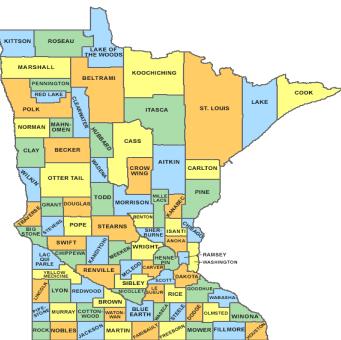


COUNTY PROFILE

## Dodge Co.

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



### POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	<b>21,242 people</b>	Median Age:	<b>38.5 years</b>
Population change, 2020-2024	375 people 1.8% increase	state:	38.6 years

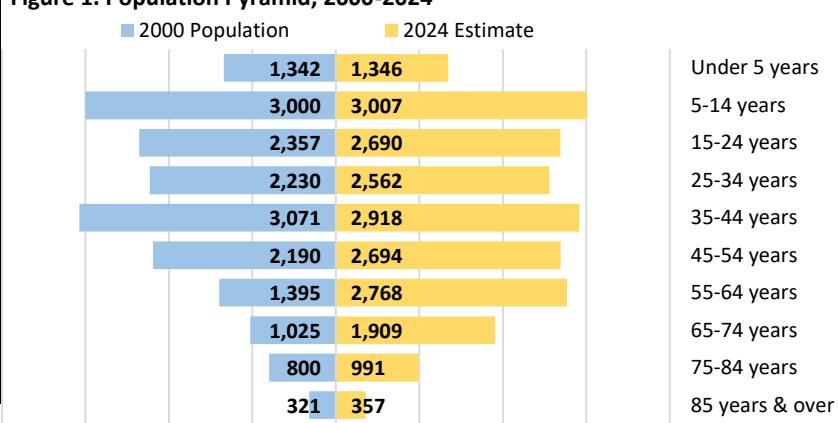
Dodge Co. is the 48th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 29th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Dodge Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2024

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	1,346	6.3%
5-14 years	3,007	14.2%
15-24 years	2,690	12.7%
25-34 years	2,562	12.1%
35-44 years	2,918	13.7%
45-54 years	2,694	12.7%
55-64 years	2,768	13.0%
65-74 years	1,909	9.0%
75-84 years	991	4.7%
85 years & over	357	1.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>21,242</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Dodge Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2024, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Dodge 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
Dodge Co.	378	428	1,074	646	-63	110	-173
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

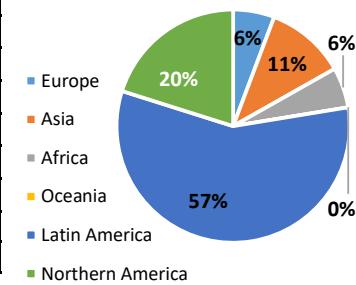
Compared to the state, Dodge Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Dodge Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2023

	Dodge Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	785	3.7%	456	138.6%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	45	5.7%	20	80.0%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	87	11.1%	20	29.9%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	44	5.6%	34	340.0%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	609	77.6%	382	168.3%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	451	57.5%	247	121.1%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	158	20.1%	135	587.0%	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



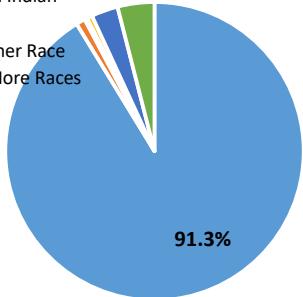
## COUNTY PROFILE

Dodge Co.

