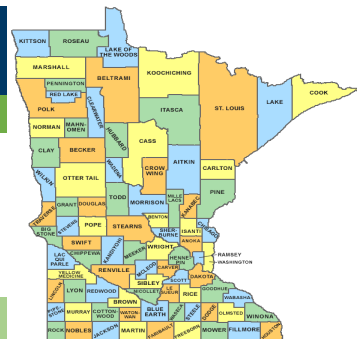


## Sibley Co.

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



### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

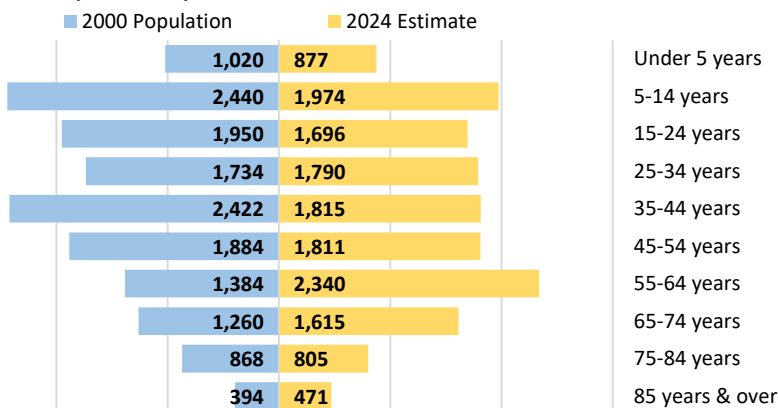
2024 population:	<b>15,194 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>42.2 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	358 people 2.4% increase	state:	38.6 years

Sibley Co. is the 56th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 22nd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Sibley 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	877	5.8%
5-14 years	1,974	13.0%
15-24 years	1,696	11.2%
25-34 years	1,790	11.8%
35-44 years	1,815	11.9%
45-54 years	1,811	11.9%
55-64 years	2,340	15.4%
65-74 years	1,615	10.6%
75-84 years	805	5.3%
85 years & over	471	3.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>15,194</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Sibley Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Sibley 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, 2020-2024

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Sibley Co.	358	97	700	603	272	92	180
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930

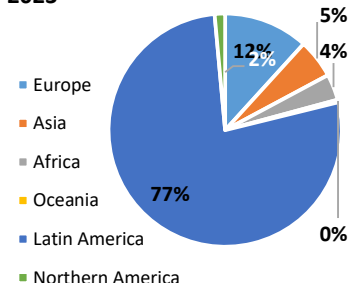
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Sibley Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Sibley Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

	Sibley Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>
Europe	65	11.8%	20	44.4%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	30	5.4%	-21	-41.2%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	20	3.6%	7	53.8%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	2	0.4%	0	0.0%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	436	78.8%	6	1.4%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	428	77.4%	4	0.9%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	8	1.4%	2	33.3%	2.5%	0.4%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023



## COUNTY PROFILE

Sibley Co.

Sibley Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2013, the white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2023**

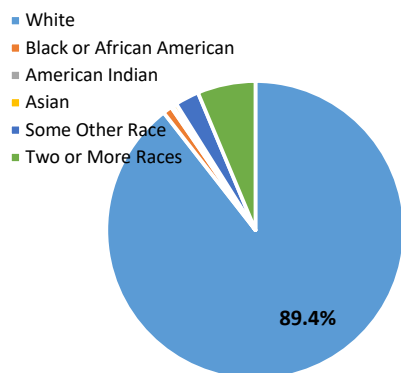


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023	Sibley Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,933</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-1.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
White	13,357	89.4%	-8.9%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	147	1.0%	320.0%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	33	0.2%	10.0%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	65	0.4%	-39.8%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	389	2.6%	168.3%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	942	6.3%	450.9%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,351	9.0%	18.6%	6.2%	37.5%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

