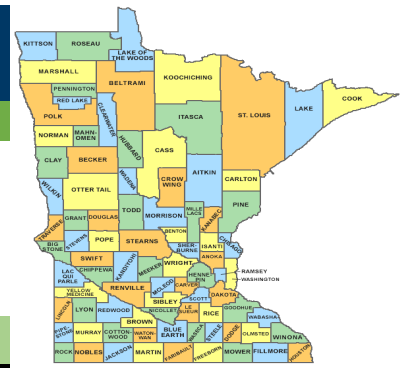


**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Murray Co.**

Murray Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 8, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

2021 population: **8,144 people**

Murray Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2021, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Murray Co. welcomed net international immigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 1).

**Table 1. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2021**

	Total Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2021					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Murray Co.	-35	-2	101	103	-34	1	-35
State of Minnesota	896	12,512	79,493	66,981	-11,734	4,213	-15,947

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

Murray Co.'s population decreased over the past decade, ranking as the 81st fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 75th largest in the state. Murray Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a larger percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

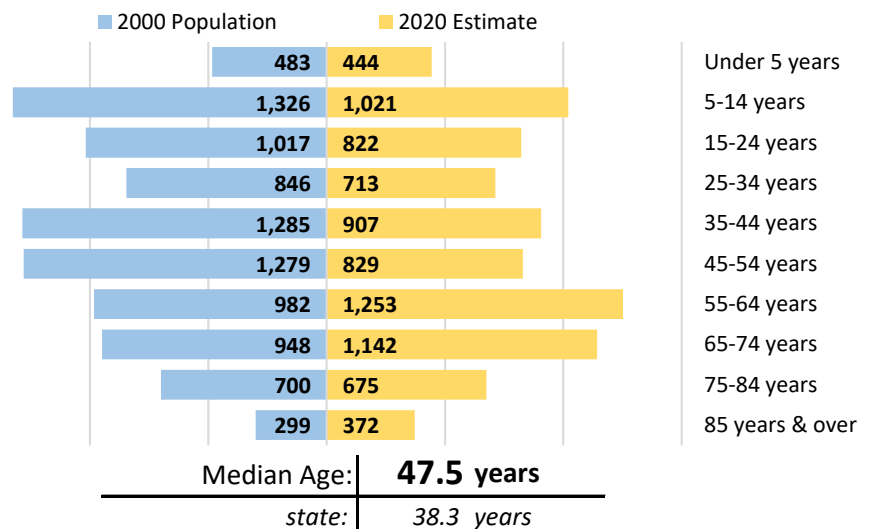
**Table 2. Population by Age Group, 2020**

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	444	5.4%
5-14 years	1,021	12.5%
15-24 years	822	10.1%
25-34 years	713	8.7%
35-44 years	907	11.1%
45-54 years	829	10.1%
55-64 years	1,253	15.3%
65-74 years	1,142	14.0%
75-84 years	675	8.3%
85 years & over	372	4.5%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>8,179</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates

Population change, 2010-2020: -581 people (-6.7% decline)

**Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2020**

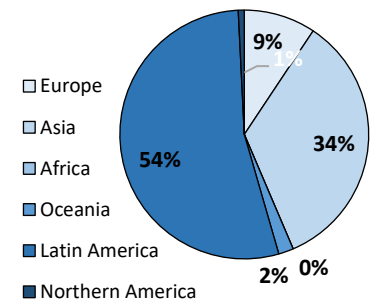


Compared to the state, Murray Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2020, Murray Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2020	Murray Co.		Change 2010-2020		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>112.4%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>28.3%</b>
Europe	24	9.3%	10	71.4%	9.7%	1.9%
Asia	88	34.2%	61	225.9%	37.1%	28.5%
Africa	0	0.0%	-9	-100.0%	26.6%	78.2%
Oceania	5	1.9%	5	#DIV/0!	0.4%	15.4%
Americas:	140	54.5%	69	97.2%	26.1%	7.8%
Latin America	138	53.7%	69	100.0%	23.6%	9.6%
Northern America	2	0.8%	0	0.0%	2.5%	-6.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey

**Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2020**



## COUNTY PROFILE

Murray Co.

