

**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Waseca Co.**

Waseca Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 9, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2023 population:	<b>18,981 people</b>
Population change, 2020-2023	13 people 0.1% increase

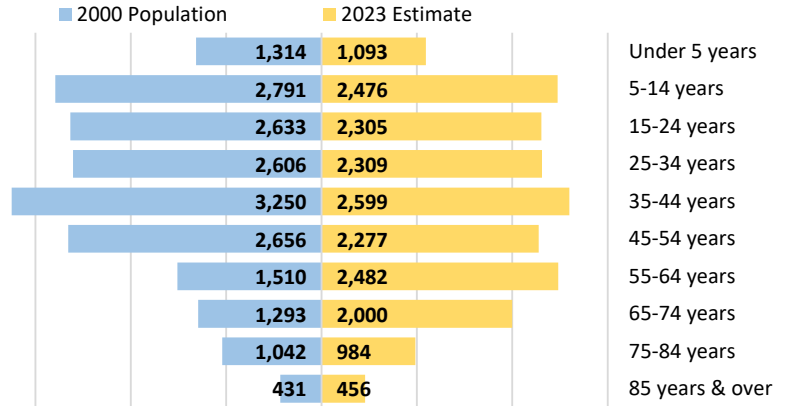
Median Age:	<b>40.2 years</b>
state:	38.5 years

Waseca Co. is the 50th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 50th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Waseca 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).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	1,093	5.8%
5-14 years	2,476	13.0%
15-24 years	2,305	12.1%
25-34 years	2,309	12.2%
35-44 years	2,599	13.7%
45-54 years	2,277	12.0%
55-64 years	2,482	13.1%
65-74 years	2,000	10.5%
75-84 years	984	5.2%
85 years & over	456	2.4%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>18,981</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023**



Waseca 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, Waseca Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Waseca Co.	18	35	632	597	-26	28	-54
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976

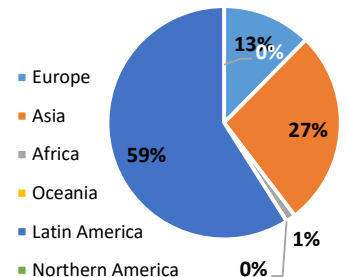
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Waseca Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Waseca Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

	Waseca Co.		Change 2010-2022		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Europe	64	12.4%	38	146.2%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	141	27.3%	41	41.0%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	7	1.4%	7	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	0	0.0%	-19	-100.0%	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	305	59.0%	-38	-11.1%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	305	59.0%	-35	-10.3%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	0	0.0%	-3	-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**



## COUNTY PROFILE

Waseca Co.

Waseca 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

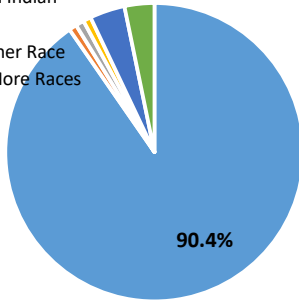


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Waseca Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>18,953</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
White	17,125	90.4%	-5.5%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	159	0.8%	-43.0%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	173	0.9%	80.2%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	160	0.8%	56.9%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	722	3.8%	1579.1%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	614	3.2%	21.8%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,230	6.5%	31.7%	5.7%	34.6%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

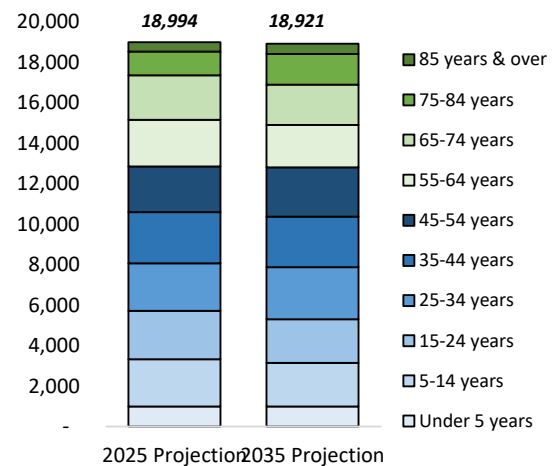
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Waseca Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

Waseca Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	998	991	-7	-0.7%
5-14 years	2,332	2,161	-171	-7.3%
15-24 years	2,388	2,158	-230	-9.6%
25-34 years	2,353	2,569	216	9.2%
35-44 years	2,524	2,491	-33	-1.3%
45-54 years	2,270	2,447	177	7.8%
55-64 years	2,292	2,097	-195	-8.5%
65-74 years	2,206	1,996	-210	-9.5%
75-84 years	1,176	1,508	332	28.2%
85 years & over	455	503	48	10.5%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>18,994</b>	<b>18,921</b>	<b>-73</b>	<b>-0.4%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Waseca 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. Waseca 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.

