

Wage Rates

While wage rates in Todd County are low compared to the rest of the state, the relatively high wage rate of the manufacturing sector in Todd County as compared with the wage rate of other sectors in Todd County reflects the importance of this sector to the overall economy. The average weekly wage of manufacturing employment in Todd County was \$715/week in 2007.

Average Weekly Wage 2007

	Todd	Minnesota
Total All Industries	\$532	\$822
Construction	\$690	\$947
Manufacturing	\$715	\$960
Retail Trade	\$331	\$443
Information	\$488	\$822
Finance/Insurance	\$641	\$1336
Real Estate/Rental Leasing	\$194	\$759
Professional & Technical Services	\$407	\$1284
Educational Services	\$610	\$748
Health Care & Social Assistance	\$532	\$790
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	\$147	\$822
Accommodations and Food Services	\$159	\$822
Other	\$255	\$507

High Productivity/Low Turnover

While many communities talk about “a great labor force” or a “midwestern work ethic,” Long Prairie employers provide powerful testimonials and data to support such a claim. Because most of the major employers are now owned externally, Long Prairie operations can be benchmarked against similar operations – and they always emerge as top-performers. The following performance measures are impressive:

- ☐ #1 in productivity among beef plants, all located in the Midwest.
- ☐ #1 in productivity among printing operations, all located in the Midwest.
- ☐ “Turnover in our industry is typically 100-200%; at our Long Prairie operation it is 34%.”

