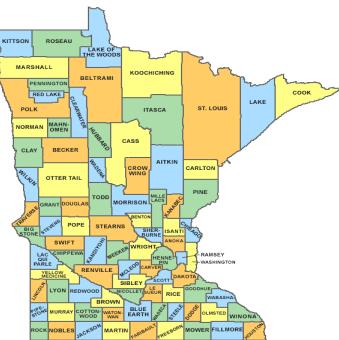


COUNTY PROFILE

Blue Earth Co.

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



POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2024 population:	70,700 people	Median Age:	31.5 years
Population change, 2020-2024	1,588 people 2.3% increase	state:	38.6 years

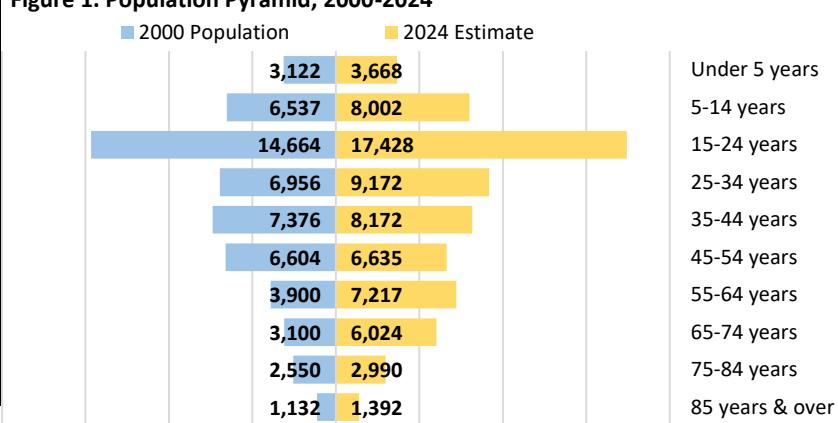
Blue Earth Co. is the 13th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 25th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. Blue Earth Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and 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	3,668	5.2%
5-14 years	8,002	11.3%
15-24 years	17,428	24.7%
25-34 years	9,172	13.0%
35-44 years	8,172	11.6%
45-54 years	6,635	9.4%
55-64 years	7,217	10.2%
65-74 years	6,024	8.5%
75-84 years	2,990	4.2%
85 years & over	1,392	2.0%
Total Population	70,700	100.0%

Source: Census 2024 Population Estimates, 2019-2023 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2024



Blue Earth 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. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Blue Earth 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
Blue Earth Co.	1,597	581	2,908	2,327	993	1,442
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091

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

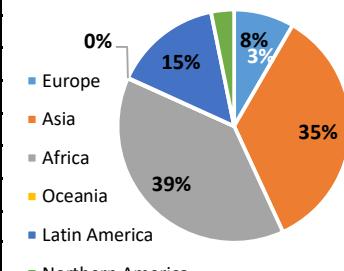
Compared to the state, Blue Earth Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Blue Earth Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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

	Blue Earth Co.		Change 2013-2023		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
Foreign-born Population	4,049	5.8%	1,522	60.2%	8.6%	24.7%
Europe	339	8.4%	5	1.5%	8.8%	-3.4%
Asia	1,407	34.7%	249	21.5%	35.7%	18.1%
Africa	1,563	38.6%	834	114.4%	28.3%	78.8%
Oceania	3	0.1%	-21	-87.5%	0.4%	5.4%
Americas:	737	18.2%	455	161.3%	26.7%	8.7%
Latin America	608	15.0%	361	146.2%	24.2%	9.7%
Northern America	129	3.2%	94	268.6%	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

Blue Earth Co.

Blue Earth Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2013, the white population increased and 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

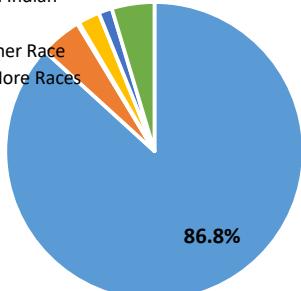


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2023

	Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023
Total	69,386	100.0%	7.6%	100.0%	6.8%
White	60,199	86.8%	0.8%	78.4%	-2.2%
Black or African American	3,177	4.6%	62.8%	6.8%	38.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	144	0.2%	-24.2%	0.9%	-11.6%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,636	2.4%	31.8%	5.1%	29.6%
Some Other Race	1,018	1.5%	317.2%	2.7%	96.1%
Two or More Races	3,212	4.6%	181.8%	6.2%	168.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	3,252	4.7%	89.4%	6.2%	37.5%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