Dodge 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**

- White
- Black or African American
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



**Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023**

	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	20,962	100.0%	4.0%	100.0%	6.8%
White	19,131	91.3%	-2.0%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	206	1.0%	24.8%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	64	0.3%	166.7%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	118	0.6%	76.1%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	606	2.9%	209.2%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	837	4.0%	354.9%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,084	5.2%	15.8%	6.2%	37.5%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

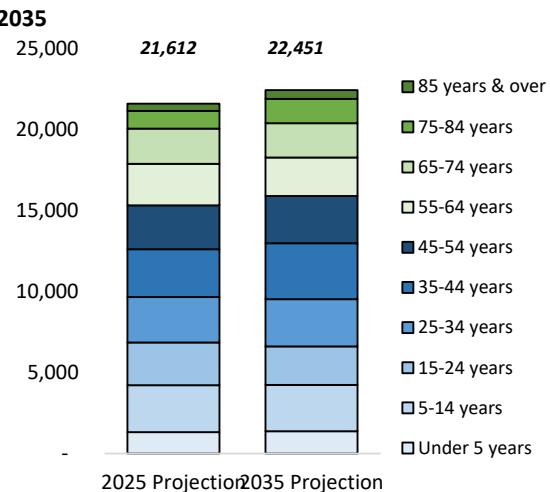
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Dodge Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

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

Dodge Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	1,326	1,378	52	3.9%
5-14 years	2,888	2,868	-20	-0.7%
15-24 years	2,643	2,368	-275	-10.4%
25-34 years	2,814	2,930	116	4.1%
35-44 years	2,945	3,444	499	16.9%
45-54 years	2,723	2,926	203	7.5%
55-64 years	2,565	2,383	-182	-7.1%
65-74 years	2,174	2,122	-52	-2.4%
75-84 years	1,088	1,503	415	38.1%
85 years & over	446	529	83	18.6%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>21,612</b>	<b>22,451</b>	<b>839</b>	<b>3.9%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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



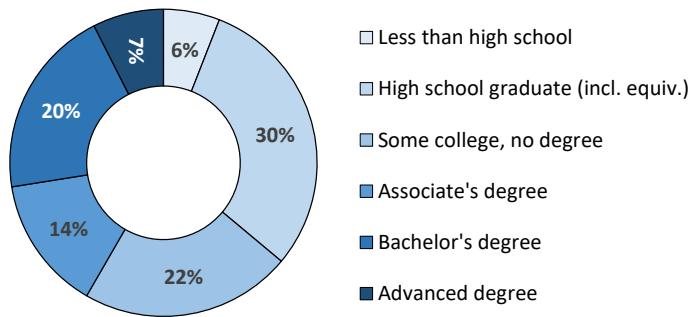
## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Dodge Co. has a higher 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. Dodge 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:**

**94.1%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023**



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

**College-educated:** **63.9%**  
state: 68.8%

**Associate's Degree:** **14.2%**  
**Bachelor's Degree:** **20.0%**  
**Advanced Degree:** **7.5%**

## LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.8%, Dodge Co. had an identical unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Dodge 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 Dodge Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

**12,158** available workers

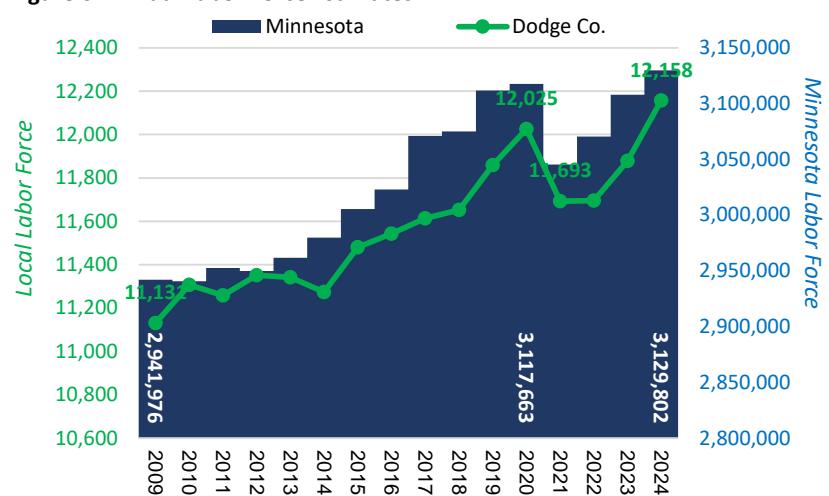
Labor Force change, 2009-2024  
1,027 workers  
9.2% increase