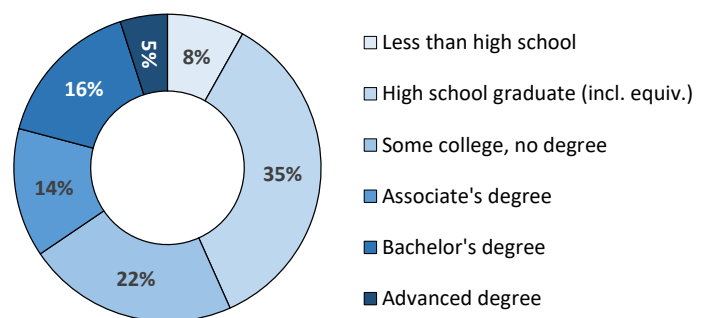
**Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:**

**91.9%**

**College-educated: 56.7%**  
state: 68.5%

**Associate's Degree: 13.6%**  
**Bachelor's Degree: 15.9%**  
**Advanced Degree: 5.0%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022**



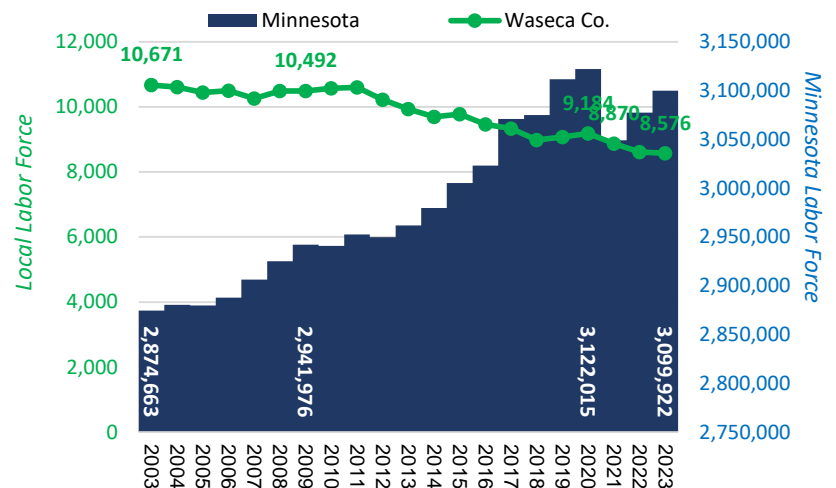
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

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

	<b>8,576</b> available workers
Labor Force change, 2008-2023	-1,918 workers -18.3% decline
	<b>3.9%</b> unemployment rate
	2.8% state
	<b>334</b> unemployed workers

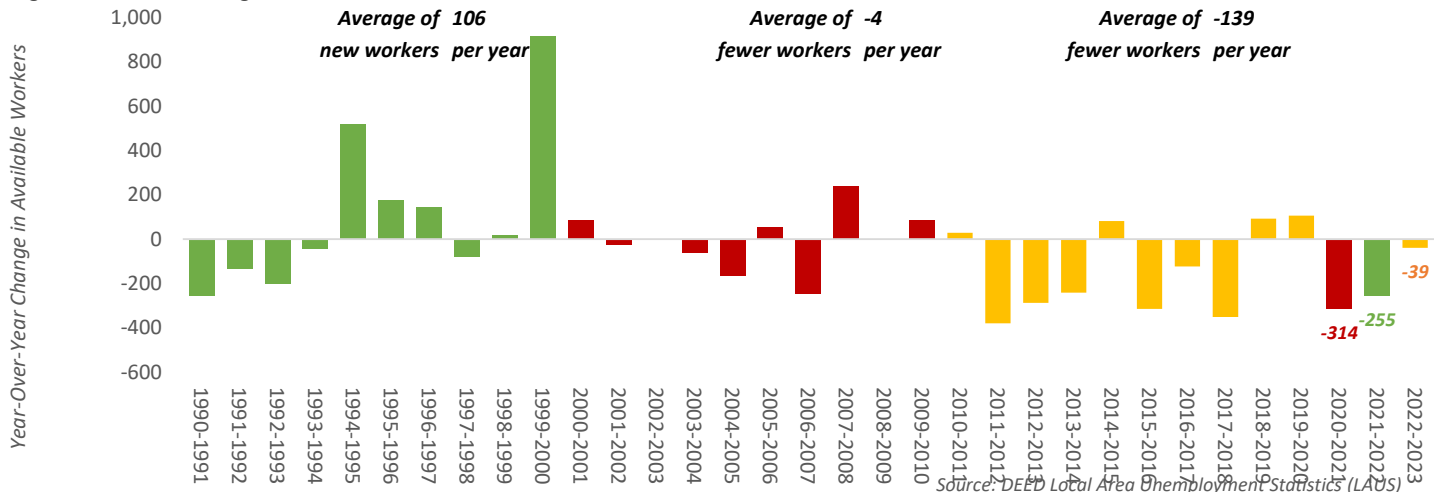
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Waseca 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, Waseca Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023



