	1.1%	-25	-86.2%	2.5%	-4.6%

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

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



## COUNTY PROFILE

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Pipestone 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

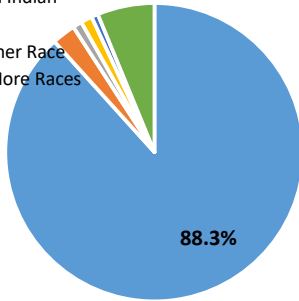


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Pipestone Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,380</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
White	8,282	88.3%	-8.0%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	240	2.6%	242.9%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	93	1.0%	-8.8%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	116	1.2%	30.3%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	67	0.7%	-58.6%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	582	6.2%	304.2%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	715	7.6%	131.4%	5.7%	34.6%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

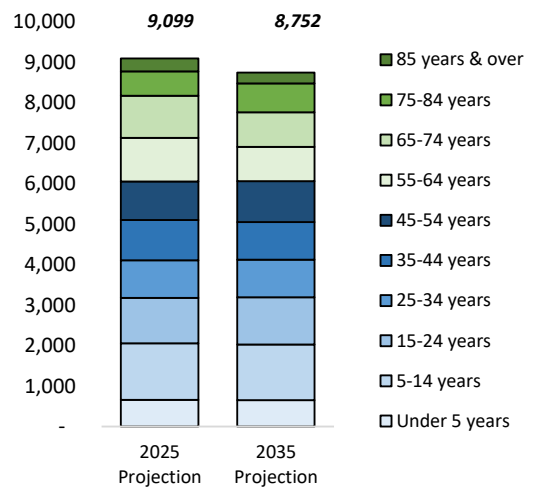
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Pipestone Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over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

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

Pipestone Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	656	651	-5	-0.8%
5-14 years	1,400	1,380	-20	-1.4%
15-24 years	1,122	1,165	43	3.8%
25-34 years	928	926	-2	-0.2%
35-44 years	1,001	933	-68	-6.8%
45-54 years	952	1,009	57	6.0%
55-64 years	1,075	849	-226	-21.0%
65-74 years	1,043	852	-191	-18.3%
75-84 years	602	714	112	18.6%
85 years & over	320	273	-47	-14.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>9,099</b>	<b>8,752</b>	<b>-347</b>	<b>-3.8%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

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

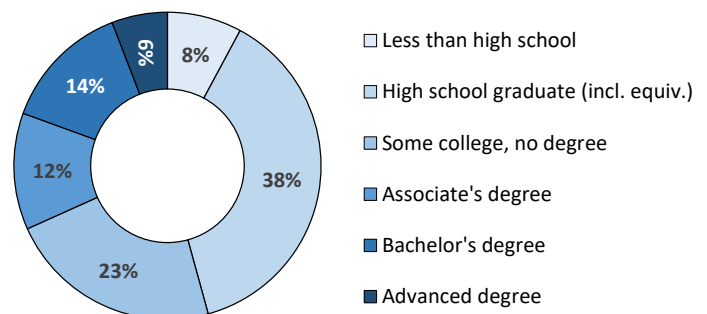
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**92.1%**

**College-educated:** 54.3%  
state: 68.5%

**Associate's Degree:** 12.3%  
**Bachelor's Degree:** 13.6%  
**Advanced Degree:** 5.9%

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022**



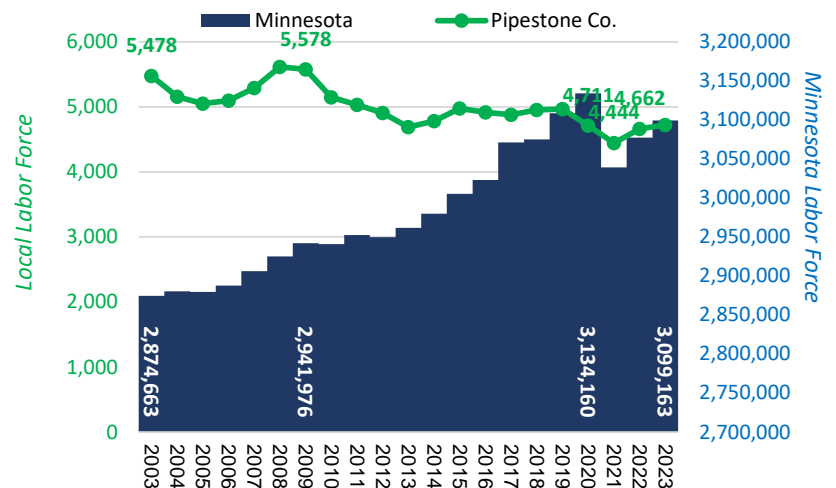
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.5%, Pipestone Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Pipestone Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.7% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Pipestone Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>4,662</b> available workers	
Labor Force change, 2008-2023	-892 workers -15.9% decline
<b>2.5%</b> unemployment rate	2.7% state
<b>117</b> unemployed workers	