**2.8%** unemployment rate

2.8% state

**340** 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, Dodge 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, Dodge Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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

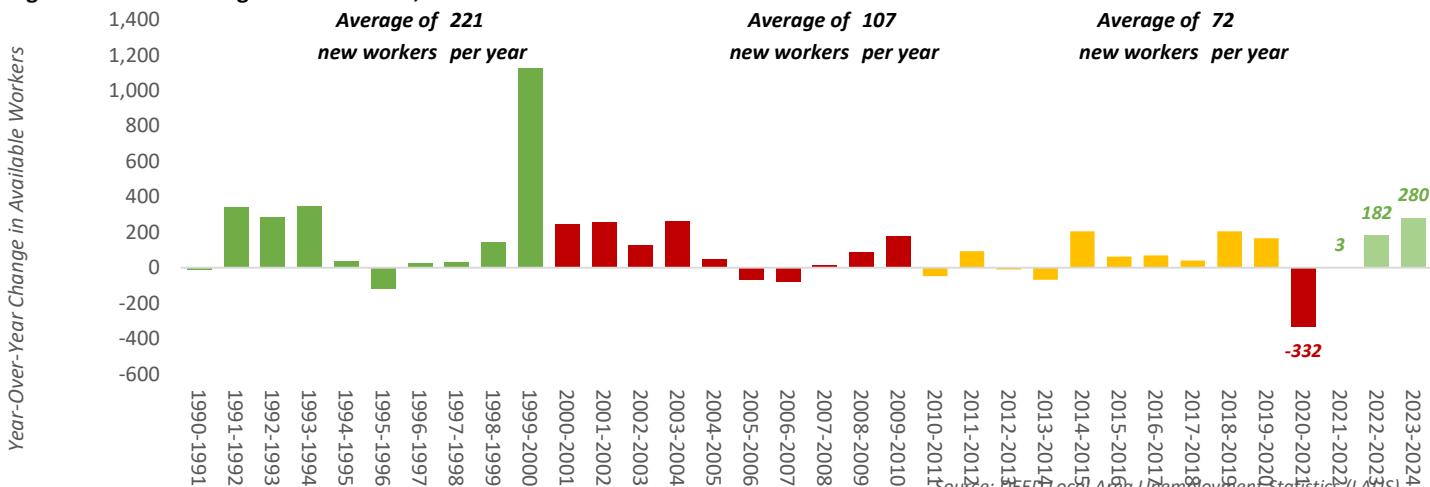


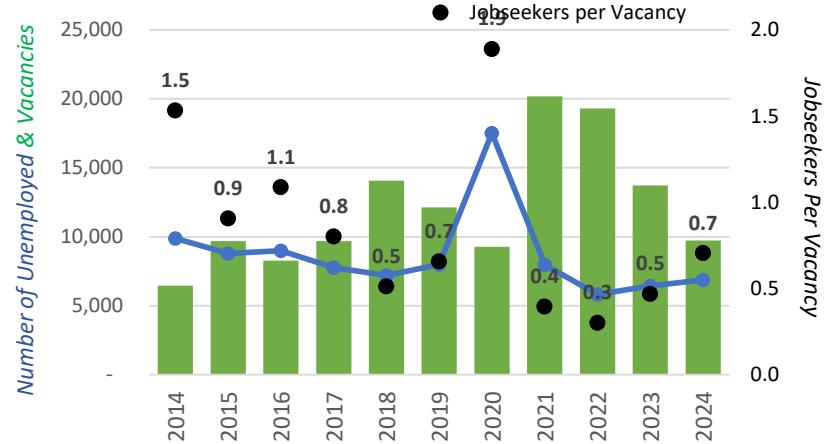
Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035

