

COUNTY PROFILE

Big Stone Co.

Big Stone Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.

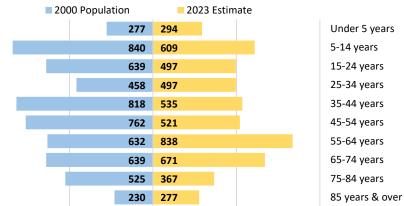
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Big Stone Co. is the 83rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 62nd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Big Stone 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, 2023 Number Percent Under 5 years 5.8% 609 11.9% 5-14 years 15-24 years 497 9.7% 25-34 years 497 9.7% 35-44 years 535 10.5% 10.2% 45-54 years 521 55-64 years 838 16.4% 65-74 years 671 13.1% 75-84 years 367 7.2% 277 85 years & over 5.4% **Total Population** 5,105 100.0% Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



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

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2023								
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023					
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents	Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Big Stone Co.	-63	-60	193	253	-4	2	-6	
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976	

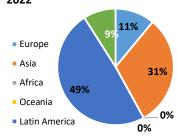
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Big Stone Co.		Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota			
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change		
Foreign-born Population	100	1.9%	73	270.4%	8.5%	31.3%		
Europe	11	11.0%	-6	-35.3%	9.3%	-0.6%		
Asia	31	31.0%	31	#DIV/0!	36.7%	30.2%		
Africa	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%		
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%		
Americas:	58	58.0%	48	480.0%	25.4%	7.5%		
Latin America	49	49.0%	47	2350.0%	22.9%	9.0%		
Northern America	9	9.0%	1	12.5%	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



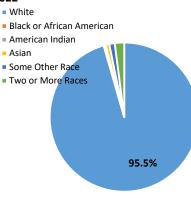
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Big Stone Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022

- White
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race



	Е	Big Stone Co.			Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022		
Total	5,161	100.0%	-2.6%	100.0%	7.9%		
White	4,931	95.5%	-5.7%	79.7%	-0.4%		
Black or African American	7	0.1%	-69.6%	6.7%	44.3%		
American Indian or Alaska Native	17	0.3%	183.3%	0.9%	-10.2%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	39	0.8%	3800.0%	5.1%	37.1%		
Some Other Race	62	1.2%	1140.0%	2.3%	84.7%		
Two or More Races	105	2.0%	218.2%	5.3%	159.6%		
Hispanic or Latino origin	115	2.2%	105.4%	5.7%	34.6%		

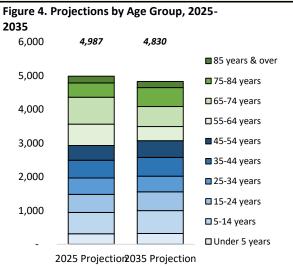
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

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

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Big Stone Co. Change Projection Projection Change Under 5 years 313 322 2.9% 5-14 years 632 678 46 7.3% 535 555 20 3.7% 15-24 years 25-34 years 487 466 -21 -4.3% 525 5.9% 35-44 years 556 31 436 496 60 13.8% 45-54 years 55-64 years 635 420 -215 -33.9% 65-74 years 799 591 -208 -26.0% 75-84 years 423 564 141 33.3% -20 85 years & over 202 182 -9.9%

4,987



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Total Population

Big Stone Co. has a higher 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. Big Stone 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.

-3.1%

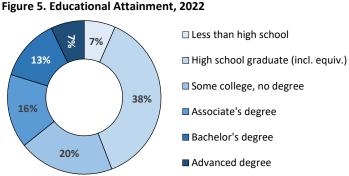
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

93.4%

4,830

College-educated: 55.9% 68.5% state:

Associate's Degree: 15.5% Bachelor's Degree: 13.1% Advanced Degree: 7.1%



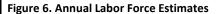
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

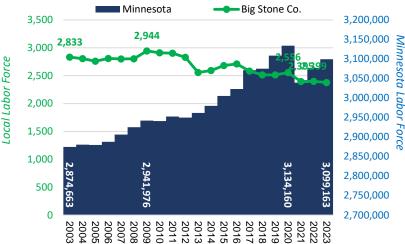
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LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.3%, Big Stone Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Big Stone Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.4% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Big Stone Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.







Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net loss of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Big Stone Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Big

Stone Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6). Big Stone Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023

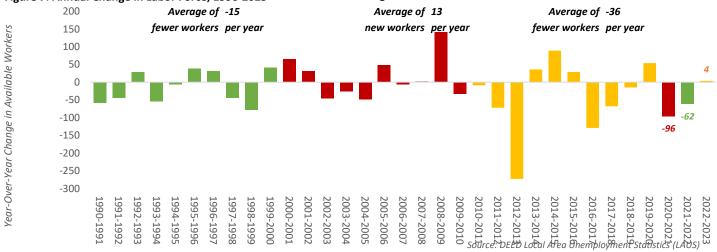
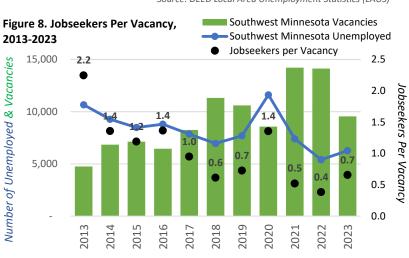


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	336	352		
25 to 54 years	1,246	1,305		
55 to 64 years	418	277		
65 years & over	216	172		
Total Labor Force	2,216	2,106		

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 Southwest returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

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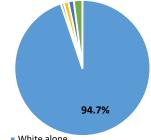
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a shorter average commute time than the state.

Big Stone Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Big Stone 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	2						
	Big	g Stone 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	2,409	58.0%	2.0%	68.7%	4.0%	1,326	1,082
16 to 19 years	86	51.5%	5.8%	53.0%	9.8%	44	42
20 to 24 years	227	94.2%	0.0%	83.1%	6.7%	129	98
25 to 44 years	905	86.8%	2.8%	88.8%	3.5%	479	426
45 to 54 years	444	84.3%	3.2%	87.8%	2.9%	215	229
55 to 64 years	558	65.8%	0.5%	72.8%	3.1%	339	219
65 to 74 years	159	23.5%	0.6%	27.6%	3.3%	100	59
75 years & over	29	4.5%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	20	9
Employment Characteristics by Race & His	panic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force
White alone	2,282	57.2%	1.5%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	0	0.0%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	17	100.0%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	27	79.4%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	31	63.3%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	49	84.5%	28.6%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	56	72.7%	7.1%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability,	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	126	46.0%	7.1%	54.4%	10.2%		94.7%
Employment Characteristics by Education	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	1,907	78.9%	2.2%	84.4%	3.3%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	54	50.5%	2.4%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	490	65.4%	0.0%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
Some College or Assoc. Degree	920	88.2%	3.2%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	443	85.5%	0.0%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	ther Race

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022



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

A smaller percentage of workers in Big Stone Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Big Stone Co. also had

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

	Big Ston	e Co.	Minn	esota	ı
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	ı
Worked in state of residence	1,850	82.0%	2,867,086	97.7%	ì
Worked in county of residence	1,480	65.6%	1,957,366	66.7%	ı
Worked out of county of residence	368	16.3%	909,720	31.0%	ı
Worked outside state of residence	406	18.0%	67,495	2.3%	ı
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					١.
Car, truck, or van	1,902	84.3%	2,387,561	81.6%	:
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	27	1.2%	81,926	2.8%	ı
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	144	6.4%	122,889	4.2%	(
Worked at home	185	8.2%	333,556	11.4%	ı
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					
Less than 10 minutes	841	37.3%	465,223	15.9%	
10 to 19 minutes	634	28.1%	895,335	30.6%	1
20 to 29 minutes	327	14.5%	649,557	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	237	10.5%	567,631	19.4%	ı
45 to 59 minutes	86	3.8%	190,186	6.5%	1
60 or more minutes	133	5.9%	158,000	5.4%	1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.3	minutes	23.3	minutes	ì