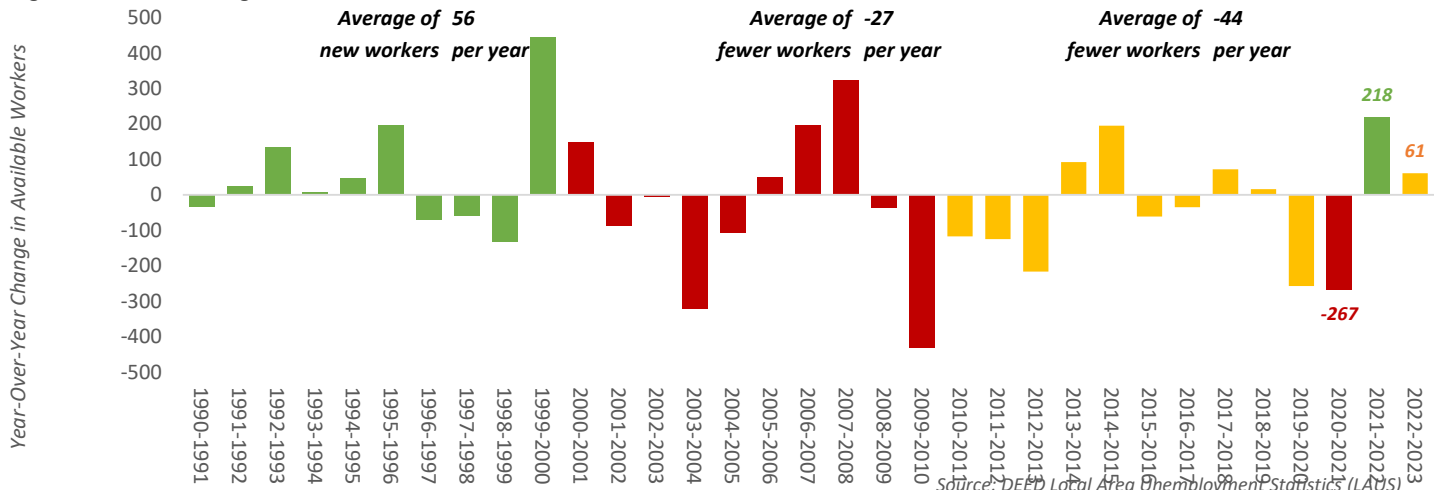
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

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

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023



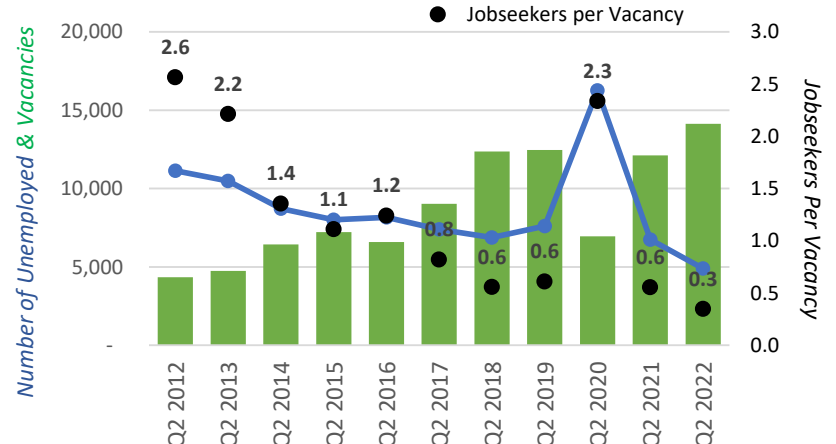
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	700	735
25 to 54 years	2,421	2,412
55 to 64 years	874	690
65 years & over	422	370
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>4,417</b>	<b>4,207</b>

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).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2012-2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

