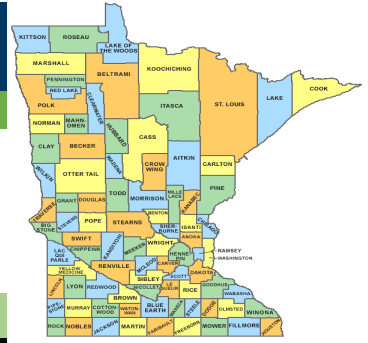


**COUNTY PROFILE**

**Sibley Co.**

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



**POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS**

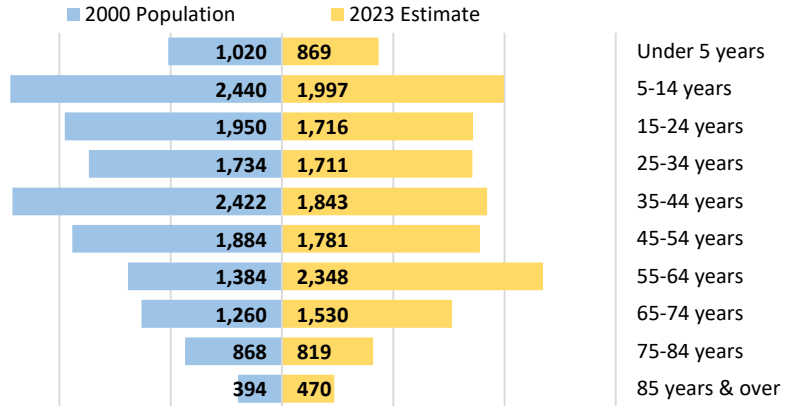
2023 population:	<b>15,084 people</b>
Population change, 2020-2023	248 people 1.7% increase

Median Age:	<b>41.9 years</b>
state:	38.5 years

Sibley Co. is the 56th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 21st fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Sibley 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).

	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	869	5.8%
5-14 years	1,997	13.2%
15-24 years	1,716	11.4%
25-34 years	1,711	11.3%
35-44 years	1,843	12.2%
45-54 years	1,781	11.8%
55-64 years	2,348	15.6%
65-74 years	1,530	10.1%
75-84 years	819	5.4%
85 years & over	470	3.1%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>15,084</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023



Source: Census 2023 Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Sibley Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Sibley 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 Population Change	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023					
		Natural Increase	Vital Events		Net Migration		
			Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Sibley Co.	259	62	573	511	206	37	169
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976

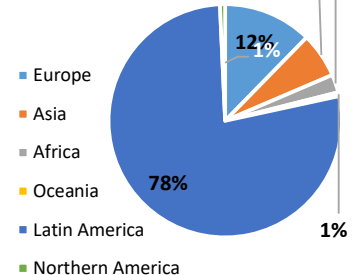
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

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

	Sibley Co.		Change 2010-2022		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change
<b>Foreign-born Population</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>8.5%</b>	<b>31.3%</b>
Europe	69	12.3%	22	46.8%	9.3%	-0.6%
Asia	35	6.3%	-22	-38.6%	36.7%	30.2%
Africa	14	2.5%	12	600.0%	28.1%	93.1%
Oceania	3	0.5%	-3	-50.0%	0.4%	20.4%
Americas:	439	78.4%	-6	-1.3%	25.4%	7.5%
Latin America	435	77.7%	-3	-0.7%	22.9%	9.0%
Northern America	4	0.7%	-3	-42.9%	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



## COUNTY PROFILE

Sibley Co.

Sibley 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**

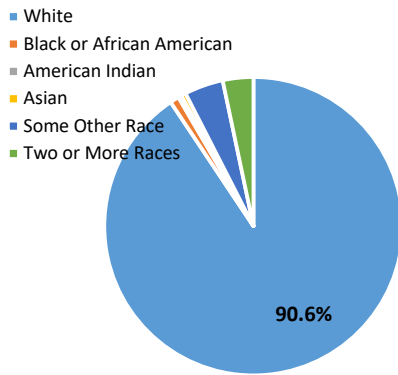


Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Sibley Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,950</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>7.9%</b>
White	13,549	90.6%	-7.2%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	146	1.0%	80.2%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	54	0.4%	200.0%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	76	0.5%	-26.2%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	629	4.2%	132.1%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	496	3.3%	232.9%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,387	9.3%	32.6%	5.7%	34.6%

