

Demand Occupations In South Central Minnesota

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Farm Equipment Mechanics & Service Technicians

Landscaping & Groundskeeping Workers

Butchers & Meat Packers

Agriculture Equipment Operators

Environmental Scientists

Farmworkers (Farm, Ranch & Aquacultural Animals)

Farmers, Ranchers, and Agricultural Managers

Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers

Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators

Agriculture Technicians

Business, Management & Administration

General & Operations Managers

Office Clerks

Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks

Secretaries & Administrative Assistants

Accountants & Auditors

Sales Representatives, Technical and Scientific Products

Financial Managers

Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks

Tellers

Market Research Analysts & Marketing Specialists

Health Science Technology

Nursing Assistants (CNA)

Home Health & Personal Care Aides (PCA)

Registered Nurses (RN)

Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN)

Medical Secretaries & Administrative Assistants

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT)

Dental Hygienists

Dental Assistants

Physical Therapists

Medical Assistants

Human Services & Education

Social and Human Service Assistants

Cooks, Restaurant

Elementary School Teachers

Police & Patrol Officers

Secondary School Teachers

Childcare Workers

Special Education Teachers

Middle School Teachers

Preschool Teachers

Information Technology

Computer User Support Specialists

Software Developers

Printing Press Operators

Computer Systems Analysts

Computer and Information Systems Managers

Telecommunications Equipment Installers and Repairers

Computer Network Support Specialists

Network and Computer Systems Administrators

Manufacturing, Engineering & Construction

Heavy & Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers

Maintenance and Repair Workers

School Bus Drivers

Bus and Truck Mechanics & Diesel Engine Specialists

Construction Laborers

Welders, Cutters, Solderers, & Brazers

Automotive Service Technicians & Mechanics

Insepectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, & Weighers

Carpenters

Industrial Machinery Mechanics

	Occupations in Demand	Median Wage	Education Requirements
Agriculture & Natural Resources	Farm Equipment Mechanics and Service Technicians	\$62,029 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Landscaping and Groundskeeping Workers	\$44,401 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Slaughterers and Meat Packers	\$42,233 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Agricultural Equipment Operators	\$49,367 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	\$81,531 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Farmworkers, Farm, Ranch, and Aquacultural Animals	\$44,180 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Farmers, Ranchers, and Other Agricultural Managers	\$97,320 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Meat, Poultry, and Fish Cutters and Trimmers	\$40,492 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	\$68,509 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Long Term OJT
	Agricultural Technicians	\$63,397 / yr	Associate's Degree
Business, Management & Administration	General and Operations Managers	\$83,095 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Office Clerks, General	\$45,008 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks	\$49,699 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Secretaries & Administrative Assistants, Except Legal, Medical, & Exec.	\$48,332 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Accountants and Auditors	\$75,070 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Sales Representatives, Technical and Scientific Products	\$106,848 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Financial Managers	\$129,957 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Shipping, Receiving, and Inventory Clerks	\$47,825 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Tellers	\$39,218 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Market Research Analysts and Marketing Specialists	\$64,957 / yr	Bachelor's degree
Health Science Technology	Nursing Assistants	\$42,326 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Home Health and Personal Care Aides	\$37,313 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Registered Nurses	\$87,199 / yr	Associate's Degree
	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses	\$60,328 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Medical Secretaries and Administrative Assistants	\$47,816 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Emergency Medical Technicians	\$41,569 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Dental Hygienists	\$96,312 / yr	Associate's Degree
	Dental Assistants	\$61,630 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Physical Therapists	\$99,992 / yr	Doctoral or Professional Degree
	Medical Assistants	\$47,312 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
Human Services & Education	Nursing Assistants	\$42,326 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Social and Human Service Assistants	\$46,480 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Cooks, Restaurant	\$36,552 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	\$62,582 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$77,653 / yr	Associate's Degree
	Substance Abuse, Behavioral Disorder, and Mental Health Counselors	\$62,197 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Secondary School Teachers, Except Special & Career/Technical Education	\$63,481 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Childcare Workers	\$31,169 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Special Education Teachers, Secondary School	\$63,516 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	\$63,878 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
Information Technology	Preschool Teachers, Except Special Education	\$38,241 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Computer User Support Specialists	\$61,090 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Software Developers	\$97,595 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Printing Press Operators	\$48,643 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Computer Systems Analysts	\$95,540 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Computer and Information Systems Managers	\$127,928 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Telecommunications Equipment Installers & Repairers	\$69,942 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Computer Network Support Specialists	\$73,126 / yr	Associate's Degree
Manufacturing, Engineering & Construction	Network and Computer Systems Administrators	\$89,486 / yr	Bachelor's Degree
	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$56,626 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	\$54,994 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Bus Drivers, School	\$47,700 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	\$60,377 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Construction Laborers	\$52,987 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Short Term OJT
	Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	\$57,175 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Automotive Service Technicians and Mechanics	\$50,172 / yr	Postsecondary Credential
	Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	\$48,725 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Carpenters	\$51,137 / yr	HS Diploma or HSE; Moderate OJT
	Industrial Machinery Mechanics	\$61,914 / yr	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