

# **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Freeborn Co.

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

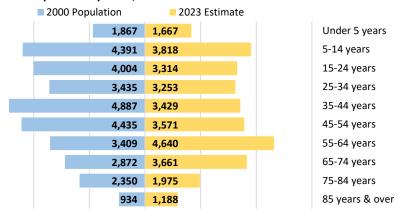
# **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**



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% 45-54 years 3,571 11.7% 55-64 years 4,640 15.2% 65-74 years 3,661 12.0% 75-84 years 1,975 6.5% 85 years & over 1,188 3.9% **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 E	Vital Events Net I			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.

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Freeborn Co.		Change 2	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



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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).



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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%

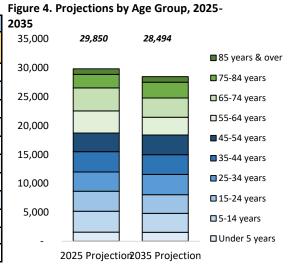
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

## **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 Under 5 years 1,585 1,559 -26 -1.6% 5-14 years 3,603 3,282 -321 -8.9% 3,225 3,466 -241 -7.0% 15-24 years 25-34 years 3,327 3,505 178 5.4% 35-44 years 3,515 3,409 -106 -3.0% 3,237 3,409 172 5.3% 45-54 years 55-64 years 3,819 3,066 -753 -19.7% 65-74 years 3,992 3,333 -659 -16.5% 75-84 years 2,324 2,735 411 17.7% 85 years & over 982 971 -11 -1.1% **Total Population** 29,850 28,494 -1,356 -4.5%



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%

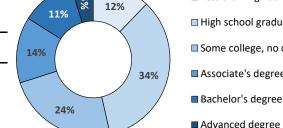


Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022

■ Less than high school

■ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

Associate's degree

■ Advanced degree

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

College-educated: 53.5% 68.5% state:

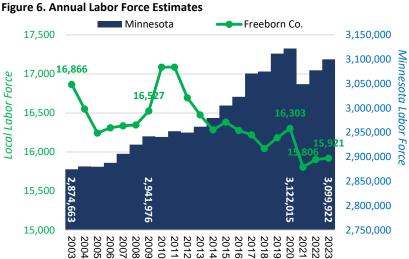
> Associate's Degree: 13.9% Bachelor's Degree: 11.4% Advanced Degree: 4.7%

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#### 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 3.5% 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

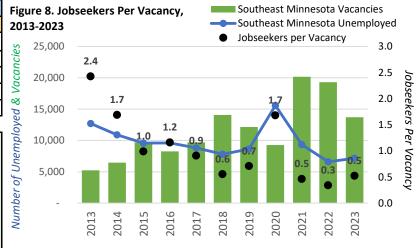
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Freeborn Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Freeborn Co. is expected to 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 2013-2014 2000-200: 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2009-2010 2001-2002 2002-2003 2003-2004 2008-2009 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	2,069	1,957		
25 to 54 years	8,595	8,803		
55 to 64 years	2,863	2,299		
65 years & over	1,181	1,042		
Total Labor Force	14,708	14,101		

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

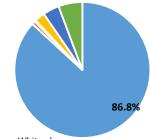
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# LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 202	2						
	Fr	eeborn 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	15,376	62.0%	4.4%	68.7%	4.0%	8,126	7,250
16 to 19 years	608	47.8%	17.1%	53.0%	9.8%	308	300
20 to 24 years	1,303	83.1%	9.2%	83.1%	6.7%	582	721
25 to 44 years	5,751	85.1%	4.1%	88.8%	3.5%	3,102	2,651
45 to 54 years	3,091	85.6%	3.2%	87.8%	2.9%	1,598	1,493
55 to 64 years	3,518	75.0%	2.6%	72.8%	3.1%		1,665
65 to 74 years	914	24.7%	2.0%	27.6%	3.3%	593	323
75 years & over	189	5.9%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	92	97
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hi	spanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force l
White alone	13,352	61.3%	3.6%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
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%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	374	63.1%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	600	78.9%	2.8%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	876	67.4%	19.4%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,585	74.1%	12.9%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	837	51.1%	3.9%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Education</b>	al Attainment, 2!	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	12,363	82.1%	3.5%	84.4%	3.3%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,130	65.9%	3.5%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	3,480	77.2%	4.7%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
Some College or Assoc. Degree	5,437	86.7%	2.7%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,315	90.2%	2.1%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	ther Race

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022



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

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

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 shorter average commute time than the state.

