EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COUNTY PROFILE

Clearwater Co.

Clearwater Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 2, which is located in the Northwest Planning Region.

POPULATIO

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2023 population:	8,644 people			
Population change,	120 people	Median Age:	41.6 years	
2020-2023	1.4% increase	state:	38.5 years	-

Clearwater Co. is the 74th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 24th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2023. Clearwater 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 A	Age Group, 2023		Figure 1. Population Pyramid, 2000-2023				
	Number	Percent	2000 Population	2023 Estimate			
Under 5 years	530	6.1%	491	530	Under 5 years		
5-14 years	1,241	14.4%	1,256	1,241	5-14 years		
15-24 years	1,010	11.7%					
25-34 years	865	10.0%	1,086	1,010	15-24 years		
35-44 years	1,026	11.9%	840	865	25-34 years		
45-54 years	925	10.7%	1,233	1,026	35-44 years		
55-64 years	1,257	14.5%	1,119	925	45-54 years		
65-74 years	1,007	11.6%	926	1,257	55-64 years		
75-84 years	501	5.8%	685	1,007	65-74 years		
85 years & over	281	3.3%		501	75-84 years		
Total Population	8,644	100.0%					
	3 Population Estimates	2018-2022 ACS	255	281	85 years & ov		

Clearwater Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2023, but also experienced net in-migration meaning more people moved in than moved out. In addition to domestic in-migration, Clearwater Co. welcomed net international inmigration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Cumulative Estimates of the Components of Population Change, 2020-2023										
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2023							
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents	Net Migration					
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic			
Clearwater Co.	116	-90	294	384	203	2	201			
State of Minnesota	31,111	40,368	207,857	167,489	-11,352	34,624	-45,976			
	Source: 11 S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program									

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

Northern America

Compared to the state, Clearwater Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2022, Clearwater 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	Clearw	ater Co.	Change 2	010-2022	Minnesota		
Population, 2022	Number	mber Percent <u>Number Perc</u>			Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	97	1.1%	-44	-31.2%	8.5%	31.3%	
Europe	12	12.4%	-7	-36.8%	9.3%	-0.6%	
Asia	47	48.5%	11	30.6%	36.7%	30.2%	
Africa	0	0.0%	-9	-100.0%	28.1%	93.1%	
Oceania	1	1.0%	1	#DIV/0!	0.4%	20.4%	
Americas:	37	38.1%	-40	-51.9%	25.4%	7.5%	
Latin America	1	1.0%	-43	-97.7%	22.9%	9.0%	
Northern America	36	37.1%	3	9.1%	2.5%	-4.6%	



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Figure 2. Place of Birth for

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

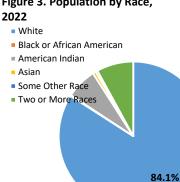


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Clearwater Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2011, the county's white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race,



	Cl	earwater	Co.	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2022	Number	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	Percent	Change from 2011-2022	
Total	8,541	100.0%	-1.3%	100.0%	7.9%	
White	7,181	84.1%	-4.8%	79.7%	-0.4%	
Black or African American	15	0.2%	-81.5%	6.7%	44.3%	
American Indian or Alaska Native	570	6.7%	-22.2%	0.9%	-10.2%	
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	56	0.7%	1.8%	5.1%	37.1%	
Some Other Race	38	0.4%	171.4%	2.3%	84.7%	
Two or More Races	681	8.0%	204.0%	5.3%	159.6%	
Hispanic or Latino origin	214	2.5%	86.1%	5.7%	34.6%	

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

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

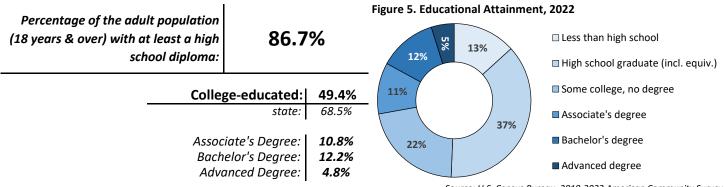
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Clearwater Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (4.5%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over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

