EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

Big Stone Co.

Big Stone Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6W, which is located in the Southwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2023 population:	5,105 people		
Population change,	-61 people	Median Age:	47.7 years
2020-2023	-1.2% decline	state:	38.5 years

Big Stone Co. is the 83rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 62nd fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Big Stone 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 1. Population by Age Group, 2023			Figure 1. Popula	ation Pyramid, 2	2000-2023			
	Number	Percent	200	0 Population	2023 Estimate			
Under 5 years	294	5.8%		277	294		Under 5 year	
5-14 years	609	11.9%		840	609		, 5-14 years	
15-24 years	497	9.7%					,	
25-34 years	497	9.7%		639	497		15-24 years	
35-44 years	535	10.5%		458	497		25-34 years	
45-54 years	521	10.2%		818	535		35-44 years	
55-64 years	838	16.4%		762	521		45-54 years	
65-74 years	671	13.1%		632	838		55-64 years	
75-84 years	367	7.2%		639	671		65-74 years	
85 years & over	277	5.4%					,	
Total Population	5,105	100.0%		525	367		75-84 years	
Source: Census 2023 Pop	oulation Estimates	, 2018-2022 ACS		230	277		85 years & ov	

Big Stone Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net out-migration meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Big Stone Co. welcomed net international inmigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2023										
	Total			April	1, 2020 to J	uly 1, 2023				
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents	Net Migration					
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic			
Big Stone Co.	-63	-60	193	253	-4	2	-6			
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976			
	Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program									

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

Compared to the state, Big Stone Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Big Stone 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	Big Sto	one Co.	Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	100	1.9%	73	270.4%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	11	11.0%	-6	-35.3%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	31	31.0%	31	#DIV/0!	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	58	58.0%	48	480.0%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	49	49.0%	47	2350.0%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	9	9.0%	1	12.5%	2.5%	-4.6%	

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Figure 2. Place of Birth for

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



Northern America

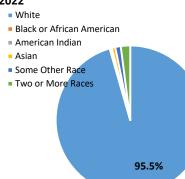
Latin America

COUNTY PROFILE

Big Stone Co.

Big Stone Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022



E	Big Stone C	co.	Minnesota		
Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	
5,161	100.0%	-2.6%	100.0%	7.9%	
4,931	95.5%	-5.7%	79.7%	-0.4%	
7	0.1%	-69.6%	6.7%	44.3%	
17	0.3%	183.3%	0.9%	-10.2%	
39	0.8%	3800.0%	5.1%	37.1%	
62	1.2%	1140.0%	2.3%	84.7%	
105	2.0%	218.2%	5.3%	159.6%	
115	2.2%	105.4%	5.7%	34.6%	
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

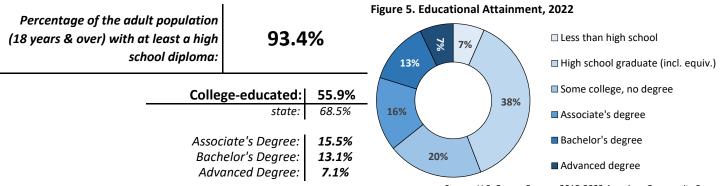
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Big Stone Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase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

					Figure 4. Pr	ojections by	Age Group,	2025-
Table 5. Population Projecti	ons by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	6,000	5,262	5,558	
Big Stone Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				85 years & over
Under 5 years	321	331	10	3.1%	5,000			■ 75-84 years
5-14 years	608	657	49	8.1%				, 65-74 years
15-24 years	559	580	21	3.8%	4,000			□ 55-64 years
25-34 years	463	496	33	7.1%				
35-44 years	586	586	0	0.0%	3,000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	543	747	204	37.6%	2 000			■ 35-44 years
55-64 years	711	616	-95	-13.4%	2,000			■ 25-34 years
65-74 years	801	693	-108	-13.5%	1,000			15-24 years
75-84 years	466	653	187	40.1%	1,000			5-14 years
85 years & over	204	199	-5	-2.5%				Under 5 years
Total Population	5,262	5,558	296	5.6%	2	025 Projectio	n2035 Projectio	n

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

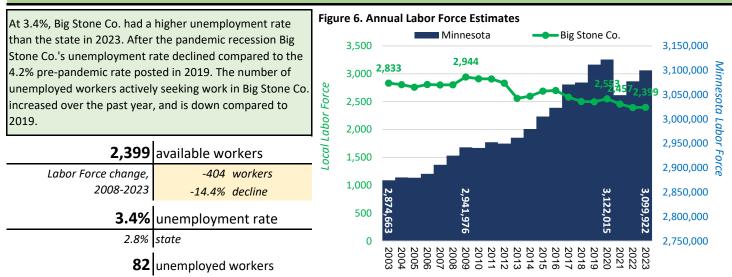
Big Stone Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Big Stone Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.