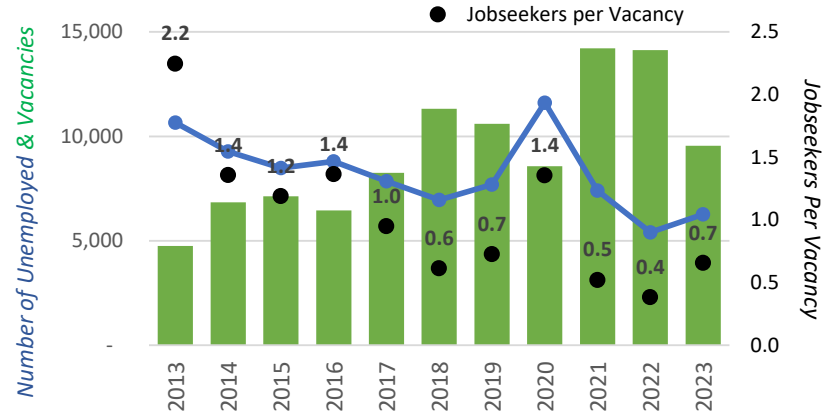
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	1,554	1,415
25 to 54 years	5,986	6,290
55 to 64 years	1,619	1,481
65 years & over	762	728
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>9,921</b>	<b>9,914</b>

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).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2013-2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

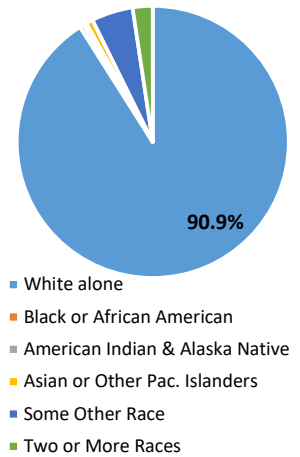
**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

Waseca Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Waseca 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**

	Waseca 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
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>9,867</b>	<b>65.4%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>68.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>5,070</b>	<b>4,794</b>
16 to 19 years	543	54.6%	11.0%	53.0%	9.8%	303	240
20 to 24 years	876	87.3%	6.1%	83.1%	6.7%	455	421
25 to 44 years	4,042	82.5%	3.5%	88.8%	3.5%	1,892	2,149
45 to 54 years	1,967	86.5%	2.8%	87.8%	2.9%	1,059	907
55 to 64 years	1,751	70.6%	0.8%	72.8%	3.1%	895	856
65 to 74 years	585	29.3%	0.2%	27.6%	3.3%	395	190
75 years & over	102	7.1%	1.0%	6.6%	3.2%	71	31
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	8,973	64.8%	2.2%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	49	36.6%	32.7%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	36	20.9%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	80	70.2%	2.5%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	486	96.8%	16.3%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	234	73.6%	13.2%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	661	75.6%	15.4%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	342	46.3%	8.2%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	7,761	80.4%	2.7%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	429	62.9%	4.0%	67.2%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,206	71.9%	3.3%	76.8%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,994	84.3%	1.6%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,130	90.6%	1.0%	90.3%	2.0%		

