

# **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Houston Co.

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

# POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Houston Co. is the 51st largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 66th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Houston 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).

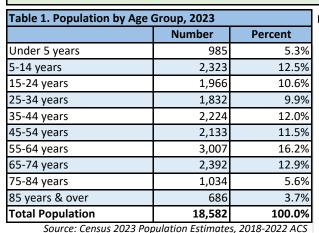
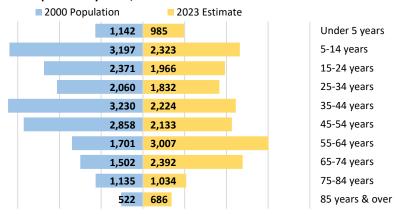


Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Houston 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, Houston 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 July 1, 2023					
	Population	Natural	Natural Vital Events Net Migration					
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Houston Co.	-264	-248	432	680	-17	9	-26	
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

Compared to the state, Houston Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Houston Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Houston Co.		Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Number Percent		Number Percent		Change	
Foreign-born Population	248	1.3%	15	6.4%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	47	19.0%	-71	-60.2%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	78	31.5%	16	25.8%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	20	8.1%	20	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	103	41.5%	50	94.3%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	56	22.6%	25	80.6%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	47	19.0%	25	113.6%	2.5%	-4.6%	

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

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2022



Houston 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

White
Black or African American
American Indian
Some Other Race

Two or More Races

		Houston C	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	18,826	100.0%	-1.5%	100.0%	7.9%
White	17,796	94.5%	-4.8%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	107	0.6%	57.4%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	40	0.2%	-7.0%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	93	0.5%	69.1%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	64	0.3%	357.1%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	726	3.9%	207.6%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	267	1.4%	115.3%	5.7%	34.6%

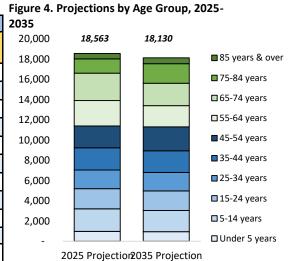
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

# **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

94.5%

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

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Houston Co. Projection Projection Change Change Under 5 years 970 948 -22 -2.3% 5-14 years 2,231 2.089 -142 -6.4% -2.8% 2,004 1,947 15-24 years -57 25-34 years 1,832 1,826 -6 -0.3% -71 35-44 years 2,210 2,139 -3.2% 2,152 213 9.9% 45-54 years 2,365 55-64 years 2,520 2,088 -432 -17.1% 65-74 years 2,699 2,227 -472 -17.5% 75-84 years 1,418 1.921 503 35.5% 85 years & over 527 580 53 10.1% **Total Population** 18,563 18,130 -433 -2.3%



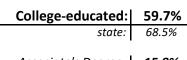
Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

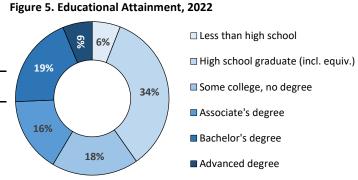
Houston Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Houston Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people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

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

94.1%



Associate's Degree: 15.8%
Bachelor's Degree: 19.4%
Advanced Degree: 6.2%

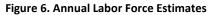


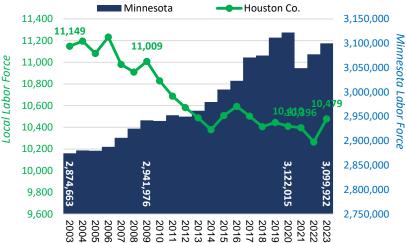
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.5%, Houston Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Houston Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.2% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Houston Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.







Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

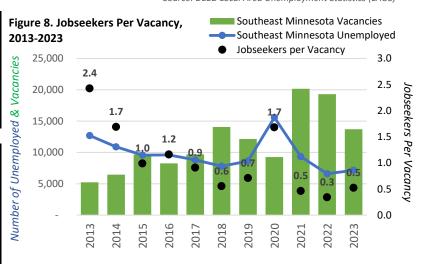
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Houston Co. averaged an annual loss of fewer workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Houston Co. is expected to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