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

## POPULATION PROJECTIONS

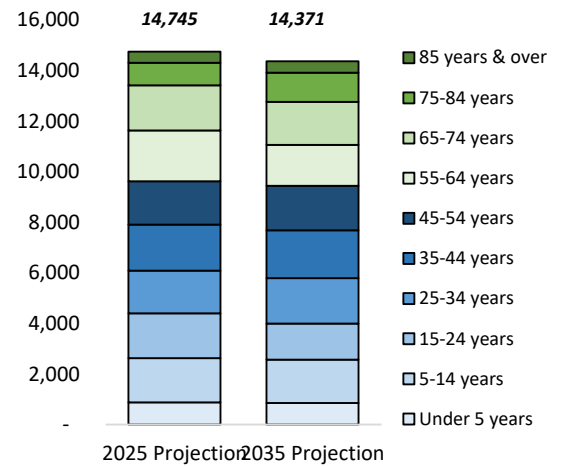
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Sibley Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the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

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

Sibley Co.	2025 Projection	2035 Projection	Numeric Change	Percent Change
Under 5 years	879	855	-24	-2.7%
5-14 years	1,751	1,707	-44	-2.5%
15-24 years	1,763	1,437	-326	-18.5%
25-34 years	1,700	1,790	90	5.3%
35-44 years	1,810	1,891	81	4.5%
45-54 years	1,712	1,761	49	2.9%
55-64 years	2,014	1,624	-390	-19.4%
65-74 years	1,781	1,693	-88	-4.9%
75-84 years	895	1,161	266	29.7%
85 years & over	440	452	12	2.7%
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>14,745</b>	<b>14,371</b>	<b>-374</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

**Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2025-2035**

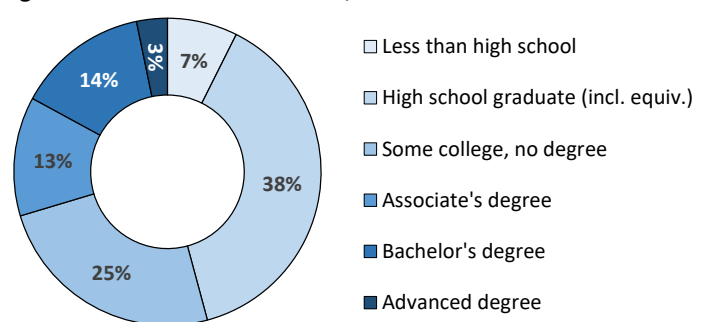


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Sibley 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. Sibley 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.

<b>Percentage of the adult population (18 years &amp; over) with at least a high school diploma:</b>	<b>92.6%</b>
<b>College-educated:</b>	<b>54.2%</b>
state:	68.5%
<b>Associate's Degree:</b>	<b>12.6%</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree:</b>	<b>13.8%</b>
<b>Advanced Degree:</b>	<b>3.2%</b>

**Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2022**



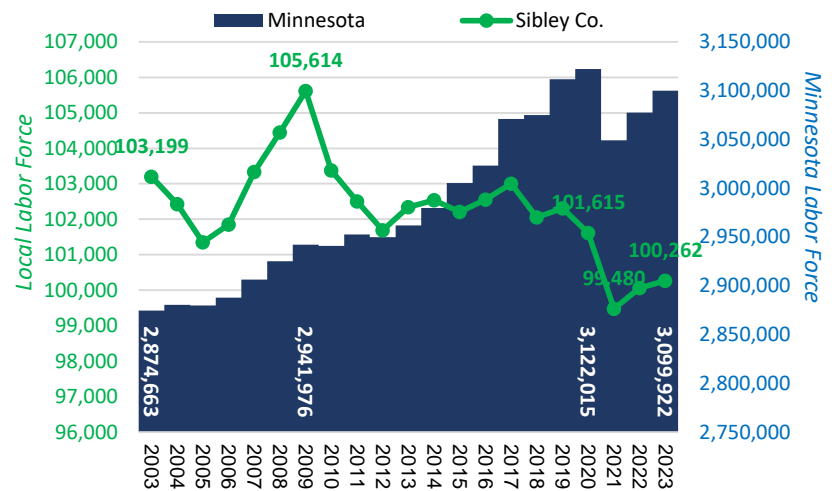
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3.3%, Sibley Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Sibley Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.9% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Sibley Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

