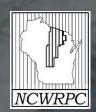




# Forest County, WI

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# **Economy Overview**

8,932

Population (2018)

Population decreased by 157 over the last 5 years and is projected to decrease by 143 over the next 5 years. 3,589

**Total Regional Employment** 

Jobs grew by 8 over the last 5 years and are projected to grow by 87 over the next 5 years.

\$43.4K

Median Household Income (2017)

Median household income is \$14.3K below the national median household income of \$57.7K.

#### **Takeaways**

- As of 2018 the region's population **declined by 1.7**% since 2013, falling by 157. Population is expected to **decrease by 1.6**% between 2018 and 2023, losing 143.
- From 2013 to 2018, jobs increased by 0.2% in Forest County, WI from 3,581 to 3,589. This change fell short of the national growth rate of 8.5% by 8.3%. As the number of jobs increased, the labor force participation rate decreased from 54.6% to 53.1% between 2013 and 2018.
- Concerning educational attainment, **8.1% of Forest County, WI residents possess a Bachelor's Degree** (10.5% below the national average), and **10.0% hold an Associate's Degree** (2.0% above the national average).
- The top three industries in 2018 are Local Government, Excluding Education and Hospitals, Education and Hospitals (Local Government), and Restaurants and Other Eating Places.

|           | Population<br>(2018) | Labor<br>Force<br>(2018) | Jobs<br>(2018) | Cost<br>of<br>Living | GRP       | Imports   | Exports   |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Region    | 8,932                | 3,964                    | 3,589          | 98.5                 | \$308.18M | \$637.97M | \$564.99M |
| NCWRPC    | 438,224              | 226,339                  | 227,345        | 99.3                 | \$22.23B  | \$28.15B  | \$27.20B  |
| Wisconsin | 5,810,713            | 3,106,626                | 3,156,907      | 100.0                | \$329.70B | \$293.29B | \$321.51B |

#### 2018 Labor Force Breakdown



#### **Educational Attainment**

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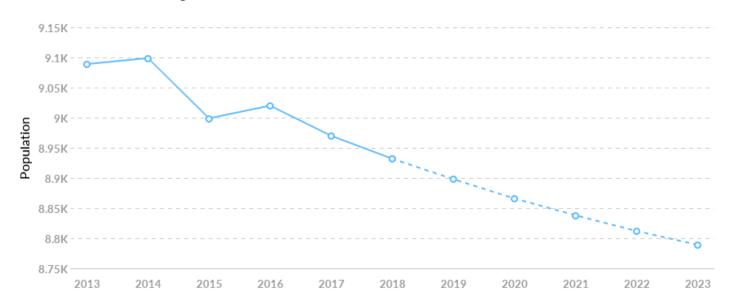


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# Historic & Projected Trends

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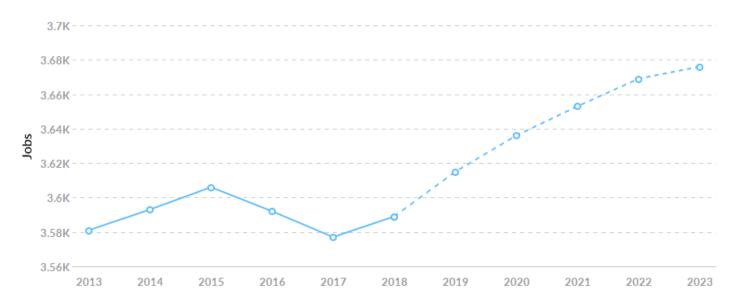


| Timeframe | Population |
|-----------|------------|
| 2013      | 9,089      |
| 2014      | 9,099      |
| 2015      | 8,999      |
| 2016      | 9,020      |
| 2017      | 8,970      |
| 2018      | 8,932      |
| 2019      | 8,898      |
| 2020      | 8,866      |
| 2021      | 8,838      |
| 2022      | 8,812      |
| 2023      | 8,789      |

