

Southwest Minnesota Careers Website Search Activity

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1. At least how many jobs are open and available for jobseekers in Southwest Minnesota? _____
2. How many jobs are expected to be available due to retirements and replacements in Southwest Minnesota in the next 10 years? _____
3. Is anyone available to help you with career exploration and job search? *Yes* or *No*
4. What are the six main topics that the home page links to?

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____
- D) _____
- E) _____
- F) _____



Click on "What jobs are available in Southwest Minnesota."

5. This page shows a list of 100 jobs that are currently in demand in Southwest Minnesota. Are these the only jobs that are available in the region? *Yes* or *No*
6. Beyond considering current and future regional demand, what other aspects of a career should a person consider?

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____



7. What 10 occupations are showing the highest level of current and future demand in Southwest Minnesota?

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____
- 5) _____
- 6) _____
- 7) _____
- 8) _____
- 9) _____
- 10) _____

Occupational Title	Median Annual Wage	Current Regional Jobs	Current Regional Demand	Projected Job Growth 2006-2016	Projected Total Openings 2006-2016	Most Significant Source of Training/Education
Five-Star Occupations in Demand						
Home Health Aides	\$19,740	1,070	*****	37.5%	793	Short-term on-the-job training
Social & Human Service Assistants	\$25,642	810	*****	34.6%	659	Moderate on-the-job training
Ethanol & Chemical Plant Technicians	\$30,470	120	*****	32.3%	109	Postsecondary voc. award
Substance Abuse & Behavioral Disorder Counselors & Social Workers	\$42,257	50	*****	30.9%	62	Master's degree
Physical Therapists	\$67,674	90	*****	28.7%	58	Master's degree
Registered Nurses	\$59,488	1,690	*****	27.5%	1,116	Assoc./Bachelor's degree
Network Systems & Data Comm. Analysts	\$39,190	60	*****	24.7%	66	Assoc./Bachelor's degree
Radiologic Technologists & Technicians	\$46,021	120	*****	23.3%	81	Associate degree
First-line Supervisors of Personal Care & Service Workers	\$33,700	110	*****	23.0%	171	Related work experience
Medical & Clinic Laboratory Technicians	\$38,777	90	*****	20.7%	64	Associate degree
Computer Systems Analysts	\$70,390	110	*****	20.1%	83	Bachelor's or higher degree
Medical Secretaries	\$26,697	220	*****	16.4%	99	Postsecondary voc. award
Medical & Health Services Managers	\$72,500	150	*****	16.1%	99	Bachelor's or higher degree
Securities, Commodities & Financial Services Sales Representatives	\$54,687	130	*****	15.1%	89	Bachelor's degree
Industrial Engineers	\$62,336	170	*****	14.3%	102	Bachelor's degree
Customer Service Representatives	\$27,710	670	*****	13.6%	879	Moderate on-the-job training
Law Officers	\$55,832	200	*****	13.0%	152	Bachelor's degree
Cost Estimators	\$42,768	110	*****	9.4%	95	Bachelor's deg. + work exper.
Correctional Officers & Jailers	\$39,284	400	*****	9.2%	150	Moderate on-the-job training
Executive Secretaries & Admin. Assts.	\$36,832	640	*****	9.1%	308	Moderate on-the-job training
Agricultural & Food Science Technicians	\$43,968	48	*****	8.6%	31	Associate degree
Retail Salespersons	\$17,222	1,500	*****	8.4%	1,939	Short-term on-the-job training
Accountants & Auditors	\$49,898	490	*****	7.9%	373	Bachelor's degree

8. Are there any careers on the list that you are interested in? List three occupations that you would consider learning more about:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____



Click on the link to "Physical Therapists"

This will open a new window from www.iseek.org. After answering the questions below, simply close the new window.

9. What are some common tasks for a Physical Therapist?

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____

Click on the link to "Wind Energy Technicians & Mechanics"

10. Approximately how many people are currently employed in that occupation in the region? _____

11. How many more will be needed in the next ten years? _____

12. What is the starting pay for a wind technician? _____

13. What local college offers training for wind technicians? _____



Go back to the home page, and click on the link to "How much education do I need?"

14. How many of the top 100 occupations require at least some post-secondary education, ranging from a professional degree to a post-secondary vocational award? _____

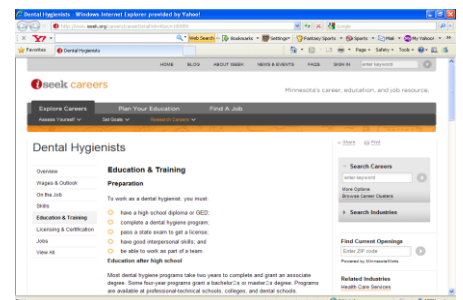
15. How many require some sort of on-the-job training, ranging from short-term to long-term? _____

For Dental Hygienists, click on the link to "Associate degree"

16. Would you need to pass a state exam for this job? *Yes* or *No*

17. During training, would you get hands-on experience working with patients in a clinic? *Yes* or *No*

18. What percentage of workers in this occupation have at least some college education (either associate or bachelor's degree)? _____



Go back to the home page, and click on the link to "How much money will I make?"

19. What is the highest-paying job in Southwest Minnesota? _____
How much money do they earn? _____

20. How many of the top 100 occupations in demand earn \$45,000 or more each year? _____

21. What education level do the five lowest-paying occupations require? _____

Go back to the home page, and click on the link to "How do I know what career is right for me?"

Click on the link to "ISEEK Skills Assessment". How long does the ISEEK Skills Assessment take? _____
 This will open a new window from www.iseek.org. After taking the assessment, simply close the new window.

22. Complete the **ISEEK Skills Assessment** and list the top 3 "Jobs that Match Your Preferred Skills":

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____

Click on the link to "Career Reality Check", then click on the link to "Reality Check Tool", then click on "Get a Reality Check" and complete the **Reality Check**
 This will open a new window from www.iseek.org. After getting a reality check, simply close the new window.

23. How much annual salary do you need? _____

24. What occupations pay enough to cover your expenses?

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____



Go back to the home page, and click on the link to "What industries are growing in Southwest Minnesota?"

25. How many farms are there in Southwest Minnesota? _____

26. Has the region *added* or *lost* jobs during this recession, while the state and nation have lost jobs?

27. What three industries added the most jobs from 2008 to 2010?

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____

Click on the link to "Alternative Healthcare Practitioners"

28. How much do Chiropractors earn? _____

Occupational Title	Median Annual Wage	Current Jobs	Current Regional Growth	Projected Growth	Projected Openings	Top Postsecondary Training/Education
Medical Assistants	\$22,025	105	★★★★	32.5%	153	High school or the job training
Registered Nurses	\$29,432	1,008	★★★★	27.5%	1,116	Associate, Bachelor's Degree
Respiratory Therapists	\$24,352	175	★	12.5%	118	Short-term on-the-job training

Go back to the home page, and click on the link to "Can someone help me with my resume and job search?"

29. What is the name and URL for the state's free online job search tool?

30. Where are the WorkForce Centers located in Southwest Minnesota?

- A) _____
- B) _____
- C) _____



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