EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

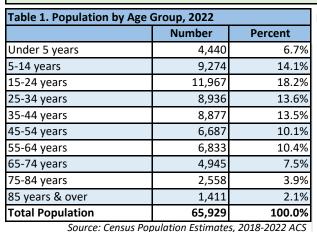
Clay Co.

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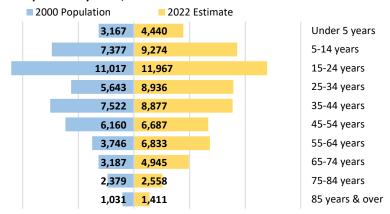
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS



Clay Co. is the 16th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 8th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Clay Co.'s population has a younger median age than the state and a smaller 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).







Clay Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net out-migration - meaning more people moved out than moved in. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Clay 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, 2020-2022								
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022					
	Population	Natural	Vital Events Net Migration				on	
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Clay Co.	620	626	1,880	1,254	-30	205	-235	
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17,365	20,012	-37,377	

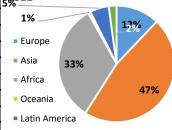
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Compared to the state, Clay Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Clay 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	Clay	Clay Co.		010-2022	Minnesota			
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	5	
Foreign-born Population	3,197	4.9%	1,305	69.0%	8.5%	31.3%		
Europe	387	12.1%	146	60.6%	9.3%	-0.6%		
Asia	1,499	46.9%	590	64.9%	36.7%	30.2%		
Africa	1,052	32.9%	723	219.8%	28.1%	93.1%		
Oceania	22	0.7%	18	450.0%	0.4%	20.4%		
Americas:	237	7.4%	-172	-42.1%	25.4%	7.5%		
Latin America	168	5.3%	-146	-46.5%	22.9%	9.0%		
Northern America	69	2.2%	-26	-27.4%	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



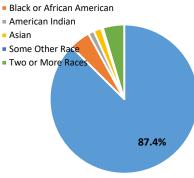
Northern America

COUNTY PROFILE

Clay Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022

- White
- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race



		Clay Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	65,307	100.0%	12.5%	100.0%	7.9%
White	57,105	87.4%	5.9%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	2,993	4.6%	241.7%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	828	1.3%	-17.6%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	1,102	1.7%	39.5%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	248	0.4%	-45.6%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	3,031	4.6%	205.2%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	3,176	4.9%	50.7%	5.7%	34.6%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Clay 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 Clay Co. Projection Projection Change Change Under 5 years 4,690 4,962 272 5.8% 5-14 years 9,836 10,605 769 7.8% 12,893 15,274 2,381 18.5% 15-24 years 25-34 years 7,919 8,299 380 4.8% 35-44 years 9,686 8,752 -934 -9.6% 9,810 2,234 29.5% 45-54 years 7,576 55-64 years 6,207 6,899 692 11.1% 65-74 years 5,719 5,067 -652 -11.4%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

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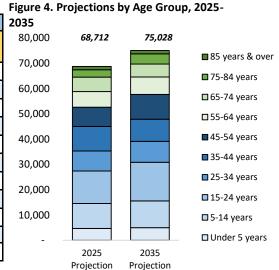
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6,316

39.5%

2.2%

9.2%



2.904

1,282

68,712

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

75-84 years

85 years & over

Total Population

Clay Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Clay 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%

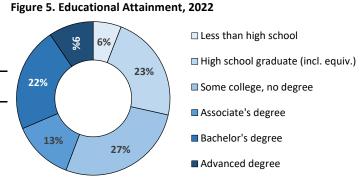
4,050

1,310

75,028

College-educated: 71.5% 68.5% state:

Associate's Degree: 12.8% Bachelor's Degree: 22.0% Advanced Degree: 9.4%



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

COUNTY PROFILE Clay Co

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 2.2%, Clay Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Clay Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 3.2% prepandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Clay Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.