	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	1,634	1,478
25 to 54 years	7,734	8,478
55 to 64 years	1,945	1,807
65 years & over	713	732
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>12,026</b>	<b>12,496</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 Southeast 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

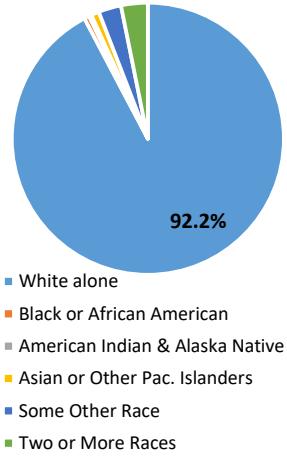
Dodge Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Dodge Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023

	Dodge 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>11,646</b>	<b>71.1%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>68.5%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>5,886</b>	<b>5,756</b>
16 to 19 years	598	47.0%	14.0%	52.7%	9.9%	283	315
20 to 24 years	998	91.1%	2.9%	83.4%	6.5%	476	523
25 to 44 years	4,895	90.5%	1.3%	88.7%	3.5%	2,441	2,454
45 to 54 years	2,461	92.6%	4.2%	87.8%	2.9%	1,305	1,157
55 to 64 years	2,071	75.8%	2.9%	72.8%	3.0%	993	1,077
65 to 74 years	528	28.0%	2.8%	27.8%	3.4%	338	190
75 years & over	90	6.8%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	50	40
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	10,738	71.4%	3.1%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	71	40.6%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	34	81.0%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	110	93.2%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	314	67.7%	5.1%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	369	68.1%	2.7%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	471	66.2%	2.1%	77.1%	5.9%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	601	54.9%	9.0%	55.3%	9.5%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	9,427	87.3%	2.4%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	299	57.1%	4.5%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,274	80.2%	1.0%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	3,667	90.9%	1.9%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,186	93.6%	1.4%	90.5%	2.0%		

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

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023

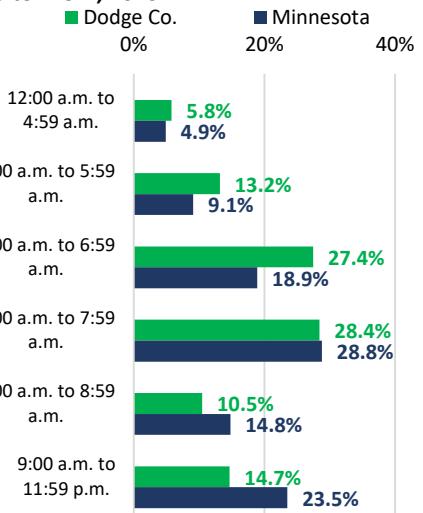


A smaller percentage of workers in Dodge Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Dodge Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022

	Dodge Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	11,030	99.1%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	4,786	43.0%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	6,244	56.1%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	100	0.9%	64,576	2.2%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	9,572	86.0%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	89	0.8%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	234	2.1%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	1,235	11.1%	463,770	15.8%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,836	16.5%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	2,293	20.6%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	3,317	29.8%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,582	23.2%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	568	5.1%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	545	4.9%	149,698	5.1%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>24.8 minutes</b>		<b>23.1 minutes</b>	

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



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

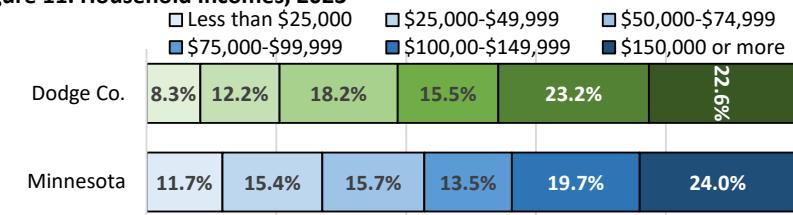
## INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Dodge Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Dodge Co. had the 11th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$92,943</b>
state	\$87,556
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$109,639</b>
state	\$111,492
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$43,903</b>
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. Dodge Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.85 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$20.62 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	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Dodge Co.	\$32,974	\$15.85	\$0	\$410	\$150	\$938	\$597	\$312	\$341
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392
<b>Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child</b>									
Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs							
		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes	
Dodge Co.	\$64,325	\$20.62	\$482	\$934	\$530	\$1,181	\$1,091	\$489	\$653
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

