

# **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Freeborn Co.

Freeborn Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 10, which is located in the Southeast Planning Region.

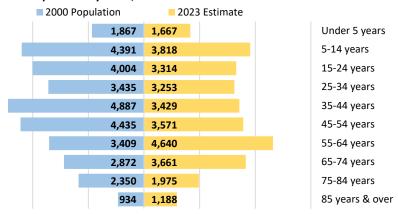
# **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**



Freeborn Co. is the 35th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 64th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Freeborn 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 1,667 5.5% 3,818 12.5% 5-14 years 15-24 years 3,314 10.9% 25-34 years 3,253 10.7% 35-44 years 3,429 11.2% 11.7% 45-54 years 3,571 55-64 years 4,640 15.2% 65-74 years 3,661 12.0% 75-84 years 1,975 6.5% 3.9% 85 years & over 1,188 **Total Population** 100.0% 30,515 Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Freeborn 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, Freeborn Co. welcomed net international inmigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

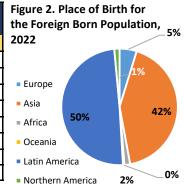
Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2023									
	Total April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023								
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration				Vital Events		on
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic		
Freeborn Co.	-378	-278	1,021	1,299	-110	58	-168		
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, Freeborn Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Freeborn Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Freeborn Co.		Change 20	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	1,512	4.9%	<i>537</i>	55.1%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	72	4.8%	-49	-40.5%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	640	42.3%	430	204.8%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	24	1.6%	-30	-55.6%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	6	0.4%	-11	-64.7%	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	770	50.9%	197	34.4%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	748	49.5%	208	38.5%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	22	1.5%	-11	-33.3%	2.5%	-4.6%	

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



Freeborn 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

	F	reeborn C	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	30,857	100.0%	-1.4%	100.0%	7.9%
White	26,387	85.5%	-11.8%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	367	1.2%	27.9%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	106	0.3%	9.3%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	923	3.0%	252.3%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	1,039	3.4%	116.9%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	2,035	6.6%	679.7%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	3,284	10.6%	24.7%	5.7%	34.6%

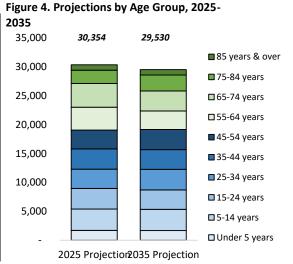
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

## **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

85.5%

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Freeborn 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 Freeborn Co. Projection Projection Change Change -1.2% Under 5 years 1,703 1,682 -21 5-14 years 3,711 3,664 -47 -1.3% -5.6% 3,551 3,353 -198 15-24 years 25-34 years 3,336 3,571 235 7.0% 35-44 years 3,521 3,404 -117 -3.3% 3,257 3,498 241 7.4% 45-54 years 55-64 years 3,943 3,192 -751 -19.0% 65-74 years 4,102 3,476 -626 -15.3% 75-84 years 2.295 2,763 468 20.4% 935 85 years & over 927 -8 -0.9% **Total Population** 30,354 29,530 -824 -2.7%



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

Freeborn 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. Freeborn 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:

87.8%



Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022

Less than high school

High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Advanced degree

College-educated: 53.5% state: 68.5%

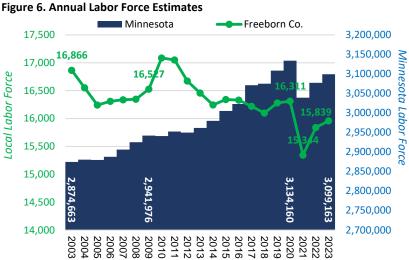
Associate's Degree: 13.9%
Bachelor's Degree: 11.4%
Advanced Degree: 4.7%

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

#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.7%, Freeborn Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Freeborn 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 Freeborn Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

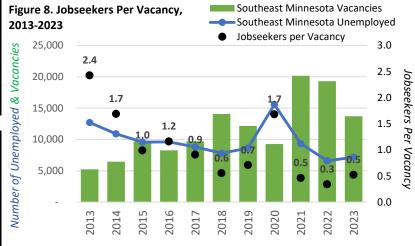
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Freeborn Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Freeborn Co. is expected to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

Freeborn Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 1,000 Average of 8 Average of -37 Average of -78 new workers per year fewer workers per year fewer workers per year 800 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 600 400 200 0 -200 -400 -600 -497 -800 -1,000 2012-201 2011-201 2011-201 2010-2011 2013-20145 2000-200: 2001-2002 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 2009-2010 2002-2003 2003-2004 2004-2005 1990-199 1991-1992 1995-1996 .992-1993 .993-1994 .994-1995 .996-1997 .997-1998 .998-1999 .999-200C

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	2,086	1,999		
25 to 54 years	8,625	8,931		
55 to 64 years	2,956	2,393		
65 years & over	1,204	1,076		
Total Labor Force	14,870	14,399		

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 Southeast 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

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

shorter average commute time than the state.

