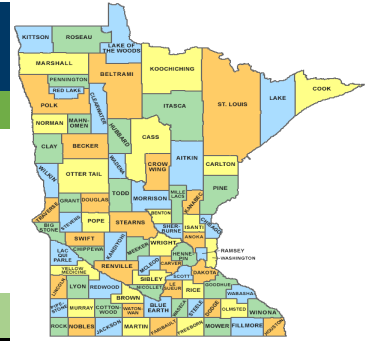


**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Becker Co.**

Becker Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2023 population:	<b>35,283 people</b>
Population change, 2020-2023	100 people 0.3% increase

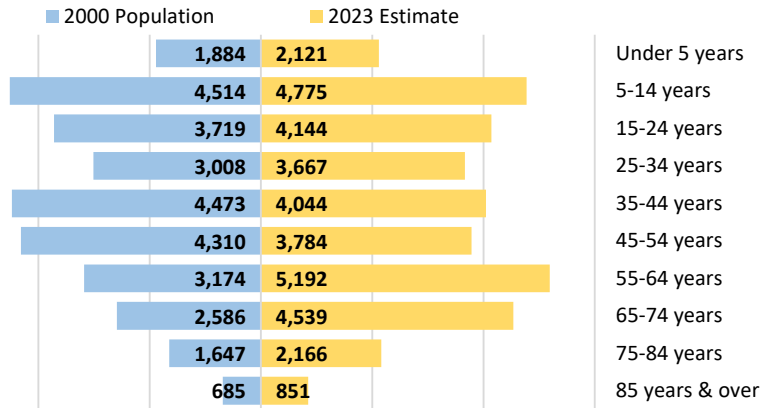
Median Age:	<b>42.5 years</b>
state:	38.5 years

Becker Co. is the 31st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 45th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Becker 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	2,121	6.0%
5-14 years	4,775	13.5%
15-24 years	4,144	11.7%
25-34 years	3,667	10.4%
35-44 years	4,044	11.5%
45-54 years	3,784	10.7%
55-64 years	5,192	14.7%
65-74 years	4,539	12.9%
75-84 years	2,166	6.1%
85 years & over	851	2.4%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>35,283</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Becker Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Becker Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Becker Co.	111	-186	1,175	1,361	289	30	259
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976

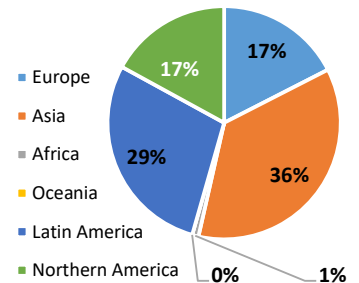
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

Foreign-born Population	Becker Co.		Change 2010-2022		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10.8%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Europe	79	17.5%	-47	-37.3%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	163	36.1%	54	49.5%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	4	0.9%	4	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	-4	-100.0%	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	206	45.6%	37	21.9%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	129	28.5%	66	104.8%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	77	17.0%	-29	-27.4%	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

Becker Co.

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

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022**

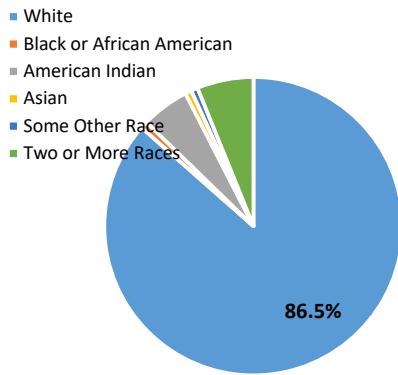


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Becker Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>35,202</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
White	30,449	86.5%	6.2%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	271	0.8%	100.7%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,826	5.2%	-14.1%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	245	0.7%	73.8%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	256	0.7%	220.0%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	2,155	6.1%	69.3%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	805	2.3%	74.6%	5.7%	34.6%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

