# **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Wright Co.

Wright Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 7W, which is located in the Central Planning Region.

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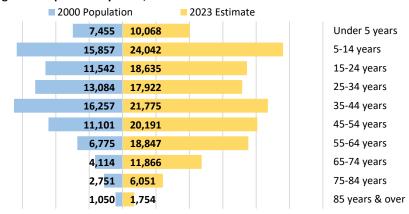
# **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2023 population:	151,150 people	_	
Population change,	9,813 people	Median Age:	<b>37.4</b> years
2020-2023	6.9% increase	state:	38.5 years

Wright Co. is the 10th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 1st fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Wright Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller 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** 10,068 Under 5 years 6.7% 24,042 15.9% 5-14 years 15-24 years 18,635 12.3% 25-34 years 17,922 11.9% 35-44 years 21,775 14.4% 45-54 years 20,191 13.4% 55-64 years 18,847 12.5% 65-74 years 11,866 7.9% 75-84 years 6,051 4.0% 1,754 1.2% 85 years & over **Total Population** 151,150 100.0% Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Wright Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Wright 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	atural Vital Events		Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Wright Co.	9,801	2,577	6,017	3,440	7,224	309	6,915	
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976	

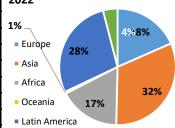
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Wright Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Wright 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	Wright Co.		Change 20	010-2022	Minnesota			
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change		
Foreign-born Population	4,613	3.2%	1,378	42.6%	8.5%	31.3%		
Europe	850	18.4%	197	30.2%	9.3%	-0.6%		
Asia	1,474	32.0%	655	80.0%	36.7%	30.2%		
Africa	786	17.0%	474	151.9%	28.1%	93.1%		
Oceania	25	0.5%	12	92.3%	0.4%	20.4%		
Americas:	1,478	32.0%	40	2.8%	25.4%	7.5%		
Latin America	1,292	28.0%	205	18.9%	22.9%	9.0%		
Northern America	186	4.0%	-165	-47.0%	2.5%	-4.6%		

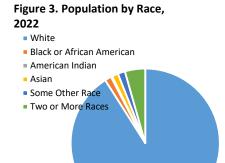
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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



Northern America

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



		Wright Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	142,543	100.0%	15.9%	100.0%	7.9%
White	129,698	91.0%	11.2%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	2,033	1.4%	79.0%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	380	0.3%	-4.5%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,936	1.4%	59.3%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	2,226	1.6%	32.1%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	6,270	4.4%	213.7%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	4,761	3.3%	60.4%	5.7%	34.6%

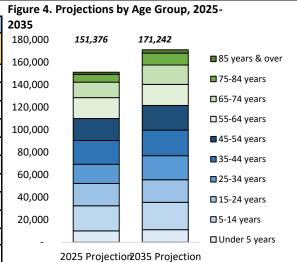
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

# **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

91.0%

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Wright 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 Wright Co. **Projection** Projection Change Change 1,077 Under 5 years 10,097 11,174 10.7% 5-14 years 22,386 24,417 2,031 9.1% 19,770 20,062 1.5% 15-24 years 292 25-34 years 17,224 21,388 4,164 24.2% 35-44 years 21,027 22,759 1,732 8.2% 19,605 21,906 2,301 11.7% 45-54 years 55-64 years 18,581 18,833 252 1.4% 65-74 years 13,806 17,152 3,346 24.2% 75-84 years 6,898 10,576 3,678 53.3% 85 years & over 1,982 2.975 993 50.1% **Total Population** 151,376 171,242 19,866 13.1%



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

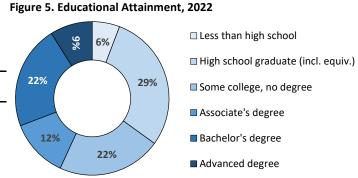
Wright Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Wright Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

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

94.2%

State: 68.5%

Associate's Degree: 12.4%
Bachelor's Degree: 21.8%
Advanced Degree: 8.9%



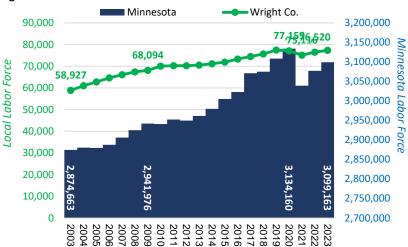
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

**Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates** 

#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.6%, Wright Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Wright Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.4% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Wright 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, Wright 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, Wright Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

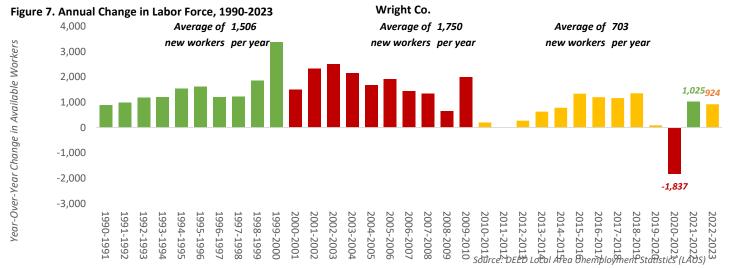
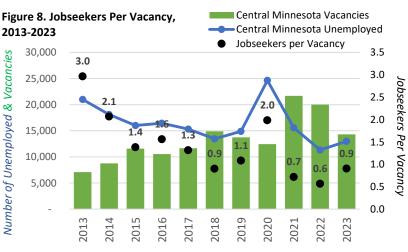


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	11,844	12,258		
25 to 54 years	52,139	59,517		
55 to 64 years	14,317	14,511		
65 years & over	4,404	5,613		
Total Labor Force	82,704	91,899		

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



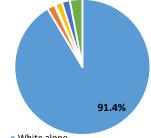
Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Wright Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Wright 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						
	Wright Co.			Minnesota		Labor Force	by Gender
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	78,784	72.7%	2.2%	68.7%	4.0%	42,479	36,258
16 to 19 years	4,425	53.1%	4.2%	53.0%	9.8%	2,491	1,936
20 to 24 years	6,134	84.8%	3.6%	83.1%	6.7%	3,322	2,811
25 to 44 years	33,510	89.5%	1.9%	88.8%	3.5%	17,919	15,599
45 to 54 years	17,384	91.3%	1.7%	87.8%	2.9%	9,349	8,030
55 to 64 years	13,695	77.1%	2.3%	72.8%	3.1%	7,488	6,214
65 to 74 years	3,167	28.3%	2.3%	27.6%	3.3%	1,640	1,523
75 years & over	412	5.6%	0.5%	6.6%	3.2%	270	145
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; His</b>	panic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force
White alone	72,024	72.1%	2.2%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	1,442	85.0%	4.5%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	228	84.1%	3.9%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,261	80.2%	1.8%	73.9%	3.6%		<b>\</b>
Some Other Race	1,490	86.1%	0.7%	76.1%	6.1%		<b>\</b>
Two or More Races	2,339	73.0%	1.2%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	2,528	81.5%	0.0%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability,</b>	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	3,043	55.8%	6.4%	54.4%	10.2%		91
<b>Employment Characteristics by Education</b>	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	64,598	87.0%	1.9%	84.4%	3.3%	<ul><li>White al</li></ul>	
Less than H.S. Diploma	2,440	73.0%	2.1%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	15,068	81.3%	1.9%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
Some College or Assoc. Degree	22,593	87.7%	2.4%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	24,484	92.0%	1.4%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	her 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 Wright Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Wright Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

