EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

Meeker Co.

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

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

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2022 population:	23,496 people		
Population change,	196 people	Median Age:	42.3 years
2010-2022	0.8% increase	state:	38.5 years

Meeker Co. is the 43rd largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 43rd fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Meeker 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 Group, 2022			Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2	2000-2022	
	Number	Percent	2000 Population	2022 Estimate	
Under 5 years	1,360	5.8%	1,460	1,360	Under 5 years
5-14 years	3,223	13.7%	3,435	3,223	5-14 years
15-24 years	2,890	12.3%			
25-34 years	2,351	10.0%	2,880	2,890	15-24 years
35-44 years	2,705	11.5%	2,471	2,351	25-34 years
45-54 years	2,713	11.5%	3,497	2,705	35-44 years
55-64 years	3,522	15.0%	3,105	2,713	45-54 years
65-74 years	2,723	11.6%	2,097	3,522	55-64 years
75-84 years	1,383	5.9%	1,756	2,723	65-74 years
85 years & over	627	2.7%			
Total Population	23,496	100.0%	1,305	1,383	75-84 years
Source: Census Po	pulation Estimates,	2018-2022 ACS	638	627	85 years & over

Meeker 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, Meeker Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

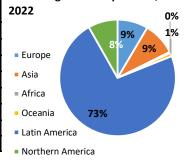
Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2022											
	Total	April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022									
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents		Net Migrati	on				
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic				
Meeker Co.	96	-47	538	585	143	11	132				
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	3 -17,365 20,012 -37,377						
					Source	IIS Census Bureau Pon	ulation Estimates Program				

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

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

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	irth for Meeker Co.		Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	317	1.4%	-39	-11.0%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	27	8.5%	4	17.4%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	29	9.1%	-62	-68.1%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	1	0.3%	1	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	3	0.9%	3	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	257	81.1%	15	6.2%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	231	72.9%	7	3.1%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	26	8.2%	8	44.4%	2.5%	-4.6%	

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



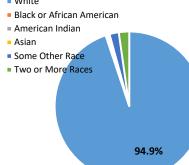
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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Meeker Co.

Meeker 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



	Meeker Co	Minnesota		
Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
23,352	100.0%	0.0%	100.0%	7.9%
22,154	94.9%	-2.8%	79.7%	-0.4%
75	0.3%	50.0%	6.7%	44.3%
80	0.3%	15.9%	0.9%	-10.2%
49	0.2%	-47.3%	5.1%	37.1%
469	2.0%	153.5%	2.3%	84.7%
525	2.2%	218.2%	5.3%	159.6%
998	4.3%	39.0%	5.7%	34.6%
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

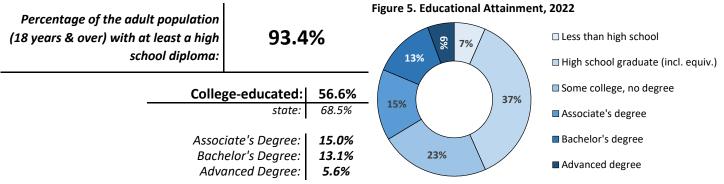
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Meeker Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the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

					Figure 4. P	rojections	by Age Group	o, 2025-
Table 5. Population Proj	ections by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	25,000	23,397	23,334	
Meeker Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change				85 years & over
Under 5 years	1,428	1,462	34	2.4%	20,000			75-84 years
5-14 years	3,120	3,128	8	0.3%	20,000			□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	2,861	2,708	-153	-5.3%				
25-34 years	2,523	2,700	177	7.0%	15,000			□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	2,555	2,715	160	6.3%				■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	2,674	2,631	-43	-1.6%	10,000			■ 35-44 years
55-64 years	2,999	2,614	-385	-12.8%				■ 25-34 years
65-74 years	3,048	2,613	-435	-14.3%	5,000			15-24 years
75-84 years	1,576	2,063	487	30.9%				□ 5-14 years
85 years & over	613	700	87	14.2%	1 _			Under 5 years
Total Population	23,397	23,334	-63	-0.3%		2025	2035	
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Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