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#### **Job Trends**

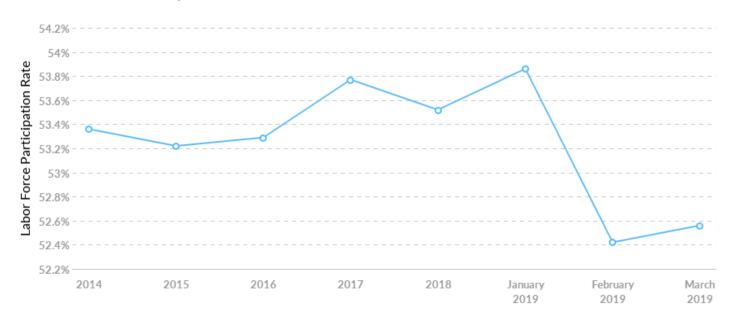
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| Timeframe | Jobs  |
|-----------|-------|
| 2013      | 3,581 |
| 2014      | 3,593 |
| 2015      | 3,606 |
| 2016      | 3,592 |
| 2017      | 3,577 |
| 2018      | 3,589 |
| 2019      | 3,615 |
| 2020      | 3,636 |
| 2021      | 3,653 |
| 2022      | 3,669 |
| 2023      | 3,676 |

# **... Economy** Overview

### **Labor Force Participation Rate Trends**

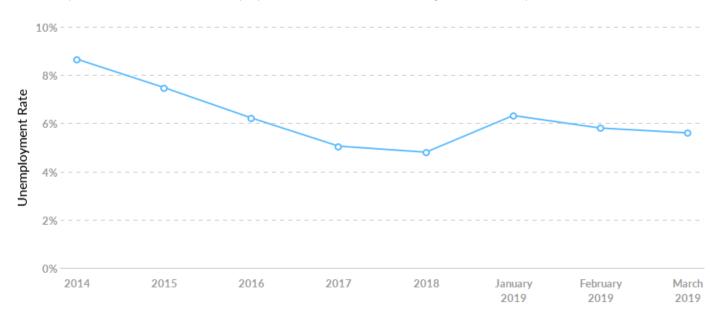


| Timeframe     | Labor Force Participation Rate |
|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 2014          | 53.36%                         |
| 2015          | 53.22%                         |
| 2016          | 53.29%                         |
| 2017          | 53.77%                         |
| 2018          | 53.52%                         |
| January 2019  | 53.86%                         |
| February 2019 | 52.42%                         |
| March 2019    | 52.56%                         |

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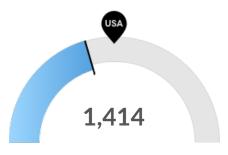
### **Unemployment Rate Trends**

Forest County, WI had a March 2019 unemployment rate of 5.60%, decreasing from 8.66% 5 years before.



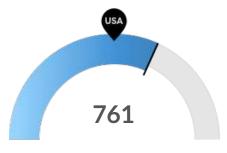
| Timeframe     | Unemployment Rate |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 2014          | 8.66%             |
| 2015          | 7.48%             |
| 2016          | 6.22%             |
| 2017          | 5.05%             |
| 2018          | 4.80%             |
| January 2019  | 6.32%             |
| February 2019 | 5.80%             |
| March 2019    | 5.60%             |

# **Population Characteristics**



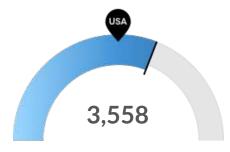
#### **Millennials**

Forest County, WI has 1,414 millennials (ages 20-34). The national average for an area this size is 1,858.



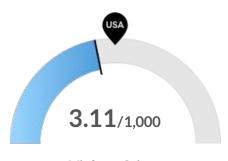
#### **Veterans**

Forest County, WI has 761 veterans. The national average for an area this size is 522.



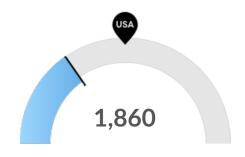
#### **Retiring Soon**

Retirement risk is high in Forest County, WI. The national average for an area this size is 2,557 people 55 or older, while there are 3,558 here.



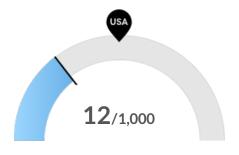
#### **Violent Crime**

Forest County, WI has 3.11 violent crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 3.75 per 1,000 people.



#### **Racial Diversity**

Racial diversity is low in Forest County, WI. The national average for an area this size is 3,523 racially diverse people, while there are 1,860 here.