<b>100,262</b> available workers	
Labor Force change, 2008-2023	-4,181 workers -4.0% decline
<b>3.3%</b> unemployment rate	2.8% state
<b>3,309</b> unemployed workers	

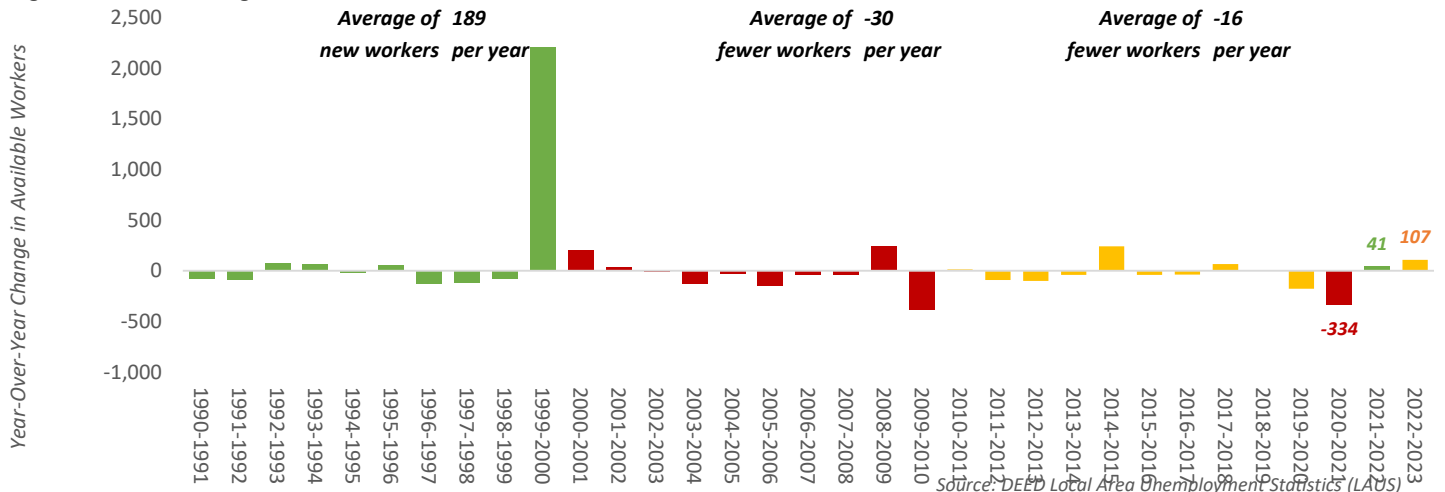
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Sibley 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, Sibley Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023



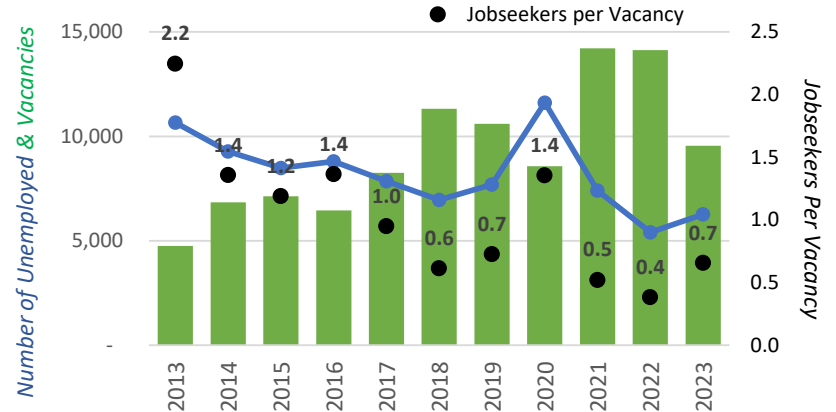
Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

Table 6. Labor Force Projections, 2025-2035	Labor Force Projection	
	2025	2035
16 to 24 years	1,140	925
25 to 54 years	4,594	4,789
55 to 64 years	1,558	1,257
65 years & over	686	681
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>7,978</b>	<b>7,652</b>

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).

