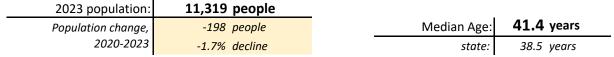


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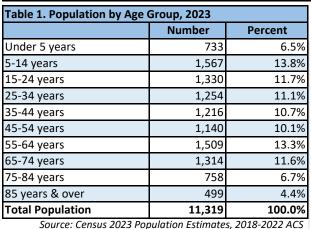
# Cottonwood Co.

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

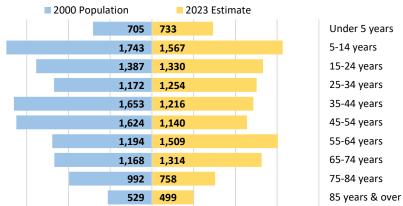
# **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**



Cottonwood Co. is the 63rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 70th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Cottonwood 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).







Cottonwood 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, Cottonwood 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 Events Net Migration			Vital Events		on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Cottonwood Co.	-194	-102	444	546	-100	17	-117	
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, Cottonwood Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Cottonwood 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	Cottonw	ood Co.	Change 2010-2022		Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	678	5.9%	189	38.7%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	5	0.7%	-31	-86.1%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	195	28.8%	35	21.9%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	69	10.2%	65	1625.0%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	34	5.0%	34	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	375	55.3%	86	29.8%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	369	54.4%	90	32.3%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	6	0.9%	-4	-40.0%	2.5%	-4.6%	

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

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 1% 2022



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Cottonwood 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



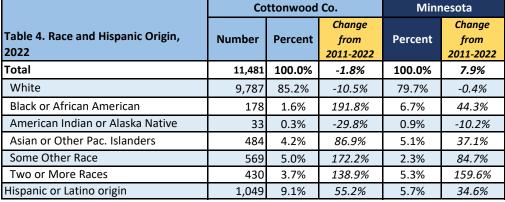
Black or African American

American Indian

Asian

Some Other Race





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

## **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

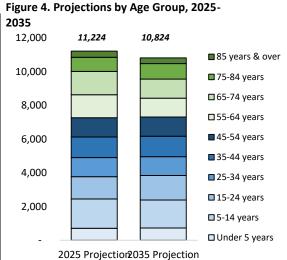
85.2%

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Cottonwood 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 Cottonwood Co. **Projection** Projection Change Change Under 5 years 711 732 21 3.0% 5-14 years 1,739 1.657 -82 -4.7% 1,317 134 10.2% 15-24 years 1,451 25-34 years 1,138 1,115 -23 -2.0% -5 35-44 years 1,222 1,217 -0.4% 1,138 1,144 6 0.5% 45-54 years 55-64 years 1,367 1,111 -256 -18.7% 65-74 years 1,386 1,138 -248 -17.9% 75-84 years 836 919 83 9.9%

370

11,224



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

-30

-400

-8.1%

-3.6%

#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

85 years & over

**Total Population** 

Cottonwood 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. Cottonwood 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:

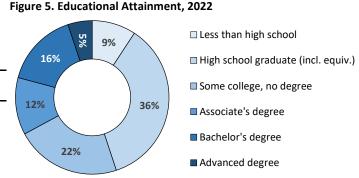
90.7%

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10,824

College-educated:55.1%state:68.5%

Associate's Degree: 12.1%
Bachelor's Degree: 15.7%
Advanced Degree: 5.1%

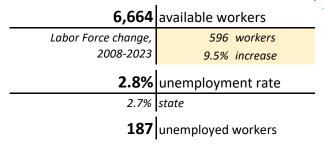


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

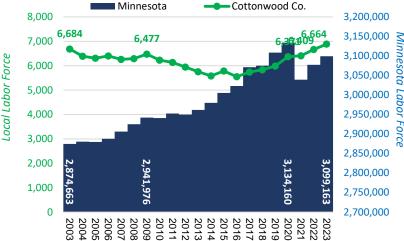
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#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.8%, Cottonwood Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Cottonwood Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to the 3.9% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Cottonwood Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



**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, Cottonwood Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Cottonwood Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Cottonwood Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 800 Average of 37 Average of -5 Average of 14 new workers per year fewer workers per year new workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 600 400 200 0 -200 -400 -323 -600 2000-200: 2001-2002 2002-2003 2004-2005 2003-2004 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2009-2010 2022-2023 1991-1992 1998-1999 2008-2009

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	784	883		
25 to 54 years	2,959	2,941		
55 to 64 years	1,099	893		
65 years & over	515	440		
Total Labor Force	5,358	5,158		