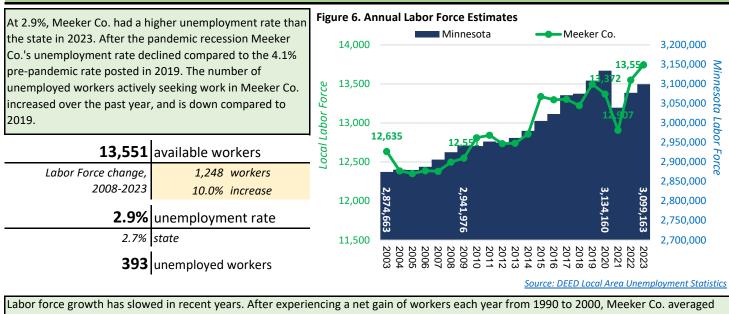
Meeker Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Meeker Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.



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

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LABOR FORCE TRENDS



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, Meeker Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

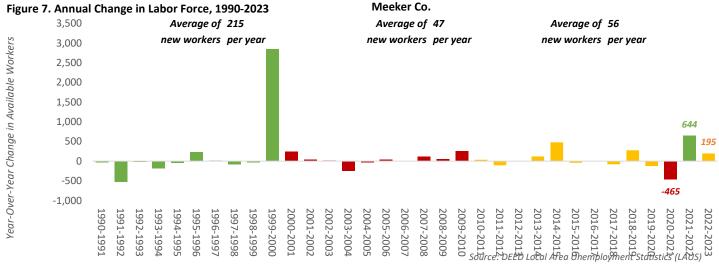
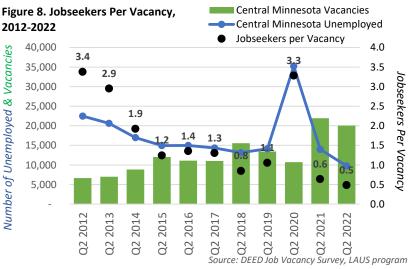


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection					
Projections, 2025-2035	2025 2035					
16 to 24 years	1,885	1,800				
25 to 54 years	6,868	7,130				
55 to 64 years	2,181	1,901				
65 years & over	920	836	-			
Total Labor Force	11,854	11,667				

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).



LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	M	leeker Co.		Minne	esota	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	12,088	65.6%	2.5%	68.7%	4.0%	6,603	5,480
16 to 19 years	694	58.9%	6.2%	53.0%	9.8%	341	353
20 to 24 years	1,181	89.3%	4.2%	83.1%	6.7%	633	549
25 to 44 years	4,468	88.9%	3.0%	88.8%	3.5%	2,467	2,001
45 to 54 years	2,372	88.0%	2.4%	87.8%	2.9%	1,308	1,065
55 to 64 years	2,545	72.7%	0.7%	72.8%	3.1%	1,332	1,214
65 to 74 years	712	26.3%	0.8%	27.6%	3.3%	436	277
75 years & over	108	5.4%	1.9%	6.6%	3.2%	86	21
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	11,531	65.5%	2.5%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	
Black or African American	34	46.6%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	59	89.4%	0.0%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	11	22.9%	27.3%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	244	72.6%	6.6%	76.1%	6.1%		N N
Two or More Races	211	70.6%	0.0%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	460	68.6%	0.0%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ity, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	655	52.7%	7.3%	54.4%	10.2%		95.4%
Employment Characteristics by Educat	ional Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	9,392	83.7%	2.2%	84.4%	3.3%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	429	69.0%	1.8%	67.2%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	2,836	78.9%	2.2%	76.8%	2.5%		n Indian & Alaska Na
Some College or Assoc. Degree	3,998	85.5%	2.0%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islanders
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	2,123	91.2%	1.7%	90.3%	2.0%	Some Of	ther Race