					Figure 4. P	rojections by	Age Group,	2025-
Table 5. Population Proje	ctions by Age Gro	up, 2025-2035			2035			
	2025	2035	Numeric	Percent	9,000	8,349	7,594	
Clearwater Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change	8,000			85 years & over
Under 5 years	526	503	-23	-4.4%				■ 75-84 years
5-14 years	1,158	1,039	-119	-10.3%	7,000			□ 65-74 years
15-24 years	1,052	927	-125	-11.9%	6,000			,
25-34 years	896	976	80	8.9%	5,000			□ 55-64 years
35-44 years	992	908	-84	-8.5%	4,000			■ 45-54 years
45-54 years	926	911	-15	-1.6%				■ 35-44 years
55-64 years	1,006	808	-198	-19.7%	3,000			25-34 years
65-74 years	998	746	-252	-25.3%	2,000			15-24 years
75-84 years	542	545	3	0.6%	1,000			□ 5-14 years
85 years & over	253	231	-22	-8.7%				Under 5 years
Total Population	8,349	7,594	-755	-9.0%] 2	2025 Projectio	n2035 Projectio	on

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

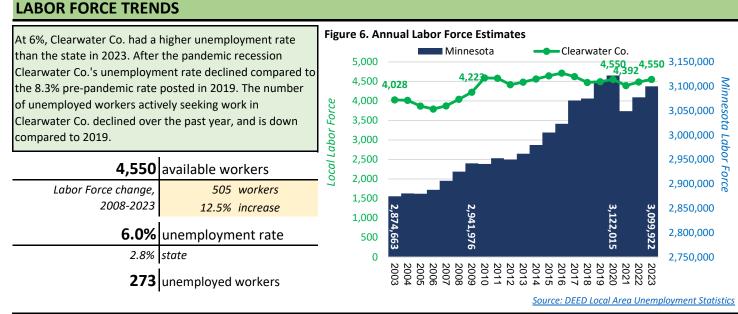
Clearwater Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.0%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Clearwater Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage 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 growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers each year from 1990 to 2000, Clearwater 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, Clearwater Co. is expected to see a labor force decline from 2025 to 2035 (see Table 6).

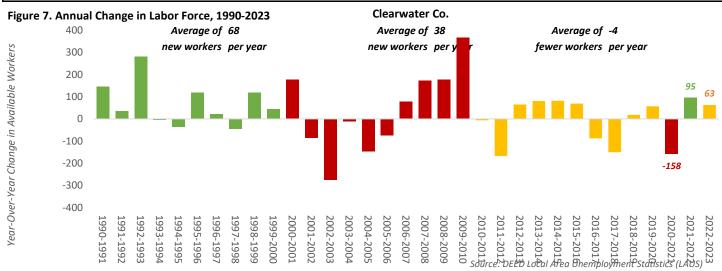
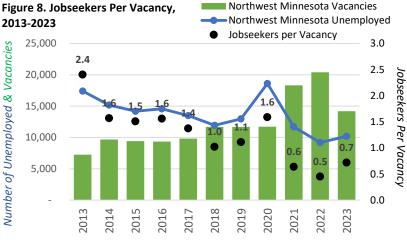


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force	e Projection	F
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035	2
16 to 24 years	647	585	
25 to 54 years	2,333	2,317	
55 to 64 years	625	502	
65 years & over	259	202	-
Total Labor Force	3,864	3,605	

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. In 2023, job vacancies in Northwest returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).



Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, LAUS program

LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

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

	Clea	arwater 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	3,927	59.1%	7.6%	68.7%	4.0%	2,088	1,842
16 to 19 years	213	51.6%	9.4%	53.0%	9.8%	115	98
20 to 24 years	381	86.8%	12.4%	83.1%	6.7%	201	180
25 to 44 years	1,535	82.1%	7.4%	88.8%	3.5%	864	671
45 to 54 years	772	84.5%	8.4%	87.8%	2.9%	395	377
55 to 64 years	771	62.1%	5.2%	72.8%	3.1%	375	396
65 to 74 years	223	22.4%	5.8%	27.6%	3.3%	115	108
75 years & over	35	4.5%	0.0%	6.6%	3.2%	23	12
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. L	abor Force by
White alone	3,415	59.6%	6.7%	67.8%	3.4%	Race, 2022	2
Black or African American	0	0.0%	0.0%	71.5%	8.7%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	221	56.5%	10.9%	57.6%	11.9%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	25	44.6%	0.0%	73.9%	3.6%		
Some Other Race	16	64.0%	43.8%	76.1%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	253	58.8%	15.8%	74.3%	6.6%		
Hispanic or Latino	90	70.3%	3.3%	77.0%	6.3%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	333	49.2%	18.9%	54.4%	10.2%		87.0
Employment Characteristics by Education	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,079	76.5%	7.1%	84.4%	3.3%	White a	
Less than H.S. Diploma	218	52.2%	10.7%	67.2%	4.6%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,033	73.9%	3.2%	76.8%	2.5%		in Indian & Alaska N
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,150	80.5%	5.3%	85.1%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	676	86.7%	3.8%	90.3%	2.0%	Some O	ther Race

