COUNTY PROFILE

Nobles Co.

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

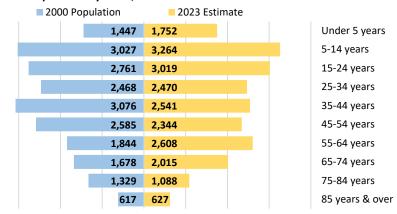
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Nobles Co. is the 44th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 79th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Nobles Co.'s population has a younger 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 1,752 8.1% 3,264 15.0% 5-14 years 15-24 years 3,019 13.9% 25-34 years 2,470 11.4% 35-44 years 2,541 11.7% 10.8% 45-54 years 2,344 55-64 years 2,608 12.0% 65-74 years 2,015 9.3% 75-84 years 1,088 5.0% 2.9% 85 years & over 627 **Total Population** 21,727 100.0% Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Nobles Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Nobles Co. welcomed net international in-migration - 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	
Nobles Co.	-562	496	1,128	632	-1,055	343	-1,398	
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

Northern America

Compared to the state, Nobles Co. has a larger percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Nobles 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	Nobles Co.		Change 20	010-2022	Minnesota				
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change			
Foreign-born Population	4,462	20.1%	1,303	41.2%	8.5%	31.3%			
Europe	15	0.3%	-14	-48.3%	9.3%	-0.6%			
Asia	796	17.8%	144	22.1%	36.7%	30.2%			
Africa	643	14.4%	459	249.5%	28.1%	93.1%			
Oceania	0	0.0%	-12	-100.0%	0.4%	20.4%			
Americas:	3,008	67.4%	726	31.8%	25.4%	7.5%			
Latin America	3,008	67.4%	743	32.8%	22.9%	9.0%			
Northern America	0	0.0%	-17	-100.0%	2.5%	-4.6%			

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

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2022 0%

Europe
Asia
Africa
Oceania
Latin America

Nobles 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).

2022

White

Black or African American

American Indian

Asian

Some Other Race

Figure 3. Population by Race,

Two or More Races

		Nobles Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	22,194	100.0%	4.7%	100.0%	7.9%
White	15,099	68.0%	-17.4%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	1,211	5.5%	65.9%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	367	1.7%	389.3%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,168	5.3%	15.8%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	2,204	9.9%	221.8%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	2,145	9.7%	427.0%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	6,658	30.0%	46.3%	5.7%	34.6%

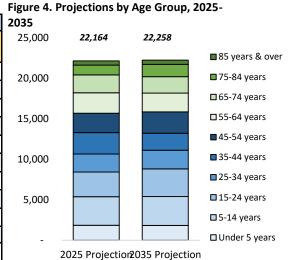
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Nobles 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 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Nobles Co. Projection Projection Change Change Under 5 years 1,861 1,842 -19 -1.0% 5-14 years 3,519 3,563 44 1.3% 3,053 3,423 370 12.1% 15-24 years 25-34 years 2,232 2,295 63 2.8% 35-44 years 2,643 2,114 -529 -20.0% 2,401 235 9.8% 45-54 years 2,636 55-64 years 2,527 2,313 -214 -8.5% 65-74 years 2,207 2,025 -182 -8.2% 1,523 75-84 years 1,198 325 27.1% 523 85 years & over 524 0.2% **Total Population** 22,164 22,258 94 0.4%

68.0%



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Nobles 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. Nobles Co. also has a lower 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:

78.7%

state:

College-educated:

Associate's Degree:

Bachelor's Degree:

Advanced Degree:

47.8% 68.5%

12.4%

3.6%

Less than high school

High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

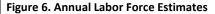
Advanced degree

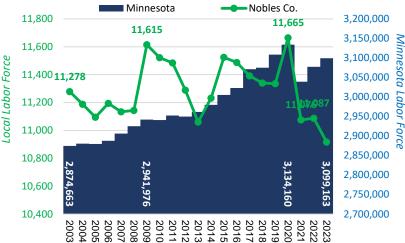
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.3%, Nobles Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Nobles Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.2% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Nobles 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, Nobles 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, Nobles Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Nobles Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 2,000 Average of 114 Average of 41 Average of 14

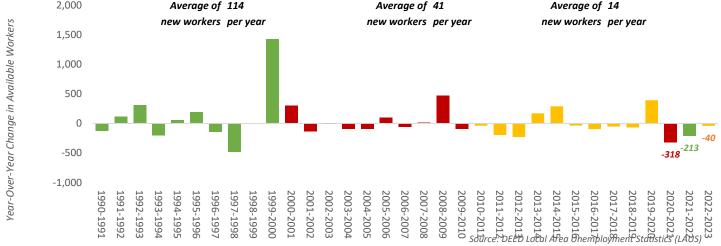
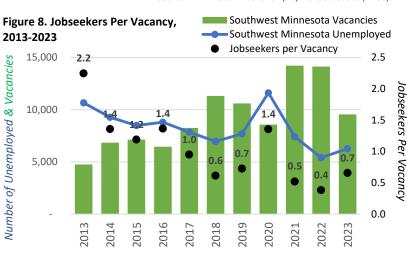