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

	Fre	eeborn Co.		Minne	sota	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	
Total Labor Force	15,376	62.0%	4.4%	68.7%	4.0%	
16 to 19 years	608	47.8%	17.1%	53.0%	9.8%	
20 to 24 years	1,303	83.1%	9.2%	83.1%	6.7%	
25 to 44 years	5,751	85.1%	4.1%	88.8%	3.5%	
45 to 54 years	3,091	85.6%	3.2%	87.8%	2.9%	
55 to 64 years	3,518	75.0%	2.6%	72.8%	3.1%	
65 to 74 years	914	24.7%	2.0%	27.6%	3.3%	
75 years & over	189	5.9%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp;</b>	Hispanic Origin					
White alone	13,352	61.3%	3.6%	67.8%	3.4%	
Black or African American	127	44.4%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%	
American Indian & Alaska Native	48	59.3%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%	Ĺ
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	374	63.1%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%	Ĺ
Some Other Race	600	78.9%	2.8%	76.1%	6.1%	l
Two or More Races	876	67.4%	19.4%	74.3%	6.6%	ľ
Hispanic or Latino	1,585	74.1%	12.9%	77.0%	6.3%	
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disabili</b>	ty, 20 to 64 years					ĺ
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	837	51.1%	3.9%	54.4%	10.2%	
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educati</b>	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years				
Population, 25 to 64 years	12,363	82.1%	3.5%	84.4%	3.3%	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,130	65.9%	3.5%	67.2%	4.6%	
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,480	77.2%	4.7%	76.8%	2.5%	ĺ
Some College or Assoc. Degree	5,437	86.7%	2.7%	85.1%	3.6%	l
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,315	90.2%	2.1%	90.3%	2.0%	

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022

Labor Force by Gender

**Female** 

7,250

300

721

2,651

1,493

1,665

323

97

Male

8,126

308

582

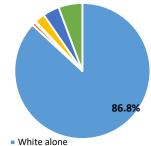
3,102

1,598

1,851

593

92



- 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 Freeborn Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Freeborn Co. also had a

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

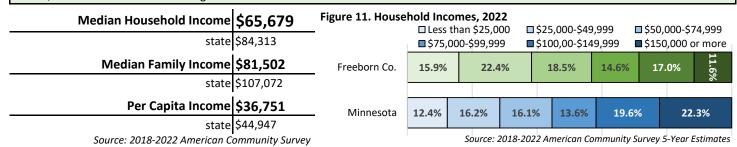
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Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent		
Worked in state of residence	13,819	95.7%	2,867,086	97.7%		
Worked in county of residence	10,888	75.4%	1,957,366	66.7%		
Worked out of county of residence	2,931	20.3%	909,720	31.0%		
Worked outside state of residence	621	4.3%	67,495	2.3%		
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK						
Car, truck, or van	12,794	88.6%	2,387,561	81.6%		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	29	0.2%	81,926	2.8%		
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	650	4.5%	122,889	4.2%		
Worked at home	982	6.8%	333,556	11.4%		
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK						
Less than 10 minutes	4,000	27.7%	465,223	15.9%		
10 to 19 minutes	4,953	34.3%	895,335	30.6%		
20 to 29 minutes	2,411	16.7%	649,557	22.2%		
30 to 44 minutes	1,733	12.0%	567,631	19.4%		
45 to 59 minutes	462	3.2%	190,186	6.5%		
60 or more minutes	866	6.0%	158,000	5.4%		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.3	minutes	23.3	minutes		

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Freeborn Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 6.8% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 20.3% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 28.4% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 10.9% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 24.2% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

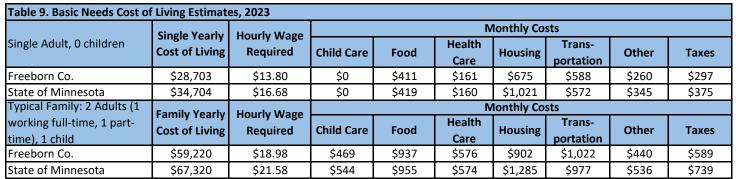
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Freeborn Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Freeborn Co. had the 64th 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. Freeborn Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.8 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.98 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).



Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Freeborn Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 66th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Freeborn 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-	Freeborn Co.		Minnesota	Figure 12. Year Struct		uilt, 2022
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent	0	% 109	% 20%
Total	10,100	100.0%	100.0%	■ Freeb	orn Co.	
Less than \$50,000	758	7.5%	4.1%	2010 or later	2.8%	.8%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,088	20.7%	4.6%	2000 to 2009	6.2	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,004	19.8%	7.1%			13.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,755	17.4%	10.7%	1980 to 1999		13.3%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,037	20.2%	27.1%	1960 to 1979		
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,061	10.5%	31.7%			
\$500,000 or more	397	3.9%	14.7%	1940 to 1959		13.8%
Median (dollars)	\$154,7	'00	\$286,800	1939 or earlier		45.00

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

0% 20% 30% 40% Freeborn Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 2000 to 2009 13.3% 13.3% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 25.2% 1960 to 1979 23.7% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 28.8% 1939 or earlier

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

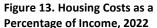
22.3%

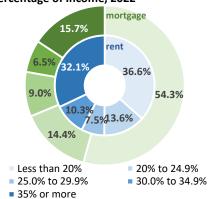
Median monthly rent costs \$803

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





### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$24.26 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 10 than the state. Overall, Region 10 had the 2nd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$51.51) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.57) (see Table 11).

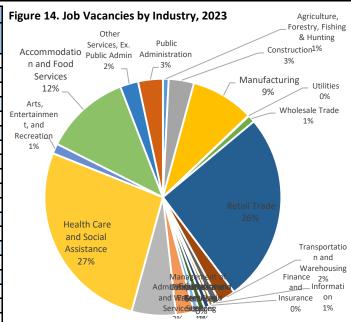
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
	Region 10				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$24.26	240,340	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$51.51	13,250	5.5%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$37.97	9,740	4.1%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$50.87	5,270	2.2%	0.6	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.43	3,540	1.5%	0.7	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$38.64	2,120	0.9%	0.9	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$30.48	4,670	1.9%	1.0	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$43.12	690	0.3%	0.4	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.42	14,670	6.1%	1.1	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$26.08	1,990	0.8%	0.7	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$48.05	29,150	12.1%	1.9	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.85	14,270	5.9%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$28.97	3,950	1.6%	1.0	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.57	20,590	8.6%	1.1	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.08	6,760	2.8%	1.0	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.17	4,830	2.0%	1.0	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.36	18,280	7.6%	0.9	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.45	27,760	11.6%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$20.01	320	0.1%	1.1	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.88	8,370	3.5%	0.9	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.53	8,550	3.6%	1.0	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$22.72	22,500	9.4%	1.3	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.01	19,080	7.9%	1.0	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

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

## **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Freeborn Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region. There were 13711 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. Southeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023						
	Number of	Wage				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer				
Total, All Occupations	13,711	\$0.27				
Management	212	\$0.15				
Business & Financial Operations	467	\$0.02				
Computer & Mathematical	97	\$0.04				
Architecture & Engineering	297	\$0.01				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	171	\$0.01				
Community & Social Service	608	\$0.08				
Education, Training & Library	418	\$0.27				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	964	\$0.18				
Healthcare Support	1,534	\$0.30				
Protective Service	192					
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,856	\$0.40				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	314	\$0.12				
Personal Care & Service	455					
Sales & Related	2,426	\$0.55				
Office & Administrative Support	548	\$0.18				
Construction & Extraction	160	\$0.00				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	732	\$0.05				
Production	690	\$0.10				
Transportation & Material Moving	1,108	\$0.15				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Southeast Plannin	Table 13. Southeast 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	Automotive Service Technicians &	Registered Nurses	Elementary School Teachers			
Care Aides \$33,154/yr	Mechanics \$48,274/yr	\$86,697/yr	\$63,367/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of	Nursing Assistants	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Pharmacists			
Retail Sales Workers	Ğ	& Technicians				
\$44,169/yr	\$38,287/yr	\$60,703/yr	\$143,081/yr			
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, &	Radiologic Technologists &	Secondary School Teachers			
Material Movers, Hand	Cosmetologists	Technicians				
\$40,221/yr	\$36,972/yr	\$80,182/yr	\$65,242/yr			
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Accountants & Auditors			
\$55,244/yr	\$52,969/yr	\$71,226/yr	\$70,366/yr			
Retail Salespersons	Medical Assistants	Dental Hygienists	Software Developers			
\$31,528/yr	\$49,832/yr	\$84,003/yr	\$104,831/yr			
Stockers & Order Fillers	Electricians	Biological Technicians	Medical & Health Services  Managers			
\$33,967/yr	\$66,736/yr	\$66,195/yr	\$101,144/yr			
Janitors & Cleaners, exc. Maids & Housekeeping	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Surgical Technologists	Physician Assistants			
\$37,499/yr	\$52,730/yr	\$68,975/yr	\$129,221/yr			
Teaching Assistants, exc.  Postsecondary	Computer User Support Specialists	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	Industrial Engineers			
\$37,835/yr	\$63,467/yr	\$63,872/yr	\$83,210/yr			
Bartenders	Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration	Industrial Engineering	Physicians, All Other			
bartenders	Mechanics & Installers	Technologists & Technicians	Physicians, All Other			
\$25,042/yr	\$64,819/yr	\$62,105/yr	NA			
Customer Service	Dental Assistants	Computer Network Support	Nurse Practitioners			
Representatives	Delital Assistants	Specialists	Nuise Flactitioners			
\$41,637/yr	\$58,673/yr	\$73,341/yr	\$134,164/yr			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Freeborn Co. is a part of the Southeast 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					
Southeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030		
Total, All Industries	261,589	274,824	5.1%		
Natural Resources & Mining	3,447	3,477	0.9%		
Utilities	1,160	1,150	-0.9%		
Construction	9,396	9,891	5.3%		
Manufacturing	36,536	36,636	0.3%		
Wholesale Trade	7,047	7,342	4.2%		
Retail Trade	25,379	24,160	-4.8%		
Transportation & Warehousing	7,801	8,311	6.5%		
Information	2,943	2,941	-0.1%		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	6,025	6,133	1.8%		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	7,642	7,966	4.2%		
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	8,158	8,815	8.1%		
Educational Services	19,447	20,396	4.9%		
Health Care & Social Assistance	64,850	70,687	9.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality	19,129	23,366	22.1%		
Other Services	8,287	9,159	10.5%		
Public Administration	13,990	14,748	5.4%		

