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.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

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2024 population:	8,630 people		
Population change,	106 people	Median Age:	41.8 years
2020-2024	1.2% increase	state:	38.6 years

Clearwater Co. is the 74th largest of the 87 counties in the state. Its population increased so far this decade, ranking as the 36th fastest growing in the state from 2020 to 2024. 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 Age	e Group, 2024		Figure 1. Population Pyrar	mid, 2	000-2024		
	Number	Percent	2000 Populatio	2000 Population			
Under 5 years	528	6.1%		491	528		Under 5 years
5-14 years	1,233	14.3%	1	1,256	1,233		5-14 years
15-24 years	994	11.5%					
25-34 years	873	10.1%	1	1,086	994		15-24 years
35-44 years	1,035	12.0%		840	873		25-34 years
45-54 years	918	10.6%	1	1,233	1,035		35-44 years
55-64 years	1,243	14.4%	1	1,119	918		45-54 years
65-74 years	1,034	12.0%		926	1,243		55-64 years
75-84 years	502	5.8%		685	1,034		65-74 years
85 years & over	269	3.1%		532	502		75-84 years
Total Population	8,630	100.0%					
Source: Census 2024 P	opulation Estimates	, 2019-2023 ACS		255	269		85 years & over

Clearwater Co. suffered a negative natural increase - more deaths than births from 2020 to 2024, 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, 2020-2024											
	Total		April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2024								
	Population	Natural	ral Vital Events No			Net Migration					
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic				
Clearwater Co.	115	-28	418	446	144	5	139				
State of Minnesota	86,459	51,570	268,689	217,119	33,161	81,091	-47,930				
		-			Source	ILS Consus Bureau Pon	ulation Estimates Program				

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

Compared to the state, Clearwater Co. has a smaller percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2013 to 2023, Clearwater 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	Clearw	ater Co.	Change 2	013-2023	Minnesota			
Population, 2023	Number Percent		Number	Percent	Percent	Change		
Foreign-born Population	104	1.2%	28	36.8%	8.6%	24.7%		
Europe	14	13.5%	-8	-36.4%	8.8%	-3.4%		
Asia	56	53.8%	29	107.4%	35.7%	18.1%		
Africa	0	0.0%	0	#DIV/0!	28.3%	78.8%		
Oceania	1	1.0%	1	#DIV/0!	0.4%	5.4%		
Americas:	33	31.7%	6	22.2%	26.7%	8.7%		
Latin America	1	1.0%	-16	-94.1%	24.2%	9.7%		
Northern America	32	30.8%	22	220.0%	2.5%	0.4%		



Figure 2. Place of Birth for

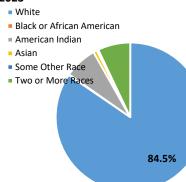
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

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Clearwater Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2013, the white population declined, but the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2023



Cl	earwater	Co.	Minnesota			
Number	Percent	Change from 2013-2023	Percent	Change from 2013-2023		
8,579	100.0%	-1.7%	100.0%	6.8%		
7,253	84.5%	-4.3%	78.4%	-2.2%		
14	0.2%	40.0%	6.8%	38.9%		
609	7.1%	-23.3%	0.9%	-11.6%		
67	0.8%	42.6%	5.1%	29.6%		
32	0.4%	255.6%	2.7%	96.1%		
604	7.0%	109.7%	6.2%	168.3%		
75	0.9%	-42.3%	6.2%	37.5%		
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 American Community Survey

POPULATION PROJECTIONS

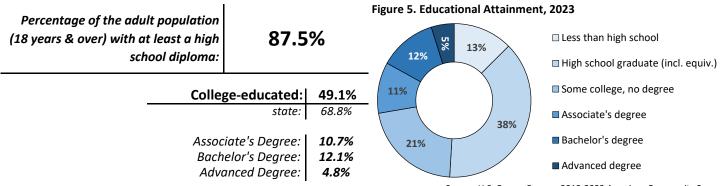
According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Clearwater Co.'s population is expected to decline from 2025 to 2035, with a rate of change that is slower than the projected statewide growth rate (3.7%). Despite the decline, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to decrease over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

