

JOBS NOW Coalition

Job Vacancy FACT SHEET—April 2011

Greater Minnesota Job Seekers Outnumber Job Openings 7-1

The latest Job Vacancy Survey from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development shows that **in Greater Minnesota there are 91,000 job seekers competing for 13,000 unfilled jobs.*** This means job seekers outnumber job openings 7-to-1.**

Of the 13,000 job openings in the current survey, only 51 percent—or 6,600 openings—are full-time. This means **job seekers outnumber full-time job openings 14-to-1.**

Over the last five years the number of full-time openings in Greater Minnesota dropped 50 percent. Full-time openings declined even more sharply during this period in some of the largest occupational groups:

- Construction and extraction openings fell 80 percent.
- Transportation and material moving openings fell 65 percent.
- Production openings fell 64 percent.
- Education, training, and library openings fell 63 percent.

The median wage for all Greater Minnesota job openings is \$10.00 per hour.*** JOBS NOW's *Cost of Living* research shows that **in a Greater Minnesota family of four with both parents working, each worker must earn \$13.04 per hour to meet basic needs.**

Want to know the cost of living in your county? Use the Family Wage & Budget Calculator at www.jobsnowcoalition.org

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*Greater Minnesota consists of all the state's economic development regions, excluding the seven-county metro region.

**http://www.positivelyminnesota.com/Data_Publications/Data/Current_Economic_Highlights/Job_Vacancies.aspx Figures for job seekers and job openings are from fourth quarter 2010.

***A median is a midway point; half of the jobs are above it, half below.