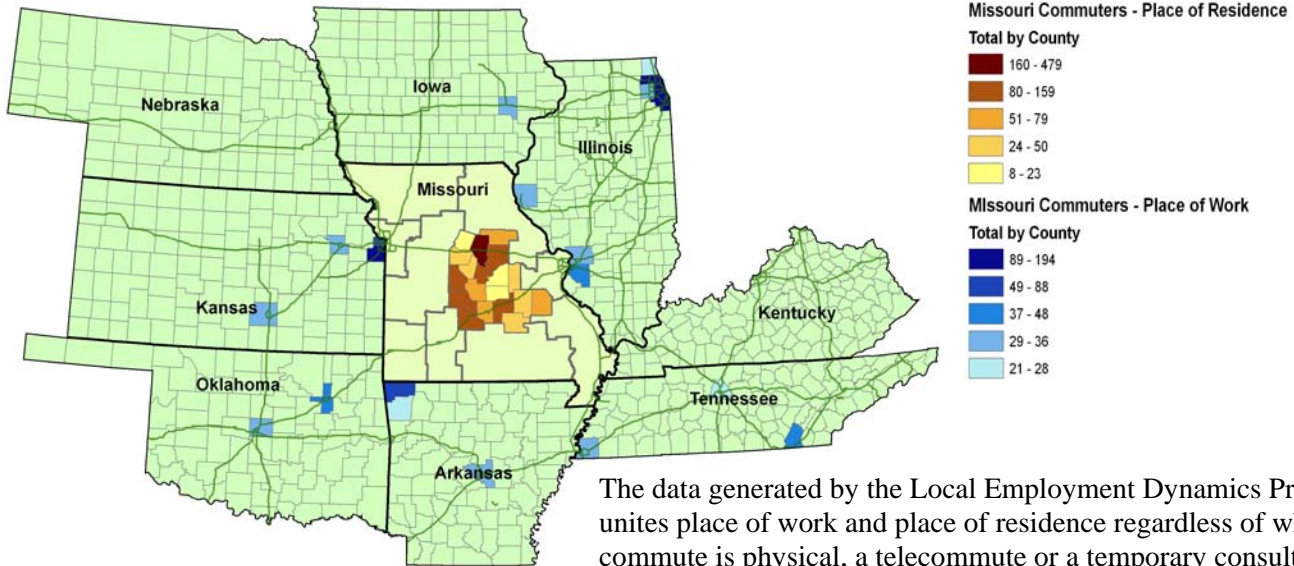


Cross-State-Line Commuting from the Central Missouri WIA

This report highlights cross-state commuting patterns for the Central Workforce Investment Area (WIA) in Missouri. Specifically, this analysis focuses on non-Missouri residents coming to the Central WIA to find employment, and Central WIA residents leaving to work out-of-state.