Figure 8. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2013-2023



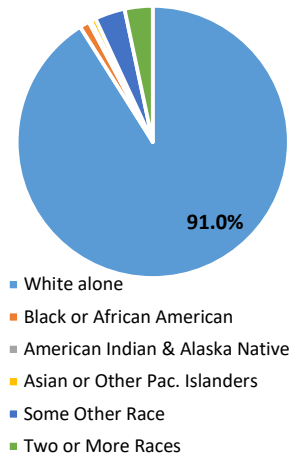
Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

**LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS**

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

	Sibley 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>8,134</b>	<b>68.1%</b>	<b>3.2%</b>	<b>68.7%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>4,477</b>	<b>3,654</b>
16 to 19 years	416	55.5%	2.6%	53.0%	9.8%	167	249
20 to 24 years	670	85.2%	9.1%	83.1%	6.7%	442	228
25 to 44 years	3,183	90.3%	3.9%	88.8%	3.5%	1,751	1,432
45 to 54 years	1,467	83.1%	1.3%	87.8%	2.9%	755	712
55 to 64 years	1,800	77.4%	2.4%	72.8%	3.1%	1,011	789
65 to 74 years	488	32.2%	0.2%	27.6%	3.3%	283	205
75 years & over	107	8.4%	0.9%	6.6%	3.2%	68	39
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>							
White alone	7,403	67.5%	2.7%	67.8%	3.4%		
Black or African American	95	84.8%	4.2%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	23	57.5%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	49	72.1%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	291	66.0%	13.1%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	271	86.0%	7.4%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	655	76.0%	12.5%	77.0%	6.3%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability, 20 to 64 years</b>							
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	467	53.4%	12.0%	54.4%	10.2%		
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment, 25 to 64 years</b>							
Population, 25 to 64 years	6,450	84.7%	2.9%	84.4%	3.3%		
Less than H.S. Diploma	354	76.3%	3.0%	67.2%	4.6%		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,072	82.0%	0.5%	76.8%	2.5%		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,741	86.0%	2.6%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	1,285	89.4%	0.5%	90.3%	2.0%		

**Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022**

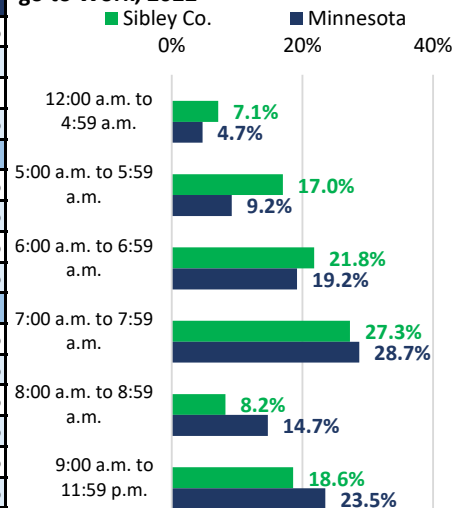


Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

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

	Sibley Co.		Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	7,711	99.6%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	3,623	46.8%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	4,088	52.8%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	31	0.4%	67,495	2.3%
<b>MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK</b>				
Car, truck, or van	6,751	87.2%	2,338,861	79.7%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	8	0.1%	73,365	2.5%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	286	3.7%	120,318	4.1%
Worked at home	705	9.1%	399,103	13.6%
<b>TRAVEL TIME TO WORK</b>				
Less than 10 minutes	1,788	23.1%	475,402	16.2%
10 to 19 minutes	1,680	21.7%	906,786	30.9%
20 to 29 minutes	1,123	14.5%	651,477	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	1,695	21.9%	563,440	19.2%
45 to 59 minutes	883	11.4%	181,944	6.2%
60 or more minutes	588	7.6%	155,533	5.3%
<b>Mean travel time to work (minutes)</b>	<b>25.7 minutes</b>		<b>23.3 minutes</b>	

**Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022**



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

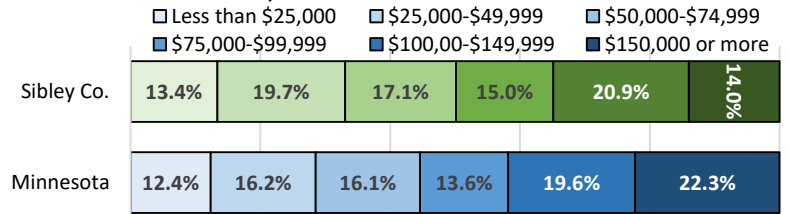
**INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING**

Sibley Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Sibley Co. had the 23rd highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