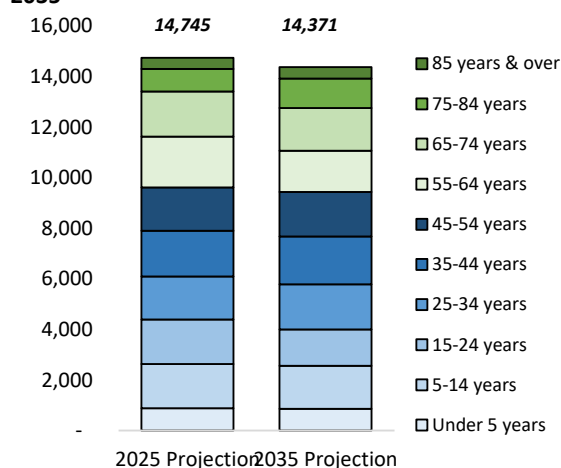
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Sibley Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

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

Sibley Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	879	855	-24	-2.7%
5-14 years	1,751	1,707	-44	-2.5%
15-24 years	1,763	1,437	-326	-18.5%
25-34 years	1,700	1,790	90	5.3%
35-44 years	1,810	1,891	81	4.5%
45-54 years	1,712	1,761	49	2.9%
55-64 years	2,014	1,624	-390	-19.4%
65-74 years	1,781	1,693	-88	-4.9%
75-84 years	895	1,161	266	29.7%
85 years & over	440	452	12	2.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>14,745</b>	<b>14,371</b>	<b>-374</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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

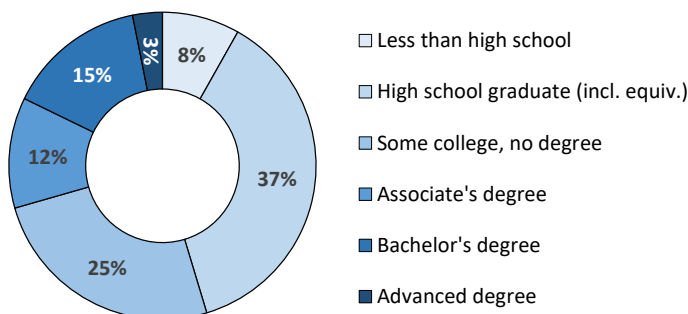


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Sibley Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Sibley 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.

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>91.8%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>54.7%</b>
state:	68.8%
Associate's Degree:	11.6%
Bachelor's Degree:	14.7%
Advanced Degree:	3.1%



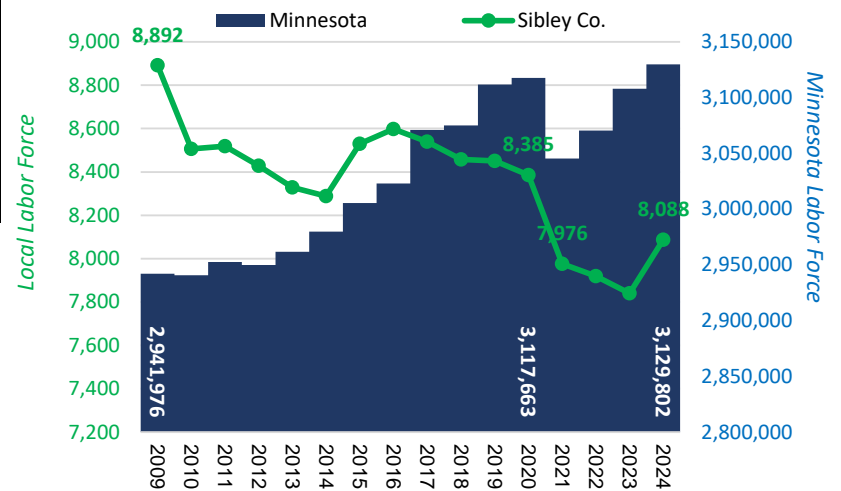
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.5%, Sibley Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Sibley Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.9% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Sibley Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>8,088</b>	available workers
Labor Force change, 2009-2024	-804 workers -9.0% decline
<b>3.5%</b>	unemployment rate
2.8%	state
<b>283</b>	unemployed workers

