











SEPTEMBER 2024

ABOUT JEFFERSON COUNTY

Area 583 sq. mi

County Seat Jefferson



Population: 86,210 Median Age: 41.1 Households: 34,388 Median Household Income: \$83,159 Source: ESRI 2024

Greater Jefferson County offers an ideal location. A population of more than 75,000,000 is reachable within a 500 mile radius, and includes major markets such as Minneapolis, Milwaukee and Chicago.





Palermo's Pizza expanded its operations into Jefferson County in 2023, producing an estimated 50 million frozen pizzas per year at the location.



JEFFERSON COUNTY'S 2% GROWTH RATE BETWEEN 2020 -2022 MAKES IT THE 5TH FASTEST GROWING COUNTY IN THE STATE.

2023 WI DWD Jefferson County Workforce Profile

JEFFERSON COUNTY WORKFORCE & INDUSTRY SNAPSHOT

TOP INDUSTRIES BY EMPLOYMENT

Manufacturing
 Health Care and Social Assistance
 Educational Services
 Retail Trade
 Construction

Source: ESRI

JEFFERSON COUNTY LABOR FORCE

Total Labor Force: 46,796

Unemployment Rate: 2.9%

July 2024 Source: WI Dept of Workforce Development

JEFFERSON COUNTY LABOR BASIN 45 minute drive time

Population: 1,426,841 **Labor force:** 809,789 **Households:** 601,361

Source: Applied Geographic Solutions, December 2023

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE 2022

National Labor Force Participation Rate: 62.5% **State Labor Force Participation Rate:** 65.4% *Source: WI Dept of Workforce Development*

MANUFACTURING IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

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Manufacturing is Jefferson County's top industry, with food and beverage manufacturing being the largest subsector.

10,136

2,621

Source: Q3 2023, QCEW - Bureau of Labor Statistics

KEY MANUFACTURING SUBSECTORS

Food Manufacturing Beverage Manufacturing Machinery Manufacturing Plastics Product Manufacturing Specialty Food Manufacturing FAB Industry Machinery Manufacturing



Kikkoman Foods, Aztalan Bio and Nestle Purina PetCare announced investments of more than \$1.3 billion in 2024.



Thrive Economic Development is a non-profit 501(c)3 public-private organization created to promote the economic competitiveness of Greater Jefferson County by providing businesses with services to locate, expand or develop here. We help businesses and developers navigate local, regional, state and federal resources, as well as act as a liaison with local municipal leaders and regulatory authorities. ThriveED also assists in strategic initiatives across Greater Jefferson County that are focused on workforce development, infrastructure and quality of life.

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top Row L-R: Watertown, Fort Atkinson, Lake Mills Middle Row L-R: Whitewater, Johnson Creek, Palmyra Bottom Row L-R: Cambridge, Jefferson, Waterloo



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