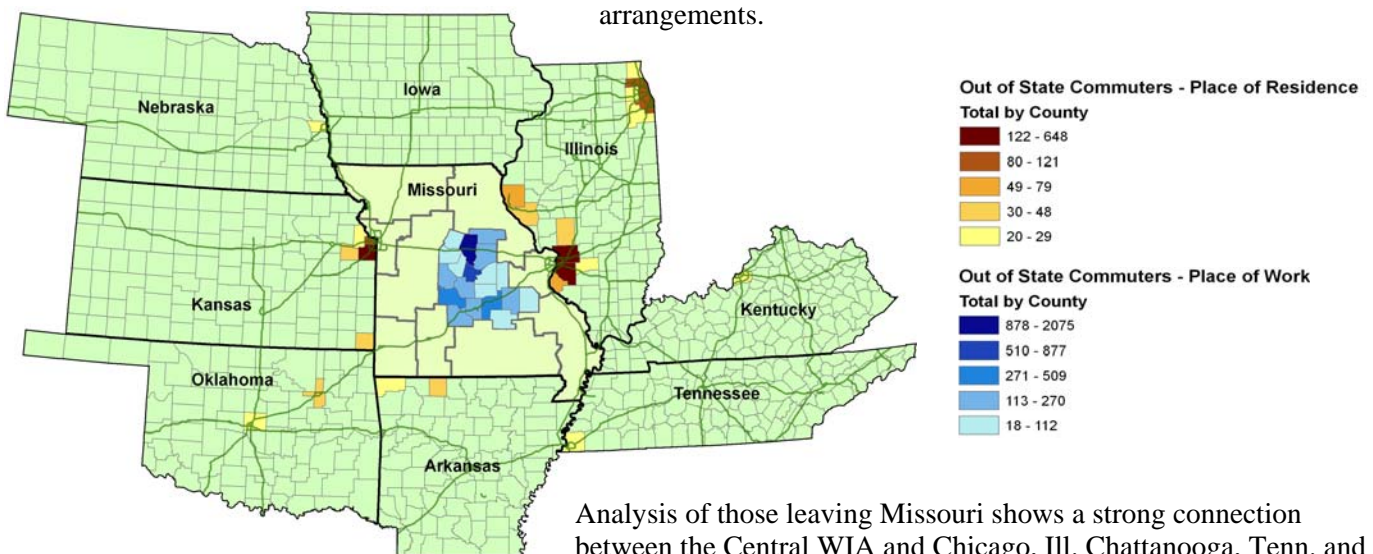
Central WIA Commuting Patterns

Commuting Out of Missouri



The data generated by the Local Employment Dynamics Program unites place of work and place of residence regardless of whether the commute is physical, a telecommute or a temporary consultancy. Therefore such long distance commuting patterns as between Chicago and Columbia may represent weekly commutes or consultancy arrangements.

Commuting In to Missouri



Analysis of those leaving Missouri shows a strong connection between the Central WIA and Chicago, Ill. Chattanooga, Tenn. and Tulsa, Okla. The majority of the cross state line commuting binds the Central WIA to Kansas City, Kansas and the St. Louis Metropolitan area of Illinois.

Commuting Connections with Other WIAs

| Central WIA | |
|---|--------|
| Live and work in the Central WIA | 47,825 |
| Live in Central WIA , work in Mo outside of Central WIA | 53,068 |
| Work in Central WIA , live in Mo outside of Central WIA | 51,281 |
| Live in Central WIA , work outside of Missouri | 1,772 |
| Work in Central WIA , live outside of Missouri | 5,668 |

Roughly equal numbers of workers leave the Central WIA (54,840) as enter it (56,949) for employment.

| Live in Central WIA , Work in | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Arkansas | 217 |
| Illinois | 541 |
| Iowa | 154 |
| Kansas | 464 |
| Kentucky | 63 |
| Oklahoma | 168 |
| Tennessee | 165 |
| Outside of Missouri | 1,772 |

Nearly half of those leaving (21,919) go to the St. Louis area for work, and over a quarter of those who come in to the Central WIA (14,992) come from the St. Louis area. These numbers indicate that the Central WIA is more closely tied to the St. Louis region for employment than to Kansas City whose corresponding numbers are 6,278 workers from the Central WIA and 5,598 workers to the Central WIA. The Central WIA is also more connected via employment to Illinois than it is to Kansas.

Long Distance Connections with Central WIA

MERIC analyzed the instances of Missouri workers who live in non-adjointing states. There were at least 50 workers per county employed from the Central WIA in the following counties:

- Harris County, Texas (Houston – 62 jobs),
- Maricopa County, Arizona (Phoenix – 78 jobs) and
- Los Angeles County, California (Los Angeles – 108 jobs).

Notes and Sources

Local Employment Dynamics (LED) tables and maps were created by MERIC using LED data for Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee housed at Cornell University. LED is a program developed by the US Census Bureau, in partnership with the state labor market information offices and the IRS. The most recent year for which data are available is 2004.

- Only commuting patterns between Missouri and the surrounding states are reflected in the maps and tables.
- Mapped commuting patterns represent at least 20 primary jobs linked between the other state's county and the Missouri WIA.
- References to commuting between non-surrounding states and a Missouri WIA represent at least 50 primary jobs linked between the other state's county and the Missouri WIA.