Murray Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2010, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

**Figure 3. Population by Race, 2020**

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

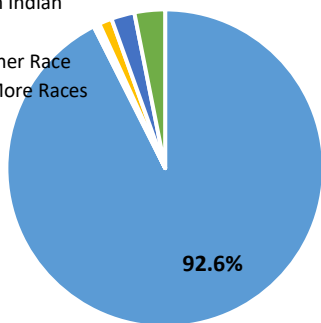


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2020	Murray Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2010-2020	Percent	Change from 2010-2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,179</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-6.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8.9%</b>
White	7,571	92.6%	-11.0%	77.5%	-2.6%
Black or African American	26	0.3%	550.0%	7.0%	54.9%
American Indian or Alaska Native	25	0.3%	-59.0%	1.2%	24.0%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	108	1.3%	170.0%	5.3%	46.4%
Some Other Race	194	2.4%	151.9%	3.0%	122.8%
Two or More Races	255	3.1%	196.5%	6.1%	221.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	382	4.7%	95.9%	6.1%	47.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

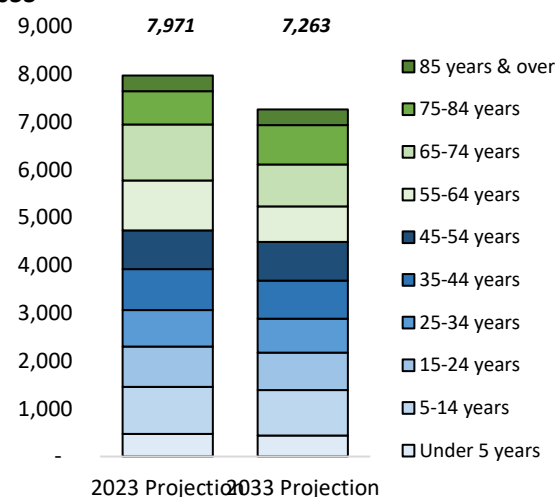
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Murray Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2023 to 2033, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (5.6%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

**Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033**

Murray Co.	2023 Projection	2033 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	472	439	-33	-7.0%
5-14 years	982	954	-28	-2.9%
15-24 years	844	780	-64	-7.6%
25-34 years	767	711	-56	-7.3%
35-44 years	853	797	-56	-6.6%
45-54 years	810	811	1	0.1%
55-64 years	1,048	743	-305	-29.1%
65-74 years	1,168	877	-291	-24.9%
75-84 years	699	824	125	17.9%
85 years & over	328	327	-1	-0.3%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>7,971</b>	<b>7,263</b>	<b>-708</b>	<b>-8.9%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2023-2033**



## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Murray Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.8%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Murray 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.

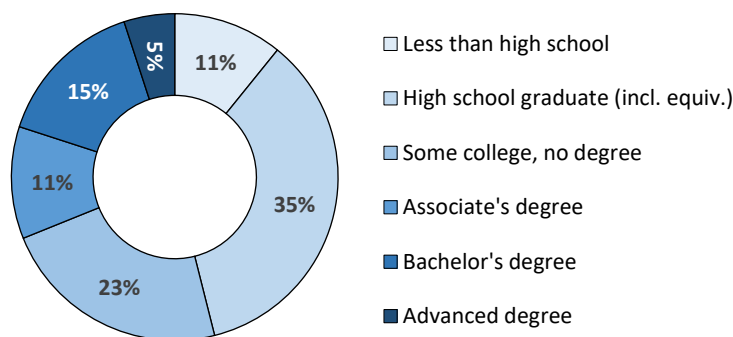
Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

**89.2%**

College-educated: **53.9%**  
state: 68.0%

Associate's Degree: **11.1%**  
Bachelor's Degree: **15.0%**  
Advanced Degree: **5.0%**

