From December 2017 to December 2018, Linn County’s private sector gained 2,250 jobs and the public sector lost jobs. The education and health services industry led the private-sector employment gains over the year. Between 1998 and 2008, Mid-Valley manufacturing employment fell by almost 5,900 jobs (16.8 percent of total industry jobs) and the age cohort with the largest contingent of workers changed to 45 to 54 years old. By 2018 the number of jobs lost in the industry totaled almost 8,300: 35,009 in 1998 down to 26,718 in 2018. The largest contingent of workers remains 45 to 54 years old.