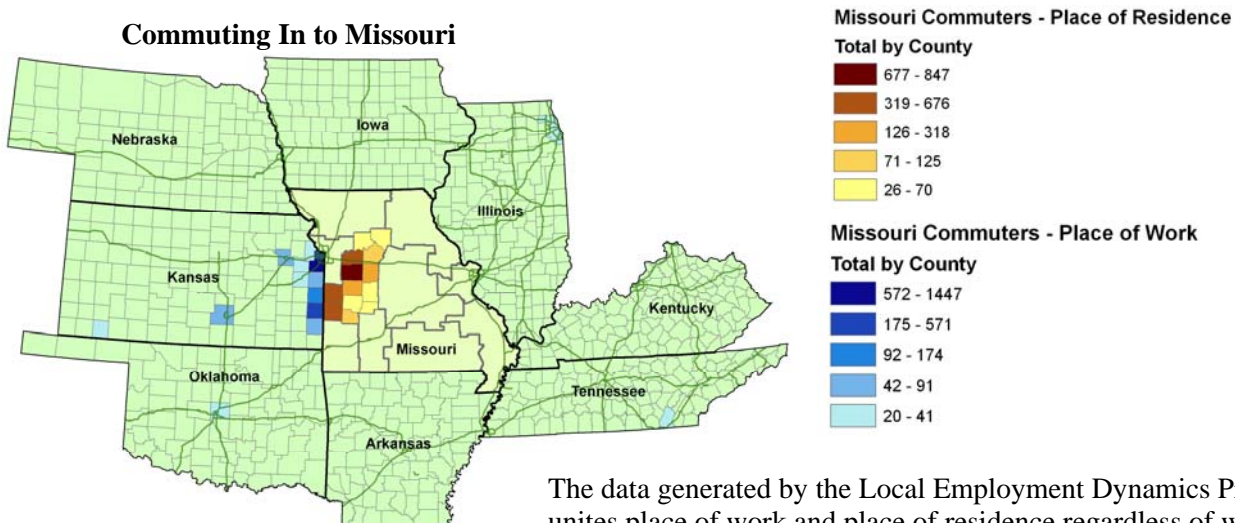


Cross-State-Line Commuting from the West Central Missouri WIA

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

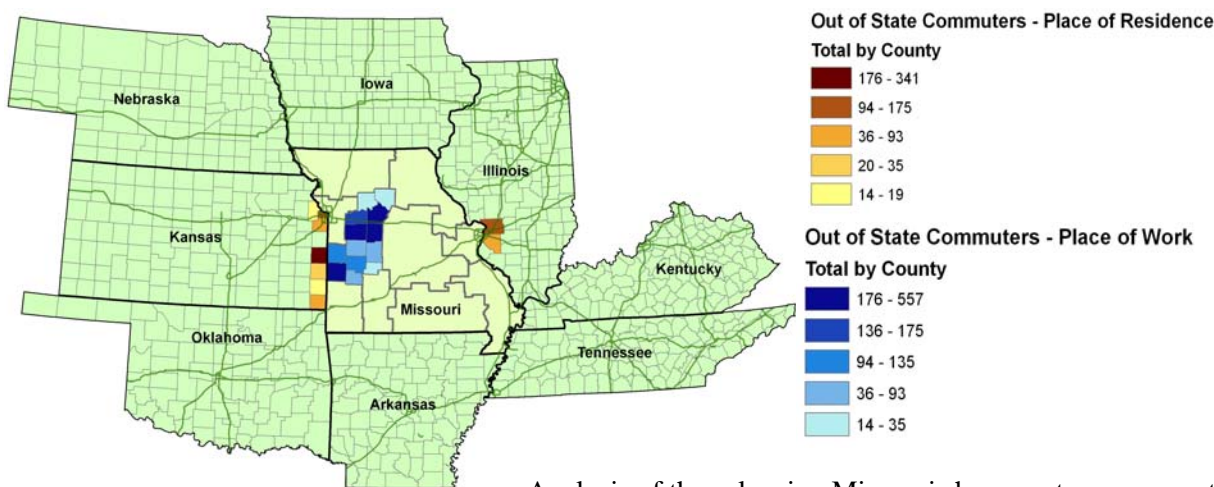
West Central WIA Commuting Patterns

Commuting In to 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 Marshall and St. Louis may represent weekly commutes or consultancy arrangements.

Commuting Out of Missouri



Analysis of those leaving Missouri shows a strong connection between the West Central WIA and the St. Louis Metropolitan area of Illinois. The majority of the cross state line commuting is physical and links the West Central WIA to Kansas City, and the eastern counties of Kansas.

Commuting Connections with Other WIAs

West Central WIA	
Live and work in the West Central WIA	10,953
Live in West Central WIA , work in Mo outside of Central WIA	31,233
Work in West Central WIA , live in Mo outside of Central WIA	11,663
Live in West Central WIA , work outside of Missouri	3,610
Work in West Central WIA , live outside of Missouri	2,297

Almost 2.5 times as many workers leave the West Central WIA (34,843) as enter it (13,960) for employment.

Live in West Central WIA , Work in	
Arkansas	104
Illinois	111
Iowa	72
Kansas	3,130
Kentucky	45
Oklahoma	83
Tennessee	65
Outside of Missouri	3,610

Over half of those entering (7,889) the West Central WIA for work come in from the Kansas City WIA (4,462) or the Central WIA (3,427). Almost half of those leaving the West Central WIA for work (14,732) go to the Kansas City WIA.

Long Distance Connections with West Central

MERIC analyzed the instances of Missouri workers who live in non-adjointing states. There were 97 workers employed from the West Central WIA in Hidalgo County, Texas (Mc Allen).

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.