					Figure 4. Pr	ojections by	Age Group,	2025-
Table 5. Population Project	tions 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	025 Projectio	n2035 Projectio	on

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

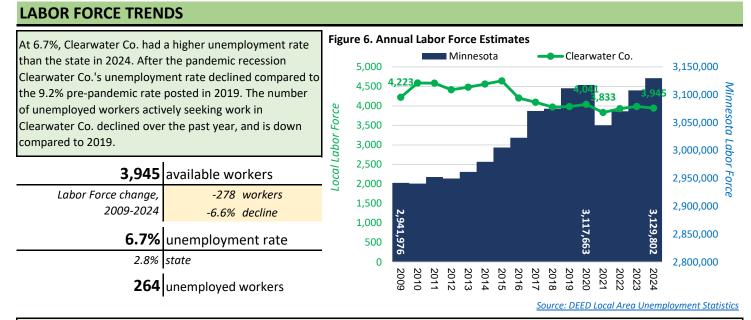
Clearwater Co. has a lower percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (93.2%), and a lower percentage of people with at least some college experience. Clearwater Co. also has a lower percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a lower percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2019-2023 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).

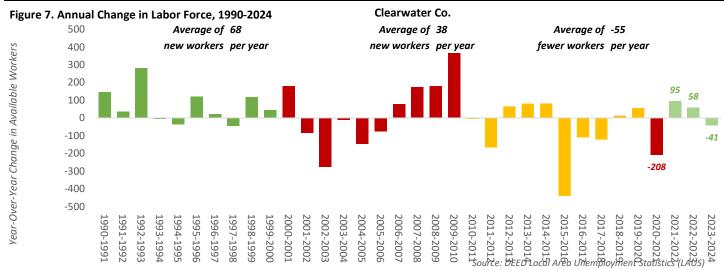
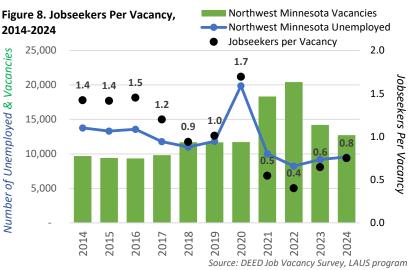


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection					
Projections, 2025-2035	2025	2035				
16 to 24 years	622	562				
25 to 54 years	2,322	2,307				
55 to 64 years	609	489				
65 years & over	268	214				
Total Labor Force	3,822	3,571				

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center, 2019-2023 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 2024, job vacancies in Northwest returned to pre-pandemic levels, but employers are still seeing challenges finding enough workers for open jobs (see Figure 8).



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 80.0% 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	3,892	58.4%	7.4%	68.5%	3.9%	2,056	1,837
16 to 19 years	203	51.1%	5.9%	52.7%	9.9%	96	107
20 to 24 years	351	82.0%	10.9%	83.4%	6.5%	186	165
25 to 44 years	1,546	81.5%	7.5%	88.7%	3.5%	851	695
45 to 54 years	772	84.6%	8.4%	87.8%	2.9%	414	358
55 to 64 years	748	60.5%	5.5%	72.8%	3.0%	356	392
65 to 74 years	216	21.0%	6.5%	27.8%	3.4%	117	99
75 years & over	57	7.4%	0.0%	6.6%	3.1%	36	21
Employment Characteristics by Race &	Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	bor Force by
White alone	3,387	59.0%	6.9%	67.5%	3.4%	Race, 2023	· · · · · · ·
Black or African American	0	0.0%	0.0%	71.0%	8.4%	•	
American Indian & Alaska Native	235	53.9%	6.0%	57.7%	11.4%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	35	59.3%	0.0%	74.6%	3.5%		
Some Other Race	14	56.0%	42.9%	75.9%	5.6%		
Two or More Races	222	56.9%	15.3%	74.2%	6.1%		
Hispanic or Latino	28	59.6%	3.6%	77.1%	5.9%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabili	ty, 20 to 64 years						
With Any Disability, 20 to 64 years	346	49.6%	15.3%	55.3%	9.5%		87.
Employment Characteristics by Educati	onal Attainment, 25	to 64 years					
Population, 25 to 64 years	3,067	75.8%	7.2%	84.4%	3.3%	White ale	
Less than H.S. Diploma	199	52.2%	10.9%	67.1%	4.7%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	1,056	72.3%	0.8%	76.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska I
Some College or Assoc. Degree	1,159	80.6%	5.6%	85.0%	3.6%		Other Pac. Islande
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	651	85.0%	3.4%	90.5%	2.0%	Some Ot	her Race