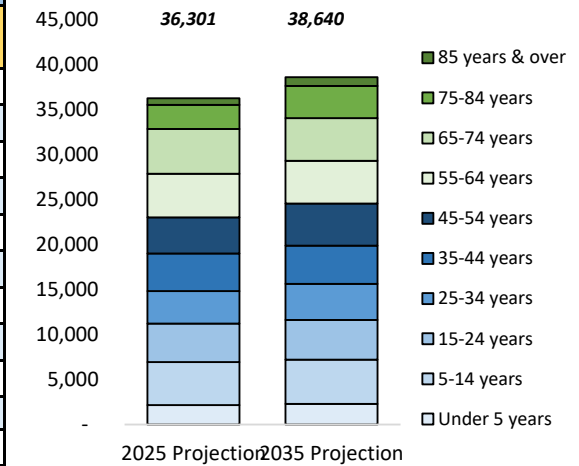
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Becker Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

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

Becker Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	2,167	2,282	115	5.3%
5-14 years	4,796	4,925	129	2.7%
15-24 years	4,282	4,419	137	3.2%
25-34 years	3,591	4,021	430	12.0%
35-44 years	4,190	4,259	69	1.6%
45-54 years	4,000	4,683	683	17.1%
55-64 years	4,859	4,746	-113	-2.3%
65-74 years	4,980	4,752	-228	-4.6%
75-84 years	2,678	3,574	896	33.5%
85 years & over	758	979	221	29.2%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>36,301</b>	<b>38,640</b>	<b>2,339</b>	<b>6.4%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

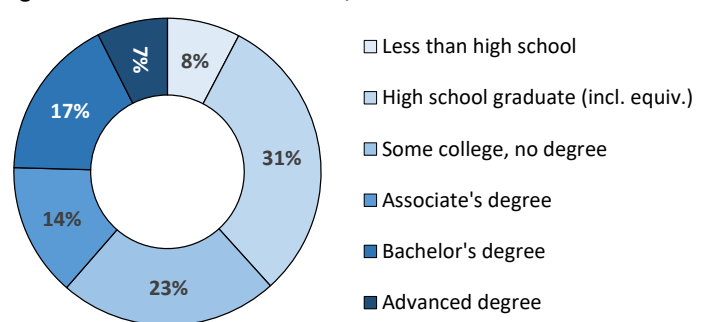


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Becker 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. Becker Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>61.7%</b>
state:	68.5%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>14.0%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>17.1%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>7.5%</b>

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022**



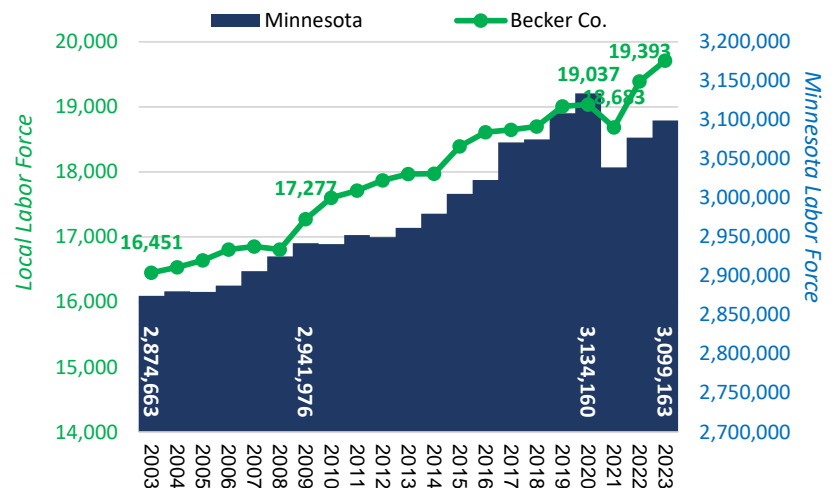
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.9%, Becker Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Becker Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.2% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Becker Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>19,393</b> available workers
Labor Force change, 2008-2023 2,902 workers 17.3% increase
<b>2.9%</b> unemployment rate 2.7% state
<b>562</b> unemployed workers

