

## EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Contrary to Todd County as a whole, the city of Long Prairie added employment from 2011-2016. Despite losing 37 jobs from 2015-2016, Long Prairie has 72 more jobs than it did in 2011. In the same period, Todd County has lost a net 24 jobs, but added 25 jobs in the last year. However, these changes are relatively small compared to employment trends statewide, which had employment growth of 8.1 percent from 2011-2016. (See Table 1).

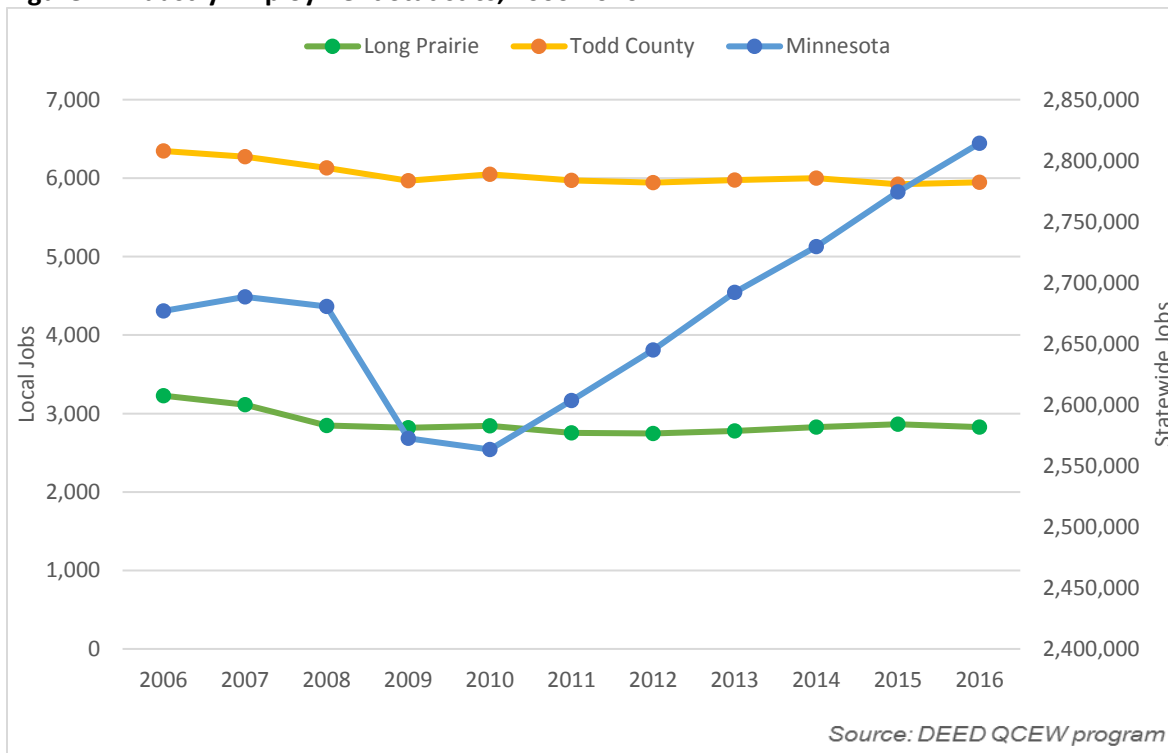
**Table 1. 2016 Industry Employment Statistics**

Area	2016 Annual Data				2011-2016		2015-2016	
	Number of Firms	Number of Jobs	Total Payroll	Avg. Annual Wages	Change in Jobs	Percent Change	Change in Jobs	Percent Change
Long Prairie, MN	132	2,826	\$114,703,687	\$40,588	72	2.6%	-37	-1.3%
Todd County	534	5,947	\$217,428,237	\$36,561	-24	-0.4%	25	0.4%
State of Minnesota	161,520	2,814,272	\$152,795,190,643	\$54,293	210,746	8.1%	39,864	1.4%

*Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) program*

The local difference in employment growth is evidently related to the recession of 2008-2009. Neither Todd County nor Long Prairie were affected nearly as much as the state as a whole, which suffered major employment loss during this period. However, since 2010 job growth rebounded statewide in a way that the local regions did not experience. During the recovery, the state added over 250,000 jobs while the local employment remained steady. (See Figure 1).

**Figure 1. Industry Employment Statistics, 2006-2016**



## EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

Employment changes in Long Prairie vary across several local industries. The majority of losses have been in *Retail Trade*, which decreased by 14 jobs last year and 26 since 2011. Other significant losses since 2011 have come from *Information* (-11 jobs), *Education Services* (-16 jobs) and *Accommodation and Food Services* (-13 jobs). On the other hand, the majority of employment gains have been in *Manufacturing*, which added 14 jobs last year and nearly 100 since 2011. *Health care and Social Assistance* also added 22 local jobs since 2011, despite losing seven jobs last year.

**Table 24. Industry Employment Statistics, 2016**

NAICS Industry Title	2016 Annual Data				2011-2016		2015-2016	
	Number of Firms	Number of Jobs	Total Annual Payroll	Avg. Weekly Wage	Change in Jobs	Percent Change	Change in Jobs	Percent Change
<b>Total, All Industries</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>\$114,703,687</b>	<b>\$780</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>-1.3%</b>
Manufacturing	8	1,246	\$57,453,320	\$886	99	8.6%	14	1.1%
Wholesale Trade	3	37	\$1,597,802	\$841	-2	-5.1%	1	2.8%
Retail Trade	22	282	\$5,146,832	\$351	-26	-8.4%	-14	-4.7%
Information	3	30	\$966,588	\$619	-11	-26.8%	-3	-9.1%
Professional, Scientific, & Tech. Svcs.	9	25	\$752,011	\$592	-6	-19.4%	-1	-3.8%
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	7	59	\$2,028,549	\$660	5	9.3%	-5	-7.8%
Educational Services	5	177	\$6,825,353	\$720	-16	-8.3%	-1	-0.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	13	364	\$15,595,912	\$824	22	6.4%	-7	-1.9%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4	15	\$164,428	\$223	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Accommodation and Food Services	5	56	\$693,088	\$235	-13	-18.8%	6	12.0%
Public Administration	11	286	\$13,071,465	\$880	-1	-0.3%	3	1.1%

*Source: DEED Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW) program*

Overall, employers paid over \$114 million in wages in 2016. This equates to an average weekly wage of \$780 for employees who work in Long Prairie. Average weekly wages range from \$223 per week in *Accommodation and Food Services* to \$886 in *Manufacturing*. This includes all jobs, whether they are full-time, part-time, permanent or temporary. In comparison, the average weekly wages for all statewide jobs in 2016 was \$1,044, or over \$250 more than the average in Long Prairie. However, average weekly wages in Long Prairie were higher than that in both Todd County (\$702 per week) and EDR 5- North Central (\$693 per week).

More regional wage information can be found at [DEED's Occupational Employment and Wages](#) tool, which outlines median wage by occupation for Minnesota's Economic Development Regions.

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