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022**



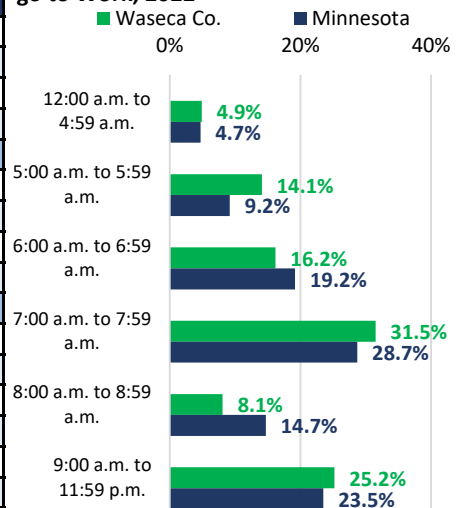
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

A smaller percentage of workers in Waseca Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Waseca Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

**Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022**

	Waseca Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	9,286	98.5%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	4,779	50.7%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	4,506	47.8%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	141	1.5%	67,495	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	8,371	88.8%	2,338,861	79.7%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	9	0.1%	73,365	2.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	452	4.8%	120,318	4.1%
Worked at home	594	6.3%	399,103	13.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	2,319	24.6%	475,402	16.2%
10 to 19 minutes	2,244	23.8%	906,786	30.9%
20 to 29 minutes	2,281	24.2%	651,477	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,659	17.6%	563,440	19.2%
45 to 59 minutes	415	4.4%	181,944	6.2%
60 or more minutes	509	5.4%	155,533	5.3%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>22.4 minutes</b>		<b>23.3 minutes</b>	

**Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022**



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

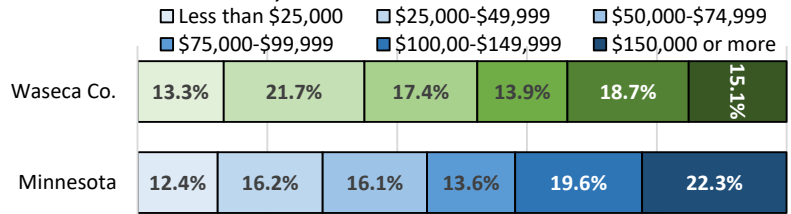
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Waseca Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Waseca Co. had the 33rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$71,856</b>
state	\$84,313
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$89,573</b>
state	\$107,072
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$35,814</b>
state	\$44,947

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2022



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

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Waseca Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.84 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.59 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Waseca Co.	\$28,780	\$13.84	\$0	\$416	\$161	\$647	\$619	\$254	\$301
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Waseca Co.	\$57,988	\$18.59	\$361	\$948	\$576	\$853	\$1,099	\$431	\$564
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739

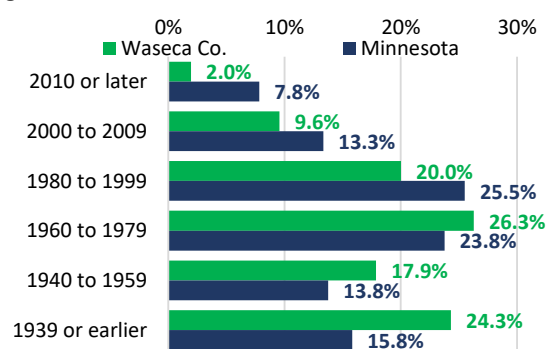
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Waseca Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 51st highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Waseca 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-occupied Housing Units, 2022	Waseca Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	110	1.8%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	606	9.9%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,282	21.0%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,290	21.1%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,545	25.3%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,025	16.8%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	242	4.0%	14.7%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$191,800</b>		<b>\$286,800</b>

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,431</b>
state	\$1,818

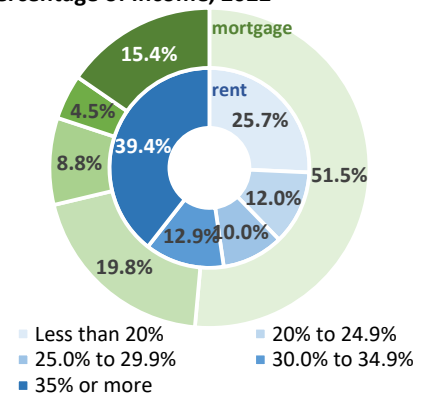
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>19.9%</b>
state	22.0%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$831</b>
state	\$1,178

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>52.3%</b>
state	46.7%

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

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



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.24 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$47.87) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.69) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024