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

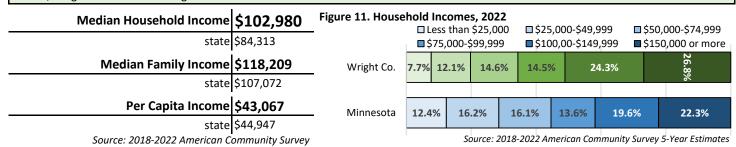
	Wright	Co.	Minne	esota			
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent			
Worked in state of residence	75,279	99.4%	2,867,086	97.7%	1		
Worked in county of residence	36,428	48.1%	1,957,366	66.7%	ı		
Worked out of county of residence	38,851	51.3%	909,720	31.0%	ı		
Worked outside state of residence	454	0.6%	67,495	2.3%	ı		
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK							
Car, truck, or van	65,585	86.6%	2,387,561	81.6%	5		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	379	0.5%	81,926	2.8%	ı		
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,287	1.7%	122,889	4.2%	Е		
Worked at home	8,482	11.2%	333,556	11.4%	ı		
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					. 7		
Less than 10 minutes	9,618	12.7%	465,223	15.9%	,		
10 to 19 minutes	15,525	20.5%	895,335	30.6%	ı		
20 to 29 minutes	11,739	15.5%	649,557	22.2%	8		
30 to 44 minutes	20,599	27.2%	567,631	19.4%	ı		
45 to 59 minutes	10,072	13.3%	190,186	6.5%	ı		
60 or more minutes	8,255	10.9%	158,000	5.4%	ı		
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	30.4	minutes	minutes 23.3 n		ı		

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Wright Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 6.8% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 13.5% a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 24.0% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 27.6% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 10.2% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 17.9% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

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

## INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Wright Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Wright Co. had the 4th 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. Wright Co. had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$18.19 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$22.61 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023 **Monthly Costs Hourly Wage Single Yearly** Single Adult, 0 children Health Trans-**Cost of Living** Required **Child Care** Housing **Food** Other **Taxes** Care portation \$37,839 \$18.19 \$0 \$403 \$1,168 \$376 \$427 Wright Co. \$157 \$622 State of Minnesota \$34,704 \$16.68 \$0 \$160 \$1,021 \$572 \$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 ortation \$70,532 \$22.61 \$458 \$918 \$1,456 \$568 \$804 Wright Co. \$567 \$1,107 \$544 \$574 \$1,285 State of Minnesota \$67,320 \$21.58 \$955 \$977 \$536 \$739

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Wright Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 6th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Wright Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Wright Co.		Wright Co.		Minnesota	Figure 12. Year St	ructure Built, 2022
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent	0	% 10%		
Total	42,848	100.0%	100.0%	■Wrig			
Less than \$50,000	1,522	3.6%	4.1%	2010 or later	10.6% 7.8%		
\$50,000 to \$99,999	512	1.2%	4.6%	2000 to 2009			
\$100,000 to \$149,999	937	2.2%	7.1%		13.3		
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,494	8.2%	10.7%	1980 to 1999			
\$200,000 to \$299,999	13,731	32.0%	27.1%	1960 to 1979			
\$300,000 to \$499,999	16,897	39.4%	31.7%				
\$500,000 or more	5,755	13.4%	14.7%	1940 to 1959	6.3%		
Median (dollars)	\$310,9	000	\$286,800	1939 or earlier	7.4%		

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

0% 10% 20% 30% ■ Wright Co. ■ Minnesota 10.6% 2010 or later 7.8% 28.3% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 28.4% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 6.3% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 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

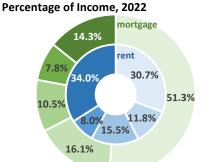
22.1%

Median monthly rent costs

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



Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9% 20% to 24.9%

35% or more

30.0% to 34.9%

## **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$23.85 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 7W than the state. Overall, Region 7W had the 3rd highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$49.28) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.86) (see Table 11).