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2020-2030						
■ From employment gr			xit openings			
-5,0	000	5,000	15,000			
Management Occupations	564	6,880				
Business and Financial	355	<b>2</b> ,692				
Computer and	171	<b>■</b> 976				
Architecture and	145	704				
Life, Physical, and Social	97	379				
Community and Social	539	<b>1</b> ,957				
Legal Occupations	72	312				
Educational Instruction and	1,099	5,797				
Arts, Design,	211	<b>1,268</b>				
Healthcare Practitioners	2,85	8,417				
Healthcare Support	1,99	10,457				
Protective Service	226	<b>1</b> ,834				
Food Preparation and	3,2					
Building and Grounds		5,041				
Personal Care and Service		4,581				
Sales and Related		2 12,007				
Office and Administrative	-996	12,332				
Farming, Fishing, and	-11	918				
Construction and Extraction	521	<b>3,228</b>				
Installation, Maintenance,		<b>2,</b> 969				
Production Occupations	62	9,269				
Transportation and	1,367	9,066				

## **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

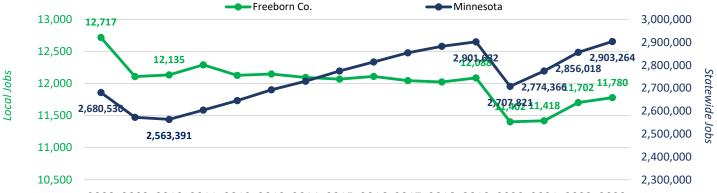
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Freeborn Co. had the 35th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Freeborn Co. was the 51st fastest growing in the past year and the 55th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Freeborn Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

828 business establishments \$50,764 annual average wage

11,780 jobs \$598,003,313 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2023 -2.5% decline \$598,003,313 total industry payroll

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023



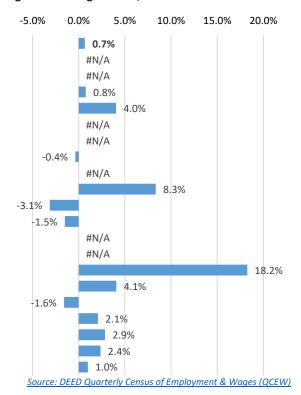
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Source: DEED QCEW program

Data updated: June 4, 2024

			Average
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Table 15. Freeborn Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	11,780	100.0%	\$50,764
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	526	4.5%	\$73,253
Manufacturing	2,525	21.4%	\$59,316
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	470	4.0%	\$79,733
Retail Trade	1,973	16.7%	\$38,085
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	130	1.1%	\$47,274
Finance & Insurance	341	2.9%	\$79,682
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	66	0.6%	\$29,701
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	324	2.8%	\$44,167
Educational Services	749	6.4%	\$52,924
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,608	13.7%	\$55,056
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	98	0.8%	\$21,237
Accommodation & Food Services	1,080	9.2%	\$19,261
Other Services	434	3.7%	\$32,215
Public Administration	612	5.2%	\$60,819

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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