

# Blue Earth Co.

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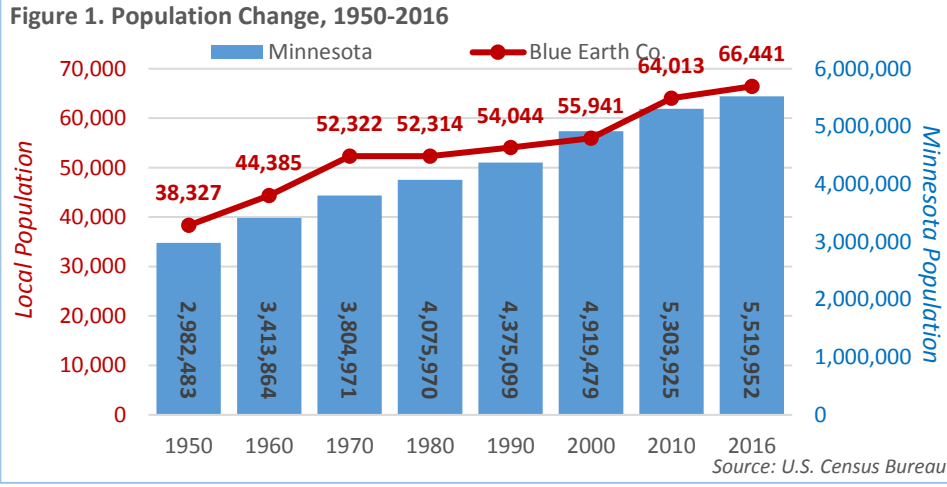
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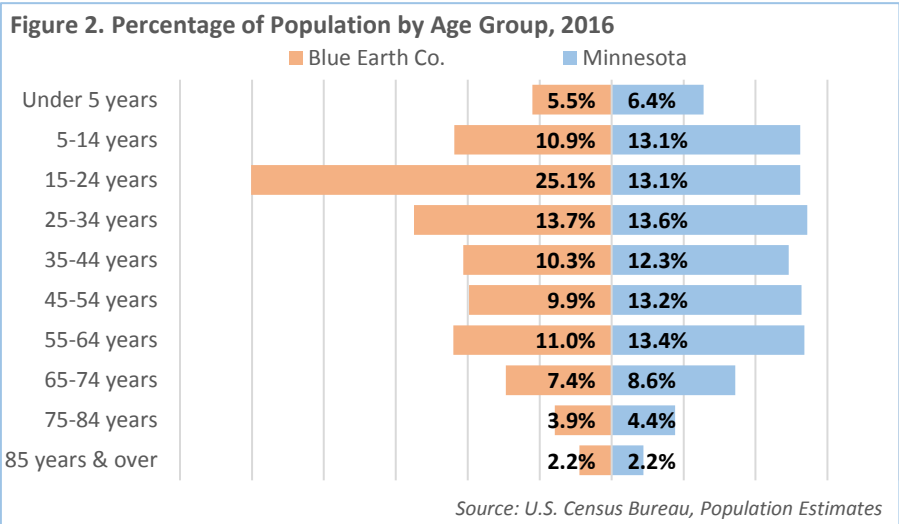
	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2016	2000-2016	
	Population	Population	Population	Population	Population	Population	Estimate	Numeric	Percent
Blue Earth Co.	44,385	52,322	52,314	54,044	55,941	64,013	66,441	10,500	18.8%
Minnesota	3,413,864	3,804,971	4,075,970	4,375,099	4,919,479	5,303,925	5,519,952	600,473	12.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Blue Earth Co.	2016 Population by Age Group	
	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	3,657	5.5%
5-14 years	7,266	10.9%
15-24 years	16,647	25.1%
25-34 years	9,134	13.7%
35-44 years	6,848	10.3%
45-54 years	6,587	9.9%
55-64 years	7,305	11.0%
65-74 years	4,888	7.4%
75-84 years	2,620	3.9%
85 years & over	1,489	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66,441</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Blue Earth Co.	2000-2016 Pop. Change by Age Group		2000-2016 Population Change	
	2000	2016	Numeric	Percent
Under 5 years	3,122	3,657	535	17.1%
5-14 years	6,537	7,266	729	11.2%
15-24 years	14,664	16,647	1,983	13.5%
25-34 years	6,956	9,134	2,178	31.3%
35-44 years	7,376	6,848	-528	-7.2%
45-54 years	6,604	6,587	-17	-0.3%
55-64 years	3,900	7,305	3,405	87.3%
65-74 years	3,100	4,888	1,788	57.7%
75-84 years	2,550	2,620	70	2.7%
85 years & over	1,132	1,489	357	31.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,941</b>	<b>66,441</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>18.8%</b>