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2020**



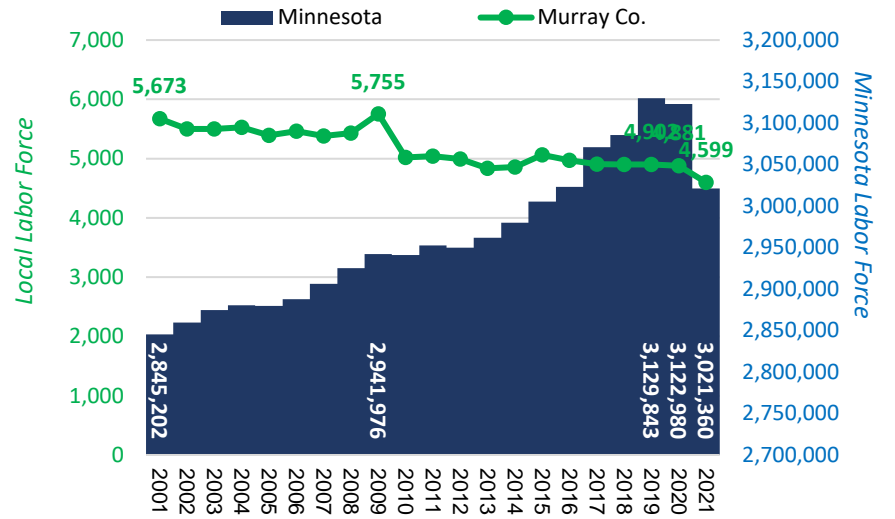
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016-2020 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.8%, Murray Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2021. After the pandemic recession Murray Co.'s unemployment rate decreased compared to 5.3% in 2020, and declined compared to the 4.5% rate posted in 2019, pre-pandemic. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Murray Co. declined over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>4,599</b>	available workers
<i>Labor Force change, 2006-2021</i>	-866 workers -15.8% decline
<b>3.8%</b>	unemployment rate
3.4%	state
<b>175</b>	unemployed workers

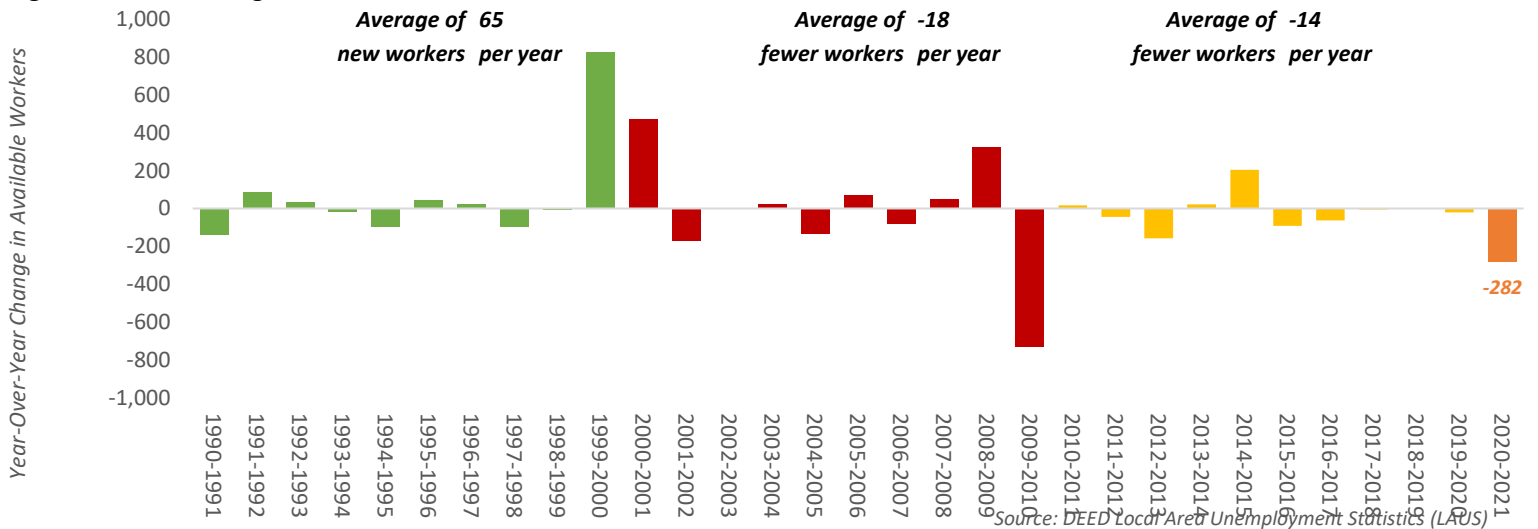
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of 65 workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Murray Co. averaged an annual loss of -17.8 fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of -14.1 fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Murray Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2023 to 2033 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2021