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035			
16 to 24 years	1,859	2,129			
25 to 54 years	6,155	5,972			
55 to 64 years	1,898	1,737			
65 years & over	882	836			
Total Labor Force	10,793	10,674			

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).



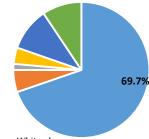
Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Nobles Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Nobles Co. is more 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						
	N	lobles 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	11,051	66.2%	3.0%	68.7%	4.0%	6,313	4,731
16 to 19 years	687	48.8%	10.9%	53.0%	9.8%	321	366
20 to 24 years	1,173	90.2%	2.5%	83.1%	6.7%	576	597
25 to 44 years	4,259	83.2%	1.8%	88.8%	3.5%	2,579	1,682
45 to 54 years	2,092	87.4%	1.9%	87.8%	2.9%	1,231	862
55 to 64 years	2,001	75.1%		72.8%	3.1%		876
65 to 74 years	731	35.5%	12.7%	27.6%	3.3%	402	329
75 years & over	100	5.7%	2.0%	6.6%	3.2%	80	19
Employment Characteristics by Race & His	panic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force
White alone	7,703	64.4%	2.2%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	581	70.7%	12.9%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	162	77.5%	1.9%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	428	54.0%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		\
Some Other Race	1,135	72.6%	3.7%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	1,037	77.1%	4.1%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	3,177	77.1%	5.7%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability,	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	805	61.5%	4.7%	54.4%	10.2%		
Employment Characteristics by Education	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	8,355	82.1%	1.6%	84.4%	3.3%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,781	79.8%	1.6%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,125	78.2%	0.2%	76.8%	2.5%	l	n Indian & Ala
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,850	84.1%	2.1%	85.1%	3.6%	l	Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,598	86.9%	0.6%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Of	ther Race

gure 9. Labor Force by ace, 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 Nobles Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Nobles Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

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

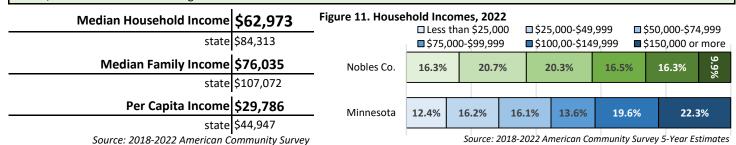
	Nobles	Co.	Minn	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	9,680	92.9%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	8,273	79.4%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	1,407	13.5%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	740	7.1%	67,495	2.3%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	9,138	87.7%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	104	1.0%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	615	5.9%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	563	5.4%	333,556	11.4%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	3,366	32.3%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	3,553	34.1%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	1,261	12.1%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,271	12.2%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	542	5.2%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	427	4.1%	158,000	5.4%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.9	minutes	23.3	minutes

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Nobles Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 4.8% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 14.0% a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 16.9% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 31.2% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 10.1% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 23.0% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Nobles Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Nobles Co. had the 76th 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. Nobles Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.08 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 \$29,110 \$14.00 \$0 \$412 \$714 \$269 \$300 Nobles Co. \$161 \$570 \$572 State of Minnesota \$34,704 \$16.68 \$0 \$160 \$1,021 \$375 \$419 \$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 \$56,422 \$18.08 \$277 \$939 \$954 \$453 \$528 Nobles Co. \$576 \$975 \$544 State of Minnesota \$67,320 \$21.58 \$955 \$574 \$1,285 \$977 \$536 \$739

Nobles Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 64th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Nobles 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-	Nobles	Co.	Minnesota	Figure 12. Year S	tructure Bu	ilt, 2022
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent		0% 10%	20%
Total	5,726	100.0%	100.0%	■ Nob	les Co.	■ N
Less than \$50,000	529	9.2%	4.1%	2010 or later	5.0% 7.8	3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,069	18.7%	4.6%	2000 to 2009	5.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,021	17.8%	7.1%			13.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	966	16.9%	10.7%	1980 to 1999		14.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,236	21.6%	27.1%	1960 to 1979		
\$300,000 to \$499,999	729	12.7%	31.7%			
\$500,000 or more	176	3.1%	14.7%	1940 to 1959		13.8%
Median (dollars)	\$161,0	000	\$286,800	1020 or earlier		_ = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =

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

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% Nobles Co. Minnesota 2010 or later 5.0% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 14.7% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 29.7% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 21.5% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2022

17.9%

26.79

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

21.6%

Median monthly rent costs \$852

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

Less than 20%

25.0% to 29.9% 35% or more

14.6%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

54.9%

mortgage

39.8%

rent

state 46.7%

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

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%	

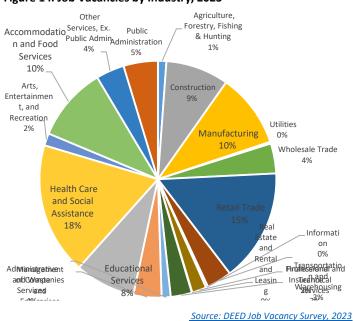
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Nobles 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	\$19.74				
Management	202	\$32.04				
Business & Financial Operations	520					
Computer & Mathematical	100	\$37.50				
Architecture & Engineering	96	\$28.56				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69					
Community & Social Service	258					
Education, Training & Library	453					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738					
Healthcare Support	508					
Protective Service	177	\$22.52				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	\$16.90				
Personal Care & Service	188	\$14.60				
Sales & Related	1,164					
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27				
Construction & Extraction	431	\$25.04				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653					
Production	540					
Transportation & Material Moving	773	\$21.15				

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



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	Computer oser 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 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.	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service	Environmental Science &	Personal Financial Advisors					
Postsecondary \$36,756/yr	Technicians \$51,684/yr	Protection Technicians, Including \$39,218/yr	\$78,180/yr					

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Nobles 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 Pr	rojections, 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%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

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	Employment Projections					
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	Management Occupations	312	8,590			
	Business and Financial	301	1 ,897			
	Computer and	83	432			
	Architecture and	174	682			
1	Life, Physical, and Social	111	533			
1	Community and Social	434	1 ,676			
4	Legal Occupations	47	194			
4	Educational Instruction and	855	4,608	3		
	Arts, Design,	196	1,129			
	Healthcare Practitioners	729	2,738	3		
	Healthcare Support	1,322	7,04	9		
	Protective Service	125	1,134			
1	Food Preparation and	2,02	6 9,7	44		
1	Building and Grounds	414	3,71 5			
-	Personal Care and Service	446	3,4 52			
_	Sales and Related	-83	9,573			
	Office and Administrative	-999	10,245	5		
	Farming, Fishing, and	63	1 ,651			
	Construction and Extraction	433	2,623			
	Installation, Maintenance,	515	2,6 60			
1	Production Occupations	-49	7,349			
_	Transportation and	986	7,522	1		
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ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

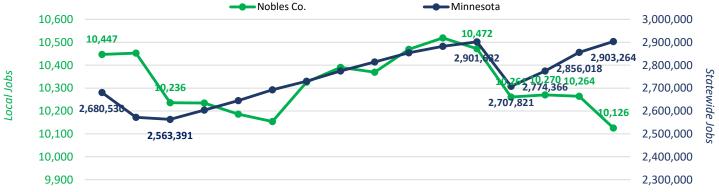
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Nobles Co. had the 39th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Nobles Co. was the 78th fastest growing in the past year and the 63rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Nobles Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

631 business establishments \$54,897 annual average wage

10,126 jobs \$555,891,300 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2023 -3.3% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023

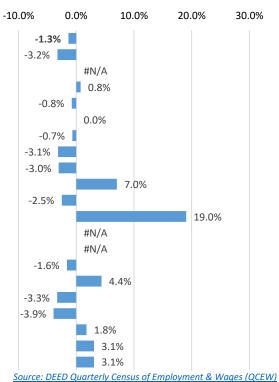


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Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Nobles Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	10,126	100.0%	\$54,897
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	358	3.5%	\$38,349
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	265	2.6%	\$61,345
Manufacturing	3,355	33.1%	\$67,798
Utilities	27	0.3%	\$99,652
Wholesale Trade	297	2.9%	\$83,394
Retail Trade	1,231	12.2%	\$31,438
Transportation & Warehousing	384	3.8%	\$53,297
Information	76	0.8%	\$47,361
Finance & Insurance	235	2.3%	\$73,426
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	25	0.2%	\$15,674
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	368	3.6%	\$96,099
Educational Services	931	9.2%	\$35,563
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,063	10.5%	\$41,217
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	49	0.5%	\$17,846
Accommodation & Food Services	629	6.2%	\$17,969
Other Services	301	3.0%	\$34,643
Public Administration	402	4.0%	\$51,289

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



Source. Deed Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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