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

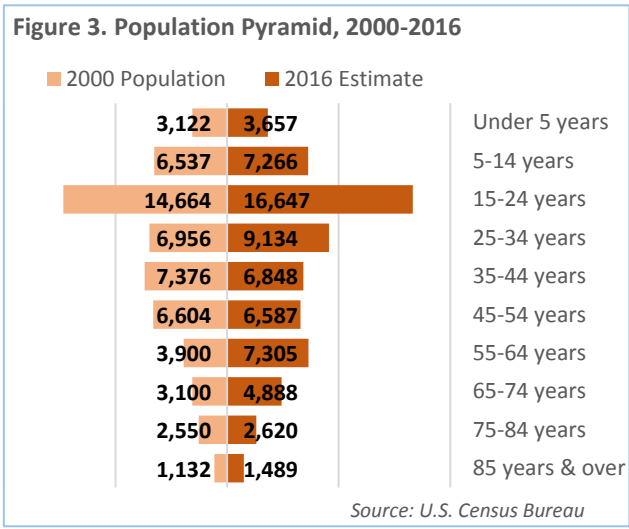


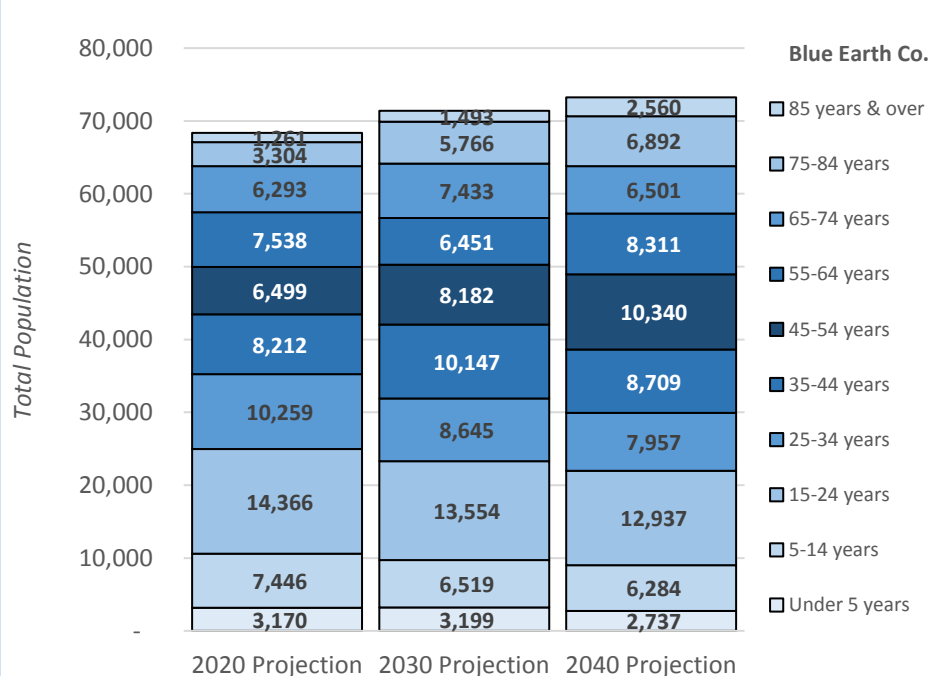
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2015	Blue Earth Co.			Minnesota	
	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2015	Percent	Change from 2000-2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,125</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>16.4%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>
White	59,960	92.1%	12.9%	84.8%	4.4%
Black or African American	2,024	3.1%	203.9%	5.5%	74.2%
American Indian & Alaska Native	229	0.4%	47.7%	1.0%	2.9%
Asian & Other Pac. Islander	1,335	2.0%	29.0%	4.5%	68.6%
Some Other Race	279	0.4%	-27.7%	1.5%	24.7%
Two or More Races	1,298	2.0%	124.6%	2.7%	74.3%
Hispanic or Latino origin	1,920	2.9%	94.3%	5.0%	89.0%

*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011-2015 American Community Survey*

Table 5. Population Projections, 2020-2040				2020-2040 Change	
	2020 Projection	2030 Projection	2040 Projection	Numeric	Percent
<b>Blue Earth Co.</b>					
Under 5 years	3,170	3,199	2,737	-433	-13.7%
5-14 years	7,446	6,519	6,284	-1,162	-15.6%
15-24 years	14,366	13,554	12,937	-1,429	-9.9%
25-34 years	10,259	8,645	7,957	-2,302	-22.4%
35-44 years	8,212	10,147	8,709	497	6.1%
45-54 years	6,499	8,182	10,340	3,841	59.1%
55-64 years	7,538	6,451	8,311	773	10.3%
65-74 years	6,293	7,433	6,501	208	3.3%
75-84 years	3,304	5,766	6,892	3,588	108.6%
85 years & over	1,261	1,493	2,560	1,299	103.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>68,348</b>	<b>71,389</b>	<b>73,228</b>	<b>4,880</b>	<b>7.1%</b>

*Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center*

**Figure 4. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2040**



*Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center*

## LABOR FORCE

Table 6. Employment Characteristics, 2015

	Blue Earth Co.			Minnesota	
	In Labor Force	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force	Unemp. Rate
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>38,415</b>	<b>71.6%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>70.0%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
16 to 19 years	2,849	54.9%	19.9%	51.9%	16.1%
20 to 24 years	8,717	80.5%	4.8%	82.8%	9.2%
25 to 44 years	14,067	90.8%	3.7%	88.1%	5.0%
45 to 54 years	6,154	89.1%	3.1%	87.2%	4.3%
55 to 64 years	5,384	75.9%	3.3%	72.1%	4.2%
65 to 74 years	1,080	25.8%	2.7%	26.9%	3.6%
75 years & over	146	3.7%	1.4%	6.0%	3.5%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Race &amp; Hispanic Origin</b>					
White alone	35,853	71.7%	4.6%	70.0%	4.8%
Black or African American	977	68.3%	6.8%	68.8%	14.7%
American Indian & Alaska Native	144	82.3%	6.3%	58.6%	16.3%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	712	65.8%	6.8%	70.4%	6.4%
Some Other Race	150	78.1%	10.7%	77.4%	9.4%
Two or More Races	572	74.5%	16.1%	71.0%	11.5%
Hispanic or Latino	1,067	81.8%	9.9%	75.0%	9.1%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Veteran Status</b>					
Veterans, 18 to 64 years	1,600	78.0%	4.7%	77.6%	5.7%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Disability</b>					
With Any Disability	1,832	61.2%	9.7%	51.3%	12.7%
<b>Employment Characteristics by Educational Attainment</b>					
Population, 25 to 64 years	25,608	86.8%	3.4%	84.0%	4.6%
Less than H.S. Diploma	722	62.5%	5.5%	65.4%	6.5%
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	6,483	84.9%	6.1%	78.8%	3.9%
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,723	87.3%	3.0%	85.2%	4.7%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	8,673	90.6%	2.2%	89.3%	2.7%

*Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates*

Table 7. Labor Force Projections, 2020-2030

Blue Earth Co.	2020	2030	2020-2030 Change	
	Labor Force Projection	Labor Force Projection	Numeric	Percent
16 to 19 years	1,845	1,853	7	0.4%
20 to 24 years	8,183	7,515	-667	-8.2%
25 to 44 years	16,764	17,056	291	1.7%
45 to 54 years	5,791	7,290	1,500	25.9%
55 to 64 years	5,719	4,894	-825	-14.4%
65 to 74 years	1,624	1,918	294	18.1%
75 years & over	169	269	100	59.0%
<b>Total Labor Force</b>	<b>40,094</b>	<b>40,794</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

*Source: calculated from Minnesota State Demographic Center population projections and 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates.*