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

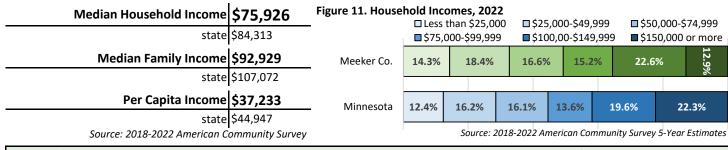
A smaller percentage of workers in Meeker Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Meeker Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

	Meeker	Co.	Minn	esota	Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to		
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20		
Worked in state of residence	11,566	99.5%	2,867,086	97.7%	Meek		Minnesota
Worked in county of residence	6,370	54.8%	1,957,366	66.7%	. 0	20	40%
Worked out of county of residence	5,196	44.7%	909,720	31.0%	12:00 a.m. to		
Worked outside state of residence	58	0.5%	67,495	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	8.8% 4.7%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				-			
Car, truck, or van	10,380	89.3%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.		6.3%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	35	0.3%	81,926	2.8%		9.2%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	384	3.3%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		22.6%
Worked at home	814	7.0%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.2%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59		
Less than 10 minutes	2,999	25.8%	465,223	15.9%			28.1% 28.7%
10 to 19 minutes	3,162	27.2%	895 <i>,</i> 335	30.6%			20.1%
20 to 29 minutes	1,802	15.5%	649,557	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	9.0%	
30 to 44 minutes	1,790	15.4%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.	14	.7%
45 to 59 minutes	744	6.4%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to		
60 or more minutes	1,139	9.8%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.	1	23.5%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.2	minutes	23.3	minutes	[

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Meeker Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Meeker Co. had the 19th 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. Meeker Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.9 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$16.17 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

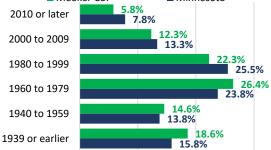
Table 9. Basic Needs Cost o	able 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2022								
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts		
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living	, ,	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
Meeker Co.	\$30,996	\$14.90	\$0	\$391	\$163	\$639	\$887	\$249	\$254
State of Minnesota	\$34,992	\$16.82	\$0	\$403	\$159	\$961	\$760	\$330	\$303
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Nonthly Co	sts		
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living	, ,	Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes
time), 1 child	COST OF LIVING	Required	Child Care	FUUU	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes
Meeker Co.	\$50,461	\$16.17	\$265	\$894	\$528	\$854	\$1,045	\$423	\$196
State of Minnesota	\$60,720	\$19.46	\$574	\$921	\$555	\$1,216	\$886	\$517	\$391
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool									

Meeker Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 36th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Meeker 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-	Meeker	· Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	7,358	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	357	4.9%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	572	7.8%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	1,093	14.9%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	1,316	17.9%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	1,930	26.2%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	1,475	20.0%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	615	8.4%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$216,8	800	\$286,800
Source: 2018-20) 22 American Commu	unity Survey, 5-1	Year Estimates

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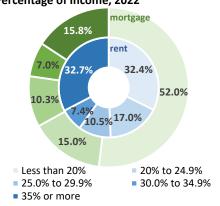
Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

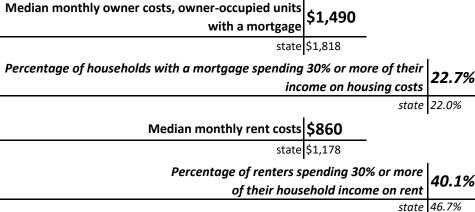


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Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2022





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

Meeker 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).