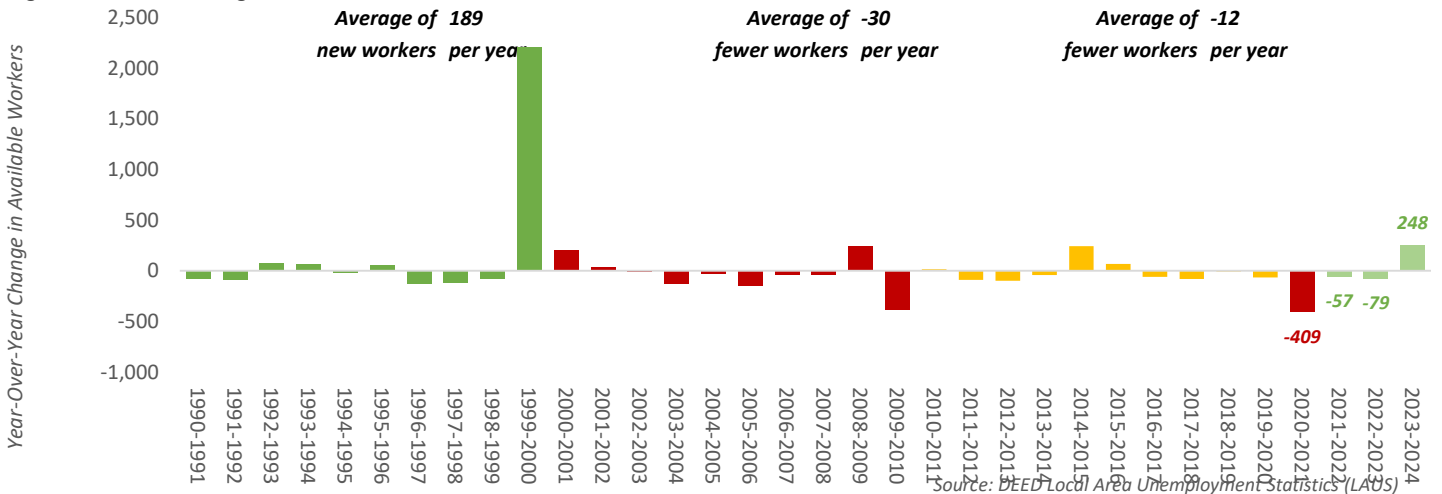
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Sibley 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, Sibley Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2024



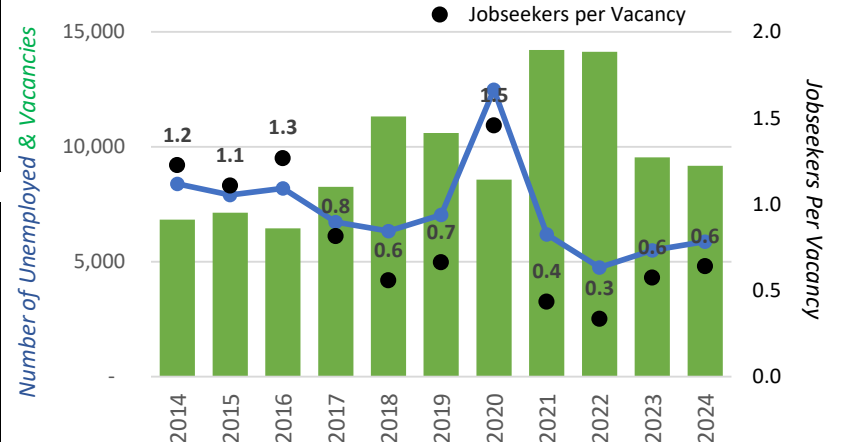
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	1,096	890
25 to 54 years	4,585	4,779
55 to 64 years	1,513	1,220
65 years & over	685	682
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>7,879</b>	<b>7,571</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2019-2023 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 2024, 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, 2014-2024