**Table 8. Total Available Labor Force Estimates**

	Blue Earth Co.	Minnesota
2001 Annual Avg.	34,428	2,845,202
2002 Annual Avg.	35,086	2,859,601
2003 Annual Avg.	35,160	2,874,663
2004 Annual Avg.	34,976	2,880,427
2005 Annual Avg.	35,479	2,879,759
2006 Annual Avg.	35,989	2,887,831
2007 Annual Avg.	36,387	2,906,389
2008 Annual Avg.	37,418	2,925,088
2009 Annual Avg.	37,819	2,941,976
2010 Annual Avg.	38,114	2,938,795
2011 Annual Avg.	38,315	2,946,278
2012 Annual Avg.	38,316	2,946,355
2013 Annual Avg.	38,578	2,955,266
2014 Annual Avg.	38,387	2,961,331
2015 Annual Avg.	39,079	2,975,533
2016 Annual Avg.	39,471	3,003,576
2001-2016		
Numeric Change	5,043	158,374
Percent Change	14.6%	5.6%

*Source: DEED LAUS program*

**Table 9. Annual Unemployment Rates**

	Blue Earth Co.	Minnesota
2001 Annual Avg.	3.0	3.8
2002 Annual Avg.	3.6	4.5
2003 Annual Avg.	3.9	4.9
2004 Annual Avg.	3.9	4.7
2005 Annual Avg.	3.3	4.1
2006 Annual Avg.	3.3	4.0
2007 Annual Avg.	3.7	4.6
2008 Annual Avg.	4.4	5.4
2009 Annual Avg.	6.4	7.8
2010 Annual Avg.	6.4	7.4
2011 Annual Avg.	5.4	6.5
2012 Annual Avg.	4.8	5.6
2013 Annual Avg.	4.1	5.0
2014 Annual Avg.	3.4	4.2
2015 Annual Avg.	3.0	3.7
2016 Annual Avg.	3.2	3.9

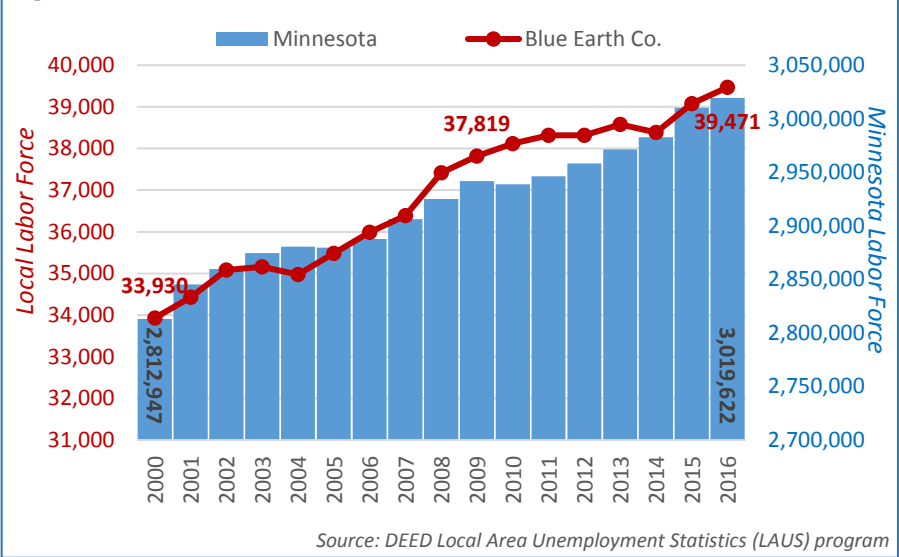
*Source: DEED LAUS program*

**Table 10. Jobseekers Per Vacancy**

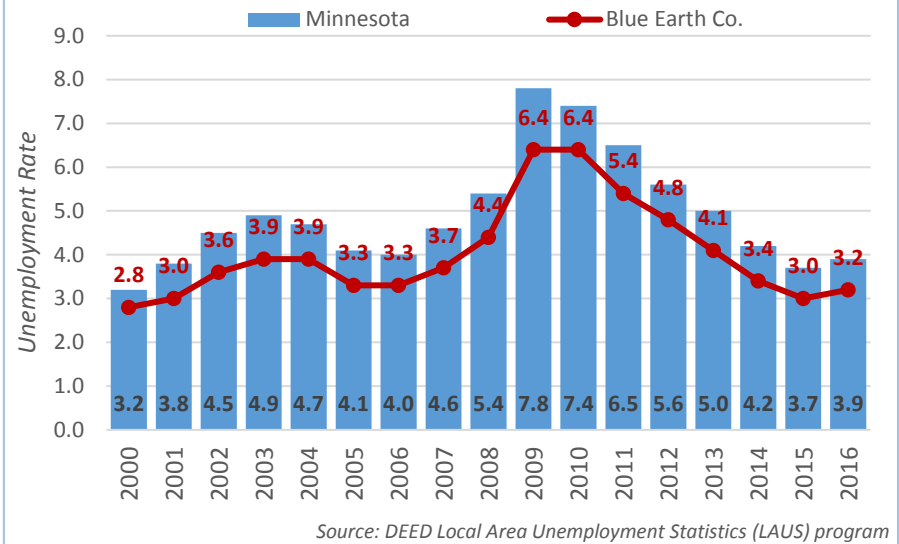
	Q2 2016
Region 9 Unemployed	4,772
Region 9 Vacancies	4,253
Jobseekers per Vacancy	1.12

*Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS*

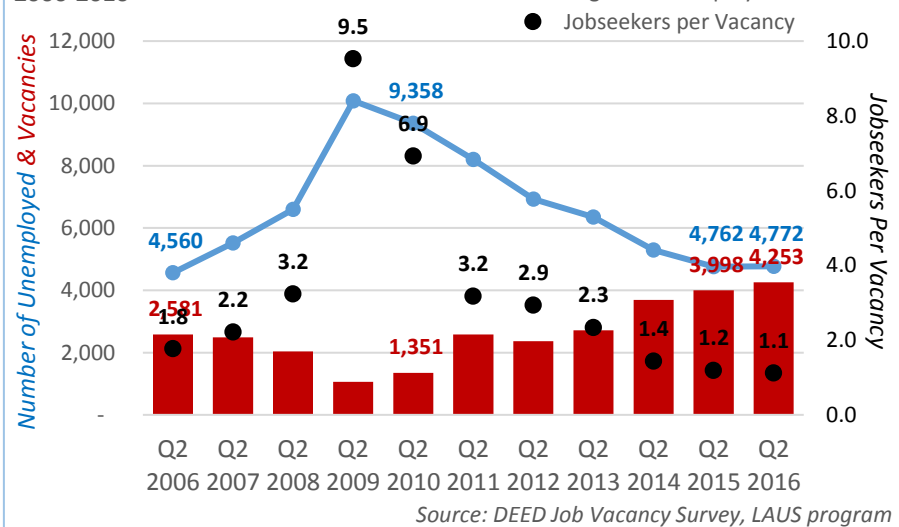
**Figure 5. Annual Labor Force Estimates**



**Figure 6. Unemployment Rates, 2000-2016**



**Figure 7. Jobseekers Per Vacancy, 2006-2016**



<b>Table 11. Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 18 years &amp;</b>	<b>Blue Earth Co.</b>		<b>Minnesota</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total, 18 years &amp; over</b>	<b>52,320</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than high school	2,603	5.0%	8.2%
High school graduate (incl. equiv.)	12,899	24.7%	26.1%
Some college, no degree	18,847	36.0%	24.5%
Associate's degree	5,169	9.9%	10.2%
Bachelor's degree	9,111	17.4%	21.2%
Advanced degree	3,691	7.1%	9.9%

*Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates*

<b>Table 12. Educational Attainment for the Population Aged 25 years &amp;</b>	<b>Blue Earth Co.</b>		<b>Minnesota</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>Total, 25 years &amp; over</b>	<b>37,634</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Less than high school	2,152	5.7%	7.6%
High school graduate (incl. equiv.)	10,567	28.1%	26.1%
Some college, no degree	8,790	23.4%	21.9%
Associate's degree	4,356	11.6%	10.7%
Bachelor's degree	8,115	21.6%	22.5%
Advanced degree	3,654	9.7%	11.2%

*Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates*

<b>Table 13. Educational Attainment by Age Group, 2015</b>	<b>Blue Earth Co.</b>		<b>Minnesota</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Percent</b>
<b>18 to 24 years</b>	<b>14,686</b>	<b>28.1%</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
Less than high school	451	3.1%	12.7%
High school graduate (incl. equiv.)	2,332	15.9%	26.2%
Some college, no degree	10,057	68.5%	42.7%
Associate's degree	813	5.5%	6.3%
Bachelor's degree	996	6.8%	11.6%
Advanced degree	37	0.3%	0.4%
<b>25 to 44 years</b>	<b>15,499</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>34.1%</b>
Less than high school	588	3.8%	6.7%
High school graduate (incl. equiv.)	3,488	22.5%	19.2%
Some college, no degree	3,818	24.6%	21.6%
Associate's degree	2,410	15.5%	13.1%
Bachelor's degree	3,938	25.4%	27.6%
Advanced degree	1,257	8.1%	11.7%
<b>45 to 64 years</b>	<b>14,003</b>	<b>26.8%</b>	<b>35.5%</b>
Less than high school	567	4.0%	5.7%
High school graduate (incl. equiv.)	4,148	29.6%	26.9%
Some college, no degree	3,285	23.5%	23.3%
Associate's degree	1,625	11.6%	11.3%
Bachelor's degree	2,924	20.9%	21.4%
Advanced degree	1,454	10.4%	11.4%
<b>65 years &amp; over</b>	<b>8,132</b>	<b>15.5%</b>	<b>18.2%</b>
Less than high school	997	12.3%	12.8%
High school graduate (incl. equiv.)	2,931	36.0%	37.3%
Some college, no degree	1,687	20.7%	19.8%
Associate's degree	321	3.9%	5.1%
Bachelor's degree	1,253	15.4%	15.2%
Advanced degree	943	11.6%	9.8%

*Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates*

**Table 14. Family Yearly Cost, Worker Hourly Wage, and Family Monthly Costs, 2017**

	Family Yearly Cost of Living	Hourly Wage Required	Monthly Costs						
			Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Transportation	Other	Taxes
Blue Earth Co.	\$45,080	\$14.45	\$234	\$747	\$396	\$833	\$642	\$462	\$443
Minnesota	\$55,200	\$17.69	\$468	\$763	\$472	\$936	\$788	\$496	\$677

*Source: DEED Cost of Living tool*

**Table 15. Household and Family Incomes, 2015**

	Median Household Income	Average Household Income	Median Family Income	Average Family Income
Blue Earth Co.	\$50,061	\$67,016	\$71,533	\$84,400
Minnesota	\$61,492	\$80,444	\$77,055	\$96,258

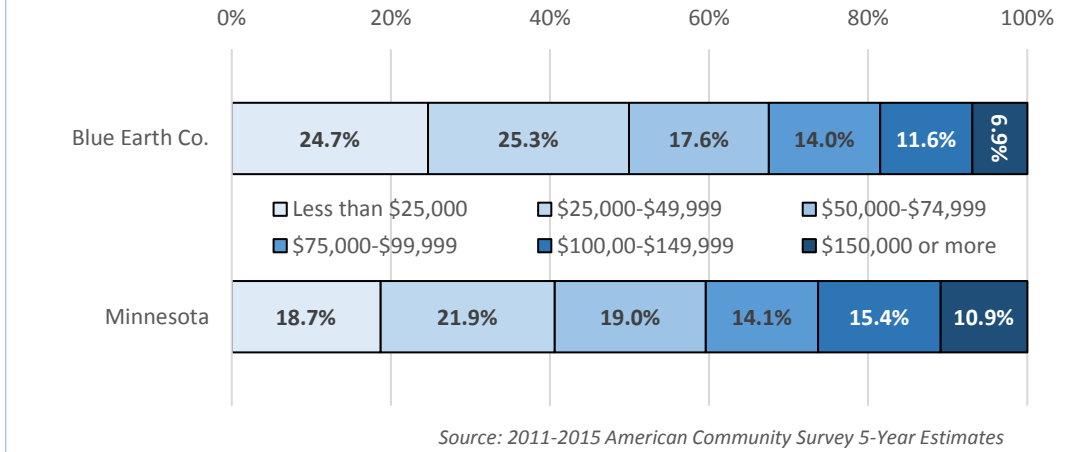
*Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates*