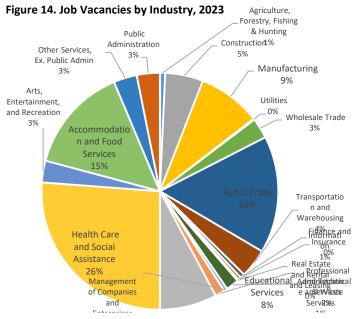
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024									
		Region 7W				State of Minnesota			
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs		
Total, All Occupations	\$23.85	175,560	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%		
Management	\$49.28	10,050	5.7%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%		
Business & Financial Operations	\$36.54	7,440	4.2%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%		
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.21	2,020	1.2%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%		
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.46	2,180	1.2%	0.6	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%		
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$38.17	970	0.6%	0.5	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%		
Community & Social Service	\$29.06	3,000	1.7%	0.8	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%		
Legal	\$42.84	610	0.3%	0.5	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%		
Education, Training & Library	\$29.80	11,820	6.7%	1.2	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%		
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$24.61	1,410	0.8%	0.6	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%		
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$41.29	11,000	6.3%	1.0	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%		
Healthcare Support	\$17.97	9,000	5.1%	0.9	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%		
Protective Service	\$30.48	2,750	1.6%	1.0	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%		
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.86	15,280	8.7%	1.1	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.49	5,480	3.1%	1.1	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%		
Personal Care & Service	\$17.27	3,330	1.9%	0.9	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%		
Sales & Related	\$18.13	16,610	9.5%	1.1	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%		
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.15	20,100	11.4%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%		
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.15	190	0.1%	0.9	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%		
Construction & Extraction	\$31.65	10,400	5.9%	1.5	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.23	7,460	4.2%	1.2	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%		
Production	\$23.06	18,010	10.3%	1.5	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%		
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.19	16,470	9.4%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%		

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

# **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Wright Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 14320 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. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023						
	Number of	Wage				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer				
Total, All Occupations	14,320					
Management	281	\$28.24				
Business & Financial Operations	220	\$26.20				
Computer & Mathematical	132	\$32.07				
Architecture & Engineering	230	\$30.57				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	60	\$31.02				
Community & Social Service	417	\$25.91				
Education, Training & Library	597					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,967	\$28.25				
Healthcare Support	1,097					
Protective Service	272	\$24.39				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,319	\$14.84				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	318	\$16.27				
Personal Care & Service	433					
Sales & Related	1,632	\$17.55				
Office & Administrative Support	747	\$17.98				
Construction & Extraction	297	\$23.74				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	589	\$24.92				
Production	993	\$20.14				
Transportation & Material Moving	1,275	\$19.17				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Central Planning R	Table 13. Central Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022							
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher					
Fast Food & Counter	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General & Operations Managers					
Workers	<b>G</b>	-						
\$30,214/yr	\$39,353/yr	\$86,694/yr	\$79,121/yr					
Home Health & Personal	Agricultural Technicians	Veterinary Technologists &	Elementary School Teachers					
Care Aides	ĆEO 724/	\$50,734/yr \$40,013/yr						
\$32,476/yr	. , .,	\$40,013/yr	\$64,300/yr					
Cashiers	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Secondary School Teachers					
\$29,935/yr	\$52,954/yr	\$74,178/yr	\$64,602/yr					
Retail Salespersons	Automotive Service Technicians &	Architectural & Civil Drafters	Accountants & Auditors					
·		Mechanics						
\$31,947/yr	\$50,038/yr	\$60,894/yr	\$69,793/yr					
First-Line Supervisors of	Machinists	Electro-Mechanical &	Middle School Teachers					
Retail Sales Workers		Mechatronics Technologists &						
\$45,819/yr	\$57,338/yr	\$52,181/yr	\$65,007/yr					
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &			Preschool Teachers					
Material Movers, Hand	Mechanics & Installers	& Technicians						
\$39,815/yr	\$64,161/yr	\$62,998/yr	\$36,959/yr					
Janitors & Cleaners, exc.	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Radiologic Technologists &	Substance abuse, behavioral &					
Maids & Housekeeping	industrial Machinery Mechanics	Technicians	mental health counselors					
\$36,758/yr	\$63,521/yr	\$76,318/yr	\$51,463/yr					
First-Line Supervisors of	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, &	Dental Hygienists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term					
Food Preparation & Serving	Cosmetologists	Dental Hygienists	Substitute reactiers, Short-reitif					
\$39,562/yr	\$35,910/yr	\$84,542/yr	\$43,575/yr					
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	Electricians	Surgical Technologists	Financial Managers					
Truck Drivers	Electricians	Surgical reclinologists	Filialiciai Mallagers					
\$57,479/yr	\$63,794/yr	\$64,849/yr	\$120,404/yr					
Teaching Assistants, exc.	Medical Assistants	Computer Network Support	Medical & Health Services					
Postsecondary	WEULCH ASSISTANTS	Specialists	Managers					
\$38,154/yr	\$46,901/yr	\$72,592/yr	\$100,201/yr					

