EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

Wadena Co.

Wadena Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 5, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

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2022 population:	14,307 people		
Population change,	464 people	Median Age:	40.0 years
2010-2022	3.4% increase	state:	38.5 years

Wadena Co. is the 58th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased over the past decade, ranking as the 34th fastest growing in the state from 2010 to 2022. Wadena 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).

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	Number	Percent	2000 Pop	ulation	2022 Estimate	
Jnder 5 years	944	6.6%		871	944	Under 5 years
-14 years	2,118	14.8%		2,041	2,118	5-14 years
.5-24 years	1,740	12.2%				· ·
5-34 years	1,550	10.8%		1,739	1,740	15-24 years
5-44 years	1,549	10.8%		1,304	1,550	25-34 years
5-54 years	1,606	11.2%		1,937	1,549	35-44 years
5-64 years	1,924	13.4%		1,719	1,606	45-54 years
i5-74 years	1,584	11.1%		1,375	1,924	55-64 years
'5-84 years	808	5.6%		1,301	1,584	65-74 years
5 years & over	484	3.4%		990	808	75-84 years
otal Population	14,307	100.0%		436	484	85 years & ov

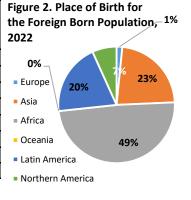
Wadena Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2020 to 2022, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Wadena Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (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								
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total International Domestic						
Wadena Co.	242	8	460	452	226	29	197				
State of Minnesota	10,680	26,917	144,350	117,433	7,433 -17,365 20,012 -37,377						
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Proara											

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

Compared to the state, Wadena Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Wadena 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	Wade	ena Co.	Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	251	1.8%	117	87.3%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	4	1.6%	-43	-91.5%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	57	22.7%	21	58.3%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	123	49.0%	123	#DIV/0!	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	67	26.7%	16	31.4%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	50	19.9%	19	61.3%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	17	6.8%	-3	-15.0%	2.5%	-4.6%	



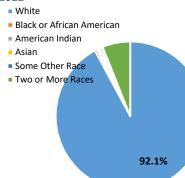
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2018-2022 American Community Survey

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Wadena 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



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Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022
Total	14,108	100.0%	2.1%	100.0%	7.9%
White	12,999	92.1%	-2.7%	79.7%	-0.4%
Black or African American	76	0.5%	-33.3%	6.7%	44.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	43	0.3%	-54.7%	0.9%	-10.2%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	71	0.5%	97.2%	5.1%	37.1%
Some Other Race	67	0.5%	39.6%	2.3%	84.7%
Two or More Races	852	6.0%	407.1%	5.3%	159.6%
Hispanic or Latino origin	311	2.2%	71.8%	5.7%	34.6%

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

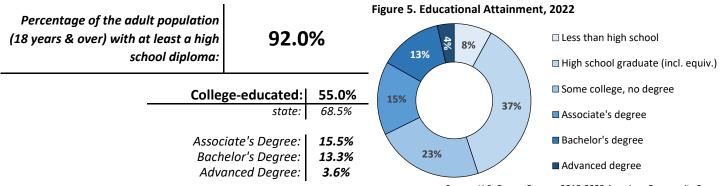
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Wadena Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease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

							by Age Group	o, 2025-
Table 5. Population Proj	ections by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	16,000	14,102	14,349	
Wadena Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change	14.000			85 years & over
Under 5 years	1,019	1,077	58	5.7%	14,000			75-84 years
5-14 years	2,105	2,254	149	7.1%	12,000			□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	1,731	1,850	119	6.9%	10,000			,
25-34 years	1,476	1,556	80	5.4%				□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	1,549	1,623	74	4.8%	8,000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	1,538	1,603	65	4.2%	6,000			35-44 years
55-64 years	1,638	1,506	-132	-8.1%	4 000			25-34 years
65-74 years	1,697	1,442	-255	-15.0%	4,000			15-24 years
75-84 years	930	1,104	174	18.7%	2,000			□ 5-14 years
85 years & over	419	334	-85	-20.3%				Under 5 years
Total Population	14,102	14,349	247	1.8%		2025	2035	
	S	ource: Minnesota	State Demoa	raphic Center	_	Projection	Projection	