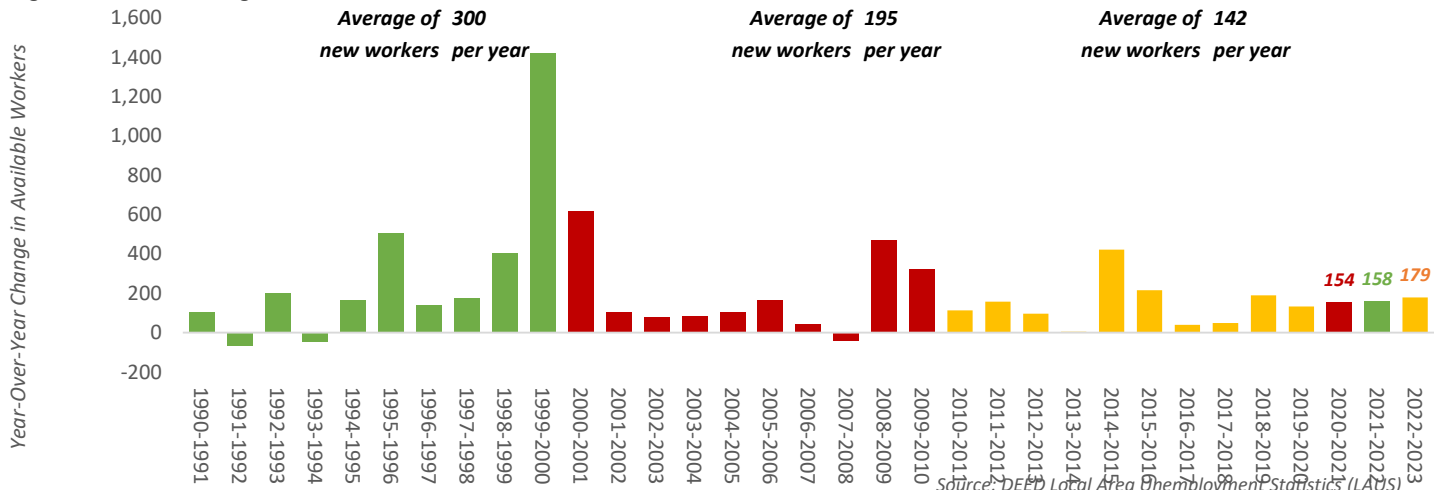
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Becker 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, Becker Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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



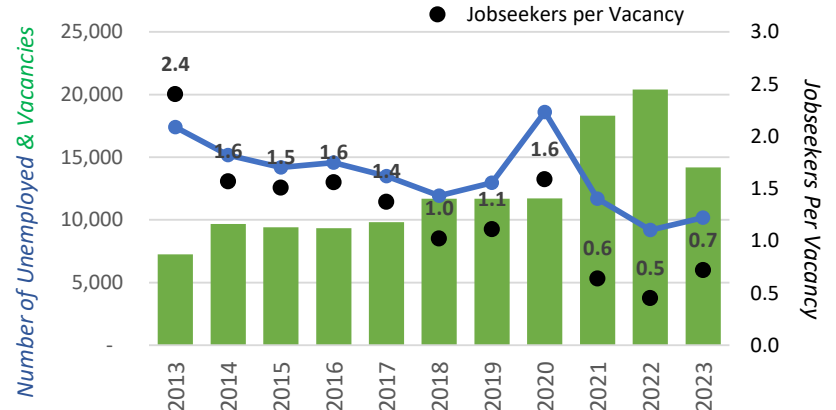
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	2,692	2,820
25 to 54 years	10,212	11,232
55 to 64 years	3,242	3,167
65 years & over	1,543	1,572
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>17,688</b>	<b>18,790</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. In 2023, job vacancies in Northwest returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2013-2023



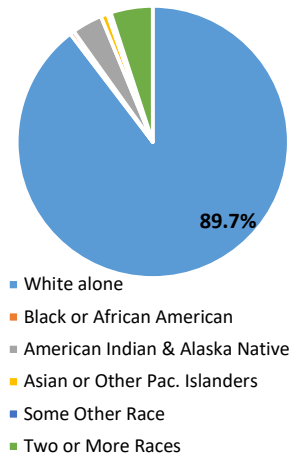
Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