**Table 16. Household Incomes, 2015**

	Less than \$25,000	\$25,000-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$74,999	\$75,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000 or more
Blue Earth Co.	24.7%	25.3%	17.6%	14.0%	11.6%	6.9%
Minnesota	18.7%	21.9%	19.0%	14.1%	15.4%	10.9%

*Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates*

**Figure 8. Household Incomes, 2015**

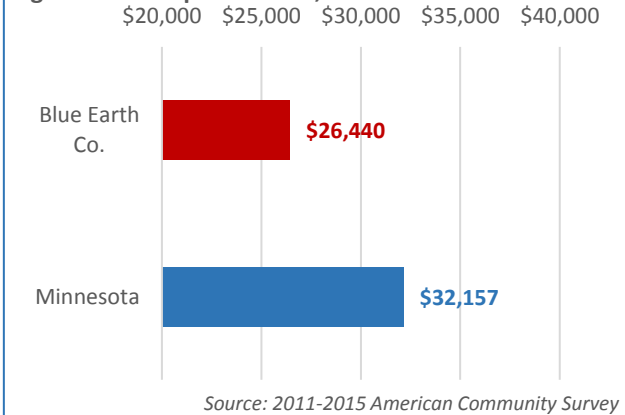


**Table 17. Per Capita Income, 2015**

	Blue Earth Co.	Percent of State	Minnesota
Per capita income in the past 12 months (in 2015 inflation-adjusted dollars)	\$26,440	82.2%	\$32,157

*Source: 2011-2015 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates*

**Figure 9. Per Capita Income, 2015**





## WAGES AND OCCUPATIONS

	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Employment
Region 1 - Northwest	\$17.59	38,070
Region 2 - Headwaters	\$16.80	30,860
Region 3 - Arrowhead	\$17.25	141,910
Region 4 - West Central	\$16.94	85,410
Region 5 - North Central	\$15.70	61,170
Region 6E - Southwest Central	\$17.07	47,410
Region 6W - Upper MN Valley	\$15.93	16,600
Region 7E - East Central	\$17.78	48,990
Region 7W - Central	\$17.48	184,510
Region 8 - Southwest	\$16.17	50,360
Region 9 - South Central	\$16.99	114,470
Region 10 - Southeast	\$18.53	259,060
Region 11 - 7-County Twin Cities	\$21.55	1,751,580
<b>State of Minnesota</b>	<b>\$19.62</b>	<b>2,810,400</b>

*Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2017*

	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Employment
Central Minnesota	\$17.45	280,910
Northeast Minnesota	\$17.25	141,910
Northwest Minnesota	\$16.71	215,520
Southeast Minnesota	\$18.53	259,060
Southwest Minnesota	\$16.58	181,430
Twin Cities Metro Area	\$21.55	1,751,580
<b>State of Minnesota</b>	<b>\$19.62</b>	<b>2,810,400</b>

Occupational Group	Region 9				State of Minnesota		
	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Employment	Share of Total Employment	Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Employment	Share of Total Employment
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>\$16.99</b>	<b>114,470</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>\$19.62</b>	<b>2,810,400</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Office & Administrative Support	\$16.40	16,200	14.2%	1.0	\$18.26	404,120	14.4%
Production	\$17.29	12,120	10.6%	1.3	\$17.46	220,570	7.8%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$26.64	8,200	7.2%	1.2	\$32.85	174,230	6.2%
Sales & Related	\$11.41	11,390	10.0%	1.0	\$13.48	275,740	9.8%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$16.49	8,740	7.6%	1.2	\$17.06	178,270	6.3%
Education, Training & Library	\$21.93	8,540	7.5%	1.3	\$23.33	164,560	5.9%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$9.97	6,900	6.0%	0.7	\$10.05	236,820	8.4%
Healthcare Support	\$13.04	3,830	3.3%	1.1	\$15.11	84,730	3.0%
Management	\$38.50	5,610	4.9%	0.8	\$49.20	168,370	6.0%
Personal Care & Service	\$12.21	7,080	6.2%	1.3	\$11.77	129,490	4.6%
Business & Financial Operations	\$28.11	4,040	3.5%	0.6	\$31.83	164,180	5.8%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$21.09	3,960	3.5%	1.0	\$22.41	95,700	3.4%
Computer & Mathematical	\$28.06	2,210	1.9%	0.6	\$39.75	97,680	3.5%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$12.22	3,490	3.0%	1.0	\$13.68	83,180	3.0%
Construction & Extraction	\$23.78	3,190	2.8%	0.8	\$26.55	98,730	3.5%
Community & Social Service	\$21.93	1,670	1.5%	0.8	\$21.32	53,060	1.9%
Protective Service	\$19.92	2,220	1.9%	1.3	\$19.80	42,740	1.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$31.25	1,770	1.5%	0.8	\$35.96	54,400	1.9%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$17.91	1,310	1.1%	0.9	\$22.39	37,290	1.3%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$25.32	870	0.8%	0.9	\$30.59	24,230	0.9%
Legal	\$38.02	280	0.2%	0.4	\$40.36	18,640	0.7%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$14.15	320	0.3%	2.1	\$15.31	3,680	0.1%

*Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2017*



**Table 20. Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 4 2016**

Region 9	Number of Total Vacancies	Percent Part-time	Percent Temporary or Seasonal	Requiring Post-Secondary Education	Requiring 1 or More Years of Work Exp.	Requiring Certificate or License	Median Hourly Wage Offer
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>3,799</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>\$12.56</b>
Management	80	5%	0%	68%	88%	20%	\$24.98
Business & Financial Operations	44	2%	1%	74%	83%	27%	\$22.88
Computer & Mathematical	20	0%	0%	81%	73%	0%	\$19.43
Architecture & Engineering	75	0%	0%	97%	86%	31%	\$30.26
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	47	57%	0%	35%	35%	23%	\$11.74
Community & Social Service	29	33%	0%	71%	81%	55%	\$14.39
Legal	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Education, Training & Library	157	33%	8%	96%	41%	36%	\$16.46
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	89	64%	10%	12%	63%	2%	\$11.89
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	237	33%	0%	96%	45%	94%	\$25.81
Healthcare Support	129	62%	0%	30%	4%	77%	\$12.30
Protective Service	37	49%	26%	24%	40%	50%	\$13.56
Food Preparation & Serving Related	543	49%	2%	0%	10%	6%	\$10.81
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	63	54%	5%	0%	22%	9%	\$11.85
Personal Care & Service	608	22%	1%	9%	7%	6%	\$10.48
Sales & Related	639	28%	3%	3%	39%	1%	\$12.20
Office & Administrative Support	280	21%	1%	42%	21%	58%	\$15.82
Construction & Extraction	13	0%	0%	66%	69%	71%	\$21.64
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	113	5%	0%	75%	74%	63%	\$20.29
Production	309	15%	3%	17%	27%	4%	\$12.95
Transportation & Material Moving	228	67%	13%	1%	9%	71%	\$10.10
Internships	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 4 2016

**Figure 10. Job Vacancies by Industry, Qtr. 4 2016**

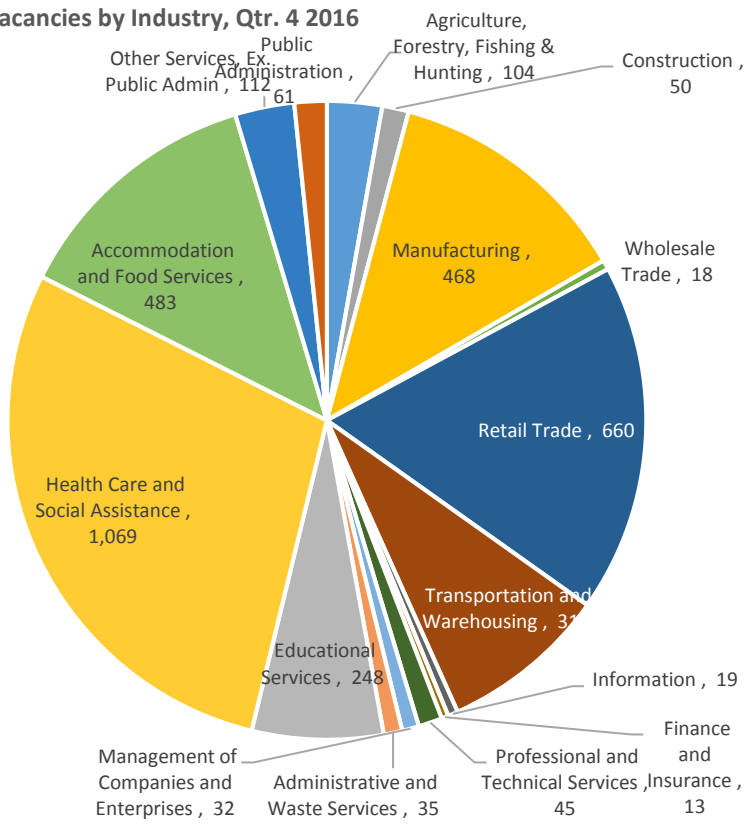
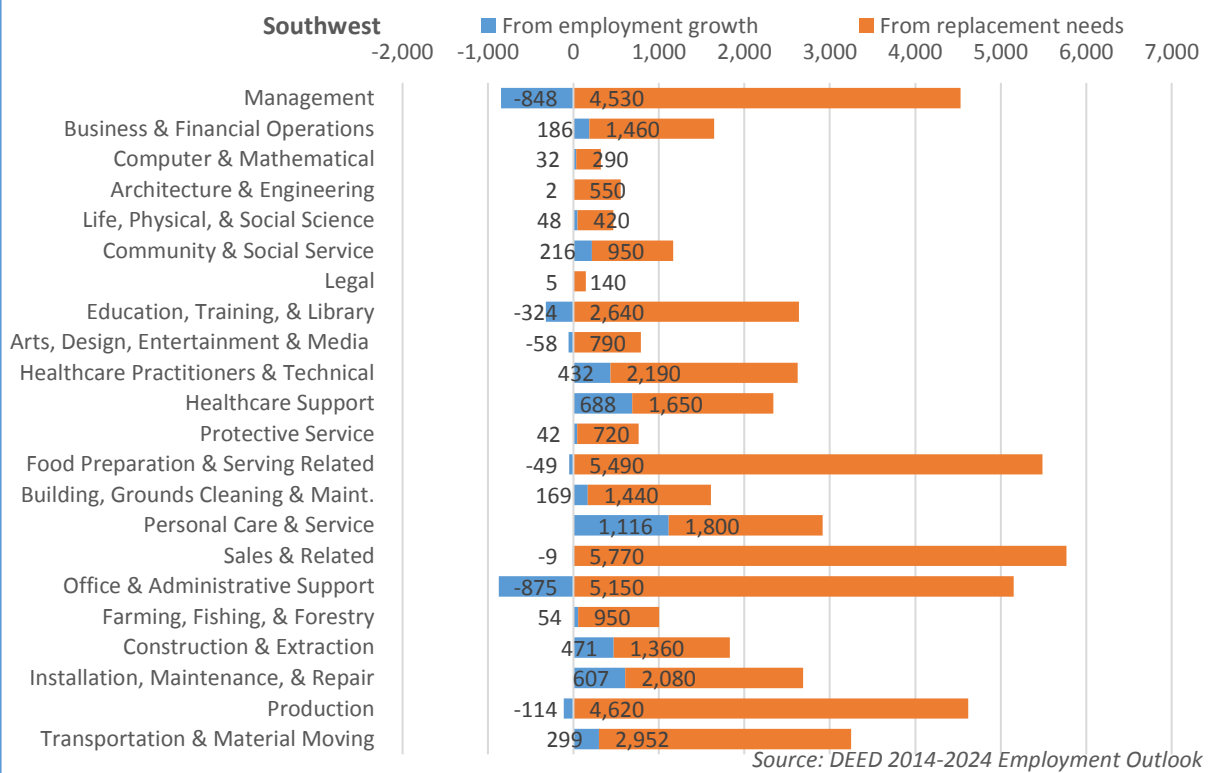