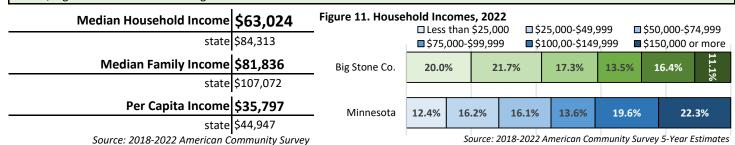
Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 ■ Big Stone Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 7.1% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 16.9% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 **B7.3%** a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 14.3% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 15.8% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

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

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INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Big Stone Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Big Stone Co. had the 75th 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. Big Stone Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.51 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$17.45 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023 **Monthly Costs Single Yearly Hourly Wage** Single Adult, 0 children Health Trans-Cost of Living Required **Child Care** Housing **Food** Other **Taxes** Care portation \$28,094 \$13.51 \$0 \$416 \$659 \$257 \$285 Big Stone Co. \$161 \$563 \$572 State of Minnesota \$34,704 \$16.68 \$0 \$419 \$160 \$1,021 \$375 \$345 Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 **Monthly Costs** Family Yearly **Hourly Wage** working full-time, 1 part-Health Trans-**Child Care Cost of Living** Required Food Housing Other **Taxes** time), 1 child Care portation \$54,435 \$17.45 \$283 \$950 \$576 \$853 \$431 \$483 Big Stone Co. \$960 \$544 \$574 State of Minnesota \$67,320 \$21.58 \$955 \$1,285 \$977 \$536 \$739

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Big Stone Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 86th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Big Stone 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-	Big Stone Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	1,698	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	187	11.0%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	539	31.7%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	278	16.4%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	234	13.8%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	232	13.7%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	168	9.9%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	60	3.5%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$115,0	\$286,800	

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

0% 20% 30% 40% ■ Big Stone Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 2000 to 2009 12.2% 1980 to 1999 25.4% 1960 to 1979 20.5% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 31.7% 1939 or earlier

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

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

state \$1,818

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

19.0%

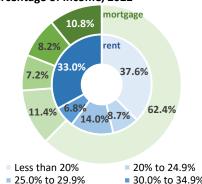
Median monthly rent costs \$707

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

state 46.7%

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

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



35% or more

30.0% to 34.9%

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OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.61 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 2nd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.4) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.38) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024									
	Region 6W State of						sota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs		
Total, All Occupations	\$22.61	16,230	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%		
Management	\$42.40	960	5.9%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%		
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.02	480	3.0%	0.4	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%		
Computer & Mathematical	\$35.47	80	0.5%	0.1	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%		
Architecture & Engineering	\$39.51	130	0.8%	0.4	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%		
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$26.93	110	0.7%	0.7	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%		
Community & Social Service	\$25.10	370	2.3%	1.1	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%		
Legal	\$31.25	30	0.2%	0.3	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%		
Education, Training & Library	\$24.51	1,360	8.4%	1.5	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%		
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.66	130	0.8%	0.6	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%		
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.94	1,120	6.9%	1.1	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%		
Healthcare Support	\$18.54	1,050	6.5%	1.1	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%		
Protective Service	\$23.98	240	1.5%	0.9	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%		
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.38	1,370	8.4%	1.0	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.77	530	3.3%	1.2	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%		
Personal Care & Service	\$17.10	310	1.9%	0.9	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%		
Sales & Related	\$16.96	1,350	8.3%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%		
Office & Administrative Support	\$21.74	1,900	11.7%	1.0	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%		
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.55	50	0.3%	2.5	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%		
Construction & Extraction	\$28.06	810	5.0%	1.3	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.99	800	4.9%	1.4	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%		
Production	\$21.43	1,490	9.2%	1.3	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%		
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.21	1,560	9.6%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%		