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

	Becker 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>17,357</b>	<b>62.4%</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>68.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>9,189</b>	<b>8,181</b>
16 to 19 years	1,096	60.5%	8.0%	53.0%	9.8%	522	573
20 to 24 years	1,481	81.5%	9.3%	83.1%	6.7%	800	680
25 to 44 years	6,708	87.2%	3.8%	88.8%	3.5%	3,498	3,212
45 to 54 years	3,235	85.7%	3.1%	87.8%	2.9%	1,770	1,465
55 to 64 years	3,456	66.7%	3.7%	72.8%	3.1%	1,906	1,551
65 to 74 years	1,159	25.6%	2.4%	27.6%	3.3%	530	629
75 years & over	235	7.8%	3.4%	6.6%	3.2%	163	71
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	15,570	63.0%	3.8%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	88	68.2%	4.5%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	631	47.9%	9.8%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	143	83.6%	6.3%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	71	38.6%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	870	66.9%	8.2%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	354	77.1%	19.5%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,328	55.2%	11.2%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	13,402	80.5%	3.6%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	783	74.2%	5.4%	67.2%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,300	74.4%	1.5%	76.8%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	5,723	83.0%	3.9%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,599	84.4%	1.1%	90.3%	2.0%		

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

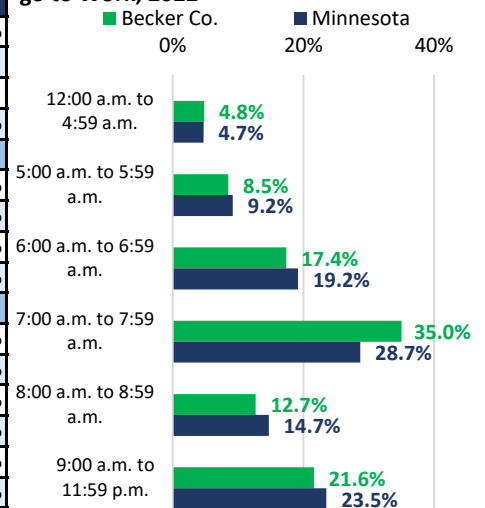


Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

	Becker Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	15,212	93.6%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	12,400	76.3%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	2,812	17.3%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	1,040	6.4%	67,495	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	13,863	85.3%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	98	0.6%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	634	3.9%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	1,658	10.2%	333,556	11.4%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	3,705	22.8%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	5,558	34.2%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	2,958	18.2%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,918	11.8%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	1,056	6.5%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	1,056	6.5%	158,000	5.4%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>22.1 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

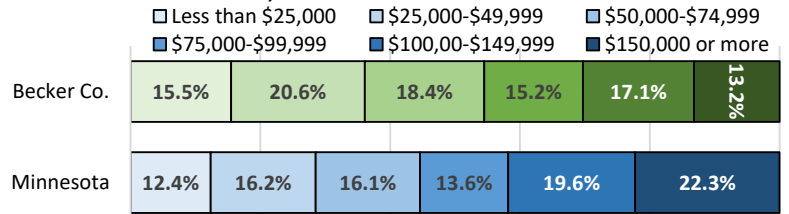
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Becker Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Becker Co. had the 47th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$68,683</b>
state	\$84,313
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$86,407</b>
state	\$107,072
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$38,444</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. Becker Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.11 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.69 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023

Category	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Single Adult, 0 children									
Becker Co.	\$29,347	\$14.11	\$0	\$409	\$161	\$690	\$616	\$263	\$307
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child									
Becker Co.	\$58,317	\$18.69	\$361	\$933	\$576	\$893	\$1,091	\$437	\$569
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739

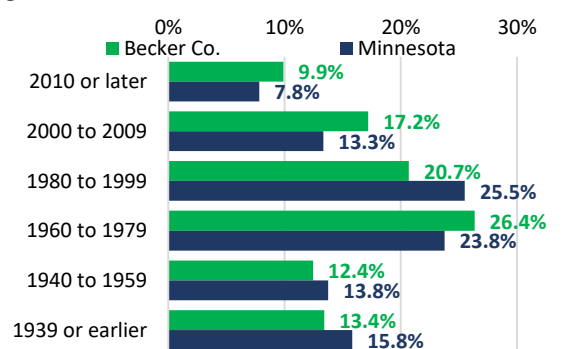
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Becker Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 18th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Becker Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2022	Becker Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,049</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	689	6.2%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	821	7.4%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,186	10.7%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,574	14.2%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,475	22.4%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,603	23.6%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	1,701	15.4%	14.7%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$249,600</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>\$1,583</b>
state	\$1,818