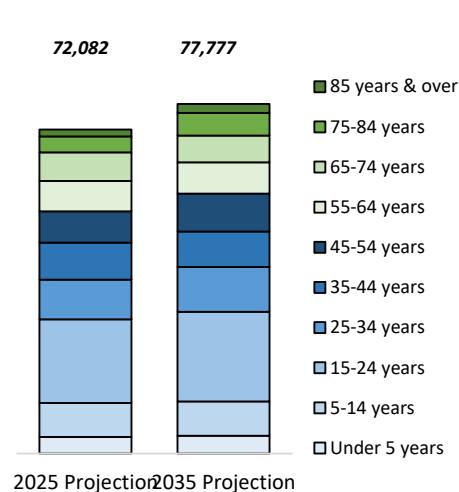
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Blue Earth Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to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

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

Blue Earth Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	3,709	3,934	225	6.1%
5-14 years	7,562	7,665	103	1.4%
15-24 years	18,552	19,930	1,378	7.4%
25-34 years	8,879	9,962	1,083	12.2%
35-44 years	8,224	7,927	-297	-3.6%
45-54 years	6,952	8,425	1,473	21.2%
55-64 years	6,729	6,963	234	3.5%
65-74 years	6,356	5,966	-390	-6.1%
75-84 years	3,580	4,983	1,403	39.2%
85 years & over	1,539	2,022	483	31.4%
Total Population	72,082	77,777	5,695	7.9%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

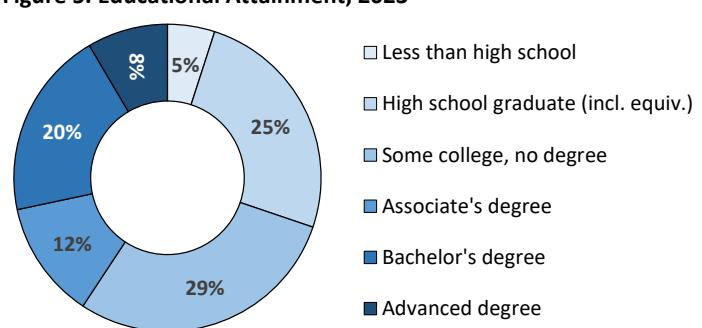
Blue Earth Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Blue Earth Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:	95.0%
College-educated:	69.8%

state: 68.8%

Associate's Degree: 12.4%
Bachelor's Degree: 19.8%
Advanced Degree: 8.5%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2023



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

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.4%, Blue Earth Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2024. After the pandemic recession Blue Earth Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 2.9% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Blue Earth Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

40,469 available workers

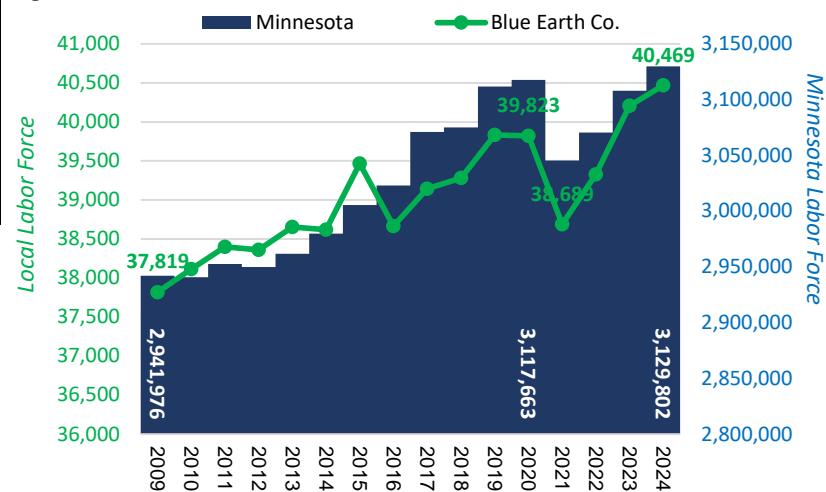
Labor Force change, 2009-2024
2,650 workers
7.0% increase

2.4% unemployment rate

2.8% state

971 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, Blue Earth 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, Blue Earth Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