<b>Median Household Income</b>	<b>\$74,781</b>
state	\$84,313
<b>Median Family Income</b>	<b>\$92,224</b>
state	\$107,072
<b>Per Capita Income</b>	<b>\$37,919</b>
state	\$44,947

Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey

Figure 11. Household Incomes, 2022



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

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Sibley Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$13.91 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$18.2 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023

Category	Single Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Single Adult, 0 children									
Sibley Co.	\$28,937	\$13.91	\$0	\$416	\$161	\$699	\$570	\$267	\$298
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1 working full-time, 1 part-time), 1 child									
Sibley Co.	\$56,771	\$18.20	\$366	\$949	\$576	\$886	\$975	\$439	\$540
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739

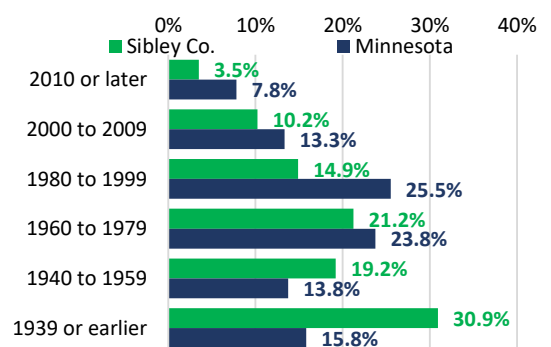
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Sibley Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 48th highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Sibley Co.'s housing stock was older than the state's, with a lower percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Category	Sibley Co.		Minnesota
	Total	Percent	Percent
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,782</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than \$50,000	168	3.5%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	506	10.6%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	831	17.4%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	940	19.7%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,175	24.6%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	862	18.0%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	300	6.3%	14.7%
<b>Median (dollars)</b>	<b>\$196,600</b>		<b>\$286,800</b>

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

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022



<b>Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage</b>	<b>\$1,491</b>
state	\$1,818

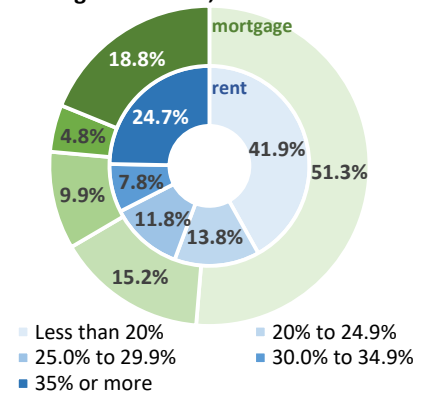
<b>Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs</b>	<b>23.6%</b>
state	22.0%

<b>Median monthly rent costs</b>	<b>\$818</b>
state	\$1,178

<b>Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent</b>	<b>32.5%</b>
state	46.7%

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

Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2022



OCCUPATIONS

At \$23.24 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 9 than the state. Overall, Region 9 had the 6th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$47.87) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.69) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024

Occupational Group	Region 9				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$23.24</b>	<b>100,990</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$25.22</b>	<b>2,881,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Management	\$47.87	5,590	5.5%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%
Business & Financial Operations	\$34.68	4,130	4.1%	0.6	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.68	1,130	1.1%	0.3	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%
Architecture & Engineering	\$37.82	1,690	1.7%	0.8	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$33.51	810	0.8%	0.8	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$27.25	2,620	2.6%	1.3	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%
Legal	\$38.07	380	0.4%	0.6	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$30.13	6,690	6.6%	1.2	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.48	1,050	1.0%	0.8	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40.45	5,790	5.7%	0.9	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.45	6,120	6.1%	1.0	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%
Protective Service	\$29.43	1,430	1.4%	0.9	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.69	9,050	9.0%	1.1	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.19	2,980	3.0%	1.1	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.51	2,150	2.1%	1.0	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$17.55	8,630	8.5%	1.0	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.79	11,510	11.4%	0.9	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.13	240	0.2%	1.9	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$29.78	4,050	4.0%	1.0	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$28.11	4,660	4.6%	1.3	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%
Production	\$22.68	10,680	10.6%	1.5	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.90	9,640	9.5%	1.2	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%

