



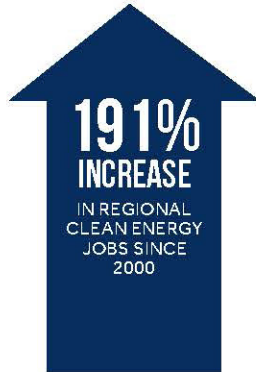
CENTRAL REGION

REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS FROM
MINNESOTA'S CLEAN ENERGY
ECONOMY PROFILE

Clean energy businesses employ workers and generate revenue directly from products or services that use less energy to provide the same service, or produce heat, power or fuel from renewable sources of energy. The MN Clean Energy Economy Profile focuses on five clean energy sectors: Energy Efficiency, Bioenergy, Wind Power, Solar Energy, and Smart Grid.

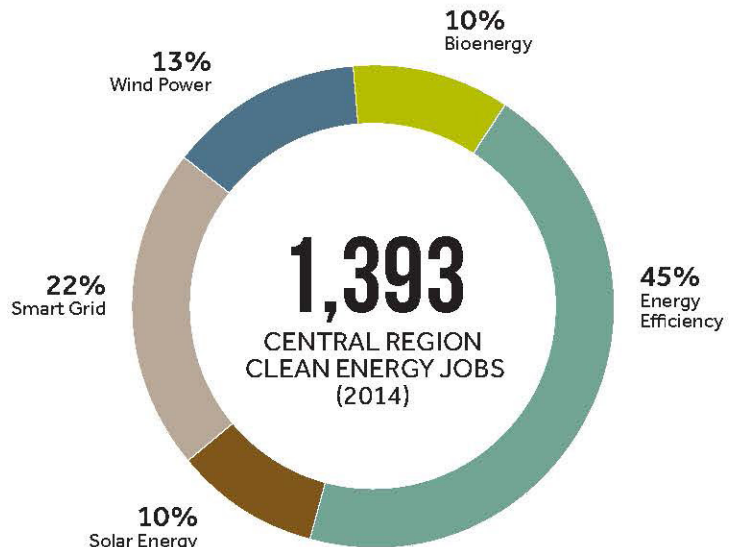


EMPLOYMENT



+11%

OVERALL STATE EMPLOYMENT GREW ONLY 11% DURING SAME TIME PERIOD



31%

THE CENTRAL REGION HAS 31% OF MINNESOTA'S SMART GRID JOBS (2014)



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OF THE CENTRAL REGION'S JOBS ARE IN INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY, SOLAR AND WIND TECHNOLOGIES

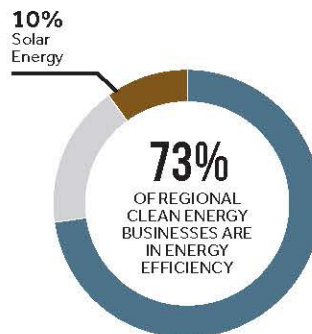


BUSINESSES



13% SHARE

OF STATE CLEAN ENERGY BUSINESSES



MINNESOTA OVERALL AVERAGE ANNUAL WAGE

\$80,300

SMART GRID SECTOR

\$73,500

ENERGY EFFICIENCY SECTOR

\$50,100

MINNESOTA OVERALL

To download the full report, please visit: www.mn.gov/deed/clean.

Central Region includes: Benton, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Wright Counties

Data Source: National Establishment Time Series Database (NETS), Institute for Exceptional Growth Companies, MN DEED Economic Analysis Unit Survey-July 2014, MN Unemployment Insurance Database

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