1992-1993

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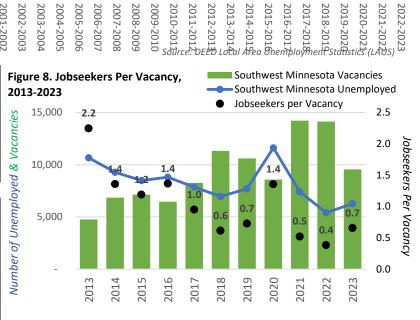
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Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2018-2022 ACS

1997-1998

1999-2000

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

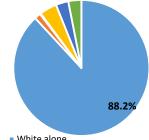
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# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

Cott	onwood 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
5,617	62.7%	3.9%	68.7%	4.0%	3,116	2,503
256	46.4%	9.8%	53.0%	9.8%	148	108
533	87.8%	11.4%	83.1%	6.7%	342	191
2,081	83.1%	2.0%	88.8%	3.5%	1,118	963
1,015	87.8%	3.3%	87.8%	2.9%	531	484
1,231	80.4%	4.8%	72.8%	3.1%	675	556
419	31.4%	0.2%	27.6%	3.3%	252	167
84	6.6%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	50	34
panic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force
4,953	62.5%	3.4%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
83	78.3%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%	ī	
12	100.0%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
232	61.7%	9.5%	73.9%	3.6%		
168	58.7%	9.5%	76.1%	6.1%		
174	68.2%	8.6%	74.3%	6.6%		<u> </u>
404	68.5%	4.0%	77.0%	6.3%		
20 to 64 years						
335	57.7%	6.6%	54.4%	10.2%		
l Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
4,325	83.3%	3.1%	84.4%	3.3%		
216	51.6%	2.5%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
1,299	81.0%	3.1%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
1,705	88.1%	2.6%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
1,108	89.8%	4.1%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race
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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 larger percentage of workers in Cottonwood Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Cottonwood Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

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

	Cottonwo	od Co.	Minn	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	5,126	98.0%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	4,132	79.0%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	994	19.0%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	105	2.0%	67,495	2.3%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	4,441	84.9%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	0	0.0%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	340	6.5%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	455	8.7%	333,556	11.4%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	2,228	42.6%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	1,611	30.8%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	486	9.3%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	492	9.4%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	199	3.8%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	209	4.0%	158,000	5.4%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	16.1	minutes	23.3	minutes

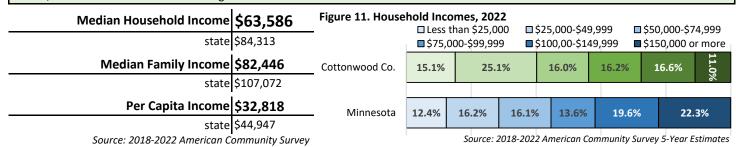
Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Cottonwood Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 22.2% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 33.0% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 17.6% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

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

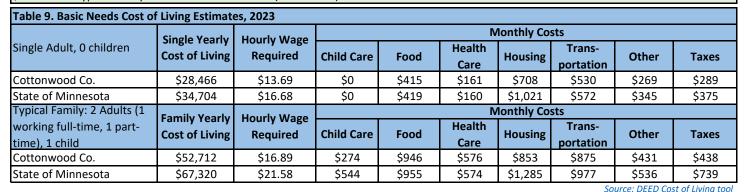
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### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Cottonwood Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Cottonwood Co. had the 72nd 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. Cottonwood Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.69 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$16.89 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).



Cottonwood Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 70th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Cottonwood 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-	Cottonwo	od Co.	Minnesota	Figure 12. Year St	tructure B	uilt, 2022
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent		% 109	6 20%
Total	3,537	100.0%	100.0%	■ Cottor	wood Co.	_
Less than \$50,000	316	8.9%	4.1%	2010 or later	3.8%	.8%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	834	23.6%	4.6%	2000 to 2009	4.1%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	734	20.8%	7.1%			13.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	730	20.6%	10.7%	1980 to 1999		11.5%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	499	14.1%	27.1%	1960 to 1979		
\$300,000 to \$499,999	343	9.7%	31.7%			
\$500,000 or more	81	2.3%	14.7%	1940 to 1959		13.8%
Median (dollars)	\$141,6	00	\$286,800	1939 or earlier		
				Taba or earlier		1E 00

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

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% Cottonwood Co. Minnesota 3.89 2010 or later 2000 to 2009 11.5% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 30.9% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 21.9% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 27.8% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

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

18.0%

Median monthly rent costs

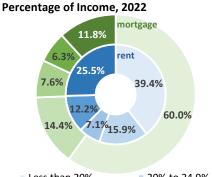
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9% state 46.7%

