

GOVERNMENT IS THE LARGEST “INDUSTRY” IN MINNESOTA

FIVE MINNESOTANS WORK IN THE “NON-FARM” PRIVATE SECTOR FOR EVERY SIXTH MINNESOTAN WHO WORKS FOR GOVERNMENT

The largest employers in Minnesota, according to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Security’s Employment Report for July, 2007:

1.	Local Government	163,458 workers
2.	Local Schools	110,124 workers
3.	State Colleges and Education	50,844 workers
4.	Other State Workers	37,876 workers
5.	Non-Postal Federal Workers	17,271 workers
6.	U.S. Postal Service	<u>15,724 workers</u>
	TOTAL	395,297 workers

Government workers account for one-sixth of Minnesota’s work force.

Employment in various industries in Minnesota:

1.	Government	395,297 workers
2.	Health Care and Social Assistance	367,815 workers
3.	Professional and Business Services	332,036 workers
4.	Retail Trade	308,026 workers
5.	Leisure and Hospitality	264,636 workers
6.	Manufacturing of durable goods	220,214 workers
7.	Financial Activities	183,933 workers
8.	Construction	142,557 workers
9.	Wholesale Trade	135,207 workers
10.	Manufacturing of non-durable goods	126,987 workers
11.	Other Services	116,655 workers
12.	Transportation, Warehouse, & Utilities	91,274 workers
13.	Information	56,969 workers
14.	Educational Services	49,879 workers
15.	Natural Resources	6,317 workers
	Total Non-Farm Employment	2,797,802 workers

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Security, July, 2007 at:
<http://www.deed.state.mn.us/lmi/tools/ces/display.asp?geog=2701000000>