# **COUNTY PROFILE**

# Nobles Co.

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

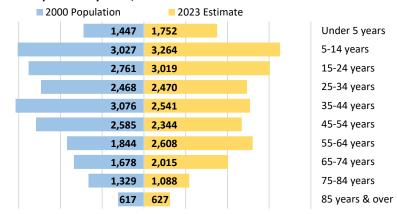
### **POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**



Nobles Co. is the 44th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population decreased so far this decade, ranking as the 79th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Nobles Co.'s population has a younger 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 Number Percent Under 5 years 1,752 8.1% 3,264 15.0% 5-14 years 15-24 years 3,019 13.9% 25-34 years 2,470 11.4% 35-44 years 2,541 11.7% 10.8% 45-54 years 2,344 55-64 years 2,608 12.0% 65-74 years 2,015 9.3% 75-84 years 1,088 5.0% 2.9% 85 years & over 627 **Total Population** 21,727 100.0% Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Nobles Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Nobles 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, 2020-2023								
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023					
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration				on	
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Nobles Co.	-562	496	1,128	632	-1,055	343	-1,398	
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

Northern America

Compared to the state, Nobles Co. has a larger percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Nobles Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Nobles Co. Change 2010-2022		Nobles Co. Change 2010-2022 Minneso			esota	
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	4,462	20.1%	1,303	41.2%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	15	0.3%	-14	-48.3%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	796	17.8%	144	22.1%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	643	14.4%	459	249.5%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	-12	-100.0%	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	3,008	67.4%	726	31.8%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	3,008	67.4%	743	32.8%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	0	0.0%	-17	-100.0%	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 0%

Europe
Asia
Africa
Oceania
Latin America

Nobles 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).

2022

White

Black or African American

American Indian

Asian

Some Other Race

Figure 3. Population by Race,

Two or More Races

		Nobles Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	22,194	100.0%	4.7%	100.0%	7.9%
White	15,099	68.0%	-17.4%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	1,211	5.5%	65.9%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	367	1.7%	389.3%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,168	5.3%	15.8%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	2,204	9.9%	221.8%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	2,145	9.7%	427.0%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	6,658	30.0%	46.3%	5.7%	34.6%

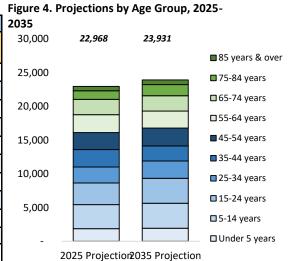
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

#### **POPULATION PROJECTIONS**

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Nobles 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).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035 2025 2035 Numeric Percent Nobles Co. Projection Projection Change Change Under 5 years 1,866 1,939 73 3.9% 5-14 years 3,559 3,705 146 4.1% 3,220 3,699 14.9% 15-24 years 479 25-34 years 2,368 2,552 184 7.8% 2,244 35-44 years 2,592 -348 -13.4% 146 45-54 years 2,504 2,650 5.8% 55-64 years 2,656 2,511 -145 -5.5% 65-74 years 2,288 2,285 -3 -0.1% 75-84 years 1,257 1,639 382 30.4% 85 years & over 658 707 49 7.4% **Total Population** 22,968 23,931 963 4.2%

68.0%



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

#### **EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT**

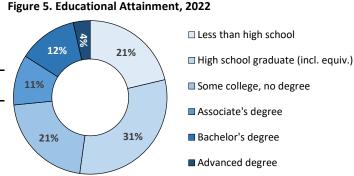
Nobles Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Nobles Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people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

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

78.7%

College-educated: 47.8% state: 68.5%

Associate's Degree: 10.6%
Bachelor's Degree: 12.4%
Advanced Degree: 3.6%



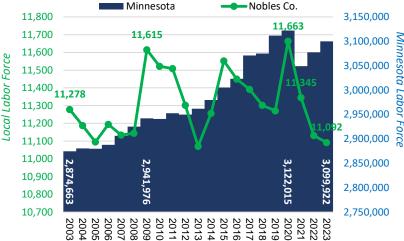
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

#### LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.7%, Nobles Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Nobles Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Nobles Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.