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Sibley Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Sibley Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023

	Sibley 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	8,030	67.2%	3.9%	68.5%	3.9%	4,397	3,630
16 to 19 years	404	55.6%	1.5%	52.7%	9.9%	150	254
20 to 24 years	608	80.1%	16.6%	83.4%	6.5%	382	226
25 to 44 years	3,169	89.4%	4.3%	88.7%	3.5%	1,718	1,451
45 to 54 years	1,502	84.4%	1.3%	87.8%	2.9%	814	689
55 to 64 years	1,728	75.1%	2.7%	72.8%	3.0%	944	784
65 to 74 years	505	31.8%	0.6%	27.8%	3.4%	311	193
75 years & over	112	8.9%	0.9%	6.6%	3.1%	78	33
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin						<div>Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023</div> <div><div></div> White alone</div> <div><div></div> Black or African American</div> <div><div></div> American Indian &amp; Alaska Native</div> <div><div></div> Asian or Other Pac. Islanders</div> <div><div></div> Some Other Race</div>	
White alone	7,181	66.2%	3.0%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	102	82.3%	3.9%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	10	37.0%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	47	77.0%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	220	71.4%	26.4%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	468	80.4%	7.1%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	654	75.9%	15.9%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	491	52.0%	13.0%	55.3%	9.5%	<div>Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2023</div> <div><div></div> 15-29 minutes</div> <div><div></div> 30-44 minutes</div> <div><div></div> 45-59 minutes</div> <div><div></div> 60-74 minutes</div> <div><div></div> 75-89 minutes</div> <div><div></div> 90-104 minutes</div> <div><div></div> 105+ minutes</div>	
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	6,403	84.0%	3.1%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	424	81.5%	3.3%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,972	81.5%	2.0%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,595	83.5%	2.7%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,410	89.5%	0.7%	90.5%	2.0%		

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Sibley Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	7,554	99.6%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	3,314	43.7%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	4,239	55.9%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	30	0.4%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	6,522	86.0%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	8	0.1%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	296	3.9%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	751	9.9%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,593	21.0%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	1,433	18.9%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	1,244	16.4%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,737	22.9%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	895	11.8%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	683	9.0%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>27.3 minutes</b>		<b>23.1 minutes</b>	

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023

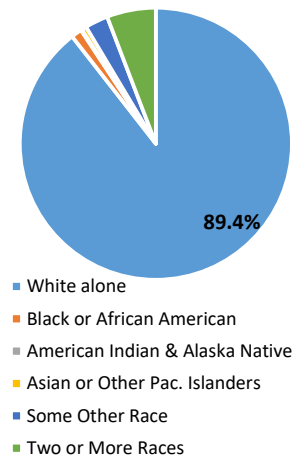
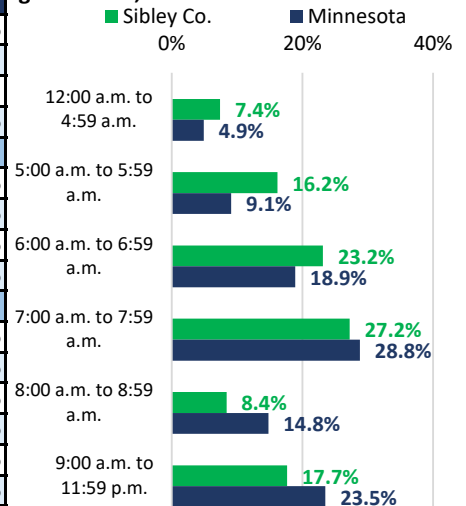


Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2023



COUNTY PROFILE

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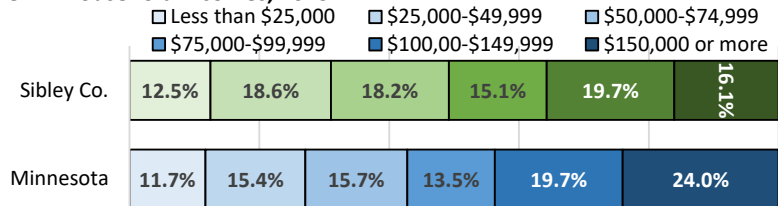
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Sibley Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Sibley Co. had the 27th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$76,082
state	\$87,556
Median Family Income	\$94,167
state	\$111,492
Per Capita Income	\$38,862
state	\$46,957

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2023



Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Sibley Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.51 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.04 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2024									
Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Sibley Co.	\$30,173	\$14.51	\$0	\$421	\$150	\$771	\$594	\$276	\$302
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392
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
Sibley Co.	\$59,408	\$19.04	\$367	\$957	\$530	\$1,005	\$1,083	\$454	\$555
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

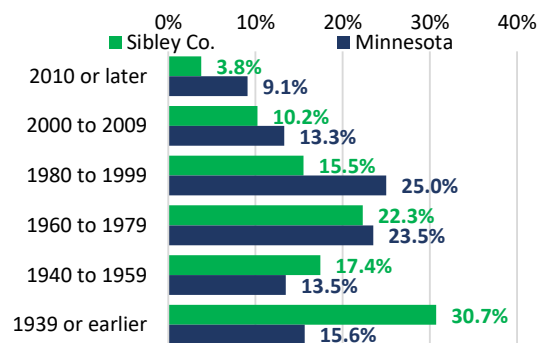
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Sibley Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 46th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Sibley 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	Sibley Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	4,782	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	181	3.8%	4.0%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	386	8.1%	4.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	696	14.6%	6.2%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	910	19.0%	8.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,209	25.3%	25.7%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,018	21.3%	33.6%
\$500,000 or more	382	8.0%	17.5%
Median (dollars)	\$215,000		\$305,500

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

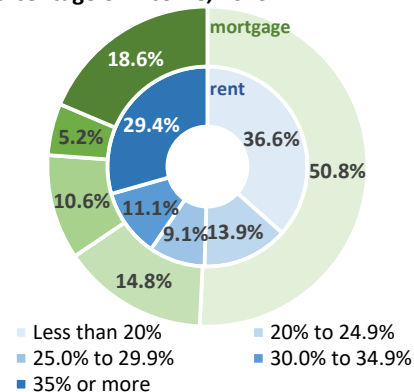
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,579
state	\$1,890
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	23.9%
state	22.5%
Median monthly rent costs	\$858
state	\$1,235
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	40.5%
state	47.2%

Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023





## COUNTY PROFILE

Sibley Co.

## OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.5 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 (\$48.78) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$15.01) (see Table 11).

**Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025**

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>\$23.50</b>	<b>102,130</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$48.78	5,790	5.7%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$35.84	4,270	4.2%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.02	1,150	1.1%	0.3	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.56	1,790	1.8%	0.9	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$33.52	860	0.8%	0.8	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$29.90	2,240	2.2%	1.1	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$36.69	390	0.4%	0.5	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.30	6,550	6.4%	1.1	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.18	1,060	1.0%	0.8	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$41.33	5,960	5.8%	0.9	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.67	6,720	6.6%	1.1	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.66	1,340	1.3%	0.8	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$15.01	9,860	9.7%	1.2	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.53	2,970	2.9%	1.0	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.90	2,240	2.2%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.32	8,810	8.6%	1.0	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.22	11,360	11.1%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.44	260	0.3%	2.3	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.81	4,190	4.1%	1.1	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.17	4,650	4.6%	1.3	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$23.49	10,360	10.1%	1.4	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.63	9,340	9.1%	1.2	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