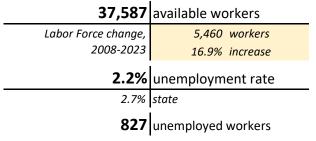
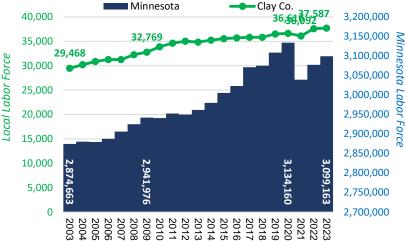


Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates



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, Clay 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, Clay Co.

is expected to add workers from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6). Clay Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 2,000 Average of 50 Average of 580 Average of 273 1,495

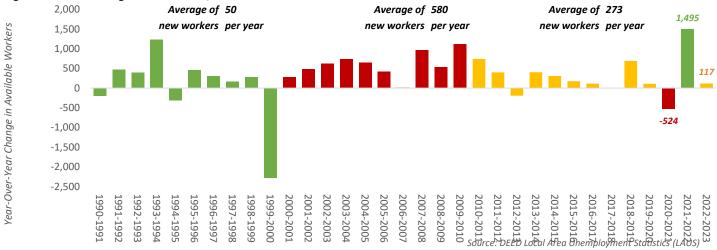
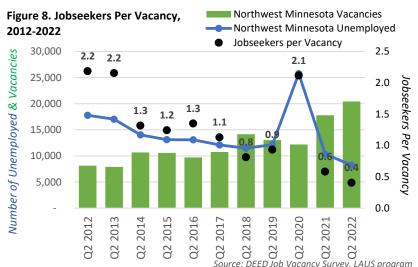


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035		
16 to 24 years	7,968	9,607		
25 to 54 years	22,231	23,637		
55 to 64 years	4,710	5,235		
65 years & over	2,107	1,987		
Total Labor Force	37,016	40,467		

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. Job vacancies in Northwest reached new highs in the 4th quarter of 2021, quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers and 2022 showed the lowest jobseeker-per-vacancy ratio on record (see Figure 8).



COUNTY PROFILE Clay Co.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Clay Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Clay 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, 2022							
		Clay Co.		Minne	esota		
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate		
Total Labor Force	35,953	70.9%	4.0%	68.7%	4.0%		
16 to 19 years	2,607	59.3%	9.9%	53.0%	9.8%		
20 to 24 years	4,910	76.2%	6.1%	83.1%	6.7%		
25 to 44 years	15,812	89.6%	3.8%	88.8%	3.5%		
45 to 54 years	5,644	85.2%	1.5%	87.8%	2.9%		
55 to 64 years	5,136	75.9%	2.0%	72.8%	3.1%		
65 to 74 years	1,543	31.5%	4.6%	27.6%	3.3%		
75 years & over	287	7.3%	3.5%	6.6%	3.2%		
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hi	spanic Origin						
White alone	32,221	71.0%	3.5%	67.8%	3.4%	ľ	
Black or African American	1,312	75.9%	7.8%	71.5%	8.7%	ĺ	
American Indian & Alaska Native	341	55.3%	50.3%	57.6%	11.9%	l	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	473	55.6%	0.2%	73.9%	3.6%	Į.	
Some Other Race	167	87.0%	12.0%	76.1%	6.1%	Ī	
Two or More Races	1,419	73.2%	1.2%	74.3%	6.6%	ľ	
Hispanic or Latino	1,473	79.1%	3.6%	77.0%	6.3%	Ī	
Employment Characteristics by Disability	20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	2,517	61.5%	17.8%	54.4%	10.2%	Ī	
Employment Characteristics by Education	al Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	26,600	85.7%	3.0%	84.4%	3.3%	Ī	
Less than H.S. Diploma	893	59.7%	3.5%	67.2%	4.6%	ĺ	
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	4,688	76.2%	2.2%	76.8%	2.5%	I	
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,793	86.3%	2.6%	85.1%	3.6%		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	11,224	93.2%	1.3%	90.3%	2.0%		

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022

Labor Force by Gender

Male 18,417

1,137

2,292

8,252

3,148 2,671

823

94

Female

17,526

1,471

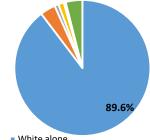
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7,561 2,498