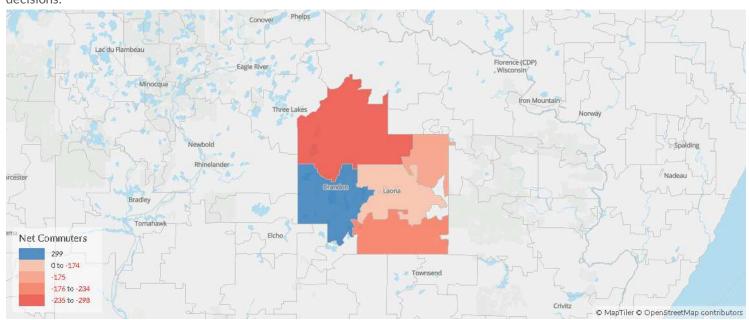


#### **Property Crime**

Forest County, WI has 12 property crimes per 1,000 people. The national rate is 24.22 per 1,000 people.

#### Place of Work vs Place of Residence

Understanding where talent in Forest County, WI currently works compared to where talent lives can help you optimize site decisions.



| Where | Tal | lent | W | or | ks |
|-------|-----|------|---|----|----|
|-------|-----|------|---|----|----|

| ZIP   | Name                     | 2018<br>Employment |
|-------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 54520 | Crandon, WI (in Forest c | 2,062              |
| 54541 | Laona, WI (in Forest cou | 559                |
| 54566 | Wabeno, WI (in Forest c  | 475                |
| 54511 | Argonne, WI (in Forest   | 422                |
| 54103 | Armstrong Creek, WI (in  | 71                 |

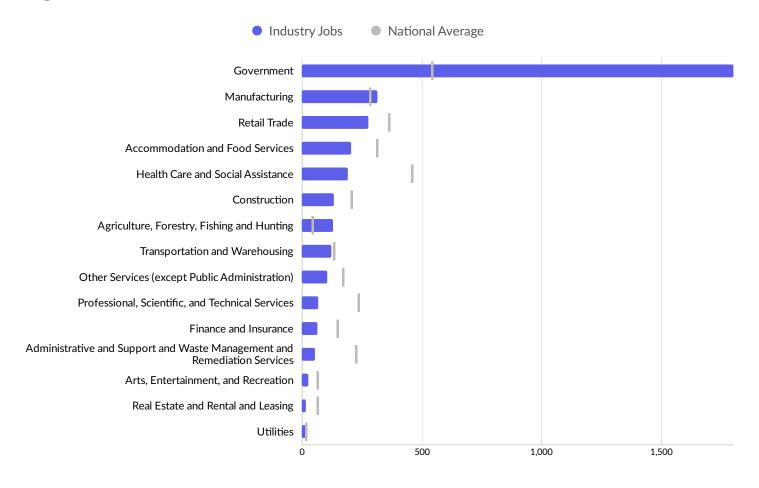
#### Where Talent Lives

| ZIP   | Name                     | 2018<br>Workers |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| 54520 | Crandon, WI (in Forest c | 1,764           |
| 54511 | Argonne, WI (in Forest   | 656             |
| 54566 | Wabeno, WI (in Forest c  | 651             |
| 54541 | Laona, WI (in Forest cou | 601             |
| 54103 | Armstrong Creek, WI (in  | 246             |