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

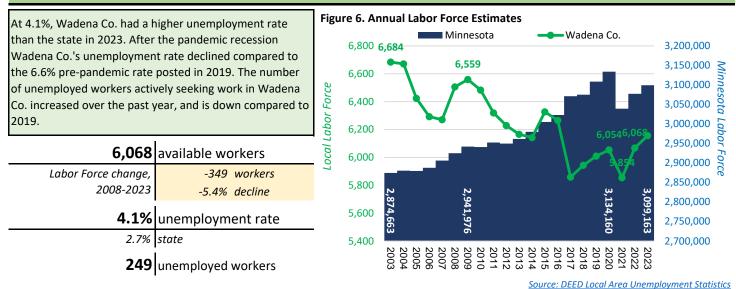
Wadena Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Wadena Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people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



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

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LABOR FORCE TRENDS



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

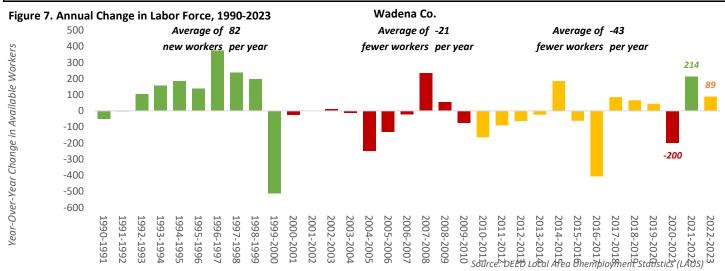
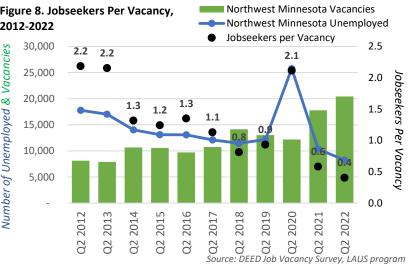


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035			
16 to 24 years	1,115	1,205			
25 to 54 years	3,848	4,033			
55 to 64 years	1,079	992			
65 years & over	512	445			
Total Labor Force	6,553	6,675			

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).



Wadena Co.

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	W	adena Co.		Minne	esota	Labor Force	e by Gender
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	6,687	61.7%	6.1%	68.7%	4.0%	3,373	3,317
16 to 19 years	481	59.8%	1.2%	53.0%	9.8%	160	321
20 to 24 years	578	87.4%	8.7%	83.1%	6.7%	307	271
25 to 44 years	2,639	86.4%	3.9%	88.8%	3.5%	1,341	1,297
45 to 54 years	1,272	80.3%	9.7%	87.8%	2.9%	689	583
55 to 64 years	1,249	65.9%	7.9%	72.8%	3.1%	630	619
65 to 74 years	426	27.3%	6.3%	27.6%	3.3%	224	202
75 years & over	46	3.6%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	22	24
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. L	abor Force by
White alone	6,213	61.7%	6.4%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	•
Black or African American	25	37.9%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	35	100.0%	22.9%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	26	50.0%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	11	24.4%	0.0%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	377	66.1%	0.5%	74.3%	6.6%		N
Hispanic or Latino	170	77.3%	1.2%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	481	49.5%	33.5%	54.4%	10.2%		92.9%
Employment Characteristics by Educati	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	5,157	78.9%	6.3%	84.4%	3.3%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	264	67.9%	7.6%	67.2%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,499	74.0%	2.8%	76.8%	2.5%		an Indian & Alaska Na
Some College or Assoc. Degree	2,407	82.2%	4.0%	85.1%	3.6%		r Other Pac. Islanders
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	989	82.9%	2.1%	90.3%	2.0%	Some O	ther Race