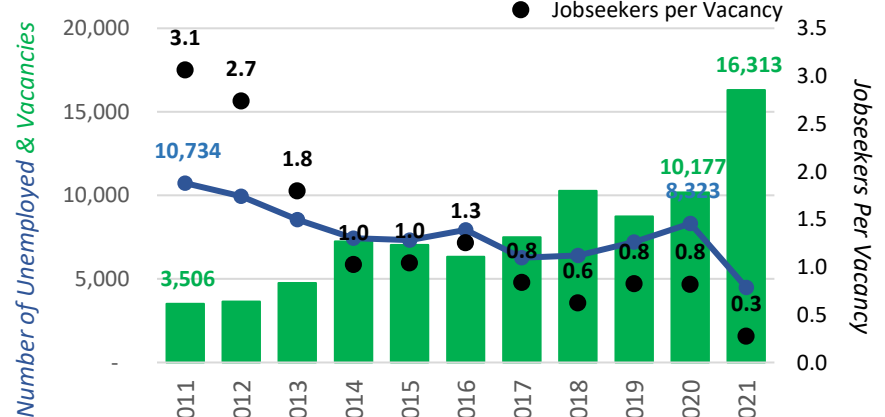
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

	Labor Force Projection	
	2023	2033
16 to 24 years	553	507
25 to 54 years	2,137	2,039
55 to 64 years	797	565
65 years & over	482	391
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>3,969</b>	<b>3,502</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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. Job vacancies in Southwest reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2011-2021



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

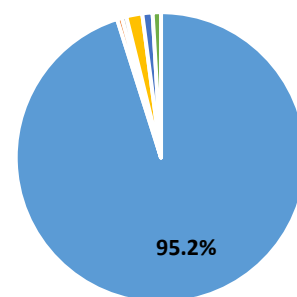
**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

Murray Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Murray Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

**Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2020**

	Murray 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>4,203</b>	<b>63.0%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>69.7%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>1,959</b>
16 to 19 years	206	58.5%	15.6%	53.2%	11.0%	99	107
20 to 24 years	360	90.9%	4.7%	84.6%	6.0%	178	182
25 to 44 years	1,385	88.5%	1.2%	88.8%	3.2%	757	628
45 to 54 years	806	86.8%	3.2%	87.6%	2.7%	407	399
55 to 64 years	988	76.1%	2.4%	73.0%	2.8%	516	472
65 to 74 years	384	34.6%	0.5%	27.9%	2.2%	233	151
75 years & over	77	7.6%	0.0%	6.6%	2.4%	57	20
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	4,003	62.5%	2.7%	69.3%	3.0%		
Black or African American	23	82.1%	8.7%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	21	95.5%	33.3%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	75	80.6%	0.0%	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	48	94.1%	0.0%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	39	53.4%	0.0%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	192	76.5%	0.0%	76.5%	6.1%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>							
With Any Disability	218	55.3%	7.8%	53.0%	8.6%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,179	83.8%	2.1%	84.5%	3.0%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	221	77.0%	2.0%	66.3%	4.2%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	988	84.2%	0.6%	78.5%	2.6%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,190	83.2%	2.0%	85.3%	3.0%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	780	86.4%	1.0%	90.0%	1.7%		

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2020**



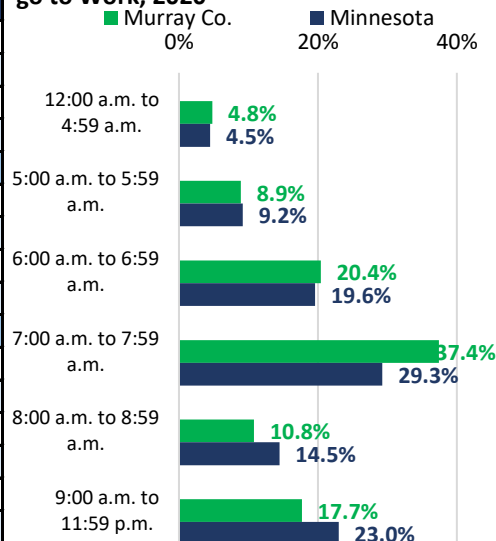
- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

	Murray Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2020</b>				
Worked in state of residence	3,945	98.0%	2,833,431	97.6%
Worked in county of residence	2,528	62.8%	1,872,503	64.5%
Worked out of county of residence	1,417	35.2%	960,928	33.1%
Worked outside state of residence	81	2.0%	69,675	2.4%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	3,498	86.9%	2,441,512	84.1%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	12	0.3%	92,899	3.2%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	221	5.5%	119,027	4.1%
Worked at home	294	7.3%	249,667	8.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,280	31.8%	455,788	15.7%
10 to 19 minutes	1,022	25.4%	873,835	30.1%
20 to 29 minutes	720	17.9%	644,490	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	624	15.5%	574,815	19.8%
45 to 59 minutes	185	4.6%	194,508	6.7%
60 or more minutes	193	4.8%	162,574	5.6%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>20.4 minutes</b>		<b>23.8 minutes</b>	

**Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2020**



Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

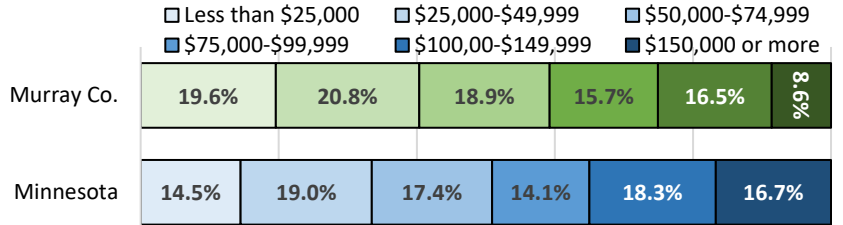
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Murray Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Murray Co. had the 36th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$62,839</b>
state	\$73,382
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$80,492</b>
state	\$92,692
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$32,791</b>
state	\$38,881

Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2020



Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

The cost of living has increased over the past year with costs up in many areas. Murray Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.43 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.1 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022

Single Adult, 0 children	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Murray Co.	\$27,943	\$13.43	\$0	\$365	\$152	\$565	\$691	\$255	\$301
State of Minnesota	\$33,708	\$16.21	\$0	\$359	\$157	\$903	\$663	\$345	\$382
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
Murray Co.	\$47,125	\$15.10	\$220	\$835	\$538	\$756	\$807	\$436	\$335
State of Minnesota	\$60,540	\$19.40	\$579	\$822	\$561	\$1,151	\$772	\$540	\$620

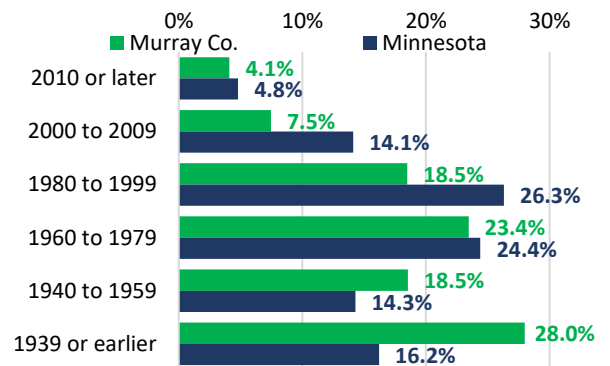
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Murray Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 62nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2020. Murray 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, 2020	Murray Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,956</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	433	14.6%	4.3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	654	22.1%	7.0%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	496	16.8%	10.9%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	456	15.4%	16.6%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	428	14.5%	28.8%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	308	10.4%	23.6%
\$500,000 or more	181	6.1%	8.9%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$132,500</b>		<b>\$235,700</b>

Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2020



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage **\$1,137**

state \$1,606

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs **21.5%**

state 21.6%

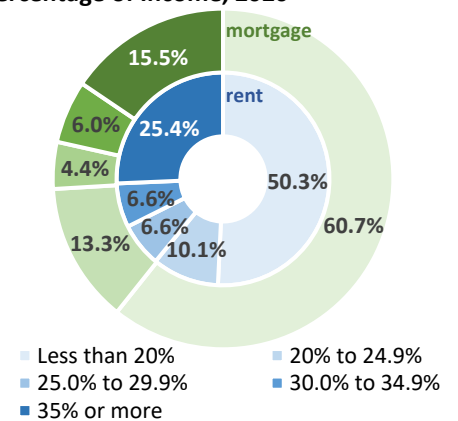
Median monthly rent costs **\$577**

state \$1,010

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent **32.1%**

state 44.8%

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2020



Source: 2016-2020 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.1 in 2021, wages were lower in Region 8 than the state. Overall, Region 8 had the 4th lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$39.02) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$12.3) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2021