Houston Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 400 Average of 120 Average of -13 Average of -42 new workers per year fewer workers per year fewer workers per year 300 Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 214 200 100 0 -100 -131 -200 -300 -400 -500 2012-201 2011-201 2011-201 2010-2011 2001-2002 2002-2003 2004-2005 2000-200: 2003-2004 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2008-2009 2009-2010 1991-1992 .990-199: .992-1993 .993-1994 .994-1995 .995-1996 .996-1997 .997-1998 .998-1999 .999-200C

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	1,281	1,247		
25 to 54 years	5,621	5,739		
55 to 64 years	2,069	1,715		
65 years & over	862	755		
Total Labor Force	9,833	9,456		

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 Southeast 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

Houston Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Houston 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					
	He	ouston Co.		Minne	esota
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate
Total Labor Force	10,196	67.1%	1.6%	68.7%	4.0%
16 to 19 years	499	59.5%	4.2%	53.0%	9.8%
20 to 24 years	728	83.2%	0.8%	83.1%	6.7%
25 to 44 years	3,776	91.9%	0.9%	88.8%	3.5%
45 to 54 years	1,915	88.6%	2.0%	87.8%	2.9%
55 to 64 years	2,501	82.1%	1.0%	72.8%	3.1%
65 to 74 years	688	28.4%	4.9%	27.6%	3.3%
75 years & over	85	4.9%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%
Employment Characteristics by Race & H	Hispanic Origin				
White alone	9,725	67.1%	1.5%	67.8%	3.4%
Black or African American	67	77.9%	16.4%	71.5%	8.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	21	55.3%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	24	25.8%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%
Some Other Race	33	84.6%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%
Two or More Races	324	72.6%	0.0%	74.3%	6.6%
Hispanic or Latino	122	68.5%	0.0%	77.0%	6.3%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disabilit</b>	y, 20 to 64 years				
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	446	58.0%	8.3%	54.4%	10.2%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Education</b>	nal Attainment, 25	to 64 years			
Population, 25 to 64 years	8,189	87.9%	1.2%	84.4%	3.3%
Less than H.S. Diploma	287	79.5%	1.5%	67.2%	4.6%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,243	82.6%	0.5%	76.8%	2.5%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	3,324	91.6%	1.3%	85.1%	3.6%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,339	89.6%	0.6%	90.3%	2.0%

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022

Labor Force by Gender

**Female** 

4,843

276

314

1,757

957

1,229

291 19

Male

5,348

223

414

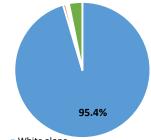
2,019

957

1,272

397

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

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

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

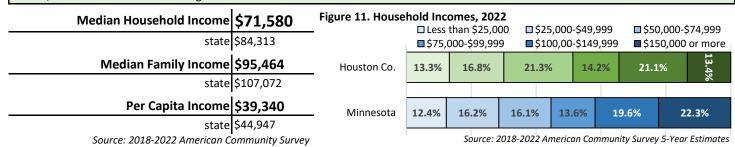
	Houston Co.		Minne	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	5,370	54.5%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	4,345	44.1%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	1,035	10.5%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	4,483	45.5%	67,495	2.3%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	8,483	86.1%	2,338,861	79.7%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	20	0.2%	73,365	2.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	325	3.3%	120,318	4.1%
Worked at home	1,035	10.5%	399,103	13.6%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	1,892	19.2%	475,402	16.2%
10 to 19 minutes	3,242	32.9%	906,786	30.9%
20 to 29 minutes	1,517	15.4%	651,477	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	2,069	21.0%	563,440	19.2%
45 to 59 minutes	542	5.5%	181,944	6.2%
60 or more minutes	581	5.9%	155,533	5.3%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.5	minutes	23.3	minutes

Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 ■ Houston Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 8.9% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 18.1% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 29.9% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 12.0% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 18.2% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

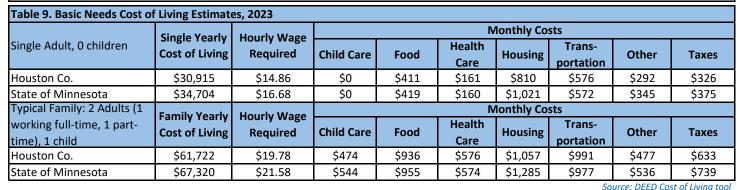
Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Houston Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Houston Co. had the 34th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Houston Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.86 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.78 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).



