

COUNTY PROFILE

Otter Tail Co.

Otter Tail Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 4, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

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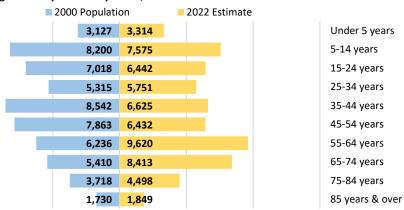
POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

2022 population:	60,519 people		
Population change,	3,216 people	Median Age:	46.1 years
2010-2022	5.6% increase	state:	38.5 years

Otter Tail Co. is the 17th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 22nd fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Otter Tail 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 Number Percent Under 5 years 3,314 5.5% 7,575 12.5% 5-14 years 15-24 years 6,442 10.6% 25-34 years 5,751 9.5% 35-44 years 10.9% 6,625 45-54 years 6,432 10.6% 55-64 years 9,620 15.9% 65-74 years 8,413 13.9% 75-84 years 4,498 7.4% 85 years & over 1,849 3.1% **Total Population** 60,519 100.0% Source: Census Population Estimates, 2018-2022 ACS

Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2022



Otter Tail 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, Otter Tail 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	Vital Events Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic
Otter Tail Co.	445	-412	1,363	1,775	832	27	805
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, Otter Tail Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Otter Tail Co. saw a decrease in the number of foreign-born residents, though it was slower than the statewide increase.

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Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Otter Tail Co.		Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota			
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change		
Foreign-born Population	1,512	2.5%	-15	-1.0%	8.5%	31.3%		
Europe	235	15.5%	-118	-33.4%	9.3%	-0.6%		
Asia	230	15.2%	-24	-9.4%	36.7%	30.2%		
Africa	199	13.2%	18	9.9%	28.1%	93.1%		
Oceania	14	0.9%	10	250.0%	0.4%	20.4%		
Americas:	834	55.2%	99	13.5%	25.4%	7.5%		
Latin America	787	52.1%	124	18.7%	22.9%	9.0%		
Northern America	47	3.1%	-25	-34.7%	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



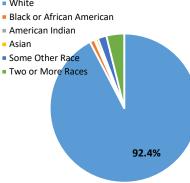
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Otter Tail Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2022



- American Indian
- Asian
- Some Other Race
- Two or More Races



	Otter Tail Co.			Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	
Total	60,072	100.0%	4.6%	100.0%	7.9%	
White	55,494	92.4%	0.3%	79.7%	-0.4%	
Black or African American	642	1.1%	52.5%	6.7%	44.3%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	148	0.2%	-53.6%	0.9%	-10.2%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	331	0.6%	6.1%	5.1%	37.1%	
Some Other Race	1,137	1.9%	189.3%	2.3%	84.7%	
Two or More Races	2,320	3.9%	233.8%	5.3%	159.6%	
Hispanic or Latino origin	2,244	3.7%	50.4%	5.7%	34.6%	

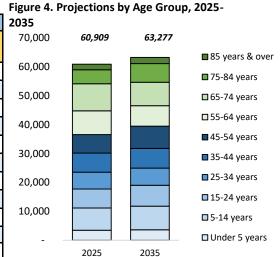
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Otter Tail 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 Otter Tail Co. **Projection Projection** Change Change 4.9% Under 5 years 3,481 3,653 172 5-14 years 7,674 8,165 491 6.4% 7,224 6,596 9.5% 15-24 years 628 25-34 years 5,789 5,930 141 2.4% 35-44 years 6,656 6,825 169 2.5% 6,391 7,699 1,308 20.5% 45-54 years 55-64 years 8,192 7,060 -1,132-13.8% 65-74 years 9,367 8,142 -1,225 -13.1% 75-84 years 4,880 6,460 1,580 32.4% 236 85 years & over 1,883 2.119 12.5% **Total Population** 60,909 63,277 2,368 3.9%

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center



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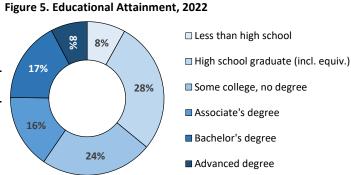
Otter Tail Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Otter Tail Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage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