Table 21. Regional Employment Projections, 2014-2024						
Occupational Group	Southwest Planning Region					
	2014 Estimate	2024 Projection	2014-2024 Percent Change	2014-2024 New Jobs	Replacement Openings	2014-2024 Total Openings
<b>Total, All Occupations</b>	<b>208,555</b>	<b>210,669</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>2,114</b>	<b>48,070</b>	<b>55,090</b>
Management	23,411	22,563	-3.6%	-848	4,530	4,740
Business & Financial Operations	7,075	7,261	2.6%	186	1,460	1,720
Computer & Mathematical	1,974	2,006	1.6%	32	290	350
Architecture & Engineering	2,283	2,285	0.1%	2	550	610
Life, Physical, & Social Science	1,393	1,441	3.4%	48	420	490
Community & Social Service	4,513	4,729	4.8%	216	950	1,180
Legal	811	816	0.6%	5	140	150
Education, Training, & Library	11,965	11,641	-2.7%	-324	2,640	2,710
Arts, Design, Entertainment, & Media	3,092	3,034	-1.9%	-58	790	870
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	9,964	10,396	4.3%	432	2,190	2,670
Healthcare Support	7,393	8,081	9.3%	688	1,650	2,370
Protective Service	2,661	2,703	1.6%	42	720	790
Food Preparation & Serving Related	15,322	15,273	-0.3%	-49	5,490	5,730
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	7,157	7,326	2.4%	169	1,440	1,610
Personal Care & Service	9,726	10,842	11.5%	1,116	1,800	2,950
Sales & Related	18,526	18,517	0.0%	-9	5,770	6,060
Office & Administrative Support	25,342	24,467	-3.5%	-875	5,150	5,410
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	3,658	3,712	1.5%	54	950	1,070
Construction & Extraction	8,751	9,222	5.4%	471	1,360	1,850
Installation, Maintenance, & Repair	8,833	9,440	6.9%	607	2,080	2,740
Production	21,004	20,890	-0.5%	-114	4,620	5,470
Transportation & Material Moving	12,990	13,289	2.3%	299	2,952	3,250

*Source: DEED 2014-2024 Employment Outlook*

**Figure 11. Regional Employment Projections, 2014-2024**



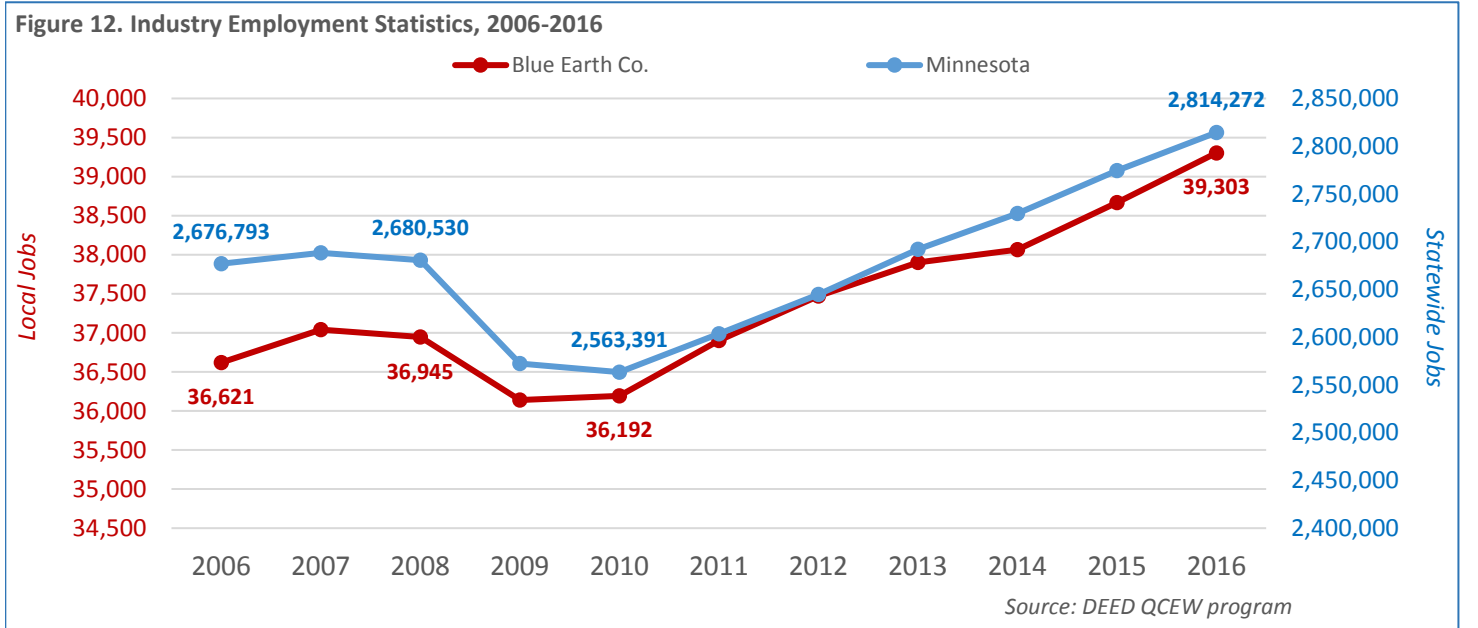
**Table 22. Regional Occupations in Demand, 2016**

Region 9			
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Degree	Bachelor's Degree or Higher
Personal Care Aides \$25,098	First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers \$34,209	Nursing Assistants \$25,136	Sales Managers \$95,718
Food Prep & Serving Workers \$19,090	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers \$37,964	Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers \$37,196	Accountants & Auditors \$60,471
Home Health Aides \$22,896	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants \$35,541	Registered Nurses \$55,837	Industrial Engineers \$72,620
Cooks, Restaurant \$19,930	Office Clerks, General \$30,173	Licensed Practical & Licensed Voc. Nurses \$41,577	Elementary & Secondary School Teachers \$48,572
Stock Clerks & Order Fillers \$21,830	Customer Service Representatives \$31,269	Computer User Support Specialists \$42,052	Network & Computer Systems Administrators \$62,067
Janitors & Cleaners \$24,723	Bus Drivers, School or Special Client \$27,018	HVAC Mechanics \$47,356	Financial Managers \$95,820
Laborers & Freight, Stock & Material \$28,992	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers \$33,533	Teacher Assistants \$26,098	Physician Assistants \$102,714
Waiters & Waitresses \$18,606	Team Assemblers \$30,567	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, & Cosmetologists \$24,062	Child, Family, & School Social Workers \$51,702
Retail Salespersons \$20,298	Social & Human Service Assistants \$40,679	Industrial Engineering Technicians \$45,750	Industrial Production Managers \$78,204
Cashiers \$19,248	Maintenance & Repair Workers, General \$38,534	Computer Network Support Specialists \$54,577	Clinical, Counseling, & School Psychologists \$59,020