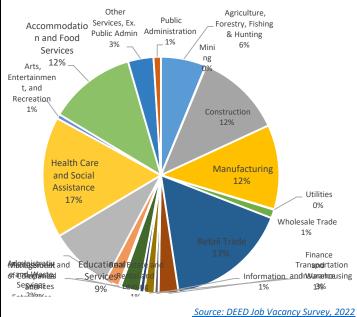
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023							
	Region 6E				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$21.20	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

Meeker 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	-	General & Operations Managers		
\$30,214/yr	\$39,353/yr	\$86,694/yr	\$79,121/yr		
Home Health & Personal	Agricultural Technicians	Veterinary Technologists &	Elementary School Teachers		
Care Aides	6	Technicians			
\$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 &	whome school reachers		
\$45,819/yr	\$57,338/yr	\$52,181/yr	\$65,007/yr		
Laborers & Freight, Stock, &	Heating, Air Conditioning, & Refrigeration	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Preschool Teachers		
Material Movers, Hand	Mechanics & Installers	& Technicians	Freschool reachers		
\$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	industrial Machinery Mechanics	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		Specialists	Managers		
\$38,154/yr	\$46,901/yr	\$72,592/yr	\$100,201/yr		
			Source: DEED Occupations in Demana		

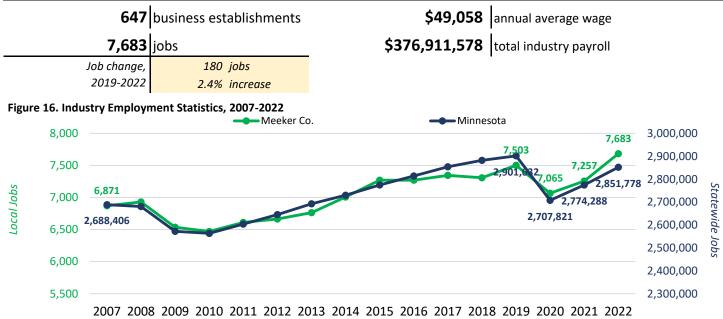
Meeker Co. is a part of the Central planning region, which is projected to see a 5% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030				Figure 15. Regional Occupational			
				Employment Projections, 2020-2030			
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	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		-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			
Wholesale Trade	10,123	10,516	3.9%	Educational Instruction and1,446 7,688 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 3,6 4 18,001			
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	8,562	9,119	6.5%	Building and Grounds 537 5,345			
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	9,545	10,066	5.5%	Personal Care and Service1,111 6,109 Sales and Related1,01 15.120			
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 and 1,723 13,023			
So	urce: DEED 2020-2	2030 Employm	ent Outlook	- Tansportation and 1,723 - 15,025			

COUNTY PROFILE

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Meeker Co. had the 45th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Meeker Co. was the 1st fastest growing in the past year and the 7th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Meeker Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.



Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average	Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022
Table 15. Meeker Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual	
Employment Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage	-20.0% 0.0% 20.0% 40.0% 60.0% 80.0%
Total, All Industries	7,683	100.0%	\$49,058	5.9%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	245	3.2%	\$34,426	-7.4%
Mining	16	0.2%	\$41,987	11.4%
Construction	515	6.7%	\$60,145	-2.1%
Manufacturing	2,018	26.3%	\$60,219	17.8%
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	439	5.7%	\$59 <i>,</i> 857	1.2%
Retail Trade	774	10.1%	\$33,178	1.0%
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	40	0.5%	\$32,049	60.0%
Finance & Insurance	184	2.4%	\$68,784	-0.5%
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12	0.2%	\$18,705	0.0%
Professional & Technical Services	238	3.1%	\$58,759	10.2%
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	534	7.0%	\$33,799	1.5%
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,091	14.2%	\$34,458	0.7%
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	24	0.3%	\$13,179	26.3%
Accommodation & Food Services	454	5.9%	\$15,758	11.8%
Other Services	189	2.5%	\$26,341	14.5%
Public Administration	447	5.8%	\$47 <i>,</i> 905	4.9%
				Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEV

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