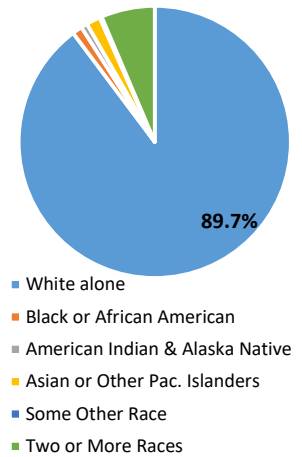
**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

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

**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2022**

	Pipestone Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force by Gender	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>4,639</b>	<b>64.9%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>	<b>68.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>2,405</b>	<b>2,234</b>
16 to 19 years	279	57.3%	2.9%	53.0%	9.8%	141	138
20 to 24 years	355	85.1%	7.9%	83.1%	6.7%	162	193
25 to 44 years	1,721	83.2%	1.7%	88.8%	3.5%	918	804
45 to 54 years	849	85.8%	7.5%	87.8%	2.9%	415	434
55 to 64 years	1,030	81.3%	0.4%	72.8%	3.1%	517	513
65 to 74 years	303	30.9%	0.7%	27.6%	3.3%	161	142
75 years & over	101	10.8%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	91	10
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	4,163	64.7%	3.1%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	55	33.1%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	35	56.5%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	77	66.4%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	12	27.3%	16.7%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	296	90.8%	0.7%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	271	65.1%	1.5%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	219	44.8%	15.5%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,600	83.2%	2.7%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	204	69.4%	0.3%	67.2%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	977	75.4%	2.5%	76.8%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,605	90.4%	3.0%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	816	84.8%	0.0%	90.3%	2.0%		

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022**



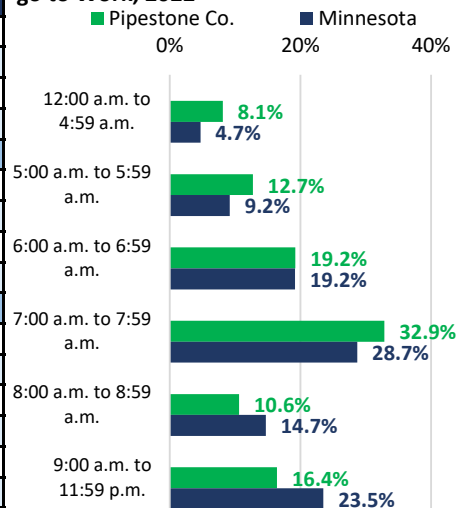
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	Pipestone Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	3,957	90.6%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	3,468	79.4%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	485	11.1%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	411	9.4%	67,495	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	3,835	87.8%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	0	0.0%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	192	4.4%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	345	7.9%	333,556	11.4%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,896	43.4%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	1,026	23.5%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	607	13.9%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	402	9.2%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	223	5.1%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	214	4.9%	158,000	5.4%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>17.1 minutes</b>		<b>23.3 minutes</b>	

**Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022**



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

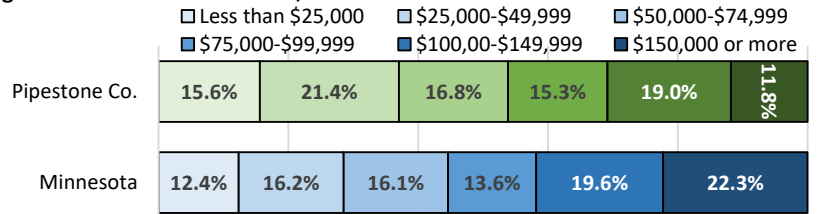
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Pipestone Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Pipestone Co. had the 49th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$68,341</b>
state	\$84,313
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$79,806</b>
state	\$107,072
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$34,973</b>
state	\$44,947

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2022



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

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Pipestone Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.07 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$14.9 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Pipestone Co.	\$29,265	\$14.07	\$0	\$400	\$163	\$671	\$735	\$259	\$211
State of Minnesota	\$34,992	\$16.82	\$0	\$403	\$159	\$961	\$760	\$330	\$303
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Pipestone Co.	\$46,473	\$14.90	\$272	\$914	\$528	\$794	\$856	\$413	\$96
State of Minnesota	\$60,720	\$19.46	\$574	\$921	\$555	\$1,216	\$886	\$517	\$391