Source: 2019-2023 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.

	Clearwate	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	3,439	97.3%	2,870,678	97.8%	Clearw		Minnesota 0% 40%			
Worked in county of residence	2,149	60.8%	1,984,232	67.6%	· · ·	//0 20	40%			
Worked out of county of residence	1,290	36.5%	886,447	30.2%	12:00 a.m. to					
Worked outside state of residence	95	2.7%	64,576	2.2%	4:59 a.m.	2.2%				
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK										
Car, truck, or van	3,050	86.3%	2,286,563	77.9%	5:00 a.m. to 5:59 a.m.	9.1%				
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	21	0.6%	61,640	2.1%	. a.m.	9.1%				
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	191	5.4%	120,345	4.1%	6:00 a.m. to 6:59		24.6%			
Worked at home	276	7.8%	463,770	15.8%	a.m.		18.9%			
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7:00 a.m. to 7:59					
Less than 10 minutes	891	25.2%	478,446	16.3%	a.m.		28.1%			
10 to 19 minutes	830	23.5%	924,605	31.5%			20.0/0			
20 to 29 minutes	498	14.1%	651,626	22.2%	8:00 a.m. to 8:59	13	.4%			
30 to 44 minutes	714	20.2%	551,828	18.8%	a.m.	1	4.8%			
45 to 59 minutes	272	7.7%	176,115	6.0%	9:00 a.m. to		22.52			
60 or more minutes	329	9.3%	149,698	5.1%	11:59 p.m.		22.6%			
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	26.5	minutes	23.1	minutes						

Source: 2019-2023 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 80th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.

Median Household Income state	\$64,934 \$87,556	Figure 11. Household Incomes, 20 - □ Less than \$25, ■ \$75,000-\$99,9			n \$25,0	000 [⊒\$25,000 ⊒\$100,00	•				\$74,999 or more
Median Family Income	\$82,824	Clearwater Co.	18.5%		19.5%		18.3%	6	13.1%	17.0%		13.6%
state	\$111,492											%
Per Capita Income	\$32,682 \$46,957	Minnesota	11.7%	15.4%		15.79	% 13.5	5%	19.79	%	24.0%	
Source: 2019-2023 American C				S	ource:	2019-20	23 Americ	an Co	ommunity	Surve	/ 5-Yea	r Estimates

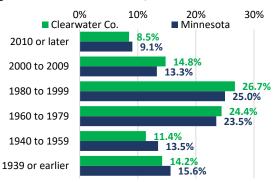
The cost of living has increased over the past 2 years with costs up in many areas. Clearwater Co. had a lower cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$14.8 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$19.96 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost o	f Living Estimate	es, 2024									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs								
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes		
Clearwater Co.	\$30,779	\$14.80	\$0	\$414	\$150	\$722	\$696	\$263	\$320		
State of Minnesota	\$36,768	\$17.68	\$0	\$424	\$156	\$1,154	\$573	\$365	\$392		
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Nonthly 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.	\$62,289	\$19.96	\$354	\$942	\$530	\$963	\$1,341	\$441	\$620		
State of Minnesota	\$70,308	\$22.53	\$545	\$964	\$556	\$1,446	\$1,028	\$557	\$763		
Source: DEED Cost of Living tool											