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

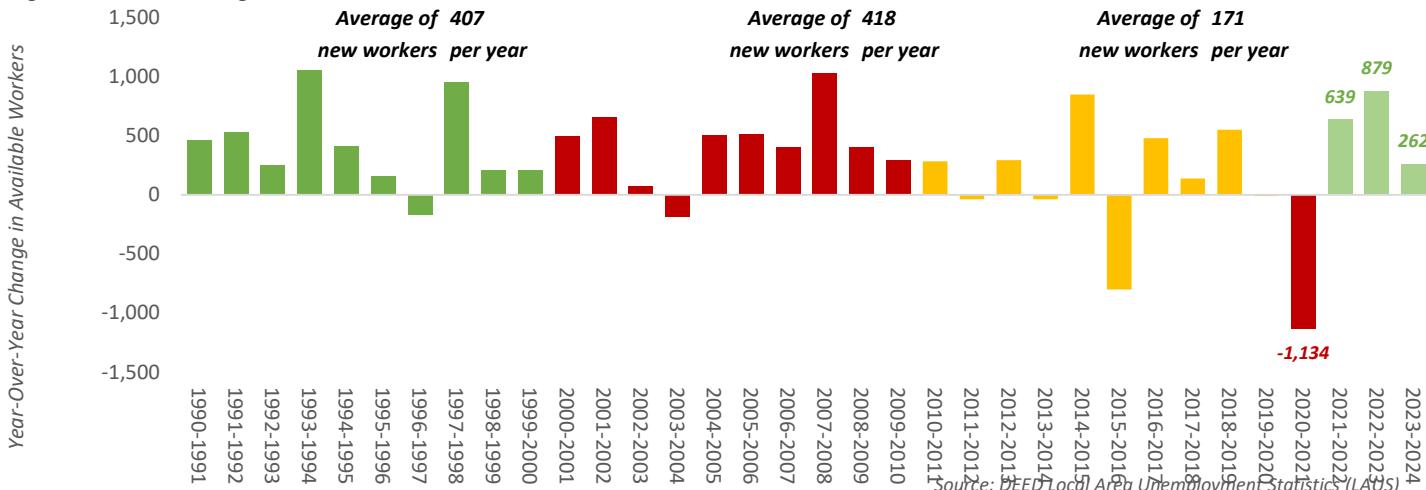
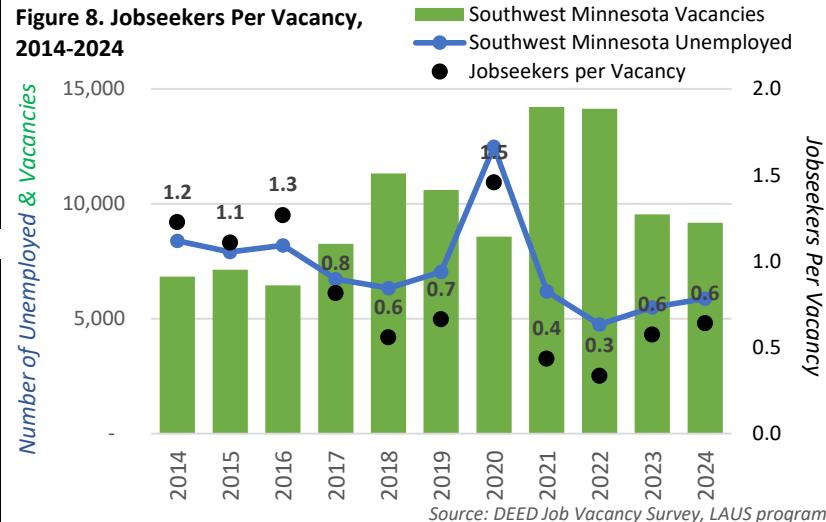


Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	12,694	13,811
25 to 54 years	21,232	23,204
55 to 64 years	5,022	5,196
65 years & over	2,058	2,081
Total Labor Force	41,006	44,293

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

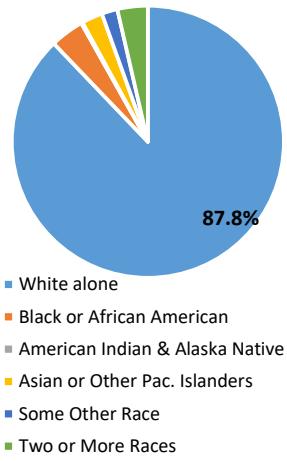
Blue Earth Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Blue Earth Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 80.0% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2023

