



Southwest Workforce Investment Area RETAIL TRADE ANALYSIS

Retail Pull Factors

Retail trade is the sale and distribution of merchandise to consumers through either a store location or non-store location such as internet, phone, catalog or advertising.

Retail trade is one of the key economic indicators of regional economies. The retail strength of a county is a function of customer base served, the buying power of the customer base and quality of the retail environment. Retail pull factor measures the retail sales captured by a county across Missouri.

In 2007, two counties in the Southwest Workforce Investment Area had a retail trade pull factor greater than 1 indicating either a gain in customers from other counties or that residents spent more than the state average. On the contrary, five counties had a pull factor below 1 indicating residents either spent less than their state counterparts or residents purchased more goods outside their county.

Retail Trade Sectors

- Apparel and Accessories
- Automotive dealers
- Gasoline service stations
- Building materials,
- Hardware and garden supplies
- Eating and Drinking Places
- Home furniture and furnishings
- Food
- General Merchandise
- Miscellaneous retail

Retail Industry Facts

Employment

15,180

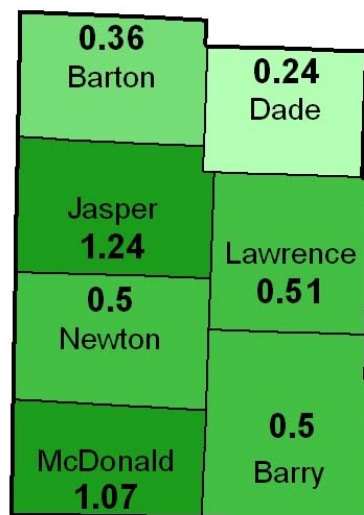
Number of Industries

1,015

Average Wage

\$20,823

2007 Retail Trade Pull Factor



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Retail trade has been particularly strong in counties along major interstate highways. Jasper County had the highest pull factor (1.24), followed by McDonald (1.07) and Lawrence (0.51).

Conversely, five counties lost retail customers. The counties that lost customers or spent less than the state average were located in the regions surrounding the regional trade centers. Dade County had the lowest pull factor (0.24), followed by Barton (0.36) and Barry (0.50).

Jasper County captured the most retail sales and gained the most retail customers, besides holding the highest market share. Overall, retail customers in Southwest region spent more than \$1.8 billion in retail purchases in 2007, capturing nearly 4.1% of the market share in Missouri. The retail sales pull factor rankings for the counties in Southwest region are as follows:

