**Unemployment Rate US, MN and West Central 1999-2019**

**Poverty Rate as Percent**

- **60%** of the net increase in population is from a minority group (births, in-migration).
- In 2018, **9.6%** of total population identifies as a person of color.

**Economic Development Region**

- **Stabilize cost of energy**
- **Expand broadband access & coverage**
- **More child care openings and providers**
- **Stabilize cost of energy**

**4 Industries with the Most Need in 2019**

- **Accommodation and Food Services**
  - Vacancy rate: 6.2% (55% part-time, 3% seasonal)
  - Median starting wage: $12.47/hour
- **Administrative and Waste**
  - Vacancy rate: 8.6% (66% part-time, 62% seasonal)
  - Median starting wage: $18.02/hour
- **Retail Trade**
  - Vacancy rate: 7.1% (47% part-time, 11% seasonal)
  - Median starting wage: $13.54/hour
- **Healthcare and Social Assistance**
  - Vacancy rate: 6.0% (56% part-time, 42% seasonal)
  - Median starting wage: $15.39/hour

**2019 Stevens County Top Employment Industries & Average Weekly Wages**

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<th>Industry</th>
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**Persons Per Household**

- **65+ Age Wave**
- The "Age Wave" will continue and greatly impact communities, the workforce and services.

**Wages**

- **1849**
- **1846**
- **1822**
- **1811**
- **1806**
- **1806**
- **1779**
- **761**
- **748**

**Stevens County Growth**

- **2010** 9,726
- **2019** 9,680
- **2025** 9,943

**Region Growth**

- **2010** 221,688
- **2018** 231,469
- **2025** 233,909

**Poverty Rate as Percent**

- **2010** 2015 2020 2025 2030 2035 2040 2045

**Racial Diversity**

- **Most diverse counties***

**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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