EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

McLeod Co.

McLeod Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 6E, which is located in the Central Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

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MARSHALL PENNINGTON PENNINGTON PELTRAHI POLICARE POLICARE NORMAN	ST. LOUIS LAKE COOK
CASE CLAY BECKER CLAY DITER TAIL CROW WING	CARLTON
	PINE
MARLE RENVILLE DEP CARTER	
CON NOBLES	MOWER FILLMORE

2022 population:	36,714 people		
Population change,	63 people	Median Age:	41.3 years
2010-2022	0.2% increase	state:	38.5 years

McLeod Co. is the 29th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 46th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. McLeod 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).

Table 1. Population by Age	e Group, 2022		Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 200	0-2022	
	Number	Percent	2000 Population	2022 Estimate	
Under 5 years	1,988	5.4%	2,430	5 1,988	Under 5 years
5-14 years	4,642	12.6%			, 5-14 years
15-24 years	4,549	12.4%			,
25-34 years	4,158	11.3%	4,45	5 4,549	15-24 years
35-44 years	4,584	12.5%	4,724	4 4,158	25-34 years
45-54 years	4,510	12.3%	5,494	4,584	35-44 years
55-64 years	5,144	14.0%	4,50	5 4,510	45-54 years
65-74 years	3,826	10.4%	2,942	2 5,144	55-64 years
75-84 years	2,305	6.3%	2,270	3,826	65-74 years
85 years & over	1,007	2.7%			
Total Population	36,714	100.0%			75-84 years
	opulation Estimates,	2018-2022 ACS	71	9 <mark>1,0</mark> 07	85 years & ove

McLeod Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, McLeod Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

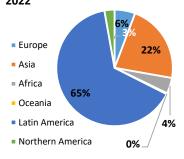
Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022									
	Total			April	1, 2020 to July 1, 2022				
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents		Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic		
McLeod Co.	-45	-90	872	962	29	15	14		
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	-17 <i>,</i> 365	17,365 20,012 -37,377			
					Source	ILS Consus Bureau Pon	ulation Estimates Program		

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

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

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	McLe	od Co.	Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	1,393	3.8%	344	32.8%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	80	5.7%	-69	-46.3%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	307	22.0%	140	83.8%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	61	4.4%	-26	-29.9%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	4	0.3%	4	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	941	67.6%	295	45.7%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	902	64.8%	275	43.9%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	39	2.8%	20	105.3%	2.5%	-4.6%	

Figure 2. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born Population, 2022



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

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McLeod 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 White Black or African American American Indian Asian Some Other Race Two or More Races 92.2%

		McLeod Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	36,727	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	7.9%
White	33,844	92.2%	-3.7%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	209	0.6%	-32.1%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	98	0.3%	-35.9%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	277	0.8%	18.9%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	907	2.5%	85.1%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	1,392	3.8%	272.2%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,542	6.9%	37.1%	5.7%	34.6%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

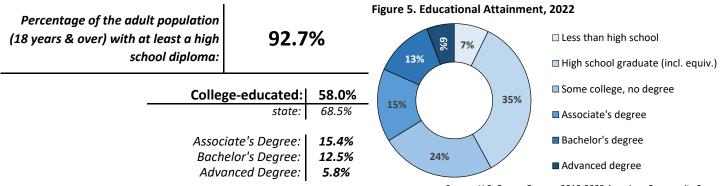
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, McLeod Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the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

					Figure 4. F	Projections	by Age Group	o, 2025-
Table 5. Population Proj	ections by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	40,000	36,377	36,213	
McLeod Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change	25.000			85 years & over
Under 5 years	2,041	1,980	-61	-3.0%	35,000			75-84 years
5-14 years	4,403	4,297	-106	-2.4%	30,000			□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	4,325	3,891	-434	-10.0%	25,000			,
25-34 years	4,249	4,215	-34	-0.8%	23,000			□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	4,553	4,601	48	1.1%	20,000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	4,381	4,623	242	5.5%	15,000			■ 35-44 years
55-64 years	4,881	4,254	-627	-12.8%				25-34 years
65-74 years	4,220	4,260	40	0.9%	10,000			15-24 years
75-84 years	2,463	3,096	633	25.7%	5,000			5-14 years
85 years & over	861	996	135	15.7%	1			Under 5 years
Total Population	36,377	36,213	-164	-0.5%	1	2025	2035	,
	S	ource: Minnesota	State Demoa	ranhic Center	4	Projection	Projection	

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

McLeod 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. McLeod 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.



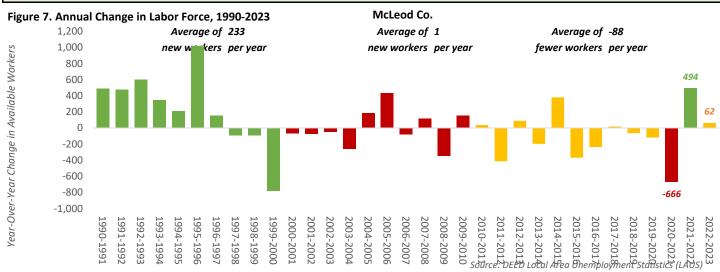
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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LABOR FORCE TRENDS

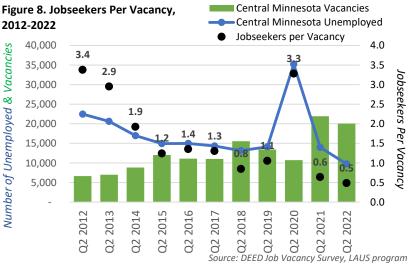
Figure 6. Annual Labor Force Estimates At 2.9%, McLeod Co. had a higher unemployment rate Minnesota McLeod Co. than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession 21,000 3,200,000 McLeod Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to 3,150,000 20,500 **20,114** Minnesota the 3.9% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number 3,100,000 of unemployed workers actively seeking work in McLeod ocal Labor Force 20,000 3,050,000 Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019. 3,000,000 Labor 19,500 2,950,000 19,257 available workers Force 19,000 2,900,000 Labor Force change, -1,186 workers 2,850,000 18,500 2008-2023 -5.8% decline 2,941,976 ,874,663 ,134,160 2,800,000 099,163 18,000 2.9% unemployment rate 2,750,000 2.7% state 17,500 2,700,000 558 unemployed workers

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, McLeod Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a loss of fewer workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, McLeod Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).



2025 2,935	,
,	,
11,632	11,856
3,566	3,108
1,396	1,452
19,529	19,059
	3,566 1,396

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 Central 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).



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Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

McLeod Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in McLeod 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									
	N	cLeod 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		
Total Labor Force	19,780	66.9%	3.2%	68.7%	4.0%	10,590	9,193		
16 to 19 years	1,157	59.6%	7.4%	53.0%	9.8%	521	635		
20 to 24 years	1,884	90.5%	3.6%	83.1%	6.7%	1,004	880		
25 to 44 years	7,735	88.4%	2.4%	88.8%	3.5%	4,223	3,513		
45 to 54 years	3,962	87.8%	2.1%	87.8%	2.9%	2,120	1,843		
55 to 64 years	3,760	73.1%	1.9%	72.8%	3.1%	2,038	1,724		
65 to 74 years	1,095	28.6%	11.3%	27.6%	3.3%	602	492		
75 years & over	189	5.7%	5.3%	6.6%	3.2%	82	106		
Employment Characteristics by Race & Hispanic Origin						Figure 9. La	abor Force by		
White alone	18,323	66.5%	3.1%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022			
Black or African American	142	79.8%	10.6%	71.5%	8.7%				
American Indian & Alaska Native	22	46.8%	50.0%	57.6%	11.9%				
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	149	71.0%	2.0%	73.9%	3.6%				
Some Other Race	313	51.9%	4.8%	76.1%	6.1%				
Two or More Races	826	84.7%	2.6%	74.3%	6.6%		N		
Hispanic or Latino	1,039	66.5%	5.7%	77.0%	6.3%				
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty, 20 to 64 years								
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,373	60.8%	9.2%	54.4%	10.2%		92.6%		
Employment Characteristics by Educati	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years							
Population, 25 to 64 years	15,459	84.0%	2.2%	84.4%	3.3%	White a			
Less than H.S. Diploma	775	75.3%	2.9%	67.2%	4.6%		African American		
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	4,184	79.1%	2.3%	76.8%	2.5%		in Indian & Alaska N		
Some College or Assoc. Degree	7,244	86.5%	1.6%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islander		
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	3,254	87.7%	1.9%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Of	ther Race		

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

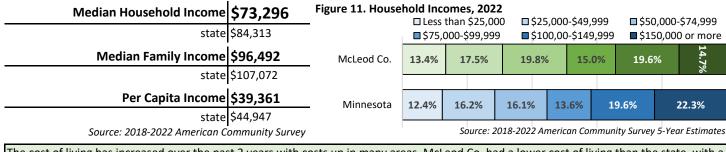
A larger percentage of workers in McLeod Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. McLeod Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

	McLeod	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time	Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to		
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20			
Worked in state of residence	18,706	99.6%	2,867,086	97.7%	McLee		■ Minnesota)% 40%	
Worked in county of residence	12,752	67.9%	1,957,366	66.7%	. 0	/0 20	J/0 40/0	
Worked out of county of residence	5,954	31.7%	909,720	31.0%	12:00 a.m. to			
Worked outside state of residence	75	0.4%	67,495	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	4.7%		
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK								
Car, truck, or van	16,659	88.7%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	12.3	7%	
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	94	0.5%	81,926	2.8%	a.m.	9.2%		
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	714	3.8%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		21.8%	
Worked at home	1,296	6.9%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.2%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59			
Less than 10 minutes	5,484	29.2%	465,223	15.9%			25.7%	
10 to 19 minutes	4,902	26.1%	895,335	30.6%			20.1%	
20 to 29 minutes	2,836	15.1%	649,557	22.2%		12.0)%	
30 to 44 minutes	2,423	12.9%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.	14	1.7%	
45 to 59 minutes	1,390	7.4%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to		40 50	
60 or more minutes	1,765	9.4%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.		19.5% 23.5%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	23.8	minutes	23.3	minutes				

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

McLeod Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, McLeod Co. had the 27th 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. McLeod Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.68 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.9 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of	able 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts			
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living	, ,	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes	
McLeod Co.	\$30,537	\$14.68	\$0	\$389	\$163	\$653	\$844	\$252	\$244	
State of Minnesota	\$34,992	\$16.82	\$0	\$403	\$159	\$961	\$760	\$330	\$303	
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts			
working full-time, 1 part- time), 1 child	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes	
McLeod Co.	\$49,612	\$15.90	\$265	\$890	\$528	\$861	\$992	\$424	\$174	
State of Minnesota	\$60,720	\$19.46	\$574	\$921	\$555	\$1,216	\$886	\$517	\$391	
	Source: DEED Cost of Living tool									

McLeod Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 39th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. McLeod 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-	McLeod	McLeod Co.		
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent	
Total	11,391	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	741	6.5%	4.1%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	378	3.3%	4.6%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,362	12.0%	7.1%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,678	23.5%	10.7%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	3,443	30.2%	27.1%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	2,242	19.7%	31.7%	
\$500,000 or more	547	4.8%	14.7%	
Median (dollars)	\$214,3	800	\$286,800	
Source: 2018-20	022 American Commu	unity Survey, 5-	Year Estimates	

ota Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

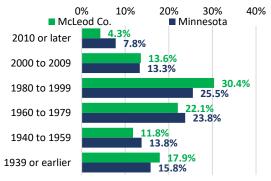
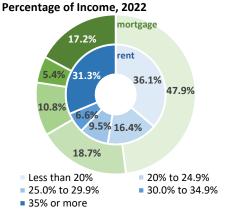
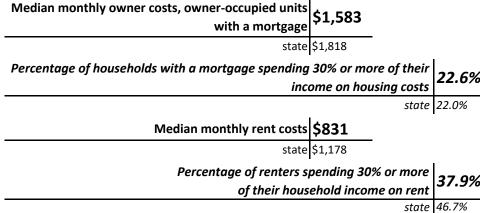


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a





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

McLeod Co

OCCUPATIONS

At \$21.2 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 6E than the state. Overall, Region 6E had the 3rd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$43.27) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.1) (see Table 11).

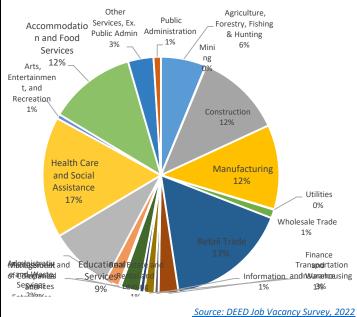
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023								
		Region 6E				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	
Total, All Occupations	\$21.20	49,510	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%	
Management	\$43.27	2,460	5.0%	0.7	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$31.31	1,630	3.3%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$37.20	450	0.9%	0.3	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.69	930	1.9%	1.0	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.81	290	0.6%	0.6	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$27.97	1,150	2.3%	1.2	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%	
Legal	\$31.91	160	0.3%	0.5	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$23.33	2,700	5.5%	1.0	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$20.44	310	0.6%	0.5	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$37.75	2,860	5.8%	0.9	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%	
Healthcare Support	\$15.62	4,190	8.5%	1.5	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%	
Protective Service	\$25.23	690	1.4%	1.0	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.10	3,830	7.7%	1.0	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.23	1,400	2.8%	1.0	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%	
Personal Care & Service	\$15.20	820	1.7%	0.8	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%	
Sales & Related	\$16.29	4,270	8.6%	1.0	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.29	5,440	11.0%	0.9	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.79	420	0.8%	5.9	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%	
Construction & Extraction	\$26.13	2,090	4.2%	1.0	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$24.77	2,120	4.3%	1.2	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%	
Production	\$22.07	6,470	13.1%	1.8	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.96	4,870	9.8%	1.2	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%	

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

McLeod Co. is a part of the Central planning region. There were 20029 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. Central Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2022				
	Number of	Wage		
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer		
Total, All Occupations	20,029	\$18.05		
Management	320	\$39.17		
Business & Financial Operations	202			
Computer & Mathematical	171	\$23.54		
Architecture & Engineering	158	\$24.47		
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	621	\$18.79		
Community & Social Service	254	\$23.73		
Education, Training & Library	1,003	\$22.10		
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,788			
Healthcare Support	1,330	\$15.48		
Protective Service	133	\$17.93		
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,629	\$13.43		
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	669	\$15.07		
Personal Care & Service	650	\$14.19		
Sales & Related	2,437	\$15.93		
Office & Administrative Support	1,264	\$15.74		
Construction & Extraction	1,479	\$24.86		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	620	\$22.53		
Production	1,690	\$17.91		
Transportation & Material Moving	1,845	\$20.33		





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

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

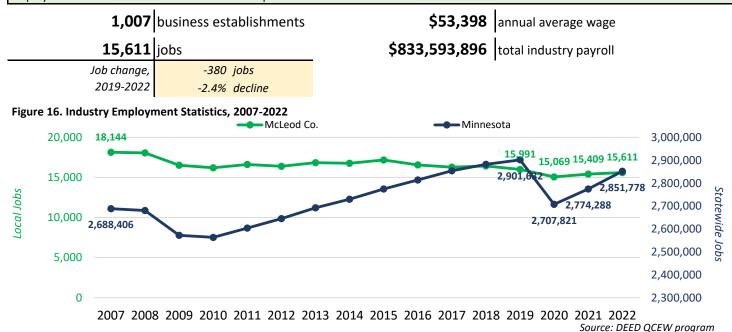
Table 13. Central Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2022				
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Fast Food & Counter	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General & Operations Managers	
Workers	5	6		
\$30,214/yr	\$39,353/yr	\$86,694/yr	\$79,121/yr	
Home Health & Personal	Agricultural Technicians	Veterinary Technologists &	Elementary School Teachers	
Care Aides	ése 724/	Technicians	¢C4 200 /um	
\$32,476/yr	\$50,734/yr	\$40,013/yr	\$64,300/yr	
Cashiers	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Secondary School Teachers	
\$29,935/yr	\$52,954/yr	\$74,178/yr	\$64,602/yr	
Retail Salespersons	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	Architectural & Civil Drafters	Accountants & Auditors	
\$31,947/yr	\$50,038/yr	\$60,894/yr	\$69,793/yr	
First-Line Supervisors of	Machinists	Electro-Mechanical &	Middle School Teachers	
Retail Sales Workers	Wachinists	Mechatronics Technologists &		
\$45,819/yr	\$57,338/yr	\$52,181/yr	\$65,007/yr	
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &		Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Preschool Teachers	
Material Movers, Hand	Mechanics & Installers	& Technicians		
\$39,815/yr	\$64,161/yr	\$62,998/yr	\$36,959/yr	
Janitors & Cleaners, exc.	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	Radiologic Technologists &	Substance abuse, behavioral &	
Maids & Housekeeping		Technicians	mental health counselors	
\$36,758/yr	\$63,521/yr	\$76,318/yr	\$51,463/yr	
First-Line Supervisors of	Hairdressers, Hairstylists, &	Dental Hygienists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term	
Food Preparation & Serving	Cosmetologists			
\$39,562/yr	\$35,910/yr	\$84,542/yr	\$43,575/yr	
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	Electricians	Surgical Technologists	Financial Managers	
Truck Drivers			-	
\$57,479/yr	\$63,794/yr	\$64,849/yr	\$120,404/yr	
Teaching Assistants, exc.	Medical Assistants	Computer Network Support	Medical & Health Services	
Postsecondary	A.C. 2011	Specialists	Managers	
\$38,154/yr	\$46,901/yr	\$72,592/yr	\$100,201/yr Source: DEED Occupations in Demand	