Wright Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5% 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							
Central Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030				
Total, All Industries	301,170	316,216	5.0%	t			
Natural Resources & Mining	5,416	4,879	-9.9%	t			
Utilities	1,952	1,686	-13.6%	t			
Construction	18,984	19,792	4.3%	t			
Manufacturing	39,543	40,646	2.8%	t			
Wholesale Trade	10,123	10,516	3.9%	İ			
Retail Trade	35,588	33,781	-5.1%	İ			
Transportation & Warehousing	10,098	10,685	5.8%	Î			
Information	2,639	2,842	7.7%	Î			
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	9,550	9,649	1.0%	Î			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	8,562	9,119	6.5%	Ī			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	9,545	10,066	5.5%	Ī			
Educational Services	23,734	24,976	5.2%	İ			
Health Care & Social Assistance	46,672	52,213	11.9%	İ			
Leisure & Hospitality	21,963	26,961	22.8%	Ī			
Other Services	10,108	11,290	11.7%	I			
Public Administration	19,239	20,198	5.0%	I			

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2020-2030							
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Management Occupations	900	8,070					
Business and Financial	000	3.130					
Computer and	000	920					
Architecture and		1,099					
Life, Physical, and Social		469					
Community and Social							
		2,049					
Legal Occupations	91	370					
Educational Instruction and1	′	7,688					
Arts, Design,		1,635					
Healthcare Practitioners1	′	4,902					
Healthcare Support	· '		17				
Protective Service		2,283					
Food Preparation and	- 1	,	01				
Building and Grounds	537	5,345					
Personal Care and Service1	,111	6,109					
Sales and Related	-1,0	<sup>1</sup> 15,120					
Office and Administrative1,4	128	15,379					
Farming, Fishing, and	312	1,305					
Construction and Extraction	700	5,129					
Installation, Maintenance,	578	4,057					
Production Occupations	75	9,870					
Transportation and 1	L.723	13,023					
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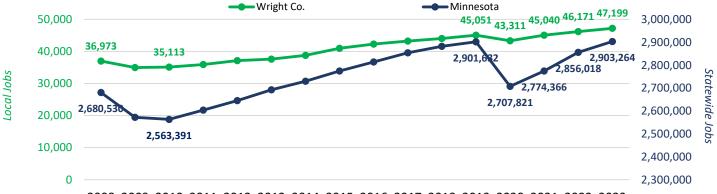
# **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Wright Co. had the 10th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Wright Co. was the 17th fastest growing in the past year and the 10th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Wright Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

3,852 business establishments \$53,585 annual average wage
47,199 jobs \$2,529,155,962 total industry payroll

Job change, 2,148 jobs 4.8% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023

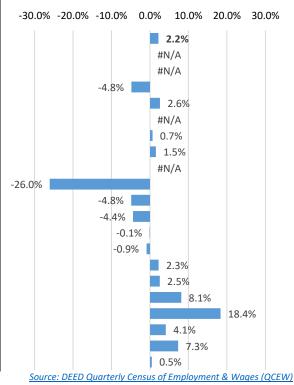


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Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Wright Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	47,199	100.0%	\$53,585
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	692	1.5%	\$12,284
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	4,572	9.7%	\$79,025
Manufacturing	6,904	14.6%	\$72,840
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	1,663	3.5%	\$76,694
Retail Trade	7,190	15.2%	\$31,853
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	247	0.5%	\$64,190
Finance & Insurance	805	1.7%	\$84,761
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	217	0.5%	\$48,000
Professional & Technical Services	964	2.0%	\$65,598
Management of Companies	222	0.5%	\$77,155
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	1,719	3.6%	\$55,138
Educational Services	4,786	10.1%	\$51,043
Health Care & Social Assistance	6,057	12.8%	\$48,338
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	877	1.9%	\$16,331
Accommodation & Food Services	4,437	9.4%	\$21,260
Other Services	1,608	3.4%	\$34,935
Public Administration	1,647	3.5%	\$57,797

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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