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

91.9%

College-educated: 64.1% 68.5% state:

Associate's Degree: 15.6% Bachelor's Degree: 17.1% Advanced Degree: 7.7%



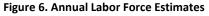
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

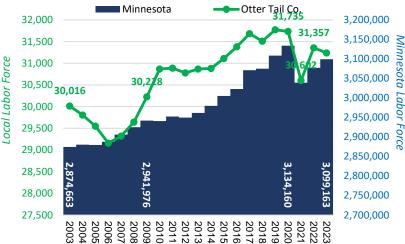
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LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 3%, Otter Tail Co. had a higher unemployment rate than the state in 2023. After the pandemic recession Otter Tail Co.'s unemployment rate declined compared to the 4.4% pre-pandemic rate posted in 2019. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Otter Tail Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2019.







Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

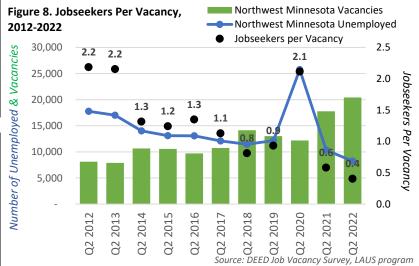
Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Otter Tail Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Otter Tail Co. is expected to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

Otter Tail Co. Figure 7. Annual Change in Labor Force, 1990-2023 2,000 Average of 480 Average of 149 Average of 87 new workers per year new workers per year new workers per year Year-Over-Year Change in Available Workers 1,500 1,000 755 500 -117 -500 -1,000 -1,133 -1,500 2012-201 2011-201 2011-201 2013-2014 2021-202 2010-2011 2001-2002 2000-2001 2002-2003 2004-2005 2005-2006 2006-2007 2007-2008 2009-2010 2022-2023 1991-1992 2003-2004 2008-2009 1992-1993 1998-1999 1999-2000 .993-1994 .994-1995 .995-1996 .996-1997 .997-1998

Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection			
Projections, 2025-2035	2025 2035			
16 to 24 years	4,242	4,721		
25 to 54 years	16,470	17,890		
55 to 64 years	5,741	4,948		
65 years & over	2,904	2,738		
Total Labor Force	29,358	30,296		

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).



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LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

shorter average commute time than the state.

Otter Tail Co. had a lower labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Otter Tail 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						
	Ot	ter Tail Co.		Minne	esota	-
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	
Total Labor Force	29,834	61.5%	5.3%	68.7%	4.0%	
16 to 19 years	1,630	60.6%	6.0%	53.0%	9.8%	
20 to 24 years	2,556	86.6%	11.4%	83.1%	6.7%	
25 to 44 years	10,713	87.2%	5.5%	88.8%	3.5%	
45 to 54 years	5,612	87.9%	4.3%	87.8%	2.9%	
55 to 64 years	6,693	70.1%	3.5%	72.8%	3.1%	
65 to 74 years	2,113	25.3%	5.0%	27.6%	3.3%	
75 years & over	498	7.9%	4.6%	6.6%	3.2%	
Employment Characteristics by Race & H	Hispanic Origin					lı
White alone	27,451	60.5%	4.2%	67.8%	3.4%	l
Black or African American	364	82.4%	25.8%	71.5%	8.7%	ĺ
American Indian & Alaska Native	63	50.4%	12.7%	57.6%	11.9%	Ĺ
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	179	75.5%	0.6%	73.9%	3.6%	Ĺ
Some Other Race	685	82.5%	8.8%	76.1%	6.1%	ĺ
Two or More Races	1,061	70.6%	25.4%	74.3%	6.6%	ľ
Hispanic or Latino	1,150	82.0%	18.9%	77.0%	6.3%	ĺ
Employment Characteristics by Disabilit	y, 20 to 64 years					ĺ
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	1,818	52.5%	14.3%	54.4%	10.2%	ĺ
Employment Characteristics by Education	nal Attainment, 25	to 64 years				ĺ
Population, 25 to 64 years	23,026	81.6%	4.6%	84.4%	3.3%	ĺ
Less than H.S. Diploma	1,313	69.3%	4.4%	67.2%	4.6%	ĺ
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	5,263	75.6%	1.5%	76.8%	2.5%	İ
Some College or Assoc. Degree	9,771	83.5%	5.0%	85.1%	3.6%	
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	6,671	87.1%	2.7%	90.3%	2.0%	