McLeod Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5% 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, 2020-2030				Figure 15. Regional Occupational		
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	Employment Projections, 2020-2030 From employment growth -5,000 5,000 15,000 25,000		
	Employment	Employ-	Change			
Central Planning Region	2020	ment 2030	2020-2030	Management Occupations 900 8,070 Business and Financial 650 3,130		
Total, All Industries	301,170	316,216	5.0%	Computer and 299 920		
Natural Resources & Mining	5,416	4,879	-9.9%	Architecture and 231 1,099		
Utilities	1,952	1,686	-13.6%	Life, Physical, and Social 137 469		
Construction	18,984	19,792	4.3%	Community and Social 692 2,049		
Manufacturing	39,543	40,646	2.8%	Legal Occupations 91 370 Educational Instruction and1,446 7,688		
Wholesale Trade	10,123	10,516	3.9%	Arts, Design, 335 1.635		
Retail Trade	35,588	33,781	-5.1%	Healthcare Practitioners1,375 4,902		
Transportation & Warehousing	10,098	10,685	5.8%	Healthcare Support 2,83 11,007		
Information	2,639	2,842	7.7%	Protective Service 430 2,283		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	9,550	9,649	1.0%	Food Preparation and 3,654 18,001		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	8,562	9,119	6.5%	Building and Grounds 537 5,345 Personal Care and Service1,111 6,109		
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	9,545	10,066	5.5%	Sales and Related1,01115,120		
Educational Services	23,734	24,976	5.2%	Office and Administrative1,428 15,379		
Health Care & Social Assistance	46,672	52,213	11.9%	Farming, Fishing, and312 1,305		
Leisure & Hospitality	21,963	26,961	22.8%	Construction and Extraction 700 5,129		
Other Services	10,108	11,290	11.7%	Installation, Maintenance, 578 4,057		
Public Administration	19,239	20,198	5.0%	Production Occupations 75 9,870 Transportation and1.723 13.023		
<u>So</u>	urce: DEED 2020-2	2030 Employm	ent Outlook	1 ansportation and 1,723 15,025		

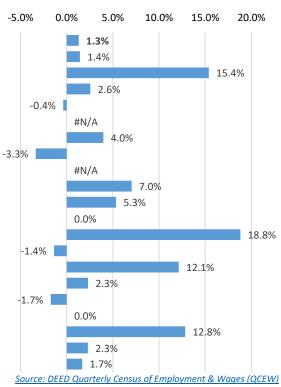
ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, McLeod Co. had the 28th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. McLeod Co. was the 57th fastest growing in the past year and the 45th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in McLeod Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.



Average Number of Percent of Annual Table 15. McLeod Co. Industry **Employment Statistics, 2022** Jobs Total Jobs Wage 100.0% Total, All Industries 15,611 \$53,398 Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt 178 1.1% \$18,310 30 Mining 0.2% \$32,632 480 Construction 3.1% \$66,618 4,513 Manufacturing 28.9% \$73,278 Utilities #N/A #N/A #N/A Wholesale Trade 550 3.5% \$77,478 **Retail Trade** 1,964 12.6% \$28,868 Transportation & Warehousing #N/A #N/A #N/A Information 137 0.9% \$35,951 Finance & Insurance 355 2.3% \$67,199 Real Estate & Rental & Leasing 63 0.4% \$31,512 278 Professional & Technical Services 1.8% \$57,764 Management of Companies 72 0.5% \$94,103 425 Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs. 2.7% \$46,812 1,017 \$45,951 **Educational Services** 6.5% Health Care & Social Assistance 2,572 16.5% \$51,624 Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation 160 1.0% \$22,779 Accommodation & Food Services 1,099 7.0% \$18,302 Other Services 400 2.6% \$32,749 724 4.6% Public Administration \$52,644

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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