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

	Wadena	na Co. Minneso		esota	Figure 10. Tim	e Leaving Ho	me to
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2022	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	go to Work, 20		
Worked in state of residence	6,055	99.2%	2,867,086	97.7%	■ Wade		Minnesota
Worked in county of residence	3,888	63.7%	1,957,366	66.7%		1% ZU	170 4070
Worked out of county of residence	2,167	35.5%	909,720	31.0%	12:00 a.m. to		
Worked outside state of residence	49	0.8%	67,495	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	9.0%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK						4.770	
Car, truck, or van	5 <i>,</i> 390	88.3%	2,387,561	81.6%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	10.79	6
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	18	0.3%	81,926	2.8%		9.2%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	183	3.0%	122,889	4.2%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		21.3%
Worked at home	513	8.4%	333,556	11.4%	a.m.		19.2%
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59		
Less than 10 minutes	1,605	26.3%	465,223	15.9%			26.1%
10 to 19 minutes	1,874	30.7%	895 <i>,</i> 335	30.6%			20.1%
20 to 29 minutes	1,019	16.7%	649,557	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	11.2	%
30 to 44 minutes	916	15.0%	567,631	19.4%	a.m.	14	.7%
45 to 59 minutes	366	6.0%	190,186	6.5%	9:00 a.m. to		
60 or more minutes	317	5.2%	158,000	5.4%	11:59 p.m.		21.7% 23.5%
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	21.4	minutes	23.3	minutes	Ī		

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Wadena Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Wadena Co. had the 86th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income state	\$54,747 \$84,313	Figure 11. House	hold Inc □ Less ■ \$75,	than \$	25,00	0 □\$2	5,000-\$49,9 .00,00-\$149		0,000-\$74,9 50,000 or m	
Median Family Income	. ,	Wadena Co.	22.6		, I	21.8%	18.6%	14.9%	15.9%	6.1%
state Per Capita Income	\$107,072 \$28,011	Minnesota	12.4%	16.2	%	16.1%	13.6%	19.6%	22.3%	
state Source: 2018-2022 American Co	\$44,947 ommunity Survey	·····incsotu	12.470					nmunity Survey		

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Wadena Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.57 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$15.41 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

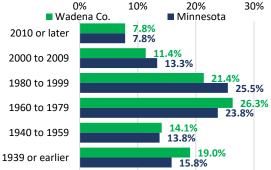
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		\$0	\$394	\$163	\$652	\$826	\$253	\$238
\$34,992	\$16.82	\$0	\$403	\$159	\$961	\$760	\$330	\$303
mily Voarly		Monthly Costs						
ost of Living	Required	Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes
\$48,067	\$15.41	\$267	\$901	\$528	\$794	\$970	\$410	\$136
\$60,720	\$19.46	\$574	\$921	\$555	\$1,216	\$886	\$517	\$391
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Wadena Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 61st highest value of the 87 counties in 2021. Wadena 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-	Wadena Co.		Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total Percent		Percent	
Total	4,144	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	280	6.8%	4.1%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	735	17.7%	4.6%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	770	18.6%	7.1%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	877	21.2%	10.7%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	834	20.1%	27.1%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	540	13.0%	31.7%	
\$500,000 or more	108	2.6%	14.7%	
Median (dollars)	\$163,4	\$286,800		

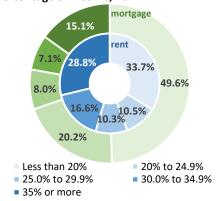
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 Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

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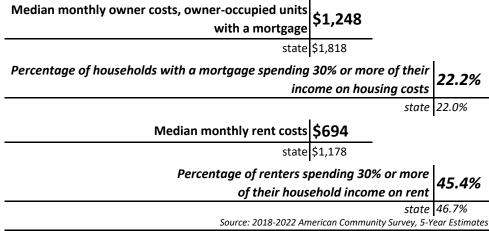


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Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2022