35% or more

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

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



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### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$22.81 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 8 than the state. Overall, Region 8 had the 9th 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 (\$14.46) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
	Region 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	\$22.81	52,080	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$46.14	2,680	5.1%	0.7	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.67	2,190	4.2%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.94	540	1.0%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.82	730	1.4%	0.7	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$34.31	390	0.7%	0.7	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.33	920	1.8%	0.9	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$37.81	110	0.2%	0.3	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.94	3,840	7.4%	1.3	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.27	380	0.7%	0.6	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.34	2,720	5.2%	0.8	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.03	3,060	5.9%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$29.14	660	1.3%	0.8	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.46	3,920	7.5%	0.9	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.02	1,610	3.1%	1.1	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.30	690	1.3%	0.6	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.09	4,450	8.5%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.23	5,920	11.4%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.24	240	0.5%	3.8	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$26.91	2,220	4.3%	1.1	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.09	2,410	4.6%	1.3	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$21.77	7,330	14.1%	2.0	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.79	5,060	9.7%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

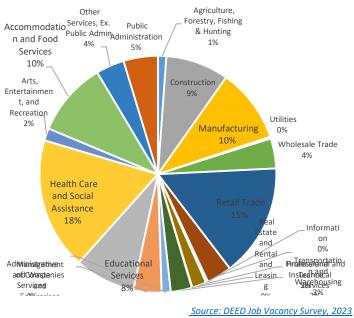
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

## **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Cottonwood 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 Wa					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer				
Total, All Occupations	9,546	\$19.74				
Management	202					
Business & Financial Operations	520					
Computer & Mathematical	100					
Architecture & Engineering	96	7-0:00				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69					
Community & Social Service	258					
Education, Training & Library	453					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738					
Healthcare Support	508	•				
Protective Service	177					
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180	•				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	7 - 0 - 0 - 0				
Personal Care & Service	188					
Sales & Related	1,164					
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27				
Construction & Extraction	431					
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653					
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 Plannir	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	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, &	Communitary Lloon Community Consciolists	Computer Network Support	Medical & Health Services					
Material Movers, Hand	Computer User Support Specialists	Specialists	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	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Civil Engineering Technologists &	Laurens					
Workers, General	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Technicians	Lawyers					
\$49,219/yr	\$59,803/yr	\$71,840/yr	\$103,321/yr					
Teaching Assistants, exc.	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service	Environmental Science &	Personal Financial Advisors					
Postsecondary	Technicians	Protection Technicians, Including						
\$36,756/yr	\$51,684/yr	\$39,218/yr	\$78,180/yr					

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Cottonwood 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%			
So	urce: DEED 2020-2	2030 Employm	ent Outlook			

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

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	Employment Projections					
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	Management Occupations	312	8,590			
'	Business and Financial	301	<b>1</b> ,897			
	Computer and	83	432			
	Architecture and	174	682			
	Life, Physical, and Social	111	533			
	Community and Social	434	<b>1</b> ,676			
4	Legal Occupations	47	194			
4	Educational Instruction and	855	4,608	3		
	Arts, Design,	196	1,129			
	Healthcare Practitioners	729	<b>2,7</b> 38	3		
	Healthcare Support	1,322	7,04	9		
	Protective Service	125	1,134			
	Food Preparation and	2,02	6 9,7	44		
7	Building and Grounds	414	3,715			
4	Personal Care and Service	446	3,452			
4	Sales and Related	-83	9,573			
	Office and Administrative	-999	10,245	i		
	Farming, Fishing, and	63	<b>1</b> ,651			
	Construction and Extraction	433	<b>2,6</b> 23			
1	Installation, Maintenance,	515	<b>2,6</b> 60			
٦	Production Occupations	-49	7,349			
	Transportation and	986	7,522			
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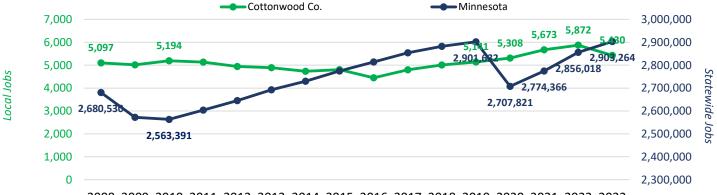
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## **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Cottonwood Co. had the 57th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Cottonwood Co. was the 87th fastest growing in the past year and the 6th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Cottonwood Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.



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. Cottonwood Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Retail Trade	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
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	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Public Administration	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023

0.0%	20.0%	40.0%	60.0%	80.0%	100.0%
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Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)					

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