West Central Minnesota: An Economic Development Snapshot 2018

**TRENDS**

- Need for larger workforce
- Housing affordability and availability
- Need for increased wages
- Need to expand broadband access & coverage
- Need for more child care openings and providers
- Rising cost of energy

**WAGES**

- 2018 Average Weekly Wage by Economic Development Region

**UNEMPLOYMENT**

Unemployment Rate US, MN and West Central 1998-2018

**POVERTY**

Poverty Rate by County 2014-2017

Data resources are available through the West Central Minnesota 2017-2021 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy at ceds.wcif.org. West Central Initiative compiles the CEDS plan for the Region IV Economic Development District of Minnesota.

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