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



Wadena Co

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

OCCUPATIONS

At \$19.98 in 2023, wages were lower in Region 5 than the state. Overall, Region 5 had the lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$37.69) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$13.94) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2023							
	Region 5				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	\$19.98	62,060	100.0%	1.0	\$24.25	2,827,310	100.0%
Management	\$37.69	3,360	5.4%	0.8	\$51.58	193,760	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$30.70	2,180	3.5%	0.5	\$38.19	201,940	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$35.94	630	1.0%	0.3	\$49.73	99,250	3.5%
Architecture & Engineering	\$34.54	610	1.0%	0.5	\$40.60	53,100	1.9%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$30.32	440	0.7%	0.7	\$39.37	29,070	1.0%
Community & Social Service	\$24.58	1,640	2.6%	1.4	\$25.82	54,820	1.9%
Legal	\$32.55	210	0.3%	0.5	\$47.87	18,730	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$23.53	4,550	7.3%	1.3	\$24.82	158,830	5.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$22.23	510	0.8%	0.6	\$28.80	37,630	1.3%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$38.37	4,010	6.5%	1.0	\$41.07	186,700	6.6%
Healthcare Support	\$17.26	3,360	5.4%	0.9	\$17.40	162,400	5.7%
Protective Service	\$24.53	990	1.6%	1.1	\$25.83	40,620	1.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$13.94	6,720	10.8%	1.4	\$14.89	216,970	7.7%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.25	2,420	3.9%	1.4	\$18.26	76,210	2.7%
Personal Care & Service	\$15.53	1,460	2.4%	1.1	\$16.96	58,120	2.1%
Sales & Related	\$15.04	5,720	9.2%	1.1	\$18.14	239,500	8.5%
Office & Administrative Support	\$20.20	7,470	12.0%	1.0	\$23.06	345,830	12.2%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$19.81	140	0.2%	1.6	\$19.84	4,060	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$25.49	3,110	5.0%	1.2	\$31.00	113,930	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$23.71	2,630	4.2%	1.2	\$27.95	98,670	3.5%
Production	\$19.34	4,880	7.9%	1.1	\$22.07	209,380	7.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.46	5,010	8.1%	1.0	\$19.80	227,780	8.1%

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Wadena 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			Figure 14. Job Vacancies by Industry, 2022			
	Number of	Wage	Public Construction			
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer	Public Other Agriculture, 2% Administration Porest₩jr#ißsing			
Total, All Occupations	20,409	\$17.06	Accommodatieublic Ädmin & Huffeing			
Management	407	\$32.83	n and Food 2% Manufacturing			
Business & Financial Operations	249	\$21.46	12%			
Computer & Mathematical	101	\$33.15	Arts, 1370 Entertainmen Wholesale Trade			
Architecture & Engineering	138	\$29.54	t, and			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	127	\$28.23	Recreation			
Community & Social Service	379	\$20.30	2%			
Education, Training & Library	1,540	\$20.19				
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,348	\$29.56				
Healthcare Support	1,732	\$15.00	Health Care			
Protective Service	217	\$15.16	and Social Retail Trade			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,904	\$14.05	Assistance 26%			
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	1,063	\$16.12	18%			
Personal Care & Service	497	\$12.88				
Sales & Related	4,519	\$16.09				
Office & Administrative Support	750	\$16.22	Management of Finance Transportatio			
Construction & Extraction	155	\$21.84	Educational and Services Information Information Information Information Information Water Post			
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	845	\$21.35	15% Services under 1% 1% 1% 1% 1%			
Production	1,218	\$18.24	10/ may 3%			
Transportation & Material Moving	1,684	\$18.83	Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2022			

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

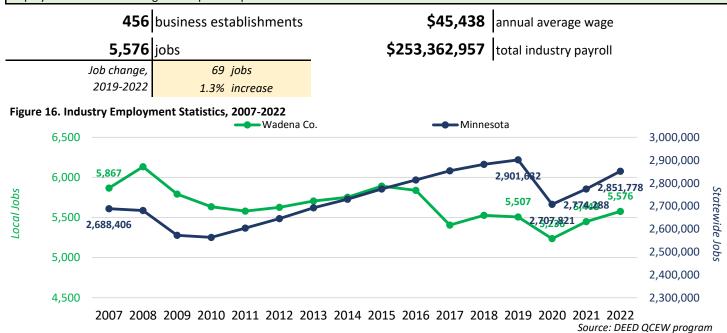
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher	
Heavy & Tractor-Trailer	Nursing Assistants	Registered Nurses	General & Operations Managers	
Truck Drivers \$51,692/yr	\$37,961/yr	\$81,165/yr	\$67,488/yr	
Cashiers	Licensed Practical & Licensed Vocational Nurses	Police & Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Elementary School Teachers	
\$28,802/yr	\$51,229/yr	\$64,102/yr	\$62,210/yr	
Home Health & Personal Care Aides	Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Secondary School Teachers	
\$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 Workers, General	Medical Assistants	Computer Network Support Specialists	Preschool Teachers	
\$48,600/yr	\$46,584/yr	\$71,089/yr	\$36,501/yr	
Teaching Assistants, exc. Postsecondary	Dental Assistants	Industrial Engineering Technologists & Technicians	Special Education Teachers, Kindergarten & Elementary School	
\$37,015/yr	\$51,999/yr	\$53,775/yr	\$63,611/yr	
Janitors & Cleaners, exc. Maids & Housekeeping	Computer User Support Specialists	Forest & Conservation Technicians	Child, Family, & School Social Workers	
\$37,767/yr	\$56,923/yr	\$51,299/yr	\$62,810/yr	
Stockers & Order Fillers	Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians	Paralegals & Legal Assistants	Business Operations Specialists, All Other	
\$39,215/yr	\$52,147/yr	\$53,542/yr	\$60,668/yr	
Laborers & Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	Emergency Medical Technicians	Civil Engineering Technologists & Technicians	Substance abuse, behavioral & mental health counselors	
\$39,548/yr	\$39,707/yr	\$71,840/yr	\$47,988/yr	