Houston Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 37th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Houston 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-	Houston Co.		er- Houston Co.		Minnesota	Figure 12. Year St	ructure Built,	2022
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent	0	% 10%			
Total	6,653	100.0%	100.0%	■ Hous		■ N		
Less than \$50,000	288	4.3%	4.1%	2010 or later	4.7% 7.8%	6		
\$50,000 to \$99,999	582	8.7%	4.6%	2000 to 2009	8.5			
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,019	15.3%	7.1%			13.3		
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,031	15.5%	10.7%	1980 to 1999				
\$200,000 to \$299,999	2,013	30.3%	27.1%	1960 to 1979				
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,142	17.2%	31.7%					
\$500,000 or more	578	8.7%	14.7%	1940 to 1959		1: 13.		
Median (dollars)	\$216,4	100	\$286,800	1939 or earlier				

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

0% 10% 20% 30% Houston Co. ■ Minnesota 2010 or later 7.8% 2000 to 2009 22.1% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 24.5% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 15.1% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 25.1% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

state \$1,818

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

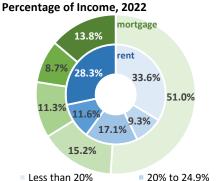
22.5%

Median monthly rent costs \$870

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

state 46.7%

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



Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

20% to 24.9%

35% or more

30.0% to 34.9%

### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$24.26 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 (\$51.51) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.57) (see Table 11).

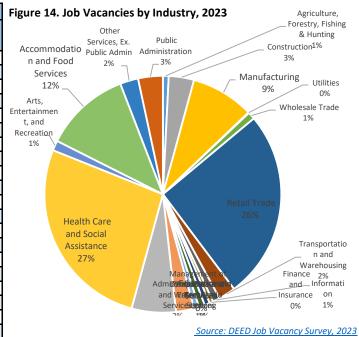
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
	Region 10				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$24.26	240,340	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$51.51	13,250	5.5%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$37.97	9,740	4.1%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$50.87	5,270	2.2%	0.6	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.43	3,540	1.5%	0.7	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$38.64	2,120	0.9%	0.9	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$30.48	4,670	1.9%	1.0	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$43.12	690	0.3%	0.4	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$28.42	14,670	6.1%	1.1	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$26.08	1,990	0.8%	0.7	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$48.05	29,150	12.1%	1.9	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.85	14,270	5.9%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$28.97	3,950	1.6%	1.0	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.57	20,590	8.6%	1.1	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.08	6,760	2.8%	1.0	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.17	4,830	2.0%	1.0	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.36	18,280	7.6%	0.9	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$23.45	27,760	11.6%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$20.01	320	0.1%	1.1	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.88	8,370	3.5%	0.9	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.53	8,550	3.6%	1.0	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$22.72	22,500	9.4%	1.3	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.01	19,080	7.9%	1.0	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

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

# **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Houston Co. is a part of the Southeast planning region. There were 13711 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. Southeast Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2023					
Number of W					
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	13,711	\$18.22			
Management	212	\$37.73			
Business & Financial Operations	467	\$25.49			
Computer & Mathematical	97	\$37.67			
Architecture & Engineering	297	\$27.42			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	171	\$30.13			
Community & Social Service	608	\$21.43			
Education, Training & Library	418	\$19.67			
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	964	\$33.92			
Healthcare Support	1,534	\$16.49			
Protective Service	192	\$16.29			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,856	\$14.91			
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	314	\$19.06			
Personal Care & Service	455	\$14.98			
Sales & Related	2,426	\$13.96			
Office & Administrative Support	548	\$18.66			
Construction & Extraction	160	\$23.33			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	732	\$21.35			
Production	690	\$19.95			
Transportation & Material Moving	1,108	\$20.14			