	Blue Earth 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	39,790	69.7%	4.2%	68.5%	3.9%	20,800	18,977
16 to 19 years	3,426	59.8%	10.3%	52.7%	9.9%	1,410	2,014
20 to 24 years	8,403	79.8%	4.2%	83.4%	6.5%	4,168	4,240
25 to 44 years	15,153	89.0%	4.4%	88.7%	3.5%	8,296	6,854
45 to 54 years	5,626	86.4%	2.5%	87.8%	2.9%	2,926	2,698
55 to 64 years	5,286	74.6%	2.3%	72.8%	3.0%	2,775	2,512
65 to 74 years	1,590	26.9%	1.6%	27.8%	3.4%	1,013	578
75 years & over	292	6.8%	3.1%	6.6%	3.1%	212	81
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin							
White alone	34,946	69.4%	4.0%	67.5%	3.4%		
Black or African American	1,594	70.4%	5.0%	71.0%	8.4%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	67	72.0%	0.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	989	66.7%	11.8%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	748	86.6%	1.2%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	1,435	70.7%	5.4%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	1,917	79.5%	7.5%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,985	54.4%	12.6%	55.3%	9.5%		
Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	26,055	85.1%	3.6%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	973	64.2%	2.8%	67.1%	4.7%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	5,267	77.7%	2.5%	76.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,939	86.8%	4.7%	85.0%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	9,873	90.8%	2.4%	90.5%	2.0%		

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

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2023

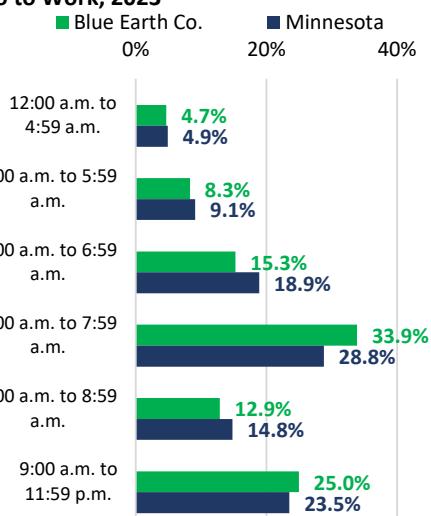


A larger percentage of workers in Blue Earth Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Blue Earth Co. also had a shorter average commute time than the state.

Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022

	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	36,857	99.7%	2,870,678	97.8%
Worked in county of residence	28,576	77.3%	1,984,232	67.6%
Worked out of county of residence	8,281	22.4%	886,447	30.2%
Worked outside state of residence	111	0.3%	64,576	2.2%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	31,719	85.8%	2,286,563	77.9%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	665	1.8%	61,640	2.1%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,479	4.0%	120,345	4.1%
Worked at home	3,068	8.3%	463,770	15.8%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	8,798	23.8%	478,446	16.3%
10 to 19 minutes	17,745	48.0%	924,605	31.5%
20 to 29 minutes	5,360	14.5%	651,626	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,847	7.7%	551,828	18.8%
45 to 59 minutes	887	2.4%	176,115	6.0%
60 or more minutes	1,331	3.6%	149,698	5.1%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	17.1 minutes		23.1 minutes	

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



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

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Blue Earth Co.

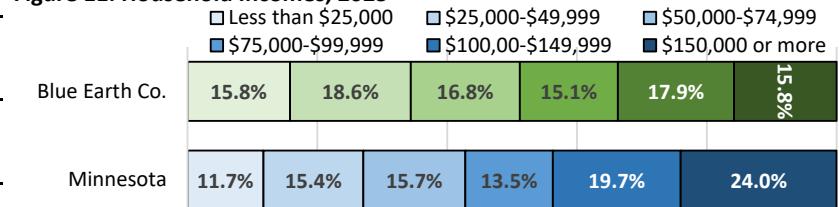
INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Blue Earth Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Blue Earth Co. had the 37th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$72,623
state	\$87,556
Median Family Income	\$95,459
state	\$111,492
Per Capita Income	\$36,299
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. Blue Earth Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$15.02 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.31 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
Blue Earth Co.	\$31,244	\$15.02	\$0	\$412	\$150	\$928	\$498	\$310	\$306
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	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes	
Blue Earth Co.	\$57,124	\$18.31	\$353	\$937	\$530	\$1,133	\$841	\$479	\$487
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Blue Earth Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 26th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Blue Earth 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

