The “Age Wave” will continue and greatly impact communities, the workforce and services.

The most in need in 2019:

- Accommodation and Food Services
  - Vacancy rate: 9.2% (55% part-time, 8% seasonal)
  - Median starting wage: $12.42 per hour

- Administrative and Waste
  - Vacancy rate: 7.4% (50% part-time, 7% seasonal)
  - Median starting wage: $19.02 per hour

- Retail Trade
  - Vacancy rate: 7.1% (44% part-time, 17% seasonal)
  - Median starting wage: $14.39 per hour

- Health Care and Social Assistance
  - Vacancy rate: 6.0% (46% part-time)
  - Median starting wage: $13.39 per hour

2019 Average Weekly Wage by Economic Development Region

- Education & Health Services
  - Employment: 6,285
  - Average weekly wage: $770

- Trade, Transportation & Utilities
  - Employment: 4,310
  - Average weekly wage: $738

- Manufacturing
  - Employment: 4,055
  - Average weekly wage: $956

- Leisure and Hospitality
  - Employment: 2,171
  - Average weekly wage: $291

- Public Administration
  - Employment: 1,323
  - Average weekly wage: $977

Total
  - Employment: 22,813
  - Average weekly wage: $784

Data resource are available through the West Central Minnesota Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy at ceds.wcif.org. The most diverse counties are Brainerd, Willmar, and Crookston.

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