# **OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND**

Table 13. Southeast Plannin	Table 13. Southeast Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2023					
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers			
\$35,784/yr	\$60,838/yr	\$100,239/yr	\$83,723/yr			
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Police and Sheriff's Patrol	Elementary School Teachers,			
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\$34,625/yr	\$39,647/yr	\$79,616/yr	\$64,771/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Radiologic Technologists and	Secondary School Teachers, Except			
Retail Sales Workers	Nurses	Technicians	Special and Career/Technical			
\$46,144/yr	\$61,677/yr	\$80,540/yr	\$67,707/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of	Automotive Service Technicians and	Diagnostic Medical	Coftware Davideners			
Food Preparation and	Mechanics	Sonographers	Software Developers			
\$40,675/yr	\$50,472/yr	\$102,982/yr	\$130,807/yr			
6. 1 10 1 5.11	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing	Computer Network Support	Training and Development			
Stockers and Order Fillers	Clerks	Specialists	Specialists			
\$37,875/yr	\$49,912/yr	\$78,124/yr	\$78,978/yr			
Fast Food and Counter	Medical Assistants	Human Resources Assistants,	Accountants and Auditors			
Workers	ivieuicai Assistants	Except Payroll and Timekeeping	Accountants and Additors			
\$30,170/yr	\$48,598/yr	\$61,057/yr	\$77,799/yr			
Laborers and Freight, Stock,	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and	Considerate and a sister	Medical and Health Services			
and Material Movers, Hand	mental health counselors	Surgical Technologists	Managers			
\$44,636/yr	\$52,564/yr	\$78,775/yr	\$125,558/yr			
Light Touck Drivers	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, and	Civil Engineering Technologists	Industrial Engineers			
Light Truck Drivers	Cosmetologists	and Technicians	Industrial Engineers			
\$45,790/yr	\$37,408/yr	\$73,049/yr	\$86,149/yr			
Cashiers	Electricians	Dental Hygienists	Physician Assistants			
\$31,365/yr	\$74,834/yr	\$85,161/yr	\$134,877/yr			
Miscellaneous Assemblers	Machinists	Mechanical Engineering	Medical Scientists, Except			
and Fabricators	IVIdCIIIIISUS	Technologists and Technicians	Epidemiologists			
\$43,860/yr	\$59,112/yr	\$58,074/yr	\$85,432/yr			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Houston 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 Employ- ment 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 Compani	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%		
So	urce: DEED 2022-2	2032 Employm	ent Outlook		

Figure 15. Regional Occupational **Employment Projections**. 2022-2032

Employment Projections, 2022-2032						
■ From employment growth ■ From exit openings						
-5,0	5,000	15,000				
Management Occupations	1,244	5,891				
Business and Financial	633	<b>3,</b> 369				
Computer and	472	970				
Architecture and	349	<b>1,100</b>				
Life, Physical, and Social	173	550				
Community and Social	434	<b>2</b> ,488				
Legal Occupations	33	264				
Educational Instruction and	516	7,202				
Arts, Design,	112	<b>1</b> ,976				
Healthcare Practitioners	3,0	10,264				
Healthcare Support	1,479	10,950				
Protective Service	81	<b>2</b> ,086				
Food Preparation and	876	17,736				
Building and Grounds	394	5,488				
Personal Care and Service	489	4,689				
Sales and Related	-23	<sup>4</sup> 13,340				
Office and Administrative	-864	15,762				
Farming, Fishing, and	38	<b>1</b> ,144				
Construction and Extraction	719	<b>3,9</b> 73				
Installation, Maintenance,	617	<b>3,7</b> 48				
<b>Production Occupations</b>	367	10,382				
Transportation and	1,323	11,259				

# **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Houston Co. had the 59th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Houston Co. was the 26th fastest growing in the past year and the 49th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Houston Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

458 business establishments \$44,438 annual average wage

5,084 jobs \$225,924,804 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2023 -2.1% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023

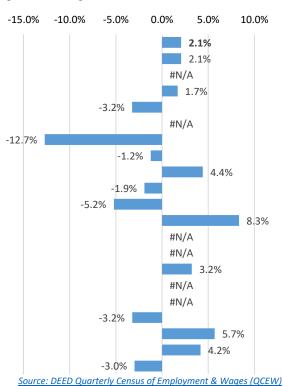


2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Houston Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	5,084	100.0%	\$44,438
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	148	2.9%	\$30,144
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	362	7.1%	\$63,955
Manufacturing	477	9.4%	\$47,295
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	55	1.1%	\$47,242
Retail Trade	483	9.5%	\$28,099
Transportation & Warehousing	449	8.8%	\$66,921
Information	154	3.0%	\$64,544
Finance & Insurance	109	2.1%	\$61,271
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	39	0.8%	\$21,945
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	128	2.5%	\$54,233
Educational Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	60	1.2%	\$14,087
Accommodation & Food Services	297	5.8%	\$13,875
Other Services	200	3.9%	\$25,347
Public Administration	424	8.3%	\$40,008

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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