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

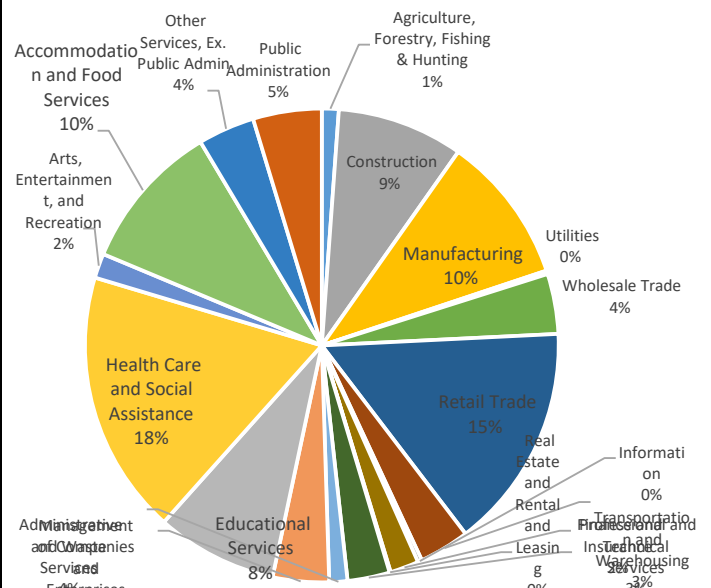
JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Sibley 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

Occupational Group	Number of Vacancies	Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>9,546</b>	<b>\$19.74</b>
Management	202	\$32.04
Business & Financial Operations	520	\$25.88
Computer & Mathematical	100	\$37.50
Architecture & Engineering	96	\$28.56
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	69	\$24.18
Community & Social Service	258	\$23.46
Education, Training & Library	453	\$18.35
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	738	\$31.97
Healthcare Support	508	\$16.76
Protective Service	177	\$22.52
Food Preparation & Serving Related	1,180	\$15.32
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	432	\$16.90
Personal Care & Service	188	\$14.60
Sales & Related	1,164	\$15.93
Office & Administrative Support	563	\$19.27
Construction & Extraction	431	\$25.04
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	653	\$22.92
Production	540	\$18.93
Transportation & Material Moving	773	\$21.15

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2023



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

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

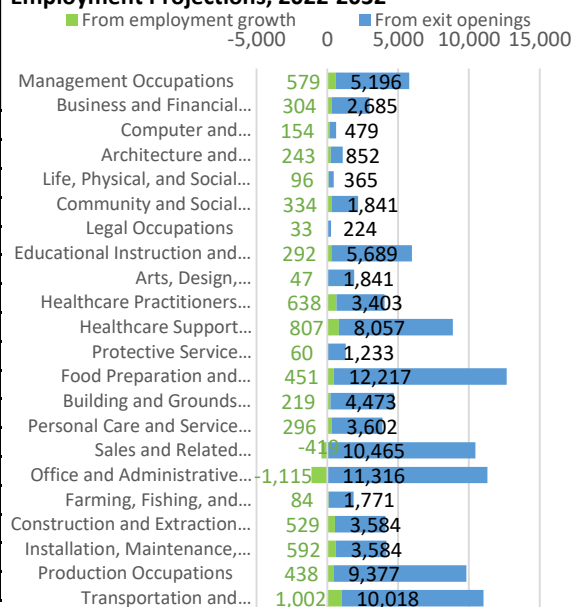
Sibley Co. is a part of the Southwest planning region, which is projected to see a 2.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032

	Estimated Employment 2022	Projected Employment 2032	Percent Change 2022-2032
<b>Southwest Planning Region</b>			
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>202,214</b>	<b>207,878</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
Natural Resources & Mining	5,523	5,777	4.6%
Utilities	690	690	0.0%
Construction	7,679	8,252	7.5%
Manufacturing	32,192	33,537	4.2%
Wholesale Trade	8,001	8,116	1.4%
Retail Trade	19,409	19,084	-1.7%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,297	6,810	8.1%
Information	2,093	2,046	-2.2%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,227	8,375	1.8%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Companies	5,544	5,985	8.0%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,127	4,331	4.9%
Educational Services	16,065	16,116	0.3%
Health Care & Social Assistance	28,786	30,498	5.9%
Leisure & Hospitality	13,625	14,377	5.5%
Other Services	7,097	7,281	2.6%
Public Administration	14,117	14,370	1.8%

Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2022-2032



ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Sibley Co. had the 68th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Sibley Co. was the 85th fastest growing in the past year and the 85th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Sibley Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