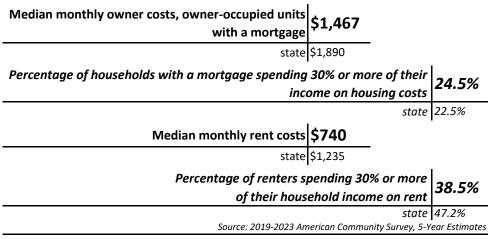
Clearwater Co. had a lower median house value than the state, having the 61st highest value of the 87 counties in 2022. Clearwater Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

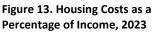
Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Clearwat	Minnesota		
occupied Housing Units, 2022	Total	Percent	Percent	
Total	2,633	100.0%	100.0%	
Less than \$50,000	287	10.9%	4.0%	
\$50,000 to \$99,999	358	13.6%	4.0%	
\$100,000 to \$149,999	471	17.9%	6.2%	
\$150,000 to \$199,999	413	15.7%	8.9%	
\$200,000 to \$299,999	613	23.3%	25.7%	
\$300,000 to \$499,999	370	14.1%	33.6%	
\$500,000 or more	121	4.6%	17.5%	
Median (dollars)	\$177,1	\$305,500		

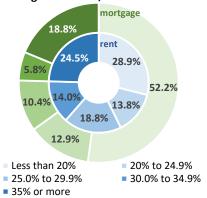
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Source: 2019-2023 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates







OCCUPATIONS

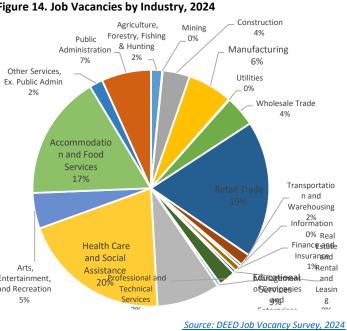
At \$22.84 in 2024, wages were lower in Region 2 than the state. Overall, Region 2 had the 3rd lowest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$47.51) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$14.6) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, 2025							
		Regio	n 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	\$22.84	32,920	100.0%	1.0	\$26.22	2,920,470	100.0%
Management	\$47.51	1,730	5.3%	0.8	\$59.38	200,060	6.9%
Business & Financial Operations	\$35.25	1,210	3.7%	0.5	\$39.95	208,210	7.1%
Computer & Mathematical	\$37.41	240	0.7%	0.2	\$50.02	97,460	3.3%
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.00	440	1.3%	0.7	\$45.03	57,950	2.0%
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$35.35	340	1.0%	0.9	\$38.33	32,150	1.1%
Community & Social Service	\$30.19	1,030	3.1%	1.5	\$29.82	59,290	2.0%
Legal	\$45.77	170	0.5%	0.7	\$49.52	20,750	0.7%
Education, Training & Library	\$24.41	2,510	7.6%	1.3	\$27.84	170,270	5.8%
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$21.09	270	0.8%	0.7	\$28.84	36,030	1.2%
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$39.97	2,300	7.0%	1.1	\$46.51	187,480	6.4%
Healthcare Support	\$18.49	1,990	6.0%	1.0	\$18.67	176,750	6.1%
Protective Service	\$29.07	830	2.5%	1.6	\$29.37	46,960	1.6%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$14.60	3,340	10.1%	1.2	\$16.05	240,830	8.2%
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$18.05	1,160	3.5%	1.3	\$19.16	81,700	2.8%
Personal Care & Service	\$16.78	740	2.2%	1.0	\$17.54	63,300	2.2%
Sales & Related	\$16.87	3,240	9.8%	1.2	\$18.66	244,780	8.4%
Office & Administrative Support	\$22.46	3,700	11.2%	1.0	\$24.07	340,040	11.6%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$23.65	90	0.3%	2.4	\$23.48	3,300	0.1%
Construction & Extraction	\$30.56	1,890	5.7%	1.5	\$34.20	114,050	3.9%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$27.93	1,590	4.8%	1.3	\$30.40	105,650	3.6%
Production	\$22.65	1,620	4.9%	0.7	\$23.56	205,220	7.0%
Transportation & Material Moving	\$21.38	2,480	7.5%	1.0	\$19.80	228,260	7.8%