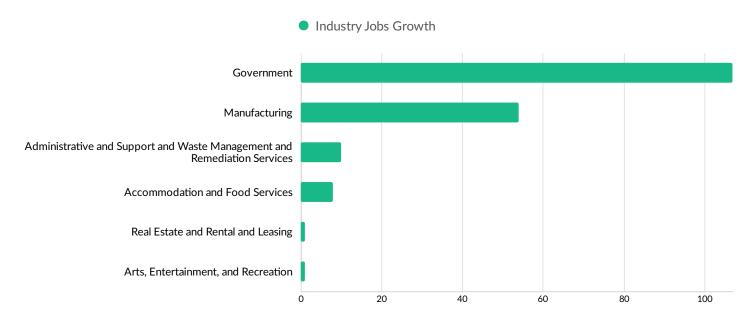
# **Industry Characteristics**

#### **Largest Industries**

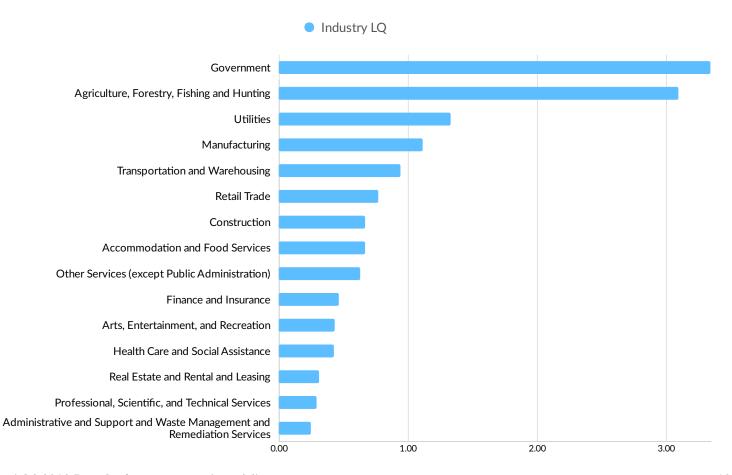


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#### **Top Growing Industries**



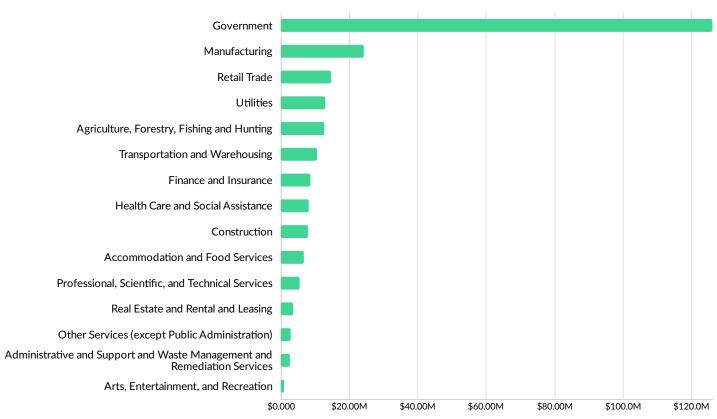
#### Top Industry LQ





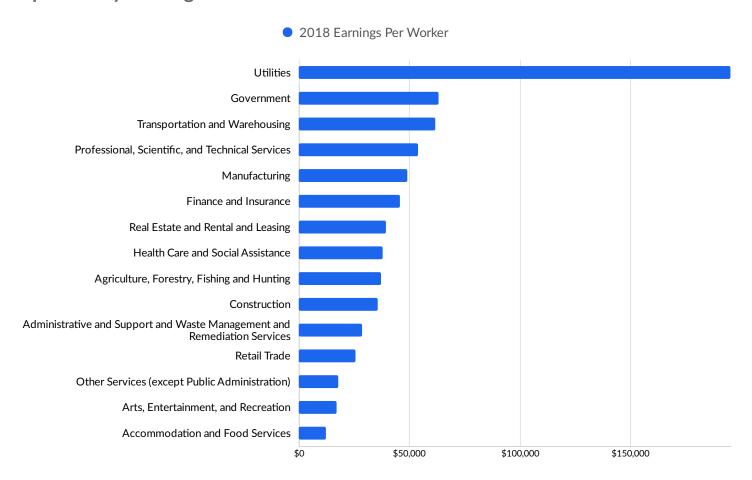
#### **Top Industry GRP**







#### **Top Industry Earnings**



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| Industry   | 2013<br>Jobs | 2018<br>Jobs | Change in Jobs | %<br>Change<br>in Jobs | 2018<br>LQ | 2018 Earnings<br>Per Worker | 2018 GRP  |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Government   | 1,696        | 1,803        | 107            | +6%                    | 3.35       | \$63,206                    | \$126.26M |
| Manufacturing  | 262          | 316          | 54             | +21%                   | 1.12       | \$49,270                    | \$24.35M  |
| Retail Trade   | 280          | 279          | -1             | 0%                     | 0.77       | \$25,574                    | \$14.73M  |
| Accommodation and Food Services  | 198          | 206          | 8              | +4%                    | 0.67       | \$12,091                    | \$6.61M   |
| Health Care and Social Assistance  | 264          | 194          | -70            | -27%                   | 0.42       | \$37,890                    | \$8.18M   |
| Construction   | 144          | 135          | -9             | -6%                    | 0.67       | \$35,711                    | \$8.01M   |
| Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and<br>Hunting                                  | 146          | 130          | -16            | -11%                   | 3.10       | \$37,262                    | \$12.84M  |
| Transportation and Warehousing   | 137          | 124          | -13            | -9%                    | 0.95       | \$61,862                    | \$10.60M  |
| Other Services (except Public Administration)                                  | 158          | 107          | -51            | -32%                   | 0.63       | \$18,033                    | \$2.97M   |
| Professional, Scientific, and Technical<br>Services                            | 86           | 69           | -17            | -20%                   | 0.30       | \$53,817                    | \$5.54M   |
| Finance and Insurance  | 71           | 67           | -4             | -6%                    | 0.46       | \$45,844                    | \$8.69M   |
| Administrative and Support and Waste<br>Management and Remediation<br>Services | 45           | 55           | 10             | +22%                   | 0.25       | \$28,798                    | \$2.59M   |
| Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation  | 26           | 27           | 1              | +4%                    | 0.44       | \$16,956                    | \$977.02K |
| Real Estate and Rental and Leasing   | 18           | 19           | 1              | +6%                    | 0.31       | \$39,361                    | \$3.49M   |
| Utilities  | 31           | 16           | -15            | -48%                   | 1.33       | \$195,265                   | \$13.04M  |
|  |              |              |                |                        |            |                             |           |