**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, Nobles 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, Nobles

Co. is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6). Nobles Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023

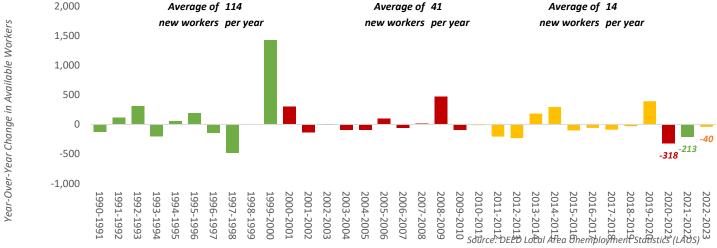
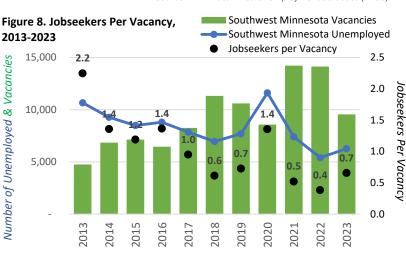


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	2,013	2,350		
25 to 54 years	6,315	6,307		
55 to 64 years	1,995	1,886		
65 years & over	921	945		
Total Labor Force	11,244	11,487		

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).



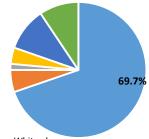
Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

## LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

Table 7. Employment Characteristics, 2022							
	N	lobles 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	11,051	66.2%	3.0%	68.7%	4.0%	6,313	4,731
16 to 19 years	687	48.8%	10.9%	53.0%	9.8%	321	366
20 to 24 years	1,173	90.2%	2.5%	83.1%	6.7%	576	597
25 to 44 years	4,259	83.2%	1.8%	88.8%	3.5%	2,579	1,682
45 to 54 years	2,092	87.4%	1.9%	87.8%	2.9%	1,231	862
55 to 64 years	2,001	75.1%	0.7%	72.8%	3.1%	1,124	876
65 to 74 years	731	35.5%	12.7%	27.6%	3.3%	402	329
75 years & over	100	5.7%	2.0%	6.6%	3.2%	80	19
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; His</b>	panic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force
White alone	7,703	64.4%	2.2%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	581	70.7%	12.9%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	162	77.5%	1.9%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	428	54.0%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		\
Some Other Race	1,135	72.6%	3.7%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	1,037	77.1%	4.1%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	3,177	77.1%	5.7%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability,</b>	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	805	61.5%	4.7%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educationa</b>	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	8,355	82.1%	1.6%	84.4%	3.3%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,781	79.8%	1.6%	67.2%	4.6%		African Ameri
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,125	78.2%	0.2%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Ala
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,850	84.1%	2.1%	85.1%	3.6%	l	Other Pac. Isla
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,598	86.9%	0.6%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

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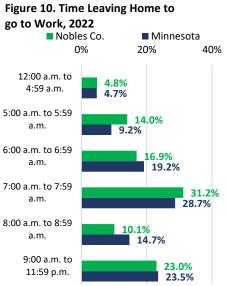


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

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

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

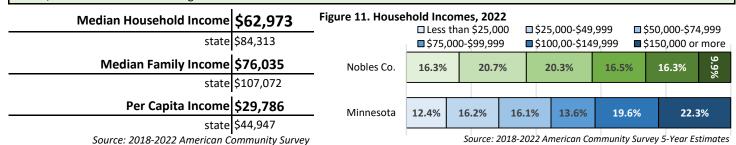
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	Nobles Co.		Minne	esota	ĺ
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	i
Worked in state of residence	9,680	92.9%	2,867,086	97.7%	ĺ
Worked in county of residence	8,273	79.4%	1,957,366	66.7%	ĺ
Worked out of county of residence	1,407	13.5%	909,720	31.0%	İ
Worked outside state of residence	740	7.1%	67,495	2.3%	İ
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					Ĺ
Car, truck, or van	9,138	87.7%	2,338,861	79.7%	5
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	104	1.0%	73,365	2.5%	ĺ
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	615	5.9%	120,318	4.1%	Е
Worked at home	563	5.4%	399,103	13.6%	İ
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					į ,
Less than 10 minutes	3,366	32.3%	475,402	16.2%	ĺ
10 to 19 minutes	3,553	34.1%	906,786	30.9%	İ
20 to 29 minutes	1,261	12.1%	651,477	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	1,271	12.2%	563,440	19.2%	ĺ
45 to 59 minutes	542	5.2%	181,944	6.2%	İ
60 or more minutes	427	4.1%	155,533	5.3%	ĺ
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	18.9	minutes	23.3	minutes	İ