	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota	
	Total	Percent	Percent	Percent
Total	16,787	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	1,019	6.1%	4.0%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	557	3.3%	4.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,576	9.4%	6.2%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,377	14.2%	8.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	5,374	32.0%	25.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,236	25.2%	33.6%	
\$500,000 or more	1,648	9.8%	17.5%	
Median (dollars)	\$252,800		\$305,500	

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2023

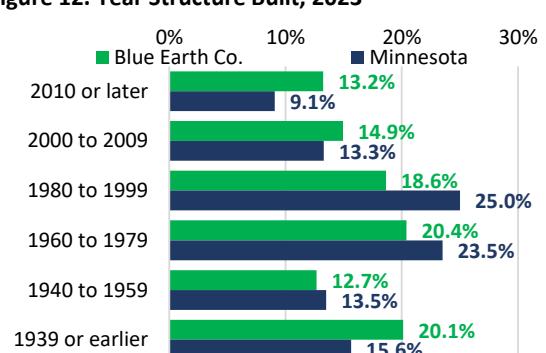
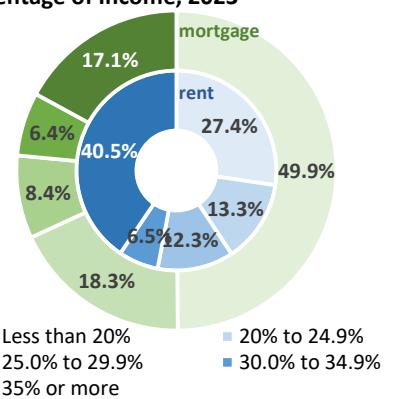


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2023



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,609
state	\$1,890

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs	23.5%
state	22.5%

Median monthly rent costs	\$1,076
state	\$1,235

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent	47.0%
state	47.2%

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

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
Total, All Occupations	\$23.50	102,130	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
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

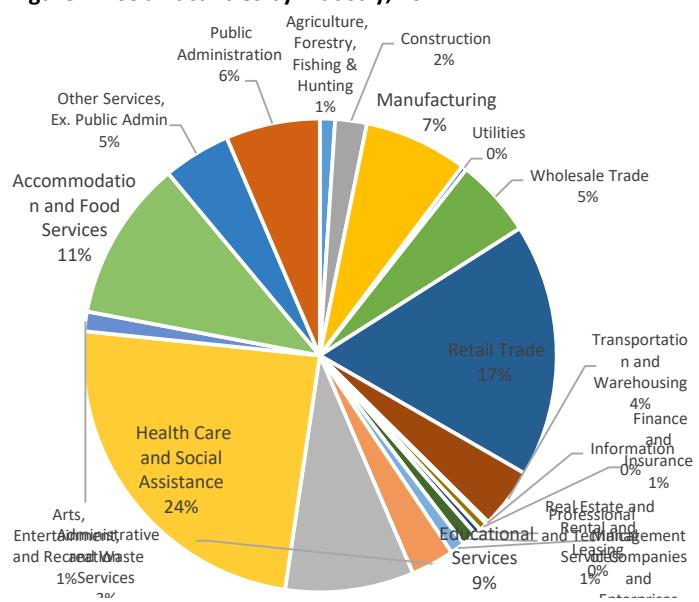
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Blue Earth 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
Total, All Occupations	9,168	\$19.48
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

Blue Earth 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
Total, All Industries	202,214	207,878	2.8%
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