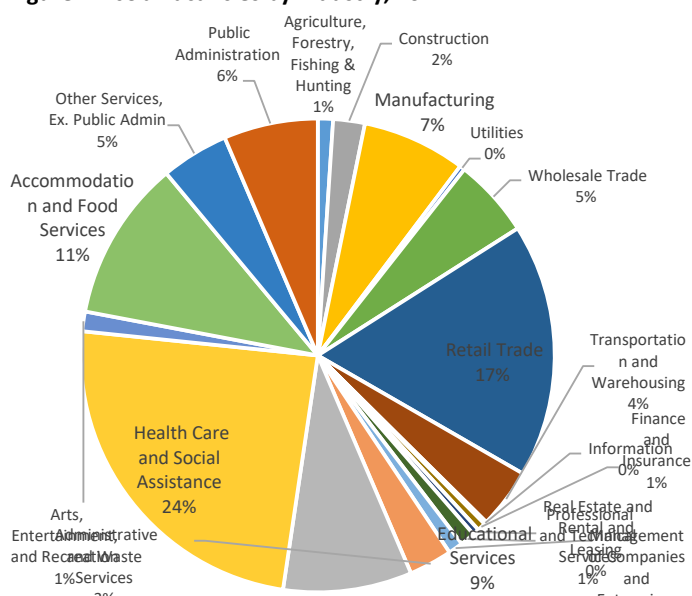
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Sibley Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 9168 job vacancies posted by employers in 2024, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

**Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024**

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>9,168</b>	<b>\$19.48</b>
Management	176	\$37.03
Business & Financial Operations	189	\$27.48
Computer & Mathematical	40	\$36.13
Architecture & Engineering	115	\$27.92
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	88	\$38.63
Community & Social Service	409	\$24.68
Education, Training & Library	548	\$21.55
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$30.27
Healthcare Support	984	\$14.95
Protective Service	222	\$28.05
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,188	\$15.62
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	395	\$15.71
Personal Care & Service	114	\$15.42
Sales & Related	1,026	\$15.96
Office & Administrative Support	388	\$20.28
Construction & Extraction	132	\$23.65
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	645	\$23.30
Production	457	\$18.67
Transportation & Material Moving	1,033	\$21.37

**Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2024**



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2024

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

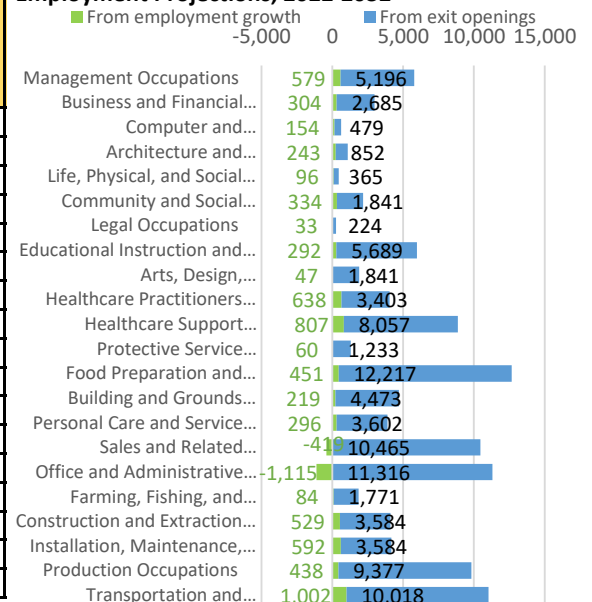
Sibley Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Southwest Planning Region</b>			
<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 gaining jobs over the past year, Sibley Co. had the 69th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Sibley Co. was the 27th fastest growing in the past year and the 82nd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Sibley Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**403** business establishments