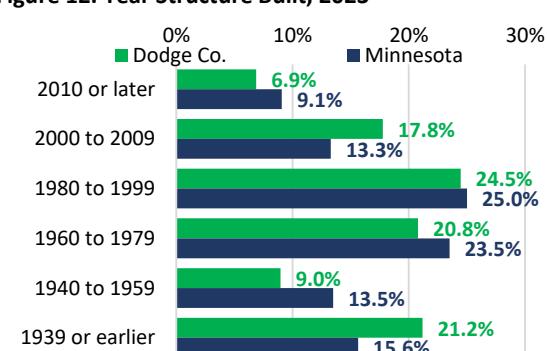
Dodge Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 19th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Dodge Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-occupied Housing Units, 2022

	Dodge Co.		Minnesota	
	Total	Percent	Percent	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,029</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	
Less than \$50,000	326	4.6%	4.0%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	237	3.4%	4.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	576	8.2%	6.2%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	866	12.3%	8.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,329	33.1%	25.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,908	27.1%	33.6%	
\$500,000 or more	787	11.2%	17.5%	
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$267,500</b>		<b>\$305,500</b>	

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,782</b>
state	\$1,890

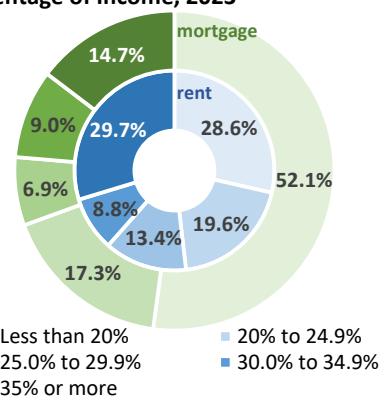
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>23.6%</b>
state	22.5%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$1,007</b>
state	\$1,235

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>38.5%</b>
state	47.2%

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

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



## OCCUPATIONS

At \$24.82 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 (\$53.29) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.99) (see Table 11).

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

Occupational Group	Region 10				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>\$24.82</b>	<b>244,290</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>	<b>2,920,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$53.29	13,010	5.3%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$38.96	10,780	4.4%	0.6	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$51.70	5,900	2.4%	0.7	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$43.11	3,400	1.4%	0.7	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$38.18	5,540	2.3%	2.1	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.99	4,740	1.9%	1.0	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$39.41	770	0.3%	0.4	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$27.94	14,850	6.1%	1.0	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$26.54	2,200	0.9%	0.7	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$47.57	26,980	11.0%	1.7	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.96	12,930	5.3%	0.9	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.97	4,130	1.7%	1.1	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.99	21,890	9.0%	1.1	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.41	7,160	2.9%	1.0	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.18	5,210	2.1%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$17.30	18,530	7.6%	0.9	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.47	27,940	11.4%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$24.04	240	0.1%	0.9	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$32.20	8,560	3.5%	0.9	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$29.51	9,110	3.7%	1.0	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$23.22	21,360	8.7%	1.2	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.98	19,050	7.8%	1.0	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