2,466

719

192

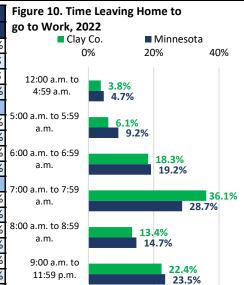


- White alone
- Black or African American
- American Indian & Alaska Native
- Asian or Other Pac. Islanders
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races

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

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

	Clay C	Co.	Minnesota		Figur
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to
Worked in state of residence	15,905	47.4%	2,867,086	97.7%	ĺ
Worked in county of residence	14,831	44.2%	1,957,366	66.7%	ĺ
Worked out of county of residence	1,074	3.2%	909,720	31.0%	12:0
Worked outside state of residence	17,649	52.6%	67,495	2.3%	4
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					
Car, truck, or van	28,622	85.3%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.ı
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	336	1.0%	81,926	2.8%	ĺ
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,409	4.2%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.
Worked at home	3,221	9.6%	333,556	11.4%	a
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.i
Less than 10 minutes	5,604	16.7%	465,223	15.9%	
10 to 19 minutes	15,099	45.0%	895,335	30.6%	
20 to 29 minutes	6,811	20.3%	649,557	22.2%	
30 to 44 minutes	3,624	10.8%	567,631	19.4%	a
45 to 59 minutes	1,007	3.0%	190,186	6.5%	9:
60 or more minutes	1,376	4.1%	158,000	5.4%	1
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	20.0	minutes	23.3	minutes	ĺ

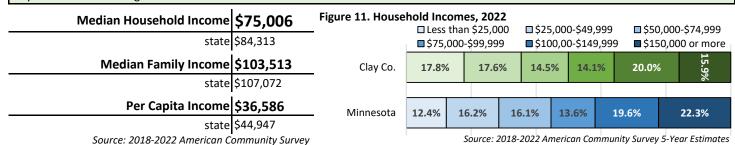


Source: 2018-2022 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

COUNTY PROFILE

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Clay Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Clay Co. had the 22nd 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. Clay Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.39 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.29 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022 **Monthly Costs Single Yearly Hourly Wage** Single Adult, 0 children Health Trans-**Cost of Living** Required **Child Care** Housing **Food** Other **Taxes** Care portation \$29,939 \$14.39 \$0 \$395 \$725 \$271 \$224 Clay Co. \$163 \$717 \$159 \$760 State of Minnesota \$16.82 \$0 \$961 \$303 \$34,992 \$403 \$330 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 \$47,703 \$15.29 \$251 \$903 \$901 \$437 \$122 Clay Co. \$528 \$833 \$574 State of Minnesota \$60,720 \$19.46 \$921 \$555 \$1,216 \$886 \$517 \$391

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Clay Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 22nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Clay Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Clay Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	16,854	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	542	3.2%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	529	3.1%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,493	8.9%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	3,049	18.1%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	5,620	33.3%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,562	27.1%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	1,059	6.3%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$241,4	\$286,800	

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

0% 10% 20% 30% Clay Co. ■ Minnesota 11.9% 2010 or later 7.8% 19.0% 2000 to 2009 13.3% 18.2% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 25.8% 1960 to 1979 23.8% 13.6% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 1939 or earlier

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

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

22.4%

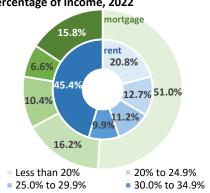
Median monthly rent costs \$972

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

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



35% or more

COUNTY PROFILE Clay Co.