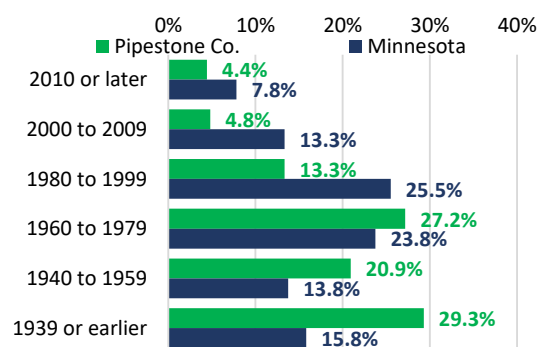
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Pipestone Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 82nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Pipestone Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2022	Pipestone Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	424	13.4%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	861	27.3%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	451	14.3%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	338	10.7%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	654	20.7%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	299	9.5%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	126	4.0%	14.7%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$126,500</b>		<b>\$286,800</b>

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,110</b>
state	\$1,818

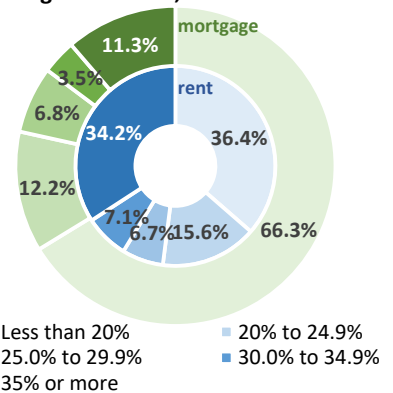
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
state	22.0%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$677</b>
state	\$1,178

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>41.3%</b>
state	46.7%

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

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



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

Occupational Group	Region 8				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$21.23</b>	<b>51,900</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$24.25</b>	<b>2,827,310</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
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%

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

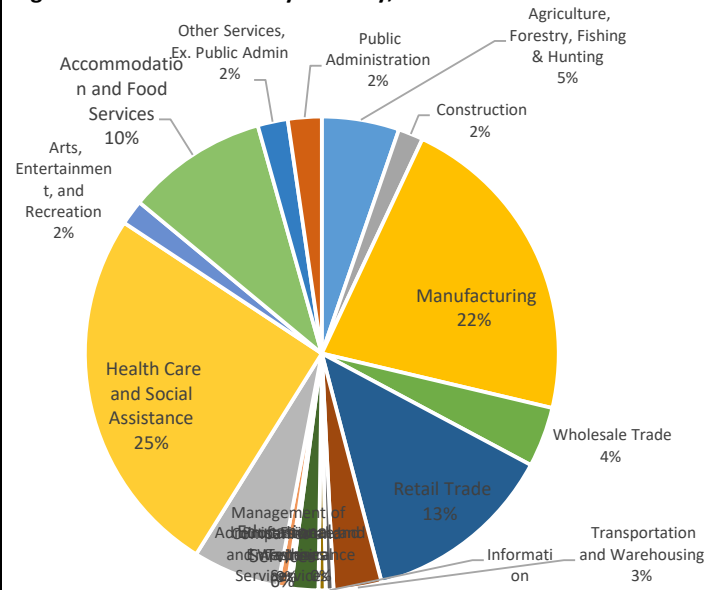
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Pipestone 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

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>14,128</b>	<b>\$16.55</b>
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	\$14.07
Construction & Extraction	165	\$17.90
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	554	\$22.90
Production	1,782	\$18.26
Transportation & Material Moving	786	\$17.46

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

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

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

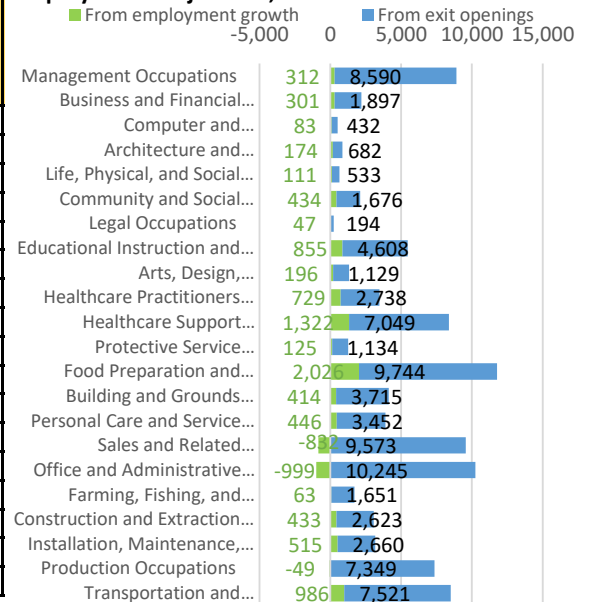
Pipestone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>195,812</b>	<b>203,504</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
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 Companies	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%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Pipestone Co. had the 65th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Pipestone Co. was the 7th fastest growing in the past year and the 49th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Pipestone Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**378** business establishments