Figure 9. Labor Force by Race, 2022

Labor Force by Gender

Female

13,709

680

1,327

4,883

2,622

3,135

870 192

Male

16,102

949

1,228

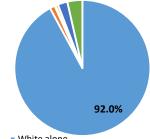
5,832

2,990

3,555

1,240

308



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

A larger percentage of workers in Otter Tail Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Otter Tail Co. also had a

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

	Otter Tail Co.		Minne	esota
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Worked in state of residence	26,221	94.4%	2,867,086	97.7%
Worked in county of residence	21,332	76.8%	1,957,366	66.7%
Worked out of county of residence	4,889	17.6%	909,720	31.0%
Worked outside state of residence	1,555	5.6%	67,495	2.3%
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK				
Car, truck, or van	23,276	83.8%	2,387,561	81.6%
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	250	0.9%	81,926	2.8%
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	1,444	5.2%	122,889	4.2%
Worked at home	2,778	10.0%	333,556	11.4%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK				
Less than 10 minutes	7,388	26.6%	465,223	15.9%
10 to 19 minutes	8,749	31.5%	895,335	30.6%
20 to 29 minutes	4,666	16.8%	649,557	22.2%
30 to 44 minutes	3,666	13.2%	567,631	19.4%
45 to 59 minutes	1,472	5.3%	190,186	6.5%
60 or more minutes	1,861	6.7%	158,000	5.4%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.5	minutes	23.3	minutes

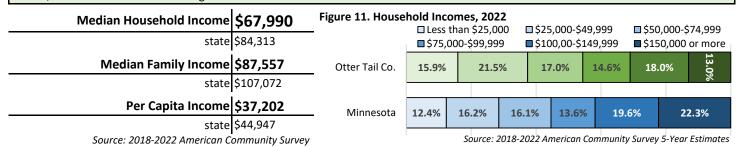
Figure 10. Time Leaving Home to go to Work, 2022 Otter Tail Co. ■ Minnesota 0% 20% 40% 12:00 a.m. to 5.0% 4:59 a.m. 5:00 a.m. to 5:59 10.8% a.m. 9.2% 6:00 a.m. to 6:59 19.3% 19.2% 7:00 a.m. to 7:59 32.2% a.m. 28.7% 8:00 a.m. to 8:59 13.7% a.m. 14.7% 9:00 a.m. to 18.9% 11:59 p.m. 23.5%

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

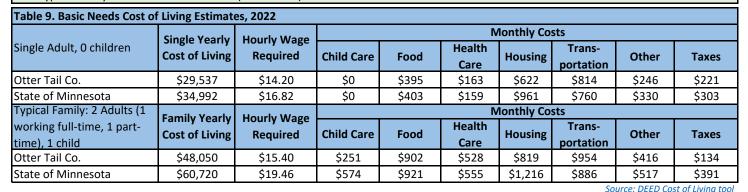
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INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Otter Tail Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Otter Tail Co. had the 51st 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. Otter Tail Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.2 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.4 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).



Otter Tail Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 27th highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Otter Tail 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-	Otter Tail Co.		Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	19,963	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	933	4.7%	4.1%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	1,893	9.5%	4.6%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	2,566	12.9%	7.1%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	2,844	14.2%	10.7%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	4,852	24.3%	27.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	4,390	22.0%	31.7%
\$500,000 or more	2,485	12.4%	14.7%
Median (dollars)	\$234,2	\$286,800	

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

0% 20% 10% 30% Otter Tail Co. ■ Minnesota 9.5% 2010 or later 7.8% 14.7% 2000 to 2009 23.2% 1980 to 1999 25.5% 23.7% 23.8% 1960 to 1979 12.7% 1940 to 1959 13.8% 16.1% 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

Median monthly rent costs

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

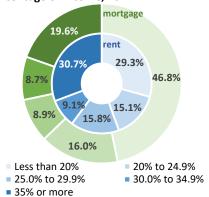
39.8%

28.3%

state 46.7%

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





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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).