	Freeborn	ı Co.	Minne	esota	ĺ
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	ĺ
Worked in state of residence	13,819	95.7%	2,867,086	97.7%	ĺ
Worked in county of residence	10,888	75.4%	1,957,366	66.7%	ĺ
Worked out of county of residence	2,931	20.3%	909,720	31.0%	ĺ
Worked outside state of residence	621	4.3%	67,495	2.3%	ĺ
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					ĺ.
Car, truck, or van	12,794	88.6%	2,338,861	79.7%	ľ
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	29	0.2%	73,365	2.5%	ĺ
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	650	4.5%	120,318	4.1%	1
Worked at home	982	6.8%	399,103	13.6%	ĺ
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					ĺ
Less than 10 minutes	4,000	27.7%	475,402	16.2%	ĺ
10 to 19 minutes	4,953	34.3%	906,786	30.9%	ĺ
20 to 29 minutes	2,411	16.7%	651,477	22.2%	Ī
30 to 44 minutes	1,733	12.0%	563,440	19.2%	ĺ
45 to 59 minutes	462	3.2%	181,944	6.2%	ĺ
60 or more minutes	866	6.0%	155,533	5.3%	ĺ
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.3	minutes	23.3	minutes	ĺ

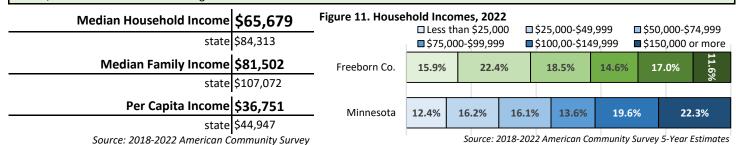
Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Freeborn Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 6.8% 4:59 a.m. 4.7% 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 20.3% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 28.4% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 10.9% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 24.2% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

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

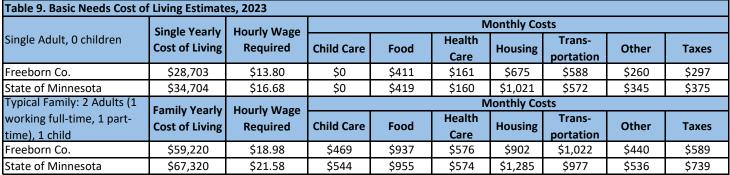
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## INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

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-	Freebor	n Co.	Minnesota	Figure 12. Year St	tructure B	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%

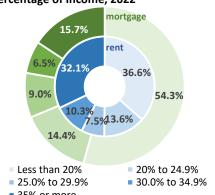
Median monthly rent costs \$803

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

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



35% or more

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#### **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).

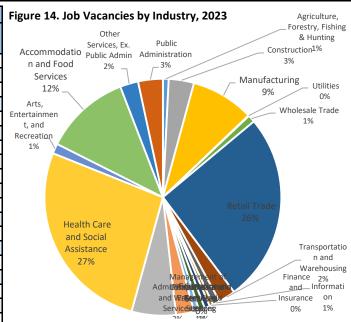
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024								
		Region 10				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	
Total, All Occupations	\$24.26	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					
Management	212	\$37.73				
Business & Financial Operations	467					
Computer & Mathematical	97					
Architecture & Engineering	297	•				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	171	+				
Community & Social Service	608					
Education, Training & Library	418					
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	964	\$33.92				
Healthcare Support	1,534	\$16.49				
Protective Service	192	\$16.29				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,856	\$14.91				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	314					
Personal Care & Service	455	\$14.98				
Sales & Related	2,426	\$13.96				
Office & Administrative Support	548	\$18.66				
Construction & Extraction	160	\$23.33				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	732	\$21.35				
Production	690					
Transportation & Material Moving	1,108	\$20.14				