Occupational Group	Region 8				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$19.10</b>	<b>50,230</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$23.81</b>	<b>2,695,450</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$39.02	2,570	5.1%	0.8	\$50.51	181,090	6.7%
Business & Financial Operations	\$30.38	2,080	4.1%	0.6	\$38.08	192,700	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.17	480	1.0%	0.3	\$48.34	101,560	3.8%
Architecture & Engineering	\$33.26	590	1.2%	0.6	\$39.39	51,970	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.30	510	1.0%	1.0	\$37.30	26,140	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$24.06	800	1.6%	0.8	\$24.68	53,670	2.0%
Legal	\$29.94	130	0.3%	0.4	\$40.08	19,860	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.63	3,620	7.2%	1.3	\$24.48	149,990	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$18.98	360	0.7%	0.5	\$26.08	36,710	1.4%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$31.15	2,800	5.6%	0.8	\$38.73	190,180	7.1%
Healthcare Support	\$14.98	3,120	6.2%	1.0	\$15.37	162,530	6.0%
Protective Service	\$24.79	760	1.5%	1.0	\$25.07	40,580	1.5%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$12.30	3,330	6.6%	0.9	\$14.65	198,800	7.4%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$15.34	1,450	2.9%	1.0	\$17.98	75,850	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$14.90	870	1.7%	0.8	\$15.24	56,580	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$14.52	4,540	9.0%	1.0	\$17.25	245,390	9.1%
Office & Administrative Support	\$18.83	6,000	11.9%	1.0	\$23.12	334,550	12.4%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$18.34	320	0.6%	3.9	\$18.55	4,350	0.2%
Construction & Extraction	\$23.58	1,950	3.9%	1.0	\$30.09	107,180	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.46	2,270	4.5%	1.3	\$25.34	96,660	3.6%
Production	\$18.68	7,120	14.2%	1.9	\$19.59	198,940	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.17	4,560	9.1%	1.2	\$19.30	209,780	7.8%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

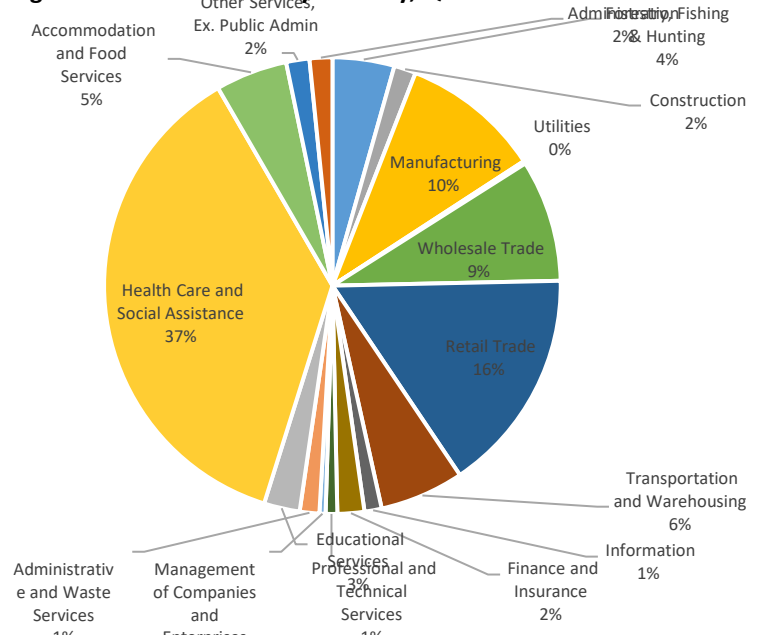
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Murray Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 16313 job vacancies posted by employers in the 4th Quarter of 2021, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 4 2021

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>16,313</b>	<b>\$16.24</b>
Management	376	\$19.89
Business & Financial Operations	402	\$28.36
Computer & Mathematical	91	\$27.04
Architecture & Engineering	146	\$21.30
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	196	\$20.82
Community & Social Service	105	\$25.78
Education, Training & Library	2,817	\$13.19
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,155	\$27.23
Healthcare Support	1,199	\$14.46
Protective Service	137	\$16.99
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,190	\$14.01
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	195	\$13.09
Personal Care & Service	239	\$13.67
Sales & Related	2,553	\$14.95
Office & Administrative Support	712	\$15.35
Construction & Extraction	190	\$22.13
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	1,108	\$23.65
Production	910	\$17.47
Transportation & Material Moving	1,833	\$19.58

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 4 2021



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Southwest Occupations in Demand, 2022

Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Home Health and Personal Care Aides \$30,145/yr	Nursing Assistants \$33,957/yr	Registered Nurses \$76,734/yr	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education \$53,146/yr
Retail Salespersons \$28,932/yr	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses \$48,351/yr	Clinical Laboratory Technologists and Technicians \$55,177/yr	General and Operations Managers \$79,034/yr
Cashiers \$25,982/yr	Medical Assistants \$41,596/yr	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers \$59,965/yr	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$57,121/yr
Fast Food and Counter Workers \$24,598/yr	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics \$37,127/yr	Magnetic Resonance Imaging Technologists \$79,803/yr	Accountants and Auditors \$64,075/yr
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$45,543/yr	Electricians \$57,423/yr	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$51,741/yr	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and mental health \$51,967/yr
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$43,858/yr	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers \$49,409/yr	Surgical Technologists \$57,436/yr	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term \$35,428/yr
Waiters and Waitresses \$25,523/yr	Machinists \$48,003/yr	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians \$65,570/yr	Project Management Specialists and Business Operations \$60,798/yr
Stockers and Order Fillers \$30,099/yr	Industrial Machinery Mechanics \$52,667/yr	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians \$37,547/yr	Pharmacists \$134,918/yr
Customer Service Representatives \$37,334/yr	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and Cosmetologists \$29,742/yr	Electrical and Electronic Engineering Technologists and Technicians \$58,234/yr	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical \$60,938/yr
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary \$29,982/yr	Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics \$36,614/yr	Forest and Conservation Technicians \$47,186/yr	Sales Representatives, Wholesale and Manufacturing, Technical and \$54,030/yr

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

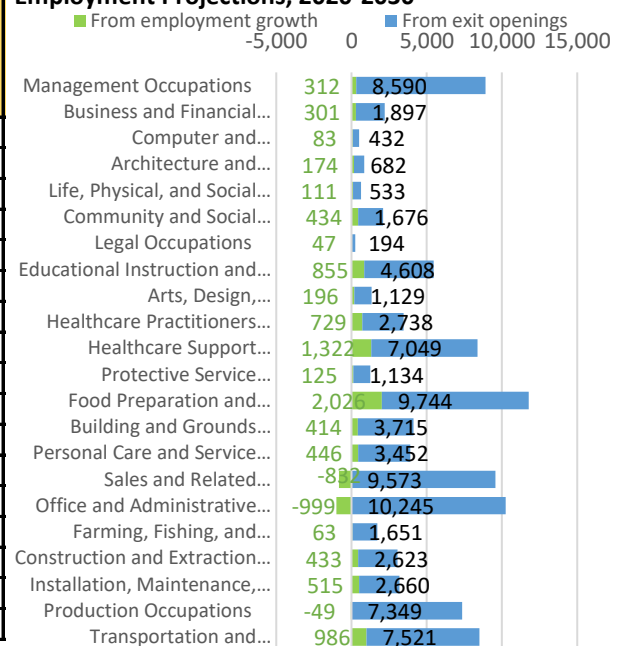
Murray Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030

Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>195,812</b>	<b>203,504</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,931	6,026	1.6%
Utilities	713	735	3.1%
Construction	7,573	8,082	6.7%
Manufacturing	30,107	30,719	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	8,045	8,118	0.9%
Retail Trade	18,569	17,653	-4.9%
Transportation & Warehousing	7,385	7,817	5.8%
Information	2,152	2,001	-7.0%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,098	8,232	1.7%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,283	5,512	4.3%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,421	3,636	6.3%
Educational Services	15,564	16,274	4.6%
Health Care & Social Assistance	29,352	32,081	9.3%
Leisure & Hospitality	11,744	14,382	22.5%
Other Services	6,756	7,462	10.4%
Public Administration	13,193	13,517	2.5%

Source: DEED 2020-2030 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2020-2030



**ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Murray Co. had the 73rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Murray Co. was the 64th fastest growing in the past year and the 48th fastest growing since 2019, prior to the pandemic. From 2019 to 2021, employment in Murray Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**318** business establishments

**\$43,289** annual average wage

**2,820** jobs

**\$122,074,974** total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2021  
-130 jobs  
-4.4% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2006-2021