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

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LABOR FORCE TRENDS



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net loss of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Big Stone Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Big Stone Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

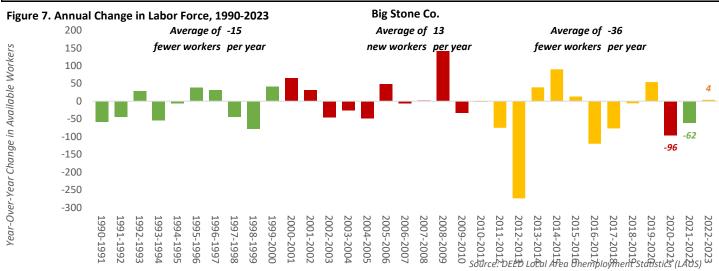
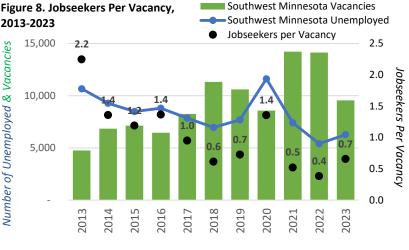


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection					
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035				
16 to 24 years	369	385				
25 to 54 years	1,368	1,568				
55 to 64 years	468	406				
65 years & over	218	201				
Total Labor Force	2,424	2,561				

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2018-2022 ACS

The labor market had grown extremely tight in recent years, with less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020 and the number of unemployed workers spiked. In 2023, job vacancies in Southwest returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Big Stone Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Big Stone Co. is less racially diverse than the state (where 81.3% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 20	1						
	Bi	g Stone Co.		Minne	esota	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	2,409	58.0%	2.0%	68.7%	4.0%	1,326	1,082
16 to 19 years	86	51.5%	5.8%	53.0%	9.8%	44	42
20 to 24 years	227	94.2%	0.0%	83.1%	6.7%	129	98
25 to 44 years	905	86.8%	2.8%	88.8%	3.5%	479	426
45 to 54 years	444	84.3%	3.2%	87.8%	2.9%	215	229
55 to 64 years	558	65.8%	0.5%	72.8%	3.1%	339	219
65 to 74 years	159	23.5%	0.6%	27.6%	3.3%	100	59
75 years & over	29	4.5%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	20	9
Employment Characteristics by Race & F			Figure 9. L	abor Force by			
White alone	2,282	57.2%	1.5%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	0	0.0%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	17	100.0%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	27	79.4%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	31	63.3%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	49	84.5%	28.6%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	56	72.7%	7.1%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disability	/, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	126	46.0%	7.1%	54.4%	10.2%		94.7%
Employment Characteristics by Educatio	nal Attainment, 25	5 to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	1,907	78.9%	2.2%	84.4%	3.3%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	54	50.5%	2.4%	67.2%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	490	65.4%	0.0%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	920	88.2%	3.2%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islander
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	443	85.5%	0.0%	90.3%	2.0%	Some O	ther Race

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

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

	Big Ston	e Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	e Leaving Ho	ome to	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20			
Worked in state of residence	1,850	82.0%	2,867,086	97.7%	■ Big Sto		Minnesota 0% 40%	/
Worked in county of residence	1,480	65.6%	1,957,366	66.7%	0	70 Z	0% 407	0
Worked out of county of residence	368	16.3%	909,720	31.0%	12:00 a.m. to			
Worked outside state of residence	406	18.0%	67,495	2.3%		4.7%		
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK								
Car, truck, or van	1,902	84.3%	2,338,861	79.7%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	8.6%		
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	27	1.2%	73,365	2.5%		9.2%		
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	144	6.4%	120,318	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		16.9%	
Worked at home	185	8.2%	399,103	13.6%	a.m.		19.2%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59			
Less than 10 minutes	841	37.3%	475,402	16.2%			87.3 28.7%	3%
10 to 19 minutes	634	28.1%	906,786	30.9%			20.1%	
20 to 29 minutes	327	14.5%	651,477	22.2%		14	4.3%	
30 to 44 minutes	237	10.5%	563,440	19.2%	a.m.	1	4.7%	
45 to 59 minutes	86	3.8%	181,944	6.2%	9:00 a.m. to			
60 or more minutes	133	5.9%	155,533	5.3%	11:59 p.m.		15.8% 23.5%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.3	minutes	23.3	minutes	I	-		