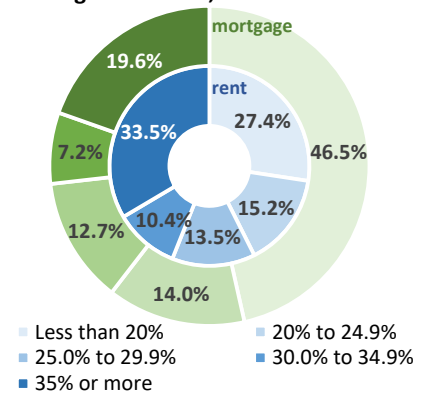
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>26.8%</b>
state	22.0%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$854</b>
state	\$1,178

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>43.9%</b>
state	46.7%

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

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



**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Becker Co.**

**OCCUPATIONS**

At \$23.04 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 8th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.14) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.43) (see Table 11).

**Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024**

Occupational Group	Region 4				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$23.04</b>	<b>89,340</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$25.22</b>	<b>2,881,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$46.14	4,990	5.6%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.67	3,240	3.6%	0.5	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$37.23	1,020	1.1%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.82	1,530	1.7%	0.8	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$34.31	560	0.6%	0.6	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.42	2,080	2.3%	1.2	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$39.47	350	0.4%	0.6	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$25.33	6,470	7.2%	1.3	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.86	850	1.0%	0.8	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$38.15	5,640	6.3%	1.0	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.29	5,150	5.8%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$28.64	1,500	1.7%	1.1	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.43	8,410	9.4%	1.2	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.65	3,040	3.4%	1.2	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.73	1,810	2.0%	1.0	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.63	8,050	9.0%	1.1	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.22	10,350	11.6%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.66	240	0.3%	2.2	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.67	4,640	5.2%	1.3	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.01	3,990	4.5%	1.2	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$22.80	7,860	8.8%	1.2	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.36	7,580	8.5%	1.1	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

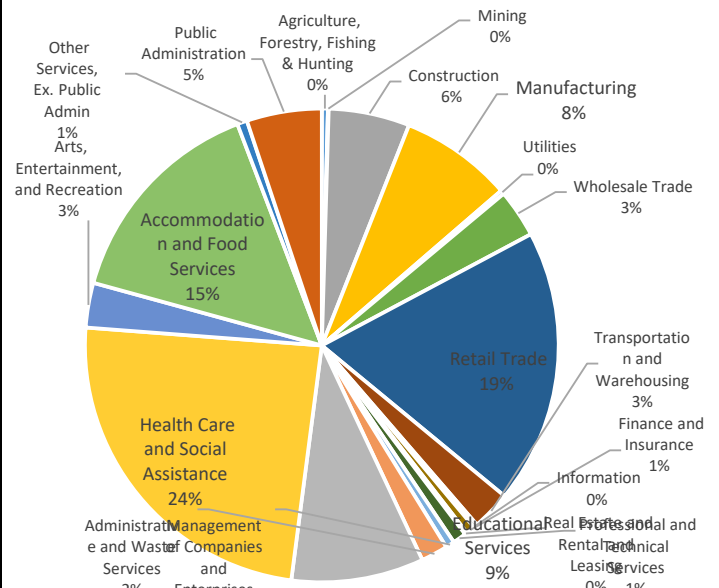
**JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Becker Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 14193 job vacancies posted by employers in 2023, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

**Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023**

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>14,193</b>	<b>\$17.77</b>
Management	180	\$31.08
Business & Financial Operations	162	\$23.79
Computer & Mathematical	49	\$30.06
Architecture & Engineering	110	\$30.65
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	105	\$26.90
Community & Social Service	326	\$22.39
Education, Training & Library	668	\$18.97
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,478	\$28.94
Healthcare Support	1,168	\$15.09
Protective Service	277	\$23.55
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,518	\$14.63
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	594	\$16.01
Personal Care & Service	223	\$15.86
Sales & Related	1,918	\$15.97
Office & Administrative Support	508	\$17.18
Construction & Extraction	727	N/A
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	609	\$20.26
Production	668	\$20.44
Transportation & Material Moving	1,263	\$20.23

**Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023**



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$51,692/yr	Nursing Assistants \$37,961/yr	Registered Nurses \$81,165/yr	General & Operations Managers \$67,488/yr
Cashiers \$28,802/yr	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses \$51,229/yr	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$64,102/yr	Elementary School Teachers \$62,210/yr
Home Health & Personal Care Aides \$32,976/yr	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics \$47,005/yr	Dental Hygienists \$84,508/yr	Secondary School Teachers \$63,580/yr
Retail Salespersons \$31,063/yr	Machinists \$48,430/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians \$61,816/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$39,171/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$44,044/yr	Electricians \$62,857/yr	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians \$68,070/yr	Accountants & Auditors \$64,490/yr
Maintenance & Repair Workers, General \$48,600/yr	Medical Assistants \$46,584/yr	Computer Network Support Specialists \$71,089/yr	Preschool Teachers \$36,501/yr
Teaching Assistants, exc. Postsecondary \$37,015/yr	Dental Assistants \$51,999/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists & Technicians \$53,775/yr	Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten & Elementary School \$63,611/yr
Janitors & Cleaners, exc. Maids & Housekeeping \$37,767/yr	Computer User Support Specialists \$56,923/yr	Forest & Conservation Technicians \$51,299/yr	Child, Family, & School Social Workers \$62,810/yr
Stockers & Order Fillers \$39,215/yr	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians \$52,147/yr	Paralegals & Legal Assistants \$53,542/yr	Business Operations Specialists, All Other \$60,668/yr
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand \$39,548/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians \$39,707/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists & Technicians \$71,840/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral & mental health counselors \$47,988/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

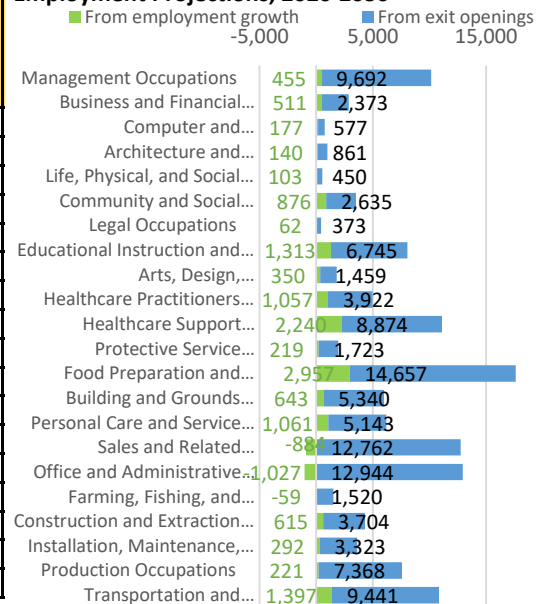
Becker Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 5.1% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
<b>Northwest Planning Region</b>			
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>250,722</b>	<b>263,441</b>	<b>5.1%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,790	5,740	-0.9%
Utilities	1,135	970	-14.5%
Construction	10,693	11,157	4.3%
Manufacturing	27,999	28,618	2.2%
Wholesale Trade	11,829	12,347	4.4%
Retail Trade	26,846	25,467	-5.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,436	6,741	4.7%
Information	2,276	2,229	-2.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,478	7,641	2.2%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,587	6,025	7.8%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,889	4,139	6.4%
Educational Services	22,015	23,101	4.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,901	41,390	12.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	20,446	24,818	21.4%
Other Services	9,052	10,144	12.1%
Public Administration	22,824	23,240	1.8%

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, Becker Co. had the 30th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Becker Co. was the 57th fastest growing in the past year and the 23rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Becker Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