Occupational Group	Region 9				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$23.24</b>	<b>100,990</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$25.22</b>	<b>2,881,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$47.87	5,590	5.5%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.68	4,130	4.1%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.68	1,130	1.1%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.82	1,690	1.7%	0.8	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$33.51	810	0.8%	0.8	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.25	2,620	2.6%	1.3	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$38.07	380	0.4%	0.6	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$30.13	6,690	6.6%	1.2	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.48	1,050	1.0%	0.8	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40.45	5,790	5.7%	0.9	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.45	6,120	6.1%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$29.43	1,430	1.4%	0.9	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.69	9,050	9.0%	1.1	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.19	2,980	3.0%	1.1	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.51	2,150	2.1%	1.0	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.55	8,630	8.5%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.79	11,510	11.4%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.13	240	0.2%	1.9	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.78	4,050	4.0%	1.0	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.11	4,660	4.6%	1.3	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$22.68	10,680	10.6%	1.5	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.90	9,640	9.5%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

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

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Waseca 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

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>9,546</b>	<b>\$19.74</b>
Management	202	\$32.04
Business & Financial Operations	520	\$25.88
Computer & Mathematical	100	\$37.50
Architecture & Engineering	96	\$28.56
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$24.18
Community & Social Service	258	\$23.46
Education, Training & Library	453	\$18.35
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$31.97
Healthcare Support	508	\$16.76
Protective Service	177	\$22.52
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180	\$15.32
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	\$16.90
Personal Care & Service	188	\$14.60
Sales & Related	1,164	\$15.93
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27
Construction & Extraction	431	\$25.04
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653	\$22.92
Production	540	\$18.93
Transportation & Material Moving	773	\$21.15

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2023

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Retail Salespersons \$34,798/yr	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$54,491/yr	Registered Nurses \$85,138/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$69,245/yr
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$36,495/yr	Nursing Assistants \$39,764/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$74,684/yr	General and Operations Managers \$82,482/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$30,228/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$58,499/yr	Dental Hygienists \$84,870/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$65,364/yr
Cashiers \$30,595/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$64,265/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$60,049/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,349/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$38,031/yr	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists \$59,444/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$78,236/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$52,112/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$45,427/yr	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks \$47,963/yr	Agricultural Technicians \$50,274/yr	Financial Managers \$119,560/yr
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and \$37,379/yr	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters \$61,794/yr	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping \$49,828/yr	Industrial Engineers \$90,455/yr
Construction Laborers \$49,744/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health counselors \$49,947/yr	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$71,227/yr	Computer Systems Analysts \$96,291/yr
Bus Drivers, School \$49,228/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$50,024/yr	Physical Therapist Assistants \$62,988/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$66,534/yr
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand \$43,003/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$60,689/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$40,453/yr	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education \$37,747/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

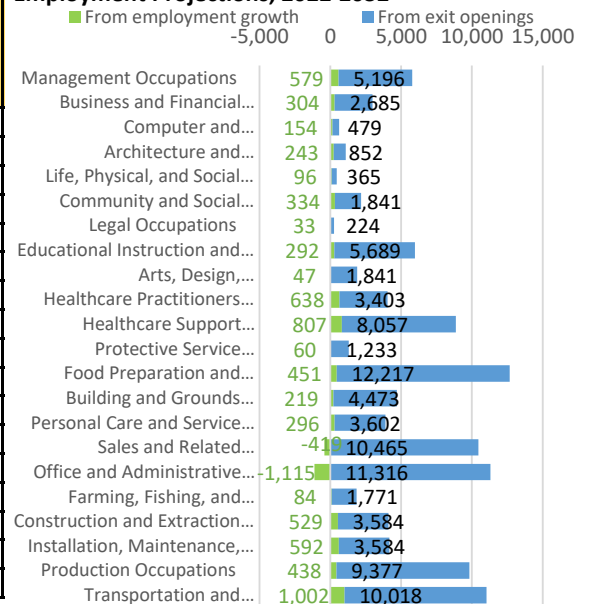
Waseca Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>202,214</b>	<b>207,878</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,523	5,777	4.6%
Utilities	690	690	0.0%
Construction	7,679	8,252	7.5%
Manufacturing	32,192	33,537	4.2%
Wholesale Trade	8,001	8,116	1.4%
Retail Trade	19,409	19,084	-1.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,297	6,810	8.1%
Information	2,093	2,046	-2.2%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,227	8,375	1.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,544	5,985	8.0%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,127	4,331	4.9%
Educational Services	16,065	16,116	0.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	28,786	30,498	5.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,625	14,377	5.5%
Other Services	7,097	7,281	2.6%
Public Administration	14,117	14,370	1.8%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Waseca Co. had the 55th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Waseca Co. was the 80th fastest growing in the past year and the 83rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Waseca Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

