

Demand Occupations In South Central Minnesota

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers

Butchers & Meat Packers

Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians

Meat, Poultry, & Fish Cutters & Trimmers

Soil & Plant Scientists

Farmworkers (Crop, Nursery & Greenhouse)

Pesticide Handler & Sprayers

Farmworkers (Farm, Ranch & Aquacultural Animals)

Veterinarians

Business, Management & Administration

General & Operations Managers

Office Clerks

Secretaries & Administrative Assistants

Customer Service Representatives

Human Resources Specialists

Training & Development Specialists

Accountants & Auditors

Financial Managers

Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists

Health Science Technology

Home Health & Personal Care Aides (PCA)

Registered Nurses (RN)

Nursing Assistants

Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)

Medical Secretaries & Administrative Assistants

Physical Therapists

Dental Hygienists

Dental Assistants

Pharmacy Technicians

Human Services & Education

Elementary School Teachers

Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors

Secondary School Teachers

Police & Patrol Officers

Correctional Officers & Jailers

Middle School Teachers

Preschool Teachers

Child, Family, & School Social Workers

Information Technology

Computer Systems Analysts

Computer User Support Specialists

Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers

Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers

Computer Network Support Specialists

Computer and Information Systems Managers

Network and Computer Systems Administrators

Computer Programmers

Information Systems Managers

Manufacturing, Engineering & Construction

Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers

School Bus Drivers

Construction Laborers

Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers

Bus and Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists

Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters

Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers

Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics

Carpenters

Industrial Machinery Mechanics

	Occupations in Demand	Median Wage	Education Requirements
Agriculture & Natural Resources	Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers	\$38,970	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Butchers and Meat Cutters	\$40,961	HS Diploma or HSE; Long Term OJT
	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$61,871	Postsecondary Credential
	Meat, Poultry, & Fish Cutters & Trimmers	\$43,929	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Soil & Plant Scientists	\$59,834	Bachelor's Degree
	Farmworkers and Laborers (Crop, Nursery, and Greenhouse)	\$36,714	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Pesticide Handlers, Sprayers, and Applicators, Vegetation	\$48,596	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Farmworkers (Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals)	\$37,860	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Veterinarians	\$101,329	Doctoral or Professional Degree
Business, Management & Administration	General & Operations Managers	\$82,482	Bachelor's Degree
	Office Clerks	\$43,646	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	\$47,262	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Customer Service Representative	\$44,937	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Human Resources Specialists	\$68,813	Bachelor's Degree
	Training and Development Specialists	\$64,180	Bachelor's Degree
	Accountants and Auditors	\$69,245	Bachelor's degree
	Financial Managers	\$119,560	Bachelor's Degree
	Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists	\$65,703	Bachelor's Degree
Health Science Technology	Home Health & Personal Care Aides (PCA)	\$36,495	Postsecondary Credential
	Registered Nurses (RN)	\$85,138	Associate's Degree
	Nursing Assistants	\$39,764	Postsecondary Credential
	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses (LPN)	\$58,499	Postsecondary Credential
	Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	\$46,732	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Physical Therapists	\$97,183	Doctoral or Professional Degree
	Dental Hygienists	\$84,870	Associate's Degree
	Dental Assistants	\$60,936	Postsecondary Credential
	Pharmacy Technicians	\$43,761	Postsecondary Credential
Human Services & Education	Elementary School Teachers	\$65,364	Bachelor's Degree
	Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$49,947	Bachelor's Degree
	Secondary School Teachers	\$66,349	Bachelor's Degree
	Police and Sheriffs Patrol Officers	\$74,684	Associate's Degree
	Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$54,610	Postsecondary Credential
	Middle School Teachers	\$66,534	Bachelor's Degree
	Preschool Teachers	\$37,747	Bachelor's Degree
	Child, Family, and School Social Workers	\$61,327	Bachelor's Degree
Information Technology	Computer Systems Analysts	\$96,291	Bachelor's Degree
	Computer User Support Specialists	\$60,535	Postsecondary Credential
	Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers	\$65,788	Postsecondary Credential
	Telecommunications Line Installers and Repairers	\$63,718	Postsecondary Credential
	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$75,980	Associate's Degree
	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$125,014	Bachelor's Degree
	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$83,478	Bachelor's Degree
	Computer Programmers	\$82,221	Bachelor's Degree
	Information Security Analysts	\$97,705	Bachelor's Degree
Manufacturing, Engineering & Construction	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$54,491	Postsecondary Credential
	School Bus Driver	\$49,228	Postsecondary Credential
	Construction Laborers	\$49,744	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Heating, Air Conditioning, and Refrigeration Mechanics & Installers	\$64,265	Postsecondary Credential
	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$59,444	Postsecondary Credential
	Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	\$61,794	Postsecondary Credential
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$53,944	Postsecondary Credential
	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$50,024	Postsecondary Credential
	Carpenters	\$57,651	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$60,689	Postsecondary Credential	

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This is a sample of Demand Occupations in Southwest Minnesota. For additional information go to: <https://mn.gov/deed/data/data-tools/>

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HS refers to High School; HSE refers to High School Equivalent; OJT refers to On-the-Job Training