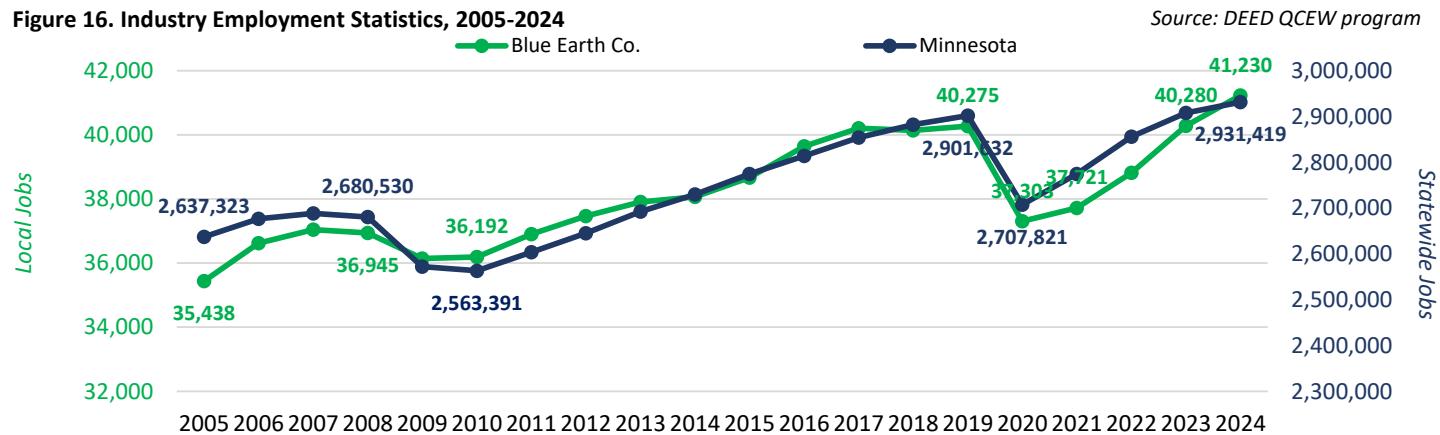
Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Blue Earth Co. had the 11th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Blue Earth Co. was the 18th fastest growing in the past year and the 16th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Blue Earth Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.

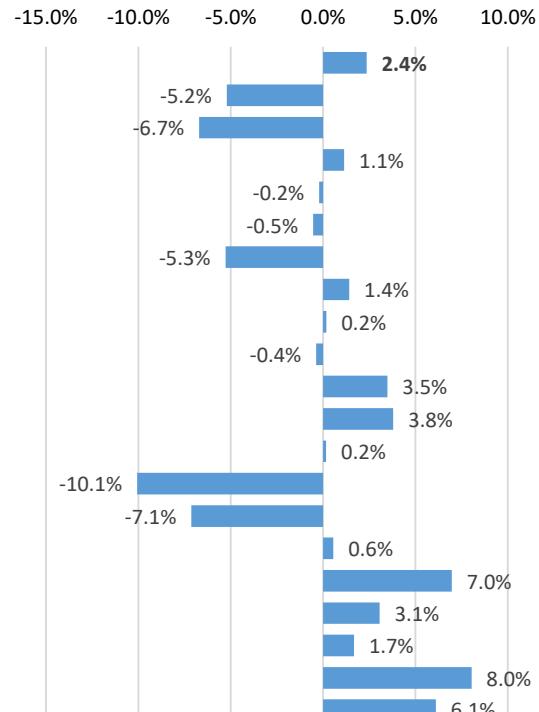
2,143	business establishments	\$57,012	annual average wage
41,230	jobs	\$2,350,618,340	total industry payroll
Job change, 2019-2024	3,927 jobs 10.5% increase		

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2024

Source: DEED QCEW program

Table 15. Blue Earth Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2024

	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
Total, All Industries	41,230	100.0%	\$57,012
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	400	1.0%	\$23,004
Mining	84	0.2%	\$42,121
Construction	1,947	4.7%	\$78,276
Manufacturing	4,348	10.5%	\$75,937
Utilities	183	0.4%	\$116,049
Wholesale Trade	1,059	2.6%	\$76,763
Retail Trade	5,599	13.6%	\$34,146
Transportation & Warehousing	1,629	4.0%	\$55,836
Information	542	1.3%	\$71,327
Finance & Insurance	1,247	3.0%	\$93,361
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	874	2.1%	\$42,428
Professional & Technical Services	1,211	2.9%	\$92,349
Management of Companies	134	0.3%	\$116,086
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	964	2.3%	\$42,752
Educational Services	3,776	9.2%	\$62,482
Health Care & Social Assistance	9,625	23.3%	\$61,820
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	538	1.3%	\$18,916
Accommodation & Food Services	4,081	9.9%	\$21,180
Other Services	1,546	3.7%	\$40,937
Public Administration	1,442	3.5%	\$72,918

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024

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

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