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Big Stone Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Big Stone Co. had the 75th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income	\$63 <i>,</i> 024	Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2022 — □ Less than \$25,000 □ \$25,000-\$49,999 □ \$50,000-\$74,999								4,999	
state	\$84,313		■ \$75,		• •		, , ,	. , .		.50,000 or more	
Median Family Income	\$81,836	Big Stone Co.	20.0%		2	1.7%	17.3%	13.5%	16	5.4%	11.1%
state	\$107,072										%
Per Capita Income	\$35,797	Minnesota	12.4% 16.		.2%	16.1%	13.6%	19.6%	6	22.	3%
state	\$44,947										0.0
Source: 2018-2022 American C	ommunity Survey			Sc	ource: 2	2018-2022	American Cor	nmunity S	urvey 5	5-Year E	stimates
The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Big Stone Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.51 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of											

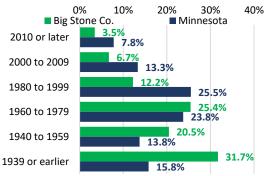
\$17.45 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of	f Living Estimate	es, 2023									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs								
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living	, ,	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes		
Big Stone Co.	\$28,094	\$13.51	\$0	\$416	\$161	\$659	\$563	\$257	\$285		
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375		
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts				
working full-time, 1 part- time), 1 child	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes		
Big Stone Co.	\$54,435	\$17.45	\$283	\$950	\$576	\$853	\$960	\$431	\$483		
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739		
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool											

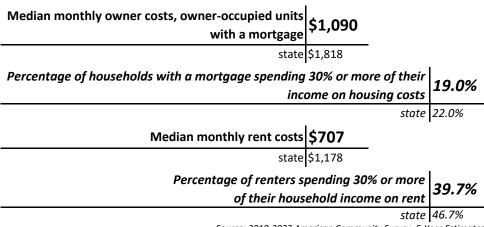
Big Stone Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 86th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Big Stone Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Big Ston	e Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	1,698	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	187	11.0%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	539	31.7%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	278	16.4%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	234	13.8%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	232	13.7%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	168	9.9%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	60	3.5%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$115,0	\$286,800	

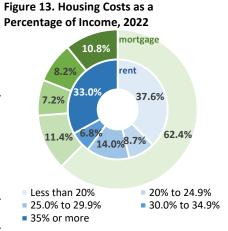
ota Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022



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



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



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

OCCUPATIONS

At \$22.61 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 6W than the state. Overall, Region 6W had the 2nd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$42.4) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.38) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
	Region 6W				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	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	\$22.61	16,230	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$42.40	960	5.9%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.02	480	3.0%	0.4	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$35.47	80	0.5%	0.1	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$39.51	130	0.8%	0.4	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$26.93	110	0.7%	0.7	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$25.10	370	2.3%	1.1	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$31.25	30	0.2%	0.3	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.51	1,360	8.4%	1.5	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.66	130	0.8%	0.6	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.94	1,120	6.9%	1.1	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.54	1,050	6.5%	1.1	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$23.98	240	1.5%	0.9	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.38	1,370	8.4%	1.0	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.77	530	3.3%	1.2	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.10	310	1.9%	0.9	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.96	1,350	8.3%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$21.74	1,900	11.7%	1.0	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.55	50	0.3%	2.5	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$28.06	810	5.0%	1.3	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.99	800	4.9%	1.4	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$21.43	1,490	9.2%	1.3	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.21	1,560	9.6%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Big Stone Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region. There were 9546 job vacancies posted by employers in 2023, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Southwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023			Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023				
	Number of	Wage	Other Agriculture,				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer	Accommodatio Services, Ex. Public Forestry, Fishing				
Total, All Occupations	9,546	\$19.74	n and Food				
Management	202	\$32.04	Services 5%				
Business & Financial Operations	520	\$25.88	10%				
Computer & Mathematical	100	\$37.50	Arts,				
Architecture & Engineering	96	\$28.56	Entertainmen t, and				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$24.18	Recreation				
Community & Social Service	258	\$23.46	2% Utilities				
Education, Training & Library	453	\$18.35	10% Wholesale Trade				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$31.97	4%				
Healthcare Support	508	\$16.76					
Protective Service	177	\$22.52	Health Care				
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180	\$15.32	and Social Retail Trade				
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	\$16.90	Assistance 15%				
Personal Care & Service	188	\$14.60	18% Real Informati				
Sales & Related	1,164	\$15.93	and on				
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27	Réntal 0%				
Construction & Extraction	431	\$25.04	AdMinistgetivent Educational and Fruties Services Leasin Instremented International Instremented Instrumented				
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653	\$22.92	Servised g Warehousing				
Production	540	\$18.93					
Transportation & Material Moving	773	\$21.15	Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023				