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

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

	Clearwat	er 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	3,479	97.3%	2,867,086	97.7%		vater Co. ■ Minnesota	
Worked in county of residence	2,189	61.2%	1,957,366	66.7%		20% 40%	
Worked out of county of residence	1,291	36.1%	909,720	31.0%	12:00 a.m. to		
Worked outside state of residence	97	2.7%	67,495	2.3%	4:59 a.m.	1.6%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5-00 a m ta 5-50		
Car, truck, or van	3,057	85.5%	2,338,861	79.7%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	10.1%	
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	7	0.2%	73,365	2.5%		9.2%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	222	6.2%	120,318	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59	23.7%	
Worked at home	293	8.2%	399,103	13.6%	a.m.	19.2%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59		
Less than 10 minutes	912	25.6%	475,402	16.2%	a.m.	31.1%	
10 to 19 minutes	865	24.2%	906,786	30.9%		20.776	
20 to 29 minutes	501	14.0%	651,477	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	13.6%	
30 to 44 minutes	662	18.5%	563,440	19.2%	a.m.	14.7%	
45 to 59 minutes	308	8.6%	181,944	6.2%	9:00 a.m. to	10.0%	
60 or more minutes	322	9.0%	155,533	5.3%	11:59 p.m.	19.9%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.3	minutes	23.3	minutes			

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

INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Clearwater Co. had a lower median household income than the state, and a higher percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Clearwater Co. had the 77th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income \$(state \$8	,					00 🗖	□ \$25,000-\$49,999 □ \$50,00 □ \$100,00-\$149,999 □ \$150,0			<i>,</i> ,	'
Median Family Income \$7 state \$1		Clearwater Co.	20.49	%	18	.9%	18.8%	12.9%	17	7.5%	11.6%
Per Capita Income \$3		Minnesota	12.4%	16.	2%	16.1	% 13.6%	19.6	5%	22.	.3%
state \$4 Source: 2018-2022 American Com				So	urce: 2	2018-202	22 American Co	mmunity	Survey	5-Year E	stimates

The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Clearwater Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.38 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.39 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of	Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2023									
	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	
Clearwater Co.	\$29,900	\$14.38	\$0	\$409	\$161	\$668	\$677	\$258	\$319	
State of Minnesota	\$34,704	\$16.68	\$0	\$419	\$160	\$1,021	\$572	\$345	\$375	
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	
Clearwater Co.	\$60,491	\$19.39	\$357	\$933	\$576	\$881	\$1,246	\$434	\$614	
State of Minnesota	\$67,320	\$21.58	\$544	\$955	\$574	\$1,285	\$977	\$536	\$739	
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool										

Clearwater Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 62nd highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Clearwater 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-	Clearwat	er Co.	Minnesota	
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent	
Total	2,617	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	295	11.3%	4.1%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	378	14.4%	4.6%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	524	20.0%	7.1%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	384	14.7%	10.7%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	597	22.8%	27.1%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	338	12.9%	31.7%	
\$500,000 or more	101	3.9%	14.7%	
Median (dollars)	\$161,800 \$280			
Source: 2018-20	22 American Commu	unity Survey, 5-1	Year Estimates	

sota Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2022

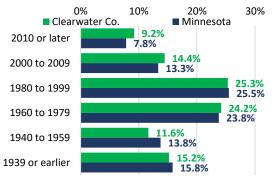
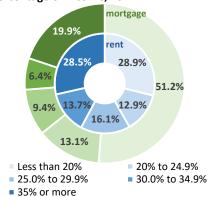


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a Percentage of Income, 2022



Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage	\$1,428			
state	\$1,818			
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending	30% or more of their	26 2%		
Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs				
	state	22.0%		
Median monthly rent costs	\$753			
state	\$1,178			
Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent				
of their household income on rent				
	state	46.7%		