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

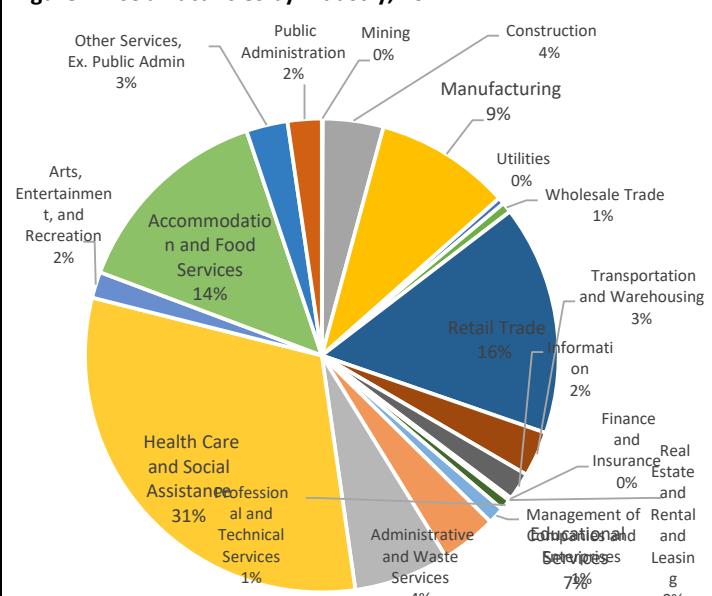
## JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Dodge Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region. There were 9737 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. Southeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024**

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>9,737</b>	<b>\$20.20</b>
Management	389	\$36.87
Business & Financial Operations	272	\$27.57
Computer & Mathematical	135	\$39.56
Architecture & Engineering	143	\$36.14
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	174	\$31.85
Community & Social Service	187	\$25.98
Education, Training & Library	398	\$21.05
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,716	\$37.89
Healthcare Support	640	\$19.33
Protective Service	107	\$19.30
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,556	\$16.15
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	102	\$16.25
Personal Care & Service	329	\$12.98
Sales & Related	993	\$16.02
Office & Administrative Support	562	\$19.49
Construction & Extraction	73	\$31.11
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	431	\$20.38
Production	654	\$21.65
Transportation & Material Moving	624	\$18.33

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



*Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2024*

## OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southeast Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2024

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

*Source: DEED Occupations in Demand*

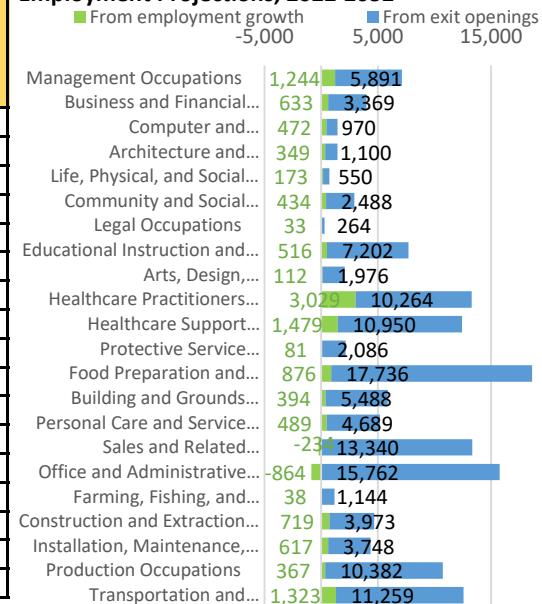
Dodge Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region, which is projected to see a 4.5% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

Southeast Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 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 Companies	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%

*Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook*

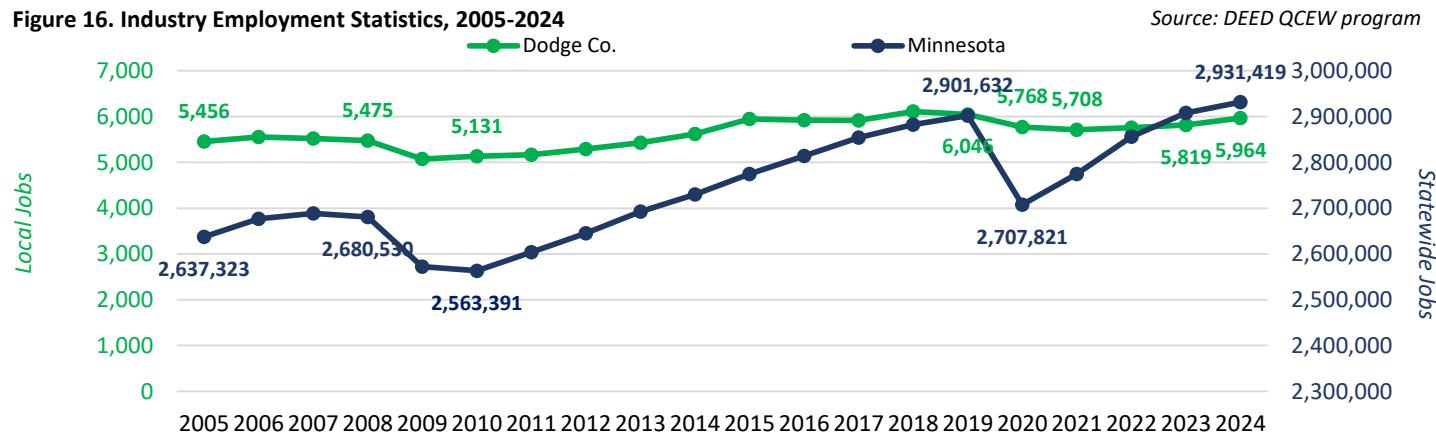
Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



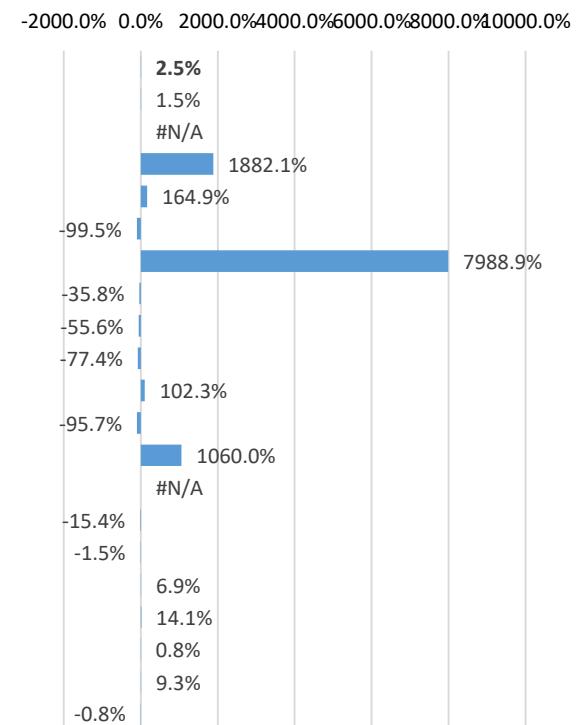
**ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Dodge Co. had the 52nd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Dodge Co. was the 14th fastest growing in the past year and the 61st fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Dodge Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

<b>502</b>	business establishments	<b>\$61,288</b>	annual average wage
<b>5,964</b>	jobs	<b>\$365,519,175</b>	total industry payroll
Job change, 2019-2024	196 jobs 3.4% increase		

**Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024****Table 15. Dodge Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024**

	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>5,964</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$61,288</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	206	3.5%	\$44,587
Mining	47	0.8%	\$117,934
Construction	555	9.3%	\$81,381
Manufacturing	1,470	24.6%	\$77,780
Utilities	7	0.1%	\$81,273
Wholesale Trade	728	12.2%	\$97,132
Retail Trade	451	7.6%	\$26,959
Transportation & Warehousing	193	3.2%	\$40,197
Information	42	0.7%	\$84,578
Finance & Insurance	87	1.5%	\$15,382
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	4	0.1%	\$8,342
Professional & Technical Services	58	1.0%	\$9,766
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	75	1.3%	\$29,191
Educational Services	627	10.5%	\$38,266
Health Care & Social Assistance	397	6.7%	\$28,630
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	97	1.6%	\$13,299
Accommodation & Food Services	359	6.0%	\$20,350
Other Services	165	2.8%	\$30,466
Public Administration	385	6.5%	\$50,723

**Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024**

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

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