Wadena 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).

Figure 15. Regional Occupational	Fable 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2020-2030			
Employment Projections, 2020-2030				
ected Percent From employment growth From exit opening -5,000 5,000 15,000	ed	Estimated		
ploy- Change	v-	Employment		
+ 2030 2020-2030 Management Occupations 455 9,692	-	• •	Northwest Planning Region	
Business and Financial 511 2,373		250,722	Total, All Industries	
		5,790	Natural Resources & Mining	
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	-	1,135	Utilities	
		10,693	Construction	
8,618 2.2% Educational Instruction and 1,313 6.745	18	27,999	Manufacturing	
2,347 4.4% Arts, Design, 350 1.459	47	11,829	Wholesale Trade	
5,467 -5.1% Healthcare Practitioners 1,057 3,922	67	26,846	Retail Trade	
6,741 4.7% Healthcare Support 2,240 8,874	41	6,436	Transportation & Warehousing	
2,229 -2.1% Protective Service 219 1,723	29	2,276	Information	
7,641 2.2% Food Preparation and 2,9 14,657	41	7,478	Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	
6.025 7.8% Building and Grounds 643 5,340		5,587	Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	
Personal Care and Service 1,061 5,143		3,889	Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	
4,139 6.4% Sales and Related -8% 12,762 3,101 4.9% Office and Administrative=1,027 12,944		22,015	Educational Services	
1,390 12.2% Farming, Fishing, and59 1,520		36,901	Health Care & Social Assistance	
4,818 21.4% Construction and Extraction 615 3,704		20,446	Leisure & Hospitality	
0,144 12.1% Installation, Maintenance, 292 3,323		9,052	Other Services	
3 240 1 8% Production Occupations 221 7,368		22,824	Public Administration	
3,240 1.8% mployment Outlook				

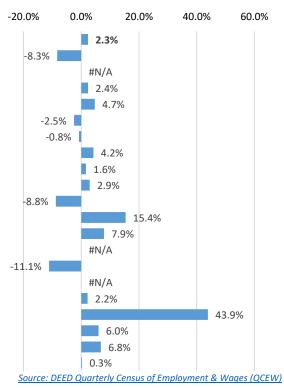
ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Wadena Co. had the 55th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Wadena Co. was the 32nd fastest growing in the past year and the 17th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2022, employment in Wadena Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.



			Average
Table 15. Wadena Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2022	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	5,576	100.0%	\$45,438
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	33	0.6%	\$37,775
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	258	4.6%	\$56,086
Manufacturing	514	9.2%	\$53,218
Utilities	39	0.7%	\$117,296
Wholesale Trade	507	9.1%	\$49,257
Retail Trade	640	11.5%	\$32,467
Transportation & Warehousing	249	4.5%	\$44,904
Information	70	1.3%	\$52,125
Finance & Insurance	104	1.9%	\$62,342
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	30	0.5%	\$33,460
Professional & Technical Services	82	1.5%	\$69,938
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	32	0.6%	\$21,134
Educational Services	891	16.0%	\$21,953
Health Care & Social Assistance	1,175	21.1%	\$28 <i>,</i> 078
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	59	1.1%	\$17,984
Accommodation & Food Services	336	6.0%	\$16,641
Other Services	157	2.8%	\$27,250
Public Administration	353	6.3%	\$48,172

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2021-2022



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