OCCUPATIONS

At \$21.88 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 4 than the state. Overall, Region 4 had the 9th highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$40.79) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.11) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023							
	Region 4				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	\$21.88	87 <i>,</i> 550	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$40.79	4,890	5.6%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.49	2,970	3.4%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$34.92	1,000	1.1%	0.3	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$33.68	1,530	1.7%	0.9	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.72	580	0.7%	0.6	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$25.01	2,390	2.7%	1.4	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$34.47	340	0.4%	0.6	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.87	6,330	7.2%	1.3	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$23.13	830	0.9%	0.7	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$36.01	5,570	6.4%	1.0	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$17.45	5,080	5.8%	1.0	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$25.29	1,240	1.4%	1.0	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.11	7,920	9.0%	1.2	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.37	2,890	3.3%	1.2	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.16	1,810	2.1%	1.0	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$16.71	7,830	8.9%	1.1	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.52	10,110	11.5%	0.9	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.99	340	0.4%	2.7	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$27.75	4,570	5.2%	1.3	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.44	3,730	4.3%	1.2	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$22.10	8,120	9.3%	1.3	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.73	7,460	8.5%	1.1	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2023

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Clay Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 20409 job vacancies posted by employers in 2022, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022					
	Number of Wag				
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	20,409	\$17.06			
Management	407	\$32.83			
Business & Financial Operations	249	\$21.46			
Computer & Mathematical	101	\$33.15			
Architecture & Engineering	138	\$29.54			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	127	\$28.23			
Community & Social Service	379	\$20.30			
Education, Training & Library	1,540	•			
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,348	\$29.56			
Healthcare Support	1,732	•			
Protective Service	217	\$15.16			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,904	\$14.05			
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,063	\$16.12			
Personal Care & Service	497	\$12.88			
Sales & Related	4,519	\$16.09			
Office & Administrative Support	750	\$16.22			
Construction & Extraction	155	\$21.84			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	845				
Production	1,218	\$18.24			
Transportation & Material Moving	1,684	\$18.83			

Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022 Construction Public Other Administration Services, Ex. Accommodatioublic Admin Agriculture, 2% ForestMining & Hunting 2% Manufacturing n and Food 1% Utilities Services 9% 0% 13% Arts, Wholesale Trade Entertainmen 2% t, and Recreation 2% Health Care and Social Assistance 18% Transportatio and Information Warehousing 1% 0% Educationation Serviceand William

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

COUNTY PROFILE

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022						
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher			
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General & Operations Managers			
\$51,692/yr	\$37,961/yr	\$81,165/yr	\$67,488/yr			
Cashiers	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Elementary School Teachers			
\$28,802/yr	\$51,229/yr	\$64,102/yr	\$62,210/yr			
Home Health & Personal	Automotive Service Technicians &	Dental Hygienists	Secondary School Teachers			
Care Aides	Mechanics	Dental Hygiemsts	Secondary School reachers			
\$32,976/yr	\$47,005/yr	\$84,508/yr	\$63,580/yr			
Retail Salespersons	Machinists	Clinical Laboratory Technologists & Technicians	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term			
\$31,063/yr	\$48,430/yr	\$61,816/yr	\$39,171/yr			
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	Electricians	Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	Accountants & Auditors			
\$44,044/yr	\$62,857/yr	\$68,070/yr	\$64,490/yr			
Maintenance & Repair	Medical Assistants	Computer Network Support	Preschool Teachers			
Workers, General	Wedical Assistants	Specialists	Freschool reachers			
\$48,600/yr	\$46,584/yr	\$71,089/yr	\$36,501/yr			
Teaching Assistants, exc.	Dental Assistants	Industrial Engineering	Special Education Teachers,			
Postsecondary	Dental Assistants	Technologists & Technicians	Kindergarten & Elementary School			
\$37,015/yr	\$51,999/yr	\$53,775/yr	\$63,611/yr			
Janitors & Cleaners, exc.	Computer User Support Specialists	Forest & Conservation	Child, Family, & School Social			
Maids & Housekeeping	compater oser support specialists	Technicians	Workers			
\$37,767/yr	\$56,923/yr	\$51,299/yr	\$62,810/yr			
Stockers & Order Fillers	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	Business Operations Specialists, All			
	Technicians		Other			
\$39,215/yr	\$52,147/yr	\$53,542/yr	\$60,668/yr			
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &	Emergency Medical Technicians	Civil Engineering Technologists &	Substance abuse, behavioral &			
Material Movers, Hand		Technicians	mental health counselors			
\$39,548/yr	\$39,707/yr	\$71,840/yr	\$47,988/yr			