### **Business Characteristics**

### **372 Companies Employ Your Workers**

Online profiles for your workers mention 372 companies as employers, with the top 10 appearing below. In the last 12 months, 258 companies in Forest County, WI posted job postings, with the top 10 appearing below.

| Top Companies                   | Profiles | Top Companies Posting          | Unique Postings |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Forest County Potawatomi Com    | 59       | Roehl Transport, Inc.          | 88              |
| United States Forest Service    | 17       | Platinum Supplemental Insuranc | 63              |
| Carter Potawatomi Casino Hotel  | 16       | Telereach Inc                  | 59              |
| School District of Crandon, Inc | 14       | U. S. Xpress, Inc.             | 53              |
| School District                 | 13       | Carter Potawatomi Casino Hotel | 40              |
| Sokaogan Chippewa Community     | 11       | Teach For America, Inc.        | 33              |
| Brandon School District         | 10       | Tutree, Inc.                   | 32              |
| Hometown America, L.L.C.        | 8        | C.R. England, Inc.             | 30              |
| Laona School District           | 7        | Dollar General Corporation     | 26              |
| Ministry Health Care, Inc.      | 7        | Forest County Potawatomi Com   | 24              |

#### **Business Size**

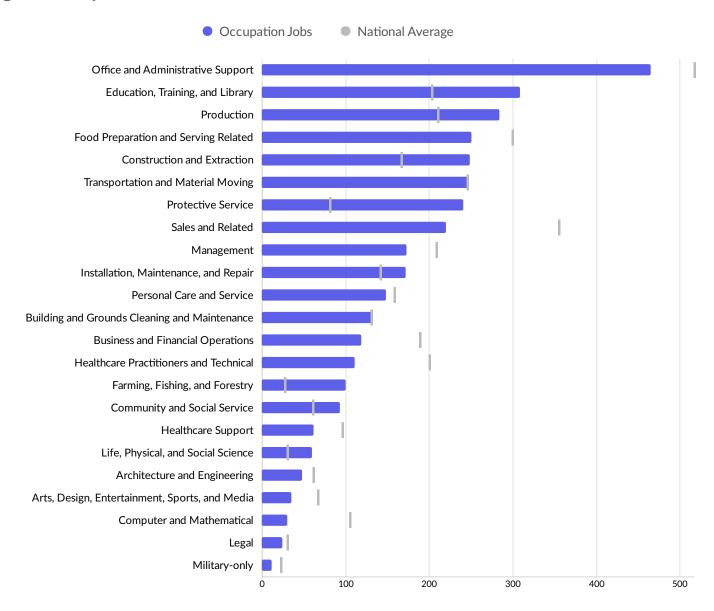


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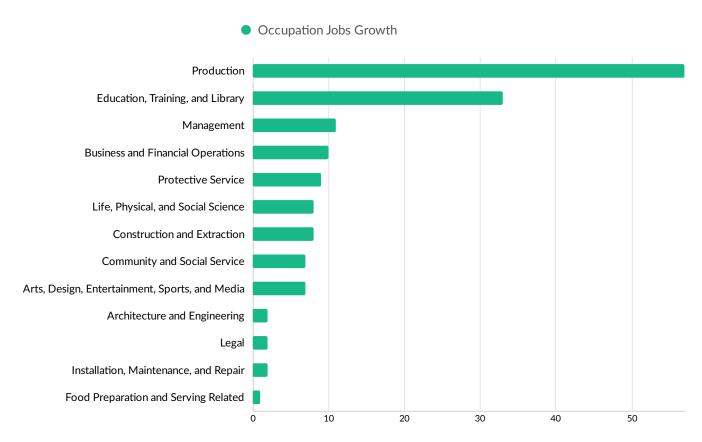
#### **Workforce Characteristics**

