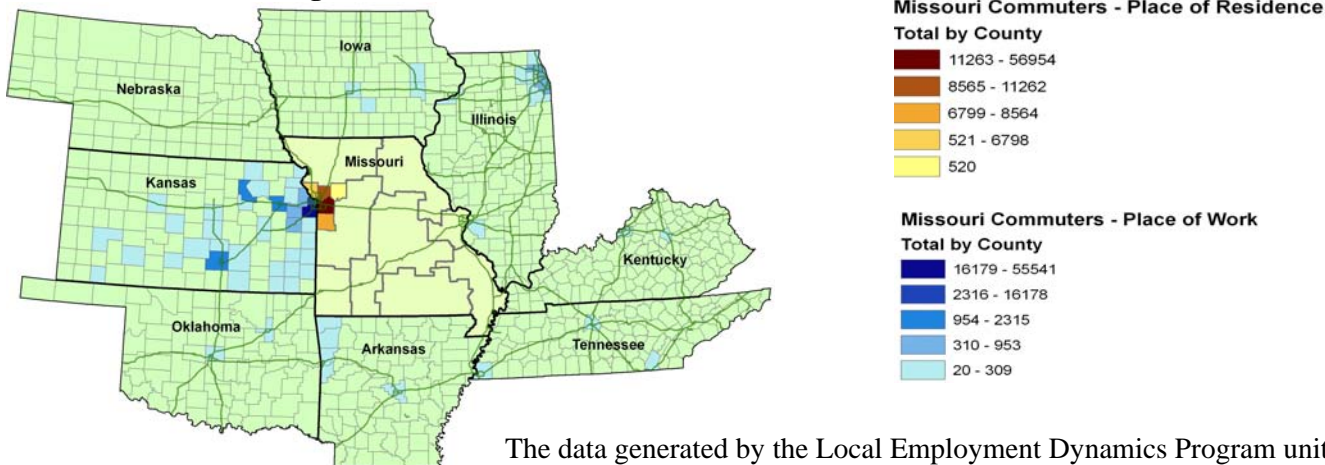


Cross-State-Line Commuting from the Kansas City Missouri Area

This report highlights cross-state commuting patterns for the Kansas City area that includes Kansas City Vicinity Workforce Investment Area (WIA) and the East Jackson County WIA in Missouri. Specifically, this analysis focuses on non-Missouri residents coming to the Kansas City area to find employment, and Kansas City area residents leaving to work out-of-state.

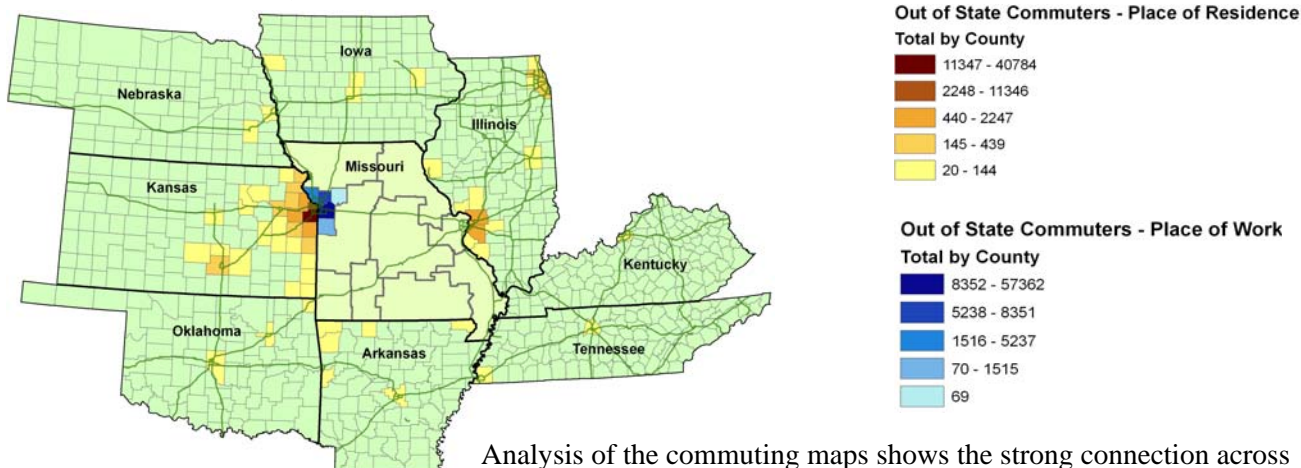
Kansas City Area Commuting Patterns

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 Kansas City may represent weekly commutes or consultancy arrangements.

Commuting In To Missouri



Analysis of the commuting maps shows the strong connection across the Kansas City Metropolitan area that justifies its analysis as a single unit. There is also a strong connection between the Kansas City area, the St. Louis Metro area, Wichita, Kansas and Chicago, Illinois.

Commuting Connections with Other WIAs

Kansas City Area	
Live and work in the Kansas City area	101,376
Live in Kansas City area , work in Mo outside of Kansas City area	49,215
Work in Kansas City area , live in Mo outside of Kansas City area	58,987
Live in Kansas City area , work outside of Missouri	84,098
Work in Kansas City area , live outside of Missouri	72,534

Roughly equal numbers of workers leave the Kansas City area (133,313) as enter it (131,521) for employment.

Live in Kansas City Area , Work in	
Arkansas	296
Illinois	786
Iowa	317
Kansas	81,991
Kentucky	117
Oklahoma	332
Tennessee	259
Outside of Missouri	84,098

Over half of those leaving (81,991) go to Kansas for work, and over half of those who come in to the Kansas City area (72,534) come from out state. Over half of those who leave the Kansas City area to work elsewhere in Missouri (23,092) go to the St. Louis Metro area. Over half of those who come in to the Kansas City area (47,788) from elsewhere in Missouri come from the St. Louis (19,117), West Central (14,732), or Northwest (13,939) WIAs.

Long Distance Connections with Kansas City Area

MERIC analyzed the instances of Missouri workers who live in non-adjointing states. There were at least 125 workers per county employed from the Kansas City area in the following counties:

- Maricopa County, Arizona (Phoenix – 277 jobs),
- Los Angeles County, California (Los Angeles – 584 jobs),
- Orange County, California (Anaheim, Santa Ana – 180 jobs),
- San Bernardino County, California (San Bernardino – 134 jobs),
- San Diego County, California (San Diego – 153 jobs),
- Dallas County, Texas (Dallas – 139 jobs),
- Harris County, Texas (Houston – 183 jobs),
- Tarrant County, Texas (Fort Worth – 163 jobs), and
- King County, Washington (Seattle – 149 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.