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Clay Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 5.1% 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, 2020	-2030	
Northwest Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2020	Projected Employ- ment 2030	Percent Change 2020-2030
Total, All Industries	250,722	263,441	5.1%
Natural Resources & Mining	5,790	5,740	-0.9%
Utilities	1,135	970	-14.5%
Construction	10,693	11,157	4.3%
Manufacturing	27,999	28,618	2.2%
Wholesale Trade	11,829	12,347	4.4%
Retail Trade	26,846	25,467	-5.1%
Transportation & Warehousing	6,436	6,741	4.7%
Information	2,276	2,229	-2.1%
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	7,478	7,641	2.2%
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,587	6,025	7.8%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	3,889	4,139	6.4%
Educational Services	22,015	23,101	4.9%
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,901	41,390	12.2%
Leisure & Hospitality	20,446	24,818	21.4%
Other Services	9,052	10,144	12.1%
Public Administration	22,824	23,240	1.8%

Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projections, 2020-2030						
From employment gr	owth 000		From e			
-5,0	000	5,0	000	15,0	000	
Management Occupations	455	9,69	92			
Business and Financial	511	2 ,37	73			
Computer and	177	577				
Architecture and	140	861				
Life, Physical, and Social	103	450				
Community and Social	876	2, 63	35			
Legal Occupations	62	373				
Educational Instruction and	1,313	6,7	45			
Arts, Design,	350	1,45	9			
Healthcare Practitioners	1,057	3,9	22			
Healthcare Support	2,24	0 8,	874			
Protective Service	219	1,72	3			
Food Preparation and	2,9	57 1	4,657			
Building and Grounds		5,34	10			
Personal Care and Service		5,1				
Sales and Related	-88	4 12,7	62			
Office and Administrative1	,027■	12,9	44			
Farming, Fishing, and		1,52	0			
Construction and Extraction	615	3,70)4			
Installation, Maintenance,		3,32	3			
Production Occupations		7,36	8			
Transportation and	1,397	9,4	41			

COUNTY PROFILE Clay Co.

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Clay Co. had the 21st largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Clay Co. was the 14th fastest growing in the past year and the 23rd fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Clay Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.

1,485 business establishments \$50,071 annual average wage
19,418 jobs \$972,274,047 total industry payroll

Job change, 29 jobs 0.1% increase

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

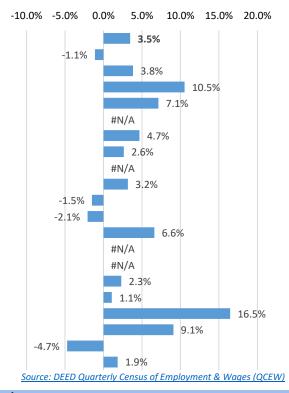


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

Average Number of Percent of Annual Table 15. Clay Co. Industry Employment Statistics, 2022 **Jobs** Total Jobs Wage 19,418 100.0% \$50,071 **Total, All Industries** Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt 269 1.4% \$55,428 27 \$67,689 Mining 0.1% Construction 1,028 5.3% \$59,623 1,155 5.9% Manufacturing \$62,761 Utilities #N/A #N/A #N/A Wholesale Trade 1.118 5.8% \$84,617 Retail Trade 2,559 13.2% \$33,572 Transportation & Warehousing #N/A #N/A #N/A Information 227 1.2% \$46,154 Finance & Insurance 397 2.0% \$69,367 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing 142 0.7% \$49,816 3.7% **Professional & Technical Services** 710 \$71,625 Management of Companies 95 0.5% \$201,764 300 Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs. 1.5% \$44,241 3,569 \$52,418 **Educational Services** 18.4% Health Care & Social Assistance 3.253 16.8% \$43.858 Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation 290 1.5% \$20,066 Accommodation & Food Services 1,692 8.7% \$21,367 Other Services 685 3.5% \$36,955 6.5% Public Administration 1,266 \$60,686

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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