**417** business establishments

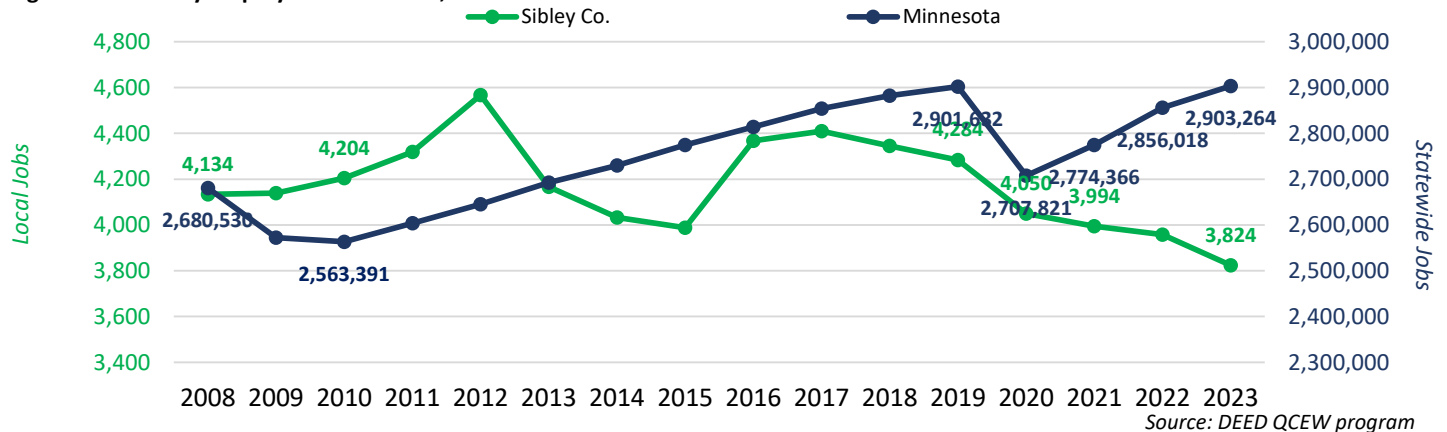
**\$52,870** annual average wage

**3,824** jobs

**\$202,176,252** total industry payroll

Job change,  
2019-2023  
-460 jobs  
-10.7% decline

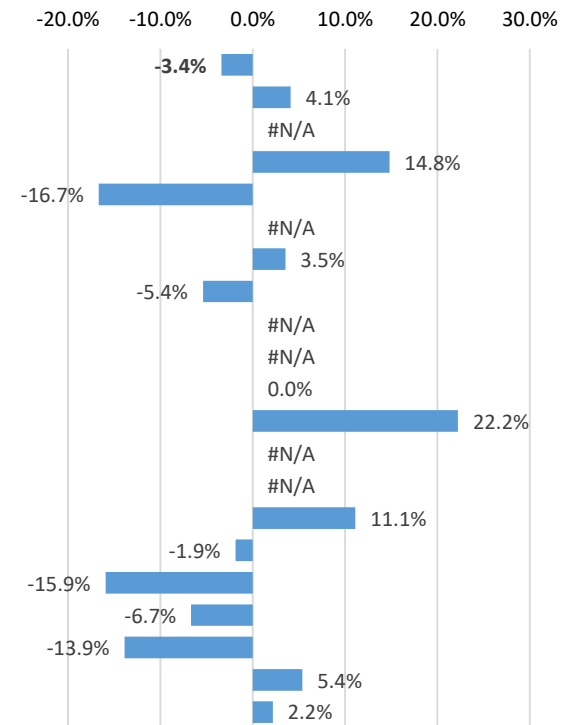
Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2008-2023



Source: DEED QCEW program

Industry	Number of Jobs	Percent of Total Jobs	Average Annual Wage
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>3,824</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$52,870</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	734	19.2%	\$66,417
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	217	5.7%	\$56,683
Manufacturing	645	16.9%	\$63,290
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	205	5.4%	\$59,677
Retail Trade	246	6.4%	\$20,222
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Finance & Insurance	66	1.7%	\$55,322
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	22	0.6%	\$28,568
Professional & Technical Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	90	2.4%	\$62,382
Educational Services	368	9.6%	\$50,656
Health Care & Social Assistance	248	6.5%	\$33,833
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	30	0.8%	\$17,245
Accommodation & Food Services	118	3.1%	\$22,504
Other Services	98	2.6%	\$25,353
Public Administration	377	9.9%	\$45,963

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023



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

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