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

#### INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Nobles Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Nobles Co. had the 76th 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. Nobles Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.08 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023 **Monthly Costs Single Yearly Hourly Wage** Single Adult, 0 children Health Trans-Cost of Living Required **Child Care** Housing Food Other **Taxes** Care portation \$29,110 \$14.00 \$0 \$412 \$714 \$269 \$300 Nobles Co. \$161 \$570 \$572 State of Minnesota \$34,704 \$16.68 \$0 \$160 \$1,021 \$375 \$419 \$345 Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 **Monthly Costs** Family Yearly **Hourly Wage** working full-time, 1 part-Health Trans-**Child Care Cost of Living** Required Food Housing Other **Taxes** time), 1 child Care portation \$56,422 \$18.08 \$277 \$939 \$954 \$453 \$528 Nobles Co. \$576 \$975 \$544 State of Minnesota \$67,320 \$21.58 \$955 \$574 \$1,285 \$977 \$536 \$739

Nobles Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 64th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Nobles 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-	Nobles	Co.	Minnesota	Figure 12. Year S	tructure Bu	ilt, 2022
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent		)% 10%	20%
Total	5,726	100.0%	100.0%	■ Nob	les Co.	■ N
Less than \$50,000	529	9.2%	4.1%	2010 or later	5.0% 7.8	3%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,069	18.7%	4.6%	2000 to 2009	5.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,021	17.8%	7.1%			13.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	966	16.9%	10.7%	1980 to 1999		14.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,236	21.6%	27.1%	1960 to 1979		
\$300,000 to \$499,999	729	12.7%	31.7%			
\$500,000 or more	176	3.1%	14.7%	1940 to 1959		13.8%
Median (dollars)	\$161,0	000	\$286,800	1020 or earlier		

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

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% Nobles Co. Minnesota 2010 or later 5.0% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 14.7% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 29.7% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 21.5% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 1939 or earlier

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2022

17.9%

26.79

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

21.6%

Median monthly rent costs \$852

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

Less than 20%

25.0% to 29.9% 35% or more

14.6%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

54.9%

mortgage

39.8%

rent

state 46.7%

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

#### **OCCUPATIONS**

At \$22.81 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 8 than the state. Overall, Region 8 had the 9th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$46.14) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.46) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024							
	Region 8				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	\$22.81	52,080	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%
Management	\$46.14	2,680	5.1%	0.7	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$32.67	2,190	4.2%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$39.94	540	1.0%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.82	730	1.4%	0.7	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$34.31	390	0.7%	0.7	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.33	920	1.8%	0.9	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$37.81	110	0.2%	0.3	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.94	3,840	7.4%	1.3	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.27	380	0.7%	0.6	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.34	2,720	5.2%	0.8	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.03	3,060	5.9%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$29.14	660	1.3%	0.8	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.46	3,920	7.5%	0.9	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.02	1,610	3.1%	1.1	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$17.30	690	1.3%	0.6	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.09	4,450	8.5%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.23	5,920	11.4%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$21.24	240	0.5%	3.8	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$26.91	2,220	4.3%	1.1	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.09	2,410	4.6%	1.3	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$21.77	7,330	14.1%	2.0	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$22.79	5,060	9.7%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

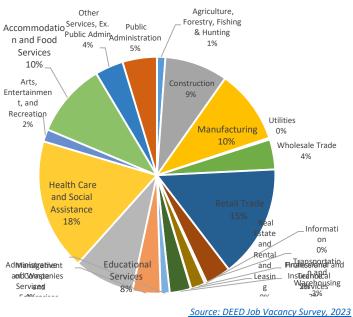
Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