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

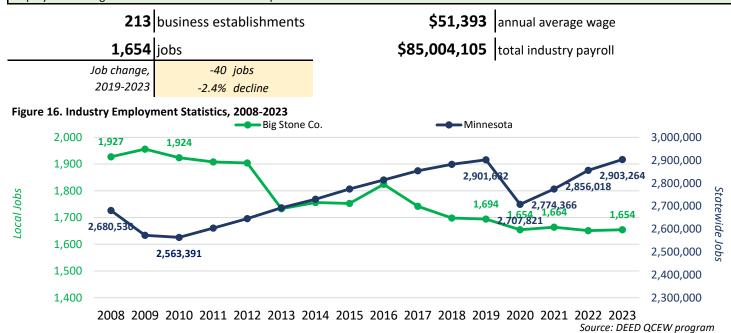
Table 13. Southwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2023						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Retail Salespersons	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	Accountants and Auditors			
\$34,798/yr	\$54,491/yr	\$85,138/yr	\$69,245/yr			
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Nursing Assistants	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	General and Operations Managers			
\$36 <i>,</i> 495/yr	\$39,764/yr	\$74,684/yr	\$82,482/yr			
Fast Food and Counter Workers	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Dental Hygienists	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education			
\$30,228/yr	\$58,499/yr	\$84,870/yr	\$65,364/yr			
Cashiers	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical			
\$30,595/yr	\$64,265/yr	\$60,049/yr	\$66,349/yr			
Teaching Assistants, Except		Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
Postsecondary \$38,031/yr	Engine Specialists \$59,444/yr	\$78,236/yr	\$52,112/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	Agricultural Technicians	Financial Managers			
\$45,427/yr	\$47,963/yr	\$50,274/yr	\$119,560/yr			
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	Human Resources Assistants, Except Payroll and Timekeeping	Industrial Engineers			
\$37,379/yr	\$61,794/yr	\$49,828/yr	\$90,455/yr			
Construction Laborers	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and		Computer Systems Analysts			
\$49,744/yr	\$49,947/yr	\$71,227/yr	\$96,291/yr			
Bus Drivers, School	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Physical Therapist Assistants	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical			
\$49,228/yr	\$50,024/yr	\$62,988/yr	\$66,534/yr			
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Veterinary Technologists and Technicians	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education			
\$43,003/yr	\$60,689/yr	\$40,453/yr	\$37,747/yr			
			Source: DEED Occupations in Demand			

Big Stone 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			Figure 15. Regional Occupational			
				Employment Projections, 2022-2032		
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	From employment gro -5.0		 From exit openings 5.000 10.000 15.00
	Employment	Employ-	Change	- , -		
Southwest Planning Region	2022	ment 2032	2022-2032	Management Occupations Business and Financial	579	-,
Total, All Industries	202,214	207,878	2.8%	Computer and	304 154	2,685 479
Natural Resources & Mining	5,523	5,777	4.6%	Architecture and		852
Utilities	690	690	0.0%	Life, Physical, and Social	96	365
Construction	7,679	8,252	7.5%	Community and Social	334	1,841
Manufacturing	32,192	33,537	4.2%	Legal Occupations	33	224
Wholesale Trade	8,001	8,116	1.4%	Educational Instruction and	292	5,689
Retail Trade	19,409	19,084	-1.7%	Arts, Design, Healthcare Practitioners	47 638	1,841 3,403
Transportation & Warehousing	6,297	6,810	8.1%	Healthcare Support	807	8,057
Information	2,093	2,046	-2.2%	Protective Service	60	1,233
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,227	8,375	1.8%	Food Preparation and	451	12,217
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani		5,985	8.0%	Building and Grounds	219	4,473
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,127	4,331	4.9%	Personal Care and Service	296	3,602
Educational Services	16,065	16,116	0.3%	Sales and Related		⁹ 10,465
Health Care & Social Assistance	28,786	30,498	5.9%	Office and Administrative Farming, Fishing, and	-1,115	11,316 1,771
Leisure & Hospitality	13,625	14,377	5.5%	Construction and Extraction	529	3,584
Other Services	7,097	7,281	2.6%	Installation, Maintenance,	592	3,584
Public Administration	14,117	14,370	1.8%	Production Occupations	438	9,377
Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook						

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Big Stone Co. had the 81st largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Big Stone Co. was the 73rd fastest growing in the past year and the 51st fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Big Stone Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.



			Average	Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023
Table 15. Big Stone Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual	
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage	-10.0% 0.0% 10.0% 20.0% 30.0% 40.0%
Total, All Industries	1,654	100.0%	\$51,393	0.2%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	178	10.8%	\$97,097	7.2%
Manufacturing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	79	4.8%	\$78,573	5.3%
Retail Trade	172	10.4%	\$27,651	-5.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	53	3.2%	\$62,873	1.9%
Information	17	1.0%	\$16,865	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	15	0.9%	\$55 <i>,</i> 635	36.4%
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Other Services	58	3.5%	\$22,197	-4.9%
Public Administration	150	9.1%	\$58,706	4.9%
				Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

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