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

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OCCUPATIONS

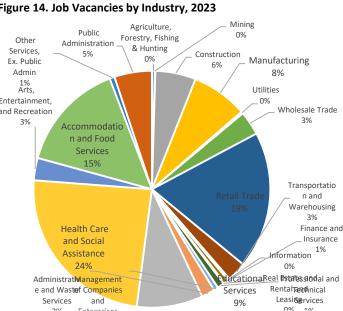
At \$22.68 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 2 than the state. Overall, Region 2 had the 3rd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$44.66) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.43) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2024								
	Region 2				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	\$22.68	32,230	100.0%	1.0	\$25.22	2,881,100	100.0%	
Management	\$44.66	1,710	5.3%	0.8	\$57.75	201,710	7.0%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$33.41	1,100	3.4%	0.5	\$39.26	202,700	7.0%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$38.51	230	0.7%	0.2	\$50.83	98,240	3.4%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$38.27	460	1.4%	0.7	\$42.97	58,320	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$33.37	300	0.9%	0.9	\$39.93	29,220	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$29.20	910	2.8%	1.4	\$27.92	57,930	2.0%	
Legal	\$42.54	160	0.5%	0.8	\$51.15	19,040	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$24.92	2,400	7.4%	1.3	\$28.22	163,340	5.7%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$21.12	320	1.0%	0.8	\$29.01	36,160	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$40.07	2,250	7.0%	1.1	\$43.01	184,410	6.4%	
Healthcare Support	\$18.15	1,770	5.5%	0.9	\$18.07	169,580	5.9%	
Protective Service	\$30.26	790	2.5%	1.5	\$28.87	45,860	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.43	3,370	10.5%	1.3	\$15.07	232,190	8.1%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$17.83	1,120	3.5%	1.3	\$18.83	79,660	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$16.69	610	1.9%	0.9	\$17.60	59,420	2.1%	
Sales & Related	\$17.24	3,110	9.6%	1.1	\$18.82	242,440	8.4%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.18	3,910	12.1%	1.0	\$23.86	352,250	12.2%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$22.40	80	0.2%	2.0	\$22.13	3,520	0.1%	
Construction & Extraction	\$29.82	1,940	6.0%	1.6	\$32.44	110,960	3.9%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$25.50	1,660	5.2%	1.4	\$29.54	104,530	3.6%	
Production	\$22.06	1,670	5.2%	0.7	\$23.05	203,810	7.1%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$20.97	2,350	7.3%	0.9	\$19.80	225,820	7.8%	

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Clearwater Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 14193 job vacancies posted by employers in 2023, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey	Figure 14. Job Vacancies		
	Number of	Wage	
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer	Public Other Administration
Total, All Occupations	14,193	\$17.77	Services, 5%
Management	180	\$31.08	Ex. Public Admin
Business & Financial Operations	162	\$23.79	1%
Computer & Mathematical	49	\$30.06	Arts, Entertainment.
Architecture & Engineering	110	\$30.65	and Recreation
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	105	\$26.90	^{3%} Accommodatio
Community & Social Service	326	\$22.39	n and Food
Education, Training & Library	668	\$18.97	Services
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,478	\$28.94	15%
Healthcare Support	1,168	\$15.09	
Protective Service	277	\$23.55	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,518	\$14.63	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	594	\$16.01	Health Care
Personal Care & Service	223	\$15.86	and Social
Sales & Related	1,918	\$15.97	Assistance
Office & Administrative Support	508	\$17.18	24%
Construction & Extraction	727	N/A	AdministratManagement e and Waster Companies
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	609	\$20.26	Services and
Production	668	\$20.44	20/ Fatarasiana
Transportation & Material Moving	1,263	\$20.23	1



Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2024

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, 2023

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Northwest Planning Region Occupations in Demand, 2023					
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher		
Home Health and Personal Care Aides	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	Registered Nurses	General and Operations Managers		
\$36,108/yr	\$54,491/yr	\$84,785/yr	\$77,521/yr		
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education		
\$35,088/yr	\$40,033/yr	\$71,010/yr	\$64,121/yr		
Cashiers	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	Radiologic Technologists and Technicians	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical		
\$30,773/yr	\$54,946/yr	\$78,771/yr	\$66,299/yr		
Teaching Assistants, Except Postsecondary	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	Dental Hygienists	Accountants and Auditors		
\$38,126/yr	\$47,486/yr	\$85,989/yr	\$64,893/yr		
Stockers and Order Fillers	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing	Civil Engineering Technologists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Terr		
\$40,709/yr	Clerks \$48,131/yr	and Technicians \$71,227/yr	\$46,162/yr		
Janitors and Cleaners.	Substance abuse, behavioral disorder, and	φ/1,22//γι	Medical and Health Services		
Except Maids and	mental health counselors	Paralegals and Legal Assistants	Managers		
\$38,122/yr	\$49,479/yr	\$59,200/yr	\$102,974/yr		
Cooks, Restaurant	Machinists	Occupational Therapy Assistants	Child, Family, and School Social Workers		
\$36,830/yr	\$51,295/yr	\$59,627/yr	\$63,680/yr		
Food Preparation Workers	Electricians	Computer Network Support Specialists	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education		
\$31,855/yr	\$65,524/yr	\$70,049/yr	\$37,999/yr		
Miscellaneous Assemblers	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel	Surgical Technologists	Pharmacists		
and Fabricators \$40,826/yr	Engine Specialists \$59,152/yr	\$64,809/yr	\$140,993/yr		
First-Line Supervisors of Retail Sales Workers	Paramedics	Industrial Engineering Technologists and Technicians	Physical Therapists		
\$46,395/yr	\$64,134/yr	\$60,791/yr	\$98,061/yr		
			Source: DEED Occupations in Demana		