#### **JOB VACANCY SURVEY**

Nobles 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					
	Number of	Wage			
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	9,546	\$19.74			
Management	202	\$32.04			
Business & Financial Operations	520				
Computer & Mathematical	100	\$37.50			
Architecture & Engineering	96	\$28.56			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69				
Community & Social Service	258				
Education, Training & Library	453				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738				
Healthcare Support	508				
Protective Service	177	\$22.52			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180	•			
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	\$16.90			
Personal Care & Service	188	\$14.60			
Sales & Related	1,164				
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27			
Construction & Extraction	431	\$25.04			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653				
Production	540				
Transportation & Material Moving	773	\$21.15			

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 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			
\$36,495/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 Postsecondary	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$38,031/yr	\$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 mental health counselors	Civil Engineering Technologists and Technicians	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,	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Veterinary Technologists and	Preschool Teachers, Except Special			
and Material Movers, Hand \$43,003/yr	\$60,689/yr	Technicians \$40,453/yr	Education \$37,747/yr			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Nobles 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 P	rojections, 2022	-2032	
Southwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employ- ment 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 Compani	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 Projection			
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Management Occupations	579	5,196	
Business and Financial	304	2,685	
Computer and	154	479	
Architecture and	243	852	
Life, Physical, and Social	96	365	
Community and Social	334	<b>1</b> ,841	
Legal Occupations	33	224	
Educational Instruction and	292	5,689	
Arts, Design,	47	<b>1</b> ,841	
Healthcare Practitioners	638	3,403	
Healthcare Support	807	8,057	
Protective Service	60	1,233	
Food Preparation and	451	12,217	
Building and Grounds	219	4,473	
Personal Care and Service	296	3,602	
Sales and Related	-41	9 10,465	
Office and Administrative	-1,115	11,316	
Farming, Fishing, and	84	<b>1</b> ,771	
Construction and Extraction	529	3,584	
Installation, Maintenance,	592	3,584	
Production Occupations	438	9,377	
Transportation and	1,002	10,018	
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#### **ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

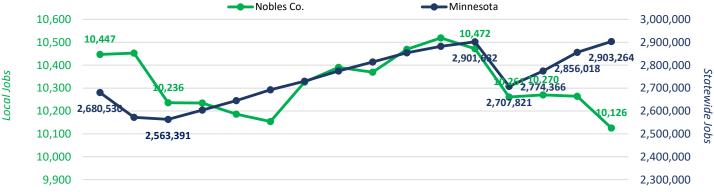
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Nobles Co. had the 39th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Nobles Co. was the 78th fastest growing in the past year and the 63rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Nobles Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

631 business establishments \$54,897 annual average wage

10,126 jobs \$555,891,300 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2023 -3.3% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023

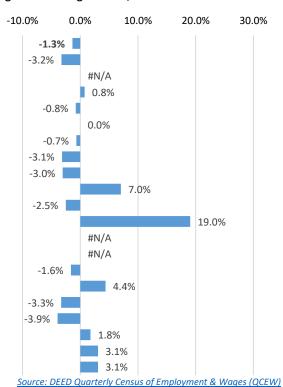


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Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Nobles Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	10,126	100.0%	\$54,897
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	358	3.5%	\$38,349
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	265	2.6%	\$61,345
Manufacturing	3,355	33.1%	\$67,798
Utilities	27	0.3%	\$99,652
Wholesale Trade	297	2.9%	\$83,394
Retail Trade	1,231	12.2%	\$31,438
Transportation & Warehousing	384	3.8%	\$53,297
Information	76	0.8%	\$47,361
Finance & Insurance	235	2.3%	\$73,426
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	25	0.2%	\$15,674
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	368	3.6%	\$96,099
Educational Services	931	9.2%	\$35,563
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,063	10.5%	\$41,217
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	49	0.5%	\$17,846
Accommodation & Food Services	629	6.2%	\$17,969
Other Services	301	3.0%	\$34,643
Public Administration	402	4.0%	\$51,289

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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