

GREATER METROPOLITAN WORKFORCE COUNCIL

WHO WE ARE

The Greater Metropolitan Workforce Council (GMWC) is a newly-expanded and inclusive leadership entity responsible for regional workforce development strategy in the seven-county Minneapolis-Saint Paul region.

MISSION

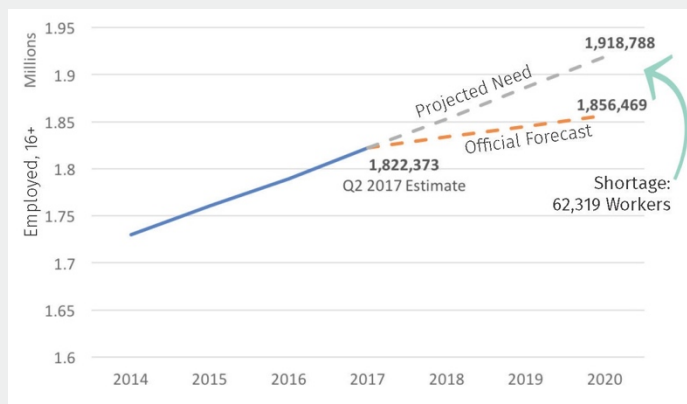
To provide all working age residents of the region opportunities to pursue career pathways that help advance greater economic self-sufficiency while meeting the needs of employers to succeed and grow.

MEMBERSHIP

The new GMWC has met monthly since July 2017, and is just beginning to develop the operational structure and staffing required to undertake this important work. The cross-sector membership of 25 community and workforce leaders builds on and expands regional membership beyond the local workforce boards in Anoka, Dakota-Scott, Hennepin-Carver, Ramsey and Washington counties and the Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

OUR CHALLENGE

If current rates of economic growth continue, the seven-county Minneapolis-Saint Paul region may face a **worker shortage of over 62,000 by 2020.**



7-County Labor Shortage Forecast

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON

- ✓ Aligning partners to ensure workforce development achieves maximum benefit for individuals and businesses in the region.
- ✓ Ensuring businesses have access to a skilled workforce of racially diverse employees that have the competencies needed to make them globally competitive.
- ✓ Addressing and helping to mitigate workforce system limitations and workplace issues for those experiencing economic, racial, and gender disparities, particularly for African Americans and American Indians, and for individuals with disabilities.
- ✓ Providing opportunities for individuals to attain economic self-sufficiency through career pathway strategies that address skills gaps, housing and transportation barriers.
- ✓ Creating and sustaining high-performing sector partnerships that ensure active employer leadership and focus on improving outcomes for both job seekers and employers. At this time GMWC has prioritized business and financial services, construction, healthcare, information technology, manufacturing, and the public sector.

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MEMBERS OF THE GREATER METROPOLITAN WORKFORCE COUNCIL

LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Anoka County	Rhonda Sivarajah , Chair County Commissioner
Ramsey County	Toni Carter , Vice-Chair County Commissioner
Hennepin County	Irene Fernando County Commissioner
Washington County	Stan Karwoski County Commissioner
Dakota County	Chris Gerlach County Commissioner
City of Minneapolis	Jacob Frey Mayor
City of Saint Paul	Chris Tolbert , Alternate to Ramsey County/Saint Paul City Councilmember

MEMBERS FROM PRIVATE SECTOR/BUSINESS/NONPROFIT/PHILANTHROPIC/EDUCATION

MN High Tech Association	Lisa Schlosser
Crest View Senior Communities	Shirley Barnes
UCare	Hilary Marden-Resnik
MPLS Downtown Council	Steve Cramer
Saint Paul College	Rassoul Dastmozd
Schwan's Shared Services, LLC	Julie Thiel
First State Bank and Trust	Chris Dressel
Wilder Foundation	Nona Ferguson
Greater MSP	Peter Frosch
McGough Construction	Karin McCabe
McKnight Foundation	Eric Muschler
MN Literacy Council	Eric Neshiem
Stratis Health	Cathy Weik
MPLS Regional Chamber	Jonathan Weinhagen
Project for Pride in Living	Paul Williams
MPLS Building & Construction Trades	Jenny Winkelaar
Disability Community	Michelle Dreier
Minnesota Teamsters Service Bureau	Jess Bachaus
Center for Economic Inclusion	Tawanna Black