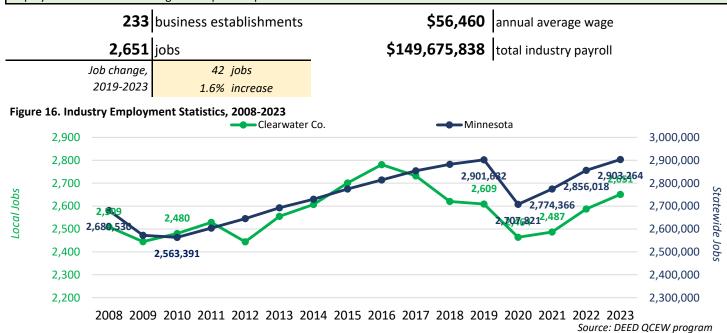
Clearwater Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2022-2032				Figure 15. Regional Occ	upatio	nal	
			Employment Projections, 2022-2032				
	Estimated	Projected	Percent	From employment gr -5 (owth 000	From 5,000	exit openings 15.000
	Employment	Employ-	Change			3,000	13,000
Northwest Planning Region	2022	ment 2032	2022-2032	Management Occupations	994	/	
Total, All Industries	265,321	275,647	3.9%	Business and Financial Computer and		3,3 61	
Natural Resources & Mining	6,095	6,335	3.9%	Architecture and		1,122	
Utilities	1,126	1,125	-0.1%	Life, Physical, and Social			
Construction	11,719	12,715	8.5%	Community and Social	578	2, 713	
Manufacturing	29,871	31,429	5.2%	Legal Occupations	38	340	
Wholesale Trade	12,936	14,034	8.5%	Educational Instruction and		7,826	
Retail Trade	27,705	27,590	-0.4%	Arts, Design, Healthcare Practitioners		2,518	
Transportation & Warehousing	5,579	5,997	7.5%	Healthcare Support	- *		
Information	2,451	2,470	0.8%	Protective Service	152	2 ,152	
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	8,067	8,366	3.7%	Food Preparation and		17,902	
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	5,609	6,152	9.7%	Building and Grounds		6,547	
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt.	4,192	4,460	6.4%	Personal Care and Service Sales and Related		5,268 214,814	
Educational Services	22,849	22,989	0.6%	Office and Administrative			
Health Care & Social Assistance	36,421	38,978	7.0%	Farming, Fishing, and	·	1,975	
Leisure & Hospitality	24,958	26,706	7.0%	Construction and Extraction			
Other Services	9,824	10,129	3.1%	Installation, Maintenance,		4,558	
Public Administration	24,161	24,869	2.9%	Production Occupations	523	8,662	
Source: DEED 2022-2032 Employment Outlook							

COUNTY PROFILE

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after gaining jobs over the past year, Clearwater Co. had the 74th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Clearwater Co. was the 16th fastest growing in the past year and the 26th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2023, employment in Clearwater Co. grew despite the pandemic recession.



			Average	Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2022-2023			
Table 15. Clearwater Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual				
Employment Statistics, 2023	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage	-30.0% -20.0% -10.0% 0.0% 10.0% 20.0% 30.0%			
Total, All Industries	2,651	100.0%	\$56,460	2.5%			
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Construction	531	20.0%	\$88,235	24.4%			
Manufacturing	455	17.2%	\$57,808	-0.7%			
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Wholesale Trade	47	1.8%	\$7,874	4.4%			
Retail Trade	232	8.8%	\$24,846	-4.5%			
Transportation & Warehousing	102	3.8%	\$48,039	#N/A			
Information	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Professional & Technical Services	23	0.9%	\$53,296	3.0%			
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	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Health Care & Social Assistance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Accommodation & Food Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A			
Other Services	57	2.2%	\$28,685	-19.7%			
Public Administration	167	6.3%	\$48,722	-5.6%			

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