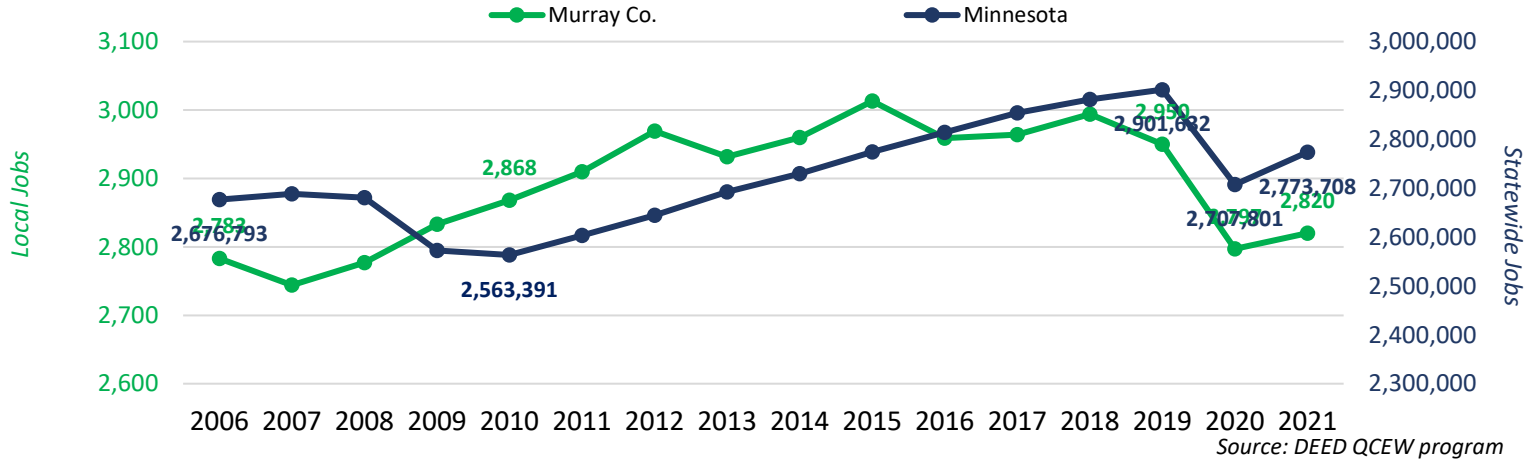
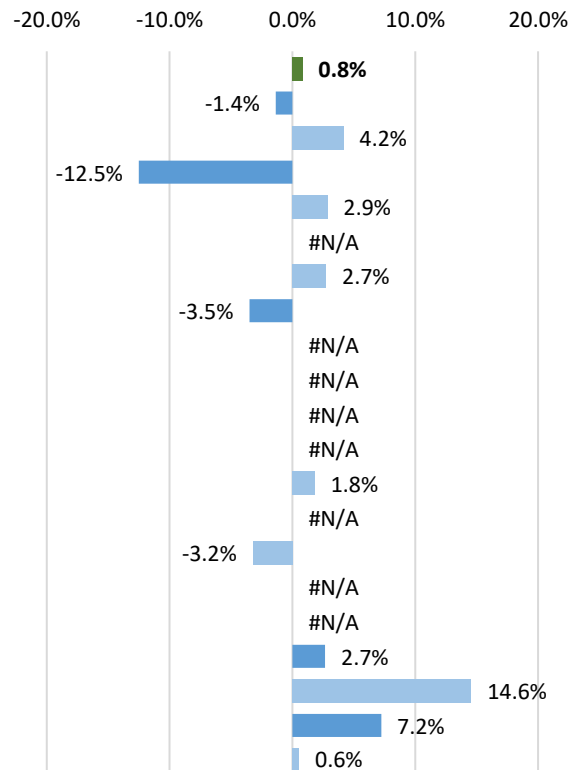


Table 15. Murray Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2021	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$43,289</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	73	2.6%	\$39,943
Mining	25	0.9%	\$57,829
Construction	140	5.0%	\$39,525
Manufacturing	503	17.8%	\$44,306
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	187	6.6%	\$49,052
Retail Trade	331	11.7%	\$29,333
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	56	2.0%	\$69,088
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	30	1.1%	\$45,793
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	26	0.9%	\$18,433
Accommodation & Food Services	136	4.8%	\$11,754
Other Services	89	3.2%	\$40,837
Public Administration	181	6.4%	\$46,931

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2020-2021



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

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