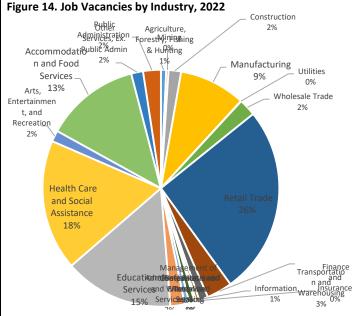
Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023							
	Region 4				State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Statewide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs
Total, All Occupations	\$21.88	87,550	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

Otter Tail 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	Wage			
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	20,409	\$17.06			
Management	407	\$32.83			
Business & Financial Operations	249	\$21.46			
Computer & Mathematical	101				
Architecture & Engineering	138				
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	127				
Community & Social Service	379	\$20.30			
Education, Training & Library	1,540				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,348	\$29.56			
Healthcare Support	1,732	\$15.00			
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	\$21.35			
Production	1,218	\$18.24			
Transportation & Material Moving	1,684	\$18.83			



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022

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OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Plannir	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

Otter Tail 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 Projections, 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%		
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Figure 15. Regional Occupational

Employment Projection	s, 202	0-203	30		
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Manager Commenting	455	0.66			
Management Occupations	455	9,69			
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	2,6	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	2,95	57	4,657		
Building and Grounds	643	5,34	40		
Personal Care and Service		5,1			
Sales and Related	-88	4 12,7	62		
Office and Administrative1		12,9			
Farming, Fishing, and	-59	1,52	0		
Construction and Extraction	615	3,70)4		
Installation, Maintenance,	292	3,32	3		
Production Occupations	221	7,36	8		
Transportation and	1,397	9,4	41		

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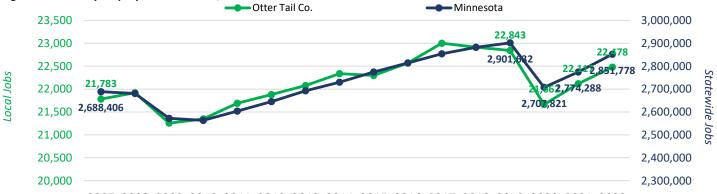
Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Otter Tail Co. had the 18th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Otter Tail Co. was the 48th fastest growing in the past year and the 39th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Otter Tail Co. is still down from the pandemic recession.

1,889 business establishments \$48,003 annual average wage

22,478 jobs \$1,079,018,233 total industry payroll

Job change, 2019-2022 -1.6% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2007-2022

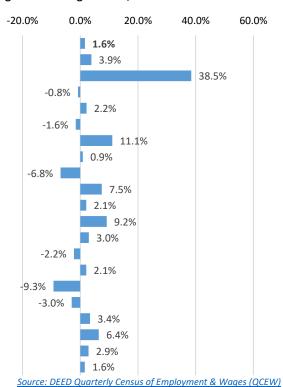


2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Otter Tail Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	22,478	100.0%	\$48,003
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	422	1.9%	\$39,295
Mining	24	0.1%	\$50,134
Construction	1,257	5.6%	\$59,219
Manufacturing	4,072	18.1%	\$57,910
Utilities	440	2.0%	\$104,602
Wholesale Trade	689	3.1%	\$52,809
Retail Trade	2,558	11.4%	\$31,443
Transportation & Warehousing	481	2.1%	\$46,582
Information	417	1.9%	\$68,814
Finance & Insurance	539	2.4%	\$66,917
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	131	0.6%	\$31,150
Professional & Technical Services	479	2.1%	\$57,264
Management of Companies	91	0.4%	\$171,058
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	734	3.3%	\$45,141
Educational Services	1,678	7.5%	\$33,175
Health Care & Social Assistance	4,255	18.9%	\$36,367
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	273	1.2%	\$16,751
Accommodation & Food Services	1,834	8.2%	\$18,550
Other Services	718	3.2%	\$29,003
Public Administration	1,335	5.9%	\$57,900

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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