553 business establishments

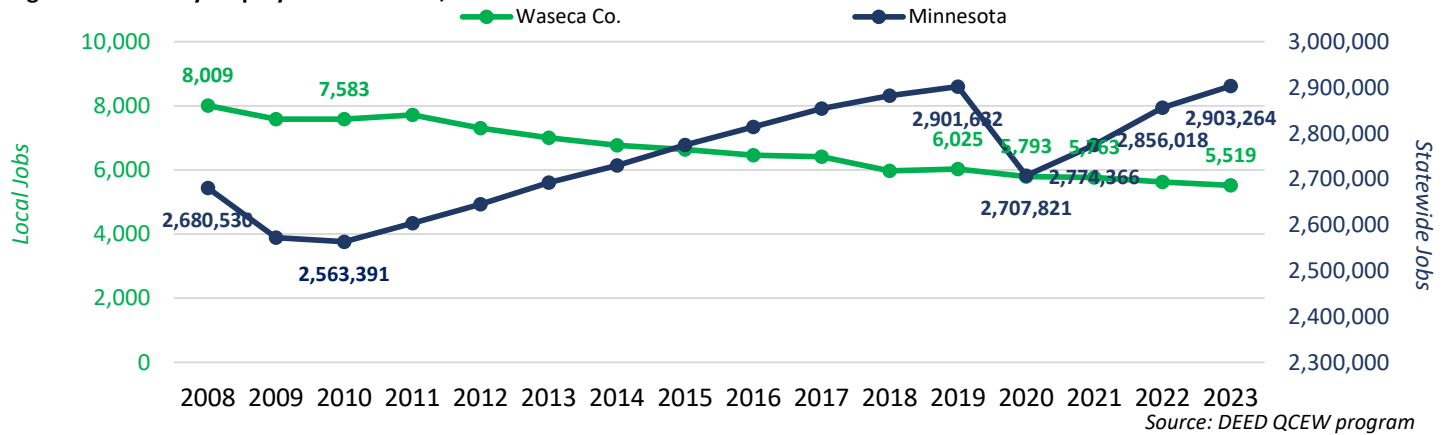
\$51,239 annual average wage

5,519 jobs

\$282,788,904 total industry payroll

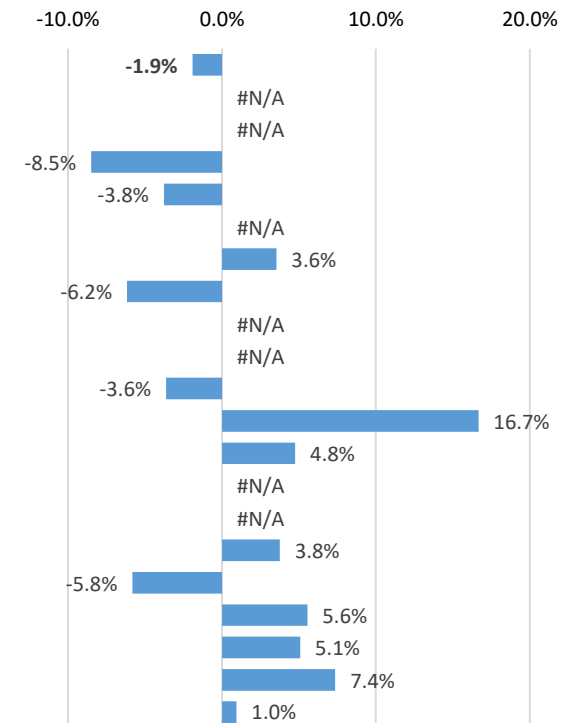
Job change, 2019-2023: -506 jobs, -8.4% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023



Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>5,519</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$51,239</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	280	5.1%	\$59,076
Manufacturing	920	16.7%	\$71,465
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	175	3.2%	\$65,533
Retail Trade	548	9.9%	\$30,392
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	133	2.4%	\$67,556
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	7	0.1%	\$17,361
Professional & Technical Services	176	3.2%	\$67,942
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	670	12.1%	\$44,874
Health Care & Social Assistance	988	17.9%	\$42,068
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	57	1.0%	\$19,091
Accommodation & Food Services	393	7.1%	\$15,614
Other Services	151	2.7%	\$24,803
Public Administration	530	9.6%	\$72,841

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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