*Source: DEED Occupations in Demand*

<b>Table 23. Industry Employment Statistics, 2016</b>								
	<b>2016 Annual Data</b>				<b>2011-2016</b>		<b>2015-2016</b>	
	<b>Number of Firms</b>	<b>Number of Jobs</b>	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>Avg. Annual</b>	<b>Change in Jobs</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Change in Jobs</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
Blue Earth Co.	1,906	39,303	\$1,606,202,892	\$40,867	2,403	6.5%	637	1.6%
State of Minnesota	161,520	2,814,272	\$152,795,190,643	\$54,293	210,746	8.1%	39,864	1.4%

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



<b>Table 24. Industry Employment Statistics, 2016</b>								
<b>Blue Earth Co.</b>	<b>2016 Annual Data</b>				<b>2011-2016</b>		<b>2015-2016</b>	
<b>NAICS Industry Title</b>	<b>Number of Firms</b>	<b>Number of Jobs</b>	<b>Total Payroll (\$1,000s)</b>	<b>Avg. Annual Wage</b>	<b>Change in Jobs</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Change in Jobs</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>1,906</b>	<b>39,303</b>	<b>\$1,606,203</b>	<b>\$40,867</b>	<b>2,403</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>1.6%</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	8	140	\$4,868	-	80	133.3%	#N/A	-
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	-	#N/A	-	#N/A	-
Construction	212	1,837	\$97,539	\$53,097	156	9.3%	-90	-4.7%
Manufacturing	82	3,692	\$200,883	\$54,410	112	3.1%	-11	-0.3%
Utilities	9	195	\$18,141	-	-32	-	-1	-
Wholesale Trade	95	1,497	\$79,305	-	-45	-	11	-
Retail Trade	300	5,899	\$140,509	\$23,819	-187	-3.1%	20	0.3%
Transportation & Warehousing	76	1,460	\$51,719	\$35,424	471	47.6%	287	24.5%
Information	28	1,089	\$55,569	\$51,028	-156	-12.6%	-129	-10.6%
Finance & Insurance	125	951	\$66,692	\$70,128	-63	-6.2%	-15	-1.6%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	72	574	\$16,030	\$27,926	33	6.1%	9	1.6%
Professional & Technical Services	121	1,288	\$85,093	-	247	-	48	-
Management of Companies	11	211	\$19,415	-	-147	-	-49	-
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs	72	1,049	\$31,112	\$29,659	2	0.2%	-20	-1.9%
Educational Services	32	3,800	\$181,891	\$47,866	213	5.9%	147	4.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	220	8,609	\$383,137	\$44,504	1,118	14.9%	251	3.0%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	34	524	\$6,329	\$12,079	114	27.8%	9	1.7%
Accommodation & Food Services	153	3,681	\$53,121	\$14,431	378	11.4%	82	2.3%
Other Services	148	1,279	\$35,840	\$28,022	7	0.6%	21	1.7%
Public Administration	70	1,198	\$65,727	\$54,864	120	11.1%	22	1.9%

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

**Table 25. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2014-2024**

	Estimated Employment 2014	Projected Employment 2024	Percent Change 2014-2024	Numeric Change 2014-2024
<b>Southwest Planning Region</b>				
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>208,555</b>	<b>210,669</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>2,114</b>
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	5,335	5,360	0.4%	25
Mining	391	408	4.3%	17
Construction	7,613	8,164	7.2%	551
Manufacturing	31,340	30,844	-1.5%	-496
Utilities	813	760	-6.5%	-53
Wholesale Trade	8,104	8,457	4.3%	353
Retail Trade	20,285	19,570	-3.5%	-715
Transportation & Warehousing	5,377	5,583	3.8%	206
Information	2,839	2,673	-5.8%	-166
Finance & Insurance	6,131	6,399	4.3%	268
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,225	1,376	12.3%	151
Professional & Technical Services	4,301	4,458	3.6%	157
Management of Companies	1,822	1,625	-10.8%	-197
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs	4,200	4,566	8.7%	366
Educational Services	1,950	1,920	-1.5%	-30
Health Care & Social Assistance	25,914	29,025	12.0%	3,111
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2,556	2,784	8.9%	228
Accommodation & Food Services	12,038	12,106	0.5%	68
Other Services	8,056	7,901	-1.9%	-155
Public Administration	31,816	30,682	-3.5%	-1,134

*Source: DEED 2014-2024 Employment Outlook*

**Table 26. Employers by Size Class, 2015**

Number of Employees	Blue Earth Co.		Minnesota
	Number of Firms	Percent of Firms	Percent of Firms
1-4	864	44.1%	53.7%
5-9	398	20.3%	17.7%
10-19	324	16.5%	13.3%
20-49	240	12.2%	9.3%
50-99	70	3.6%	3.2%
100-249	53	2.7%	1.9%
250-499	8	0.4%	0.5%
500 or more	3	0.2%	0.3%
<b>Total Firms</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

*Source: U.S. Census, County Business Patterns*

**Table 27. Nonemployer Statistics, 2015**

	2015		2005-2015	
	Number of Firms	Receipts (\$1,000s)	Change in Nonemps.	Percent Change
Blue Earth Co.	4,105	\$178,528	327	8.7%
State of Minnesota	397,378	\$18,435,244	23,959	6.4%

*Source: U.S. Census, Nonemployer Statistics program*

**Table 28. Census of Agriculture, 2012**

	Number of Farms	Market Value of Products Sold	State Rank (of 87)	Change in Mkt. Value,
Blue Earth Co.	1,070	\$505,423,000	6	54.3%
State of Minnesota	74,542	\$21,280,184,000		61.5%

*Source: 2012 Census of Agriculture*