#### **Largest Occupations**



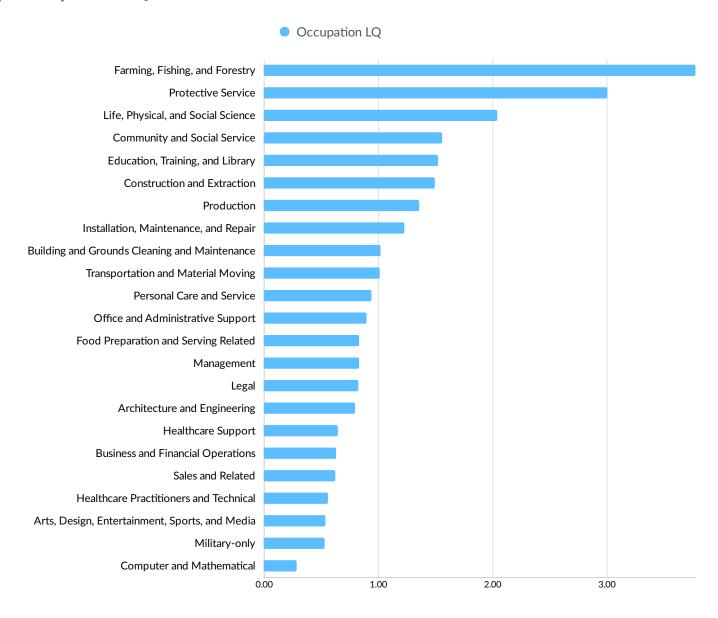


### **Top Growing Occupations**





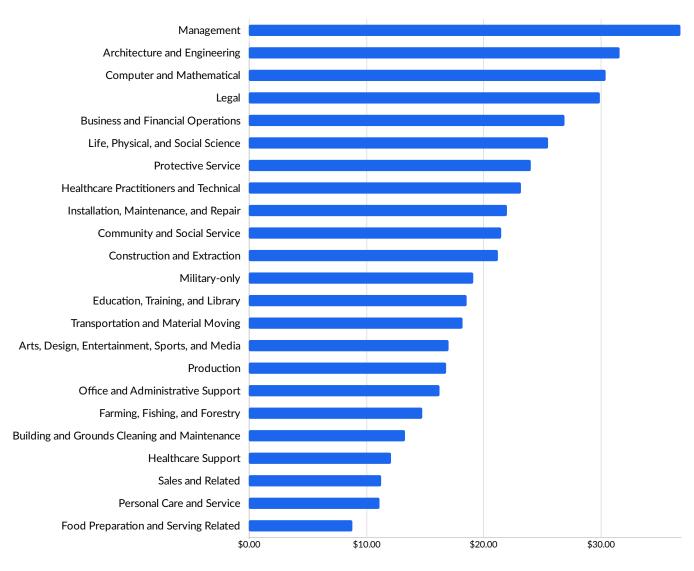
#### **Top Occupation LQ**





#### **Top Occupation Earnings**

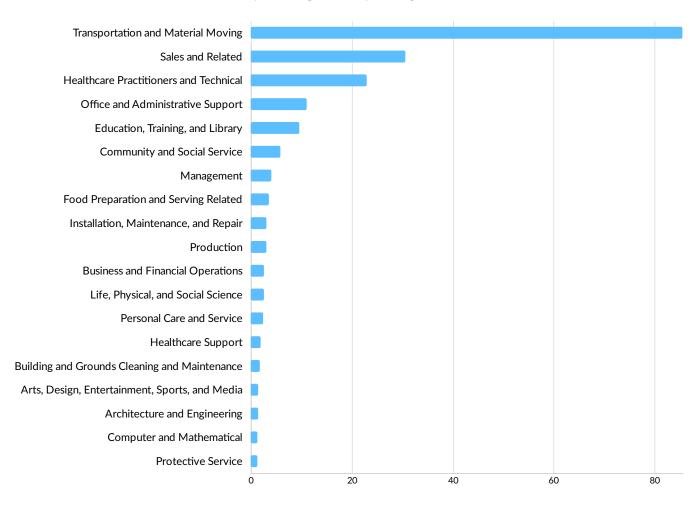
#### 2018 Median Hourly Earnings



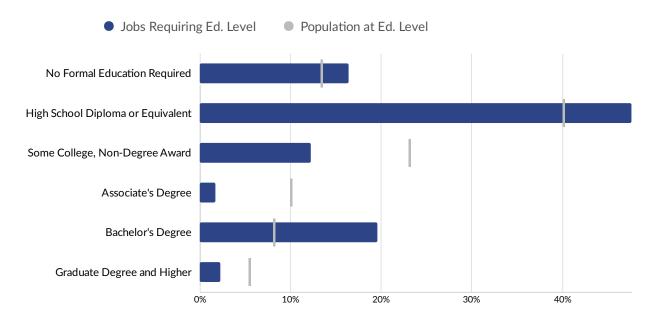


#### **Top Posted Occupations**





### Underemployment



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| Occupation  | 2013<br>Jobs | 2018<br>Jobs | Change in Jobs | %<br>Change<br>in Jobs | 2018<br>LQ | 2018 Median<br>Hourly Earnings | Aug 2018 - Jul 2019<br>Unique Average Monthly<br>Postings |
|---|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Office and<br>Administrative Support                | 466          | 465          | -1             | 0%                     | 0.90       | \$16.29                        | 11  |
| Education, Training, and<br>Library                 | 276          | 309          | 33             | +12%                   | 1.53       | \$18.62                        | 10  |
| Production  | 228          | 285          | 57             | +25%                   | 1.36       | \$16.81                        | 3   |
| Food Preparation and<br>Serving Related             | 250          | 251          | 1              | +0%                    | 0.84       | \$8.87                         | 4   |
| Construction and Extraction                         | 241          | 249          | 8              | +3%                    | 1.50       | \$21.25                        | 1   |
| Transportation and<br>Material Moving               | 249          | 247          | -2             | -1%                    | 1.01       | \$18.26                        | 86  |
| Protective Service                                  | 232          | 241          | 9              | +4%                    | 3.00       | \$24.02                        | 1   |
| Sales and Related                                   | 220          | 220          | 0              | 0%                     | 0.62       | \$11.28                        | 31  |
| Management  | 162          | 173          | 11             | +7%                    | 0.84       | \$36.82                        | 4   |
| Installation,<br>Maintenance, and Repair            | 171          | 173          | 2              | +1%                    | 1.23       | \$22.02                        | 3   |