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Clearwater Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region. There were 12718 job vacancies posted by employers in 2024, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Northwest Job Vacancy Survey Results, 2024					
	Number of	Wage			
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Offer			
Total, All Occupations	12,718	\$18.57			
Management	171	\$30.60	Other Serv		
Business & Financial Operations	215	\$21.51	Ex. Public Ad		
Computer & Mathematical	63	\$19.52	2%		
Architecture & Engineering	322	\$34.28			
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	57	\$25.42			
Community & Social Service	386	\$21.69			
Education, Training & Library	638	\$20.64			
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	1,009	\$31.22			
Healthcare Support	1,082	\$18.32			
Protective Service	188	\$23.57			
Food Preparation & Serving Related	2,330	\$15.00			
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	625	\$17.65			
Personal Care & Service	327	\$18.14			
Sales & Related	1,850	\$15.63			
Office & Administrative Support	525	\$18.77	Arts,		
Construction & Extraction	441	\$23.70	Entertainmen and Recreatio		
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	751	\$20.05	5%		
Production	604	\$19.93			
Transportation & Material Moving	662	\$18.81			



Source: DEED Occupational Employment & Wage Statistics, Qtr. 1 2025

OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

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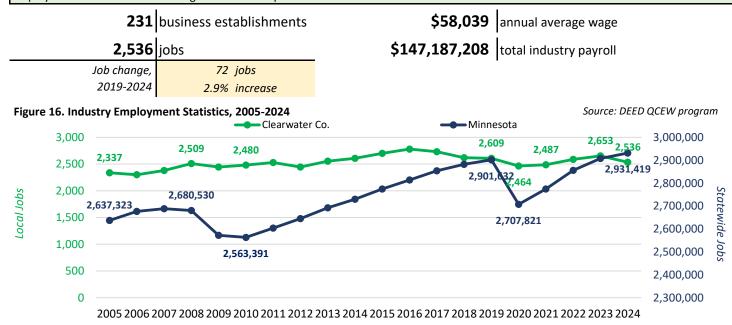
Clearwater Co. is a part of the Northwest planning region, which is projected to see a 3.9% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Pi	Figure 15. Regional Occupational						
				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	1.1		
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	
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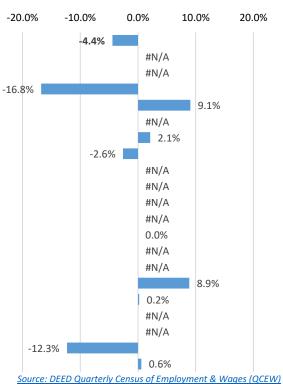
ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Coming out of the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Clearwater Co. had the 75th largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Clearwater Co. was the 86th fastest growing in the past year and the 64th fastest growing since 2019. From 2019 to 2024, employment in Clearwater Co. has grown since the pandemic recession.



			Average
Table 15. Clearwater Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2024	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	2,536	100.0%	\$58,039
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Mining	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Construction	442	17.4%	\$91,682
Manufacturing	497	19.6%	\$56,516
Utilities	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Wholesale Trade	48	1.9%	\$32 <i>,</i> 933
Retail Trade	226	8.9%	\$26,721
Transportation & Warehousing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Information	25	1.0%	\$48 <i>,</i> 640
Finance & Insurance	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Professional & Technical Services	23	0.9%	\$56,318
Management of Companies	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Educational Services	269	10.6%	\$49 <i>,</i> 824
Health Care & Social Assistance	429	16.9%	\$35 <i>,</i> 322
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Accommodation & Food Services	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Other Services	50	2.0%	\$30,549
Public Administration	168	6.6%	\$50 <i>,</i> 382

Figure 17. Change in Jobs, 2023-2024



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