**\$52,817** annual average wage

**3,882** jobs

**\$205,035,976** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2024

-168 jobs  
-4.1% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

Source: DEED QCEW program

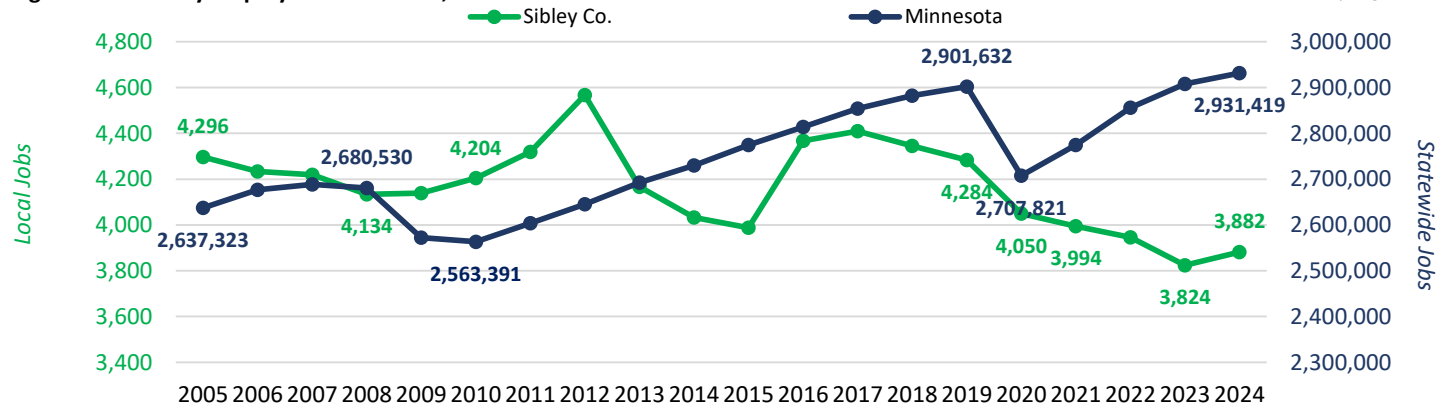
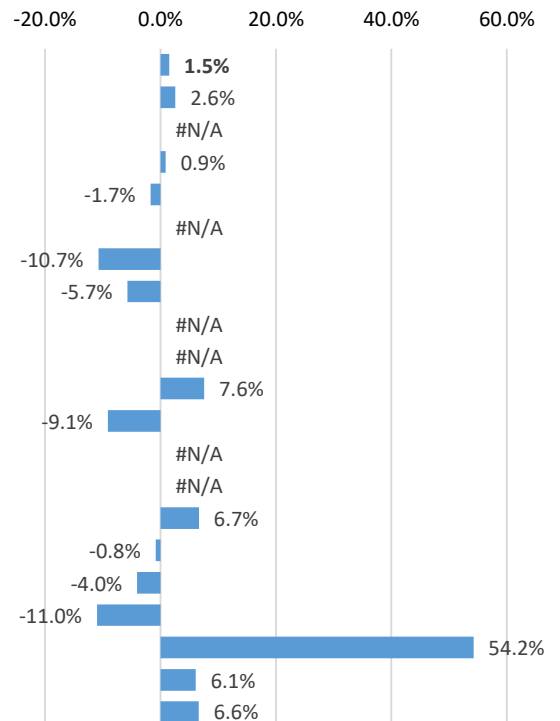


Table 15. Sibley Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>3,882</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$52,817</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	753	19.4%	\$66,871
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	220	5.7%	\$59,521
Manufacturing	634	16.3%	\$61,896
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	183	4.7%	\$56,283
Retail Trade	232	6.0%	\$21,558
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	8	0.2%	\$17,260
Finance & Insurance	71	1.8%	\$29,239
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	20	0.5%	\$13,335
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	96	2.5%	\$73,920
Educational Services	365	9.4%	\$53,825
Health Care & Social Assistance	238	6.1%	\$34,402
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	27	0.7%	\$11,870
Accommodation & Food Services	182	4.7%	\$19,012
Other Services	104	2.7%	\$26,665
Public Administration	402	10.4%	\$46,258

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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