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

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# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Southeast Plannin	Table 13. Southeast Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2023						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher				
Home Health and Personal  Care Aides	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers				
\$35,784/yr	\$60,838/yr	\$100,239/yr	\$83,723/yr				
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education				
\$34,625/yr	\$39,647/yr	\$79,616/yr	\$64,771/yr				
First-Line Supervisors of	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Radiologic Technologists and	Secondary School Teachers, Except				
Retail Sales Workers \$46,144/yr	Nurses \$61,677/yr	Technicians \$80,540/yr	Special and Career/Technical \$67,707/yr				
First-Line Supervisors of Food Preparation and	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Diagnostic Medical Sonographers	Software Developers				
\$40,675/yr	\$50,472/yr	\$102,982/yr	\$130,807/yr				
Stockers and Order Fillers	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing  Clerks	Computer Network Support	Training and Development				
\$37,875/yr	Cierks \$49,912/yr	Specialists \$78,124/yr	Specialists \$78,978/yr				
Fast Food and Counter Workers	Medical Assistants	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	Accountants and Auditors				
\$30,170/yr	\$48,598/yr	\$61,057/yr	\$77,799/yr				
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors	Surgical Technologists	Medical and Health Services  Managers				
\$44,636/yr	\$52,564/yr	\$78,775/yr	\$125,558/yr				
Light Truck Drivers	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Industrial Engineers				
\$45,790/yr	\$37,408/yr	\$73,049/yr	\$86,149/yr				
Cashiers	Electricians	Dental Hygienists	Physician Assistants				
\$31,365/yr	\$74,834/yr	\$85,161/yr	\$134,877/yr				
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	Machinists	Mechanical Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists				
\$43,860/yr	\$59,112/yr	\$58,074/yr	\$85,432/yr				

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Freeborn Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region, which is projected to see a 4.5% 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, 2022-2032					
Southeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employ- ment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032		
Total, All Industries	270,975	283,255	4.5%		
Natural Resources & Mining	3,474	3,657	5.3%		
Utilities	1,211	1,212	0.1%		
Construction	9,574	10,360	8.2%		
Manufacturing	36,161	37,414	3.5%		
Wholesale Trade	7,317	7,736	5.7%		
Retail Trade	26,514	26,404	-0.4%		
Transportation & Warehousing	7,187	7,827	8.9%		
Information	2,802	2,782	-0.7%		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	6,243	6,457	3.4%		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	8,457	9,278	9.7%		
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	7,883	8,597	9.1%		
Educational Services	20,296	20,531	1.2%		
Health Care & Social Assistance	65,729	71,175	8.3%		
Leisure & Hospitality	22,983	24,366	6.0%		
Other Services	8,780	9,078	3.4%		
Public Administration	15,203	15,540	2.2%		
So	urce: DEED 2022-2	2032 Employm	ent Outlook		

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2022-2032						
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Management Occupations	1.244	5,891				
Business and Financial	633	3,369				
Computer and		970				
Architecture and	349	<b>1</b> ,100				
Life, Physical, and Social	173	<b>1</b> 550				
Community and Social	434	2,488				
Legal Occupations	33	1 264				
Educational Instruction and	516	7,202				
Arts, Design,	112	<b>1</b> ,976				
Healthcare Practitioners	3,0	29 10,264				
Healthcare Support	1,479	10,950				
Protective Service	81	<b>2</b> ,086				
Food Preparation and	876	17,736				
Building and Grounds	394	5,488				
Personal Care and Service	489	4,689				
Sales and Related	-23	<sup>4</sup> 13,340				
Office and Administrative	-864	15,762				
Farming, Fishing, and	38	<b>1</b> ,144				
Construction and Extraction	719	<b>3,9</b> 73				
Installation, Maintenance,	617	<b>3,7</b> 48				
Production Occupations	367	10,382				
Transportation and	1,323	11,259				

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## **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

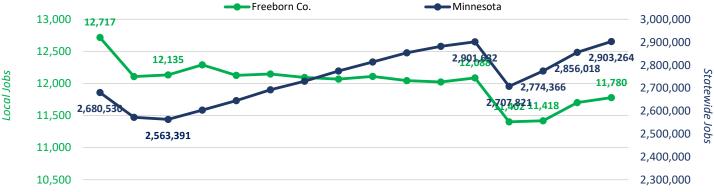
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Freeborn Co. had the 35th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Freeborn Co. was the 51st fastest growing in the past year and the 55th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Freeborn Co. is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

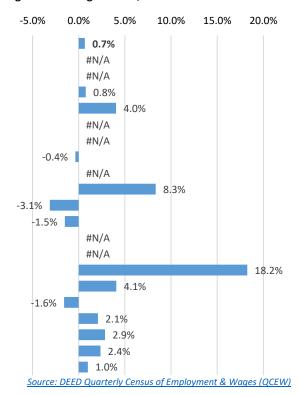


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Source: DEED QCEW program

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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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