| Personal Care and<br>Service                        | 171          | 148          | -23            | -13%                   | 0.94       | \$11.14                        | 3   |
| Building and Grounds<br>Cleaning and<br>Maintenance | 161          | 132          | -29            | -18%                   | 1.02       | \$13.33                        | 2   |
| Business and Financial<br>Operations                | 109          | 119          | 10             | +9%                    | 0.63       | \$26.92                        | 3   |
| Healthcare Practitioners and Technical              | 126          | 111          | -15            | -12%                   | 0.56       | \$23.23                        | 23  |
| Farming, Fishing, and Forestry                      | 121          | 101          | -20            | -17%                   | 3.78       | \$14.82                        | 0   |
| Community and Social<br>Service                     | 87           | 94           | 7              | +8%                    | 1.56       | \$21.54                        | 6   |
| Healthcare Support                                  | 101          | 62           | -39            | -39%                   | 0.65       | \$12.13                        | 2   |
| Life, Physical, and Social<br>Science               | 52           | 60           | 8              | +15%                   | 2.04       | \$25.55                        | 3   |

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|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Architecture and<br>Engineering                      | 46           | 48           | 2              | +4%                    | 0.80       | \$31.60                        | 1   |
| Arts, Design,<br>Entertainment, Sports,<br>and Media | 28           | 35           | 7              | +25%                   | 0.54       | \$17.03                        | 1   |
| Computer and<br>Mathematical                         | 49           | 30           | -19            | -39%                   | 0.29       | \$30.45                        | 1   |
| Legal  | 23           | 25           | 2              | +9%                    | 0.83       | \$29.91                        | 1   |
| Military-only  | 13           | 12           | -1             | -8%                    | 0.53       | \$19.15                        | 0   |



# **Educational Pipeline**

Over the last 5 years, no schools in Forest County, WI produced graduates.

### **In-Demand Skills**