**\$47,316** annual average wage

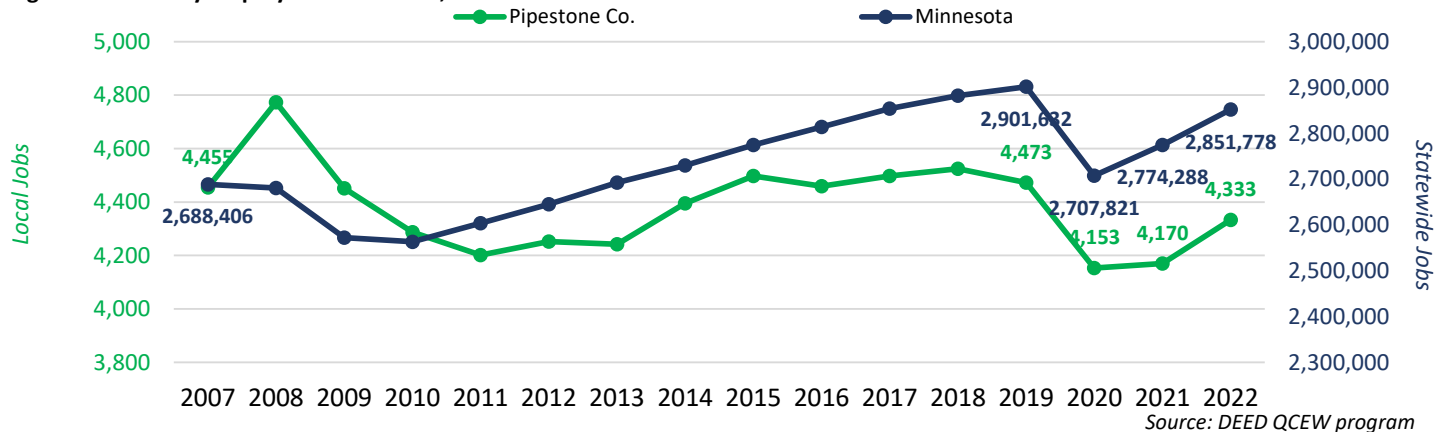
**4,333** jobs

**\$205,021,217** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2022

-140 jobs  
-3.1% decline

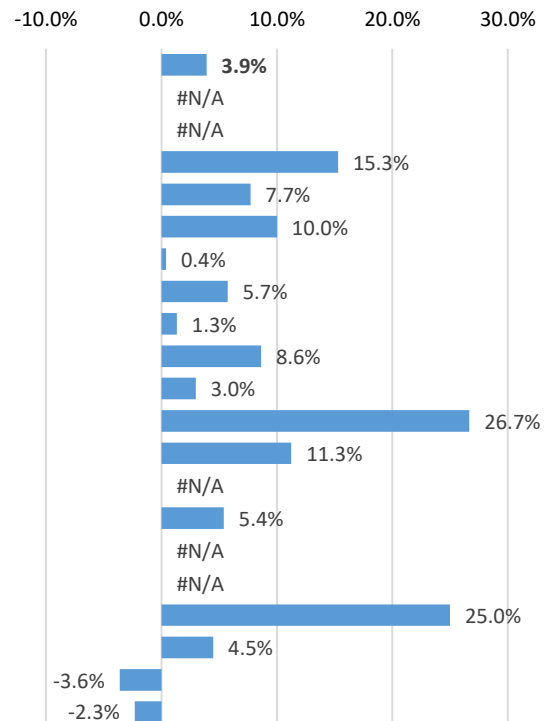
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022



Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Pipestone Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2022	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>4,333</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$47,316</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	324	7.5%	\$64,314
Manufacturing	377	8.7%	\$51,180
Utilities	33	0.8%	\$106,290
Wholesale Trade	250	5.8%	\$66,732
Retail Trade	497	11.5%	\$26,485
Transportation & Warehousing	151	3.5%	\$43,219
Information	63	1.5%	\$37,732
Finance & Insurance	104	2.4%	\$68,533
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	6	0.1%	\$10,112
Professional & Technical Services	267	6.2%	\$79,020
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	39	0.9%	\$66,811
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	28	0.6%	\$15,456
Accommodation & Food Services	272	6.3%	\$11,089
Other Services	80	1.8%	\$39,521
Public Administration	254	5.9%	\$41,465

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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

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