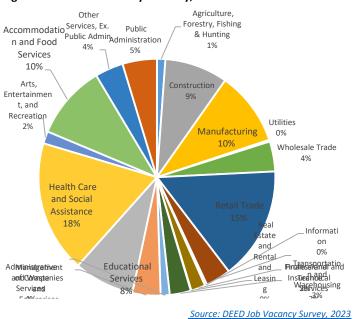
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Big Stone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 9546 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. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023						
	Number of	Wage				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer				
Total, All Occupations	9,546	•				
Management	202	\$32.04				
Business & Financial Operations	520					
Computer & Mathematical	100	•				
Architecture & Engineering	96	•				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	T =				
Community & Social Service	258					
Education, Training & Library	453					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738					
Healthcare Support	508	\$16.76				
Protective Service	177	\$22.52				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180	\$15.32				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	\$16.90				
Personal Care & Service	188	\$14.60				
Sales & Related	1,164	\$15.93				
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27				
Construction & Extraction	431	\$25.04				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653	\$22.92				
Production	540	•				
Transportation & Material Moving	773	\$21.15				

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



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OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022							
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher				
Home Health & Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term				
\$32,800/yr	\$38,146/yr	\$80,694/yr	\$46,668/yr				
Retail Salespersons	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	General & Operations Managers				
\$30,660/yr	\$52,242/yr	\$66,050/yr	\$78,383/yr				
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Elementary School Teachers				
\$51,299/yr	\$49,362/yr	\$82,983/yr	\$63,391/yr				
Cashiers	Dental Assistants	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians	Secondary School Teachers				
\$29,092/yr	\$54,422/yr	\$61,801/yr	\$64,067/yr				
Fast Food & Counter Workers	Machinists	Industrial Engineering Technologists & Technicians	Accountants & Auditors				
\$29,393/yr	\$49,288/yr	\$49,646/yr	\$66,142/yr				
Waiters & Waitresses	Electricians	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	Preschool Teachers				
\$24,271/yr	\$63,396/yr	\$66,703/yr	\$35,451/yr				
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &	Computer User Support Specialists	Computer Network Support	Medical & Health Services				
Material Movers, Hand \$39,654/yr	\$57,870/yr	Specialists \$72,682/yr	Managers \$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

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

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

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

	Employment Projection	່ວດວດ	-2030			
	From employment gro			m exit o	nenings	
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	Management Occupations	312	8,590			
	Business and Financial	301	1 ,897			
_	Computer and	83	432			
	Architecture and	174	682			
	Life, Physical, and Social	111	533			
	Community and Social	434	1 ,676			
1	Legal Occupations	47	194			
-	Educational Instruction and	855	4,608	3		
_	Arts, Design,	196	1,129			
	Healthcare Practitioners	729	2,7 38	3		
	Healthcare Support	1,322	7,04	9		
	Protective Service	125	1,134			
1	Food Preparation and	2,02	6 9,7	44		
-	Building and Grounds	414	3,715			
4	Personal Care and Service	446	3,452			
	Sales and Related	-83	9,573			
	Office and Administrative	-999■	10,245			
	Farming, Fishing, and	63	1 ,651			
	Construction and Extraction	433	2,623			
-	Installation, Maintenance,	515	2,660			
-	Production Occupations	-49	7,349			
	Transportation and	986	7,522			
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COUNTY PROFILE Big Stone Co.

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Big Stone Co. had the 81st largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Big Stone Co. was the 73rd fastest growing in the past year and the 51st fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Big Stone Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

business establishments \$51,393 annual average wage

1,654 jobs \$85,004,105 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2023 -2.4% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023

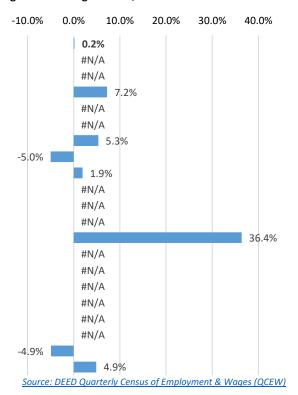


2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Big Stone Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	1,654	100.0%	\$51,393
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	178	10.8%	\$97,097
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	79	4.8%	\$78,573
Retail Trade	172	10.4%	\$27,651
Transportation & Warehousing	53	3.2%	\$62,873
Information	17	1.0%	\$16,865
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	15	0.9%	\$55,635
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Other Services	58	3.5%	\$22,197
Public Administration	150	9.1%	\$58,706

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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