1,130 business establishments

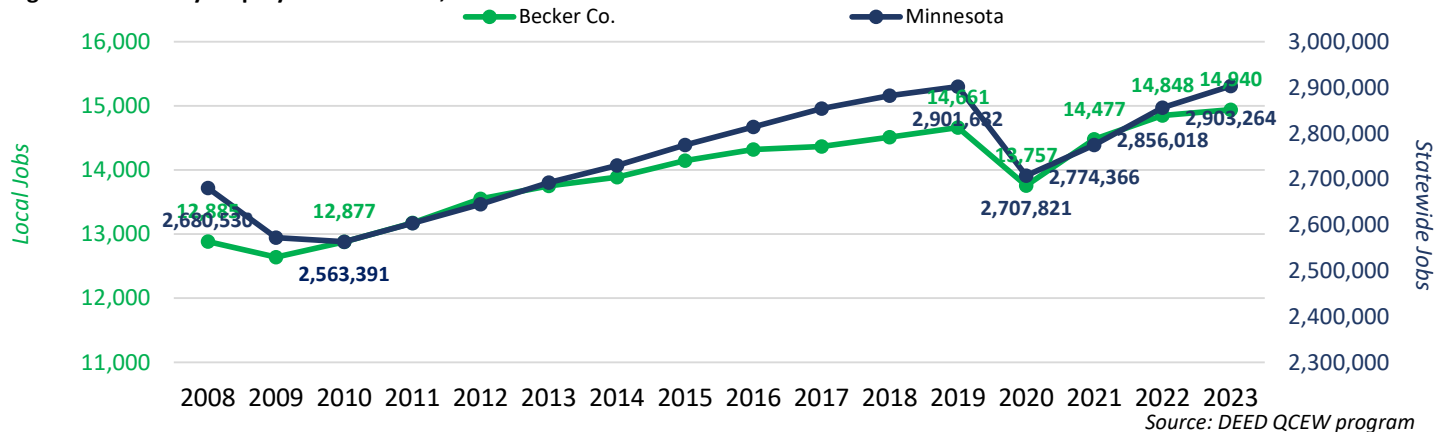
\$51,064 annual average wage

14,940 jobs

\$762,898,874 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2023: 279 jobs, 1.9% increase

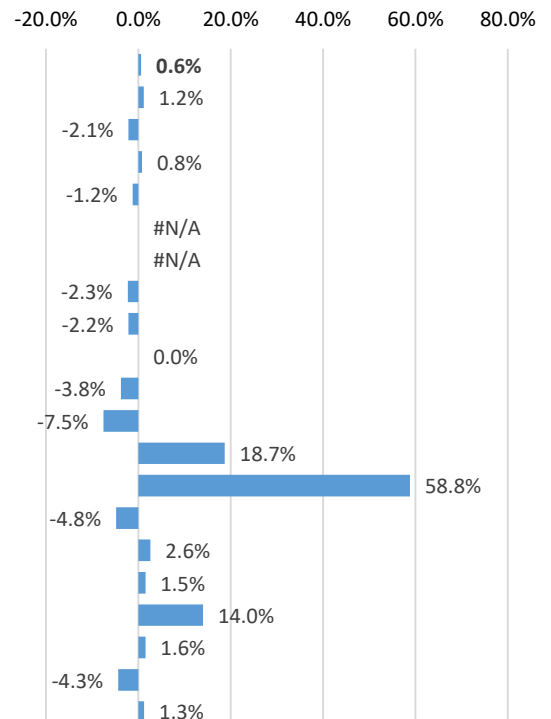
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023



Source: DEED QCEW program

Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>14,940</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$51,064</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	340	2.3%	\$49,973
Mining	46	0.3%	\$88,790
Construction	993	6.6%	\$68,352
Manufacturing	2,473	16.6%	\$57,543
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Retail Trade	1,867	12.5%	\$37,048
Transportation & Warehousing	544	3.6%	\$52,799
Information	89	0.6%	\$53,368
Finance & Insurance	307	2.1%	\$70,557
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	86	0.6%	\$52,578
Professional & Technical Services	355	2.4%	\$83,686
Management of Companies	27	0.2%	\$72,888
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	297	2.0%	\$40,740
Educational Services	1,056	7.1%	\$47,314
Health Care & Social Assistance	3,297	22.1%	\$58,950
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	366	2.4%	\$17,842
Accommodation & Food Services	1,428	9.6%	\$21,588
Other Services	440	2.9%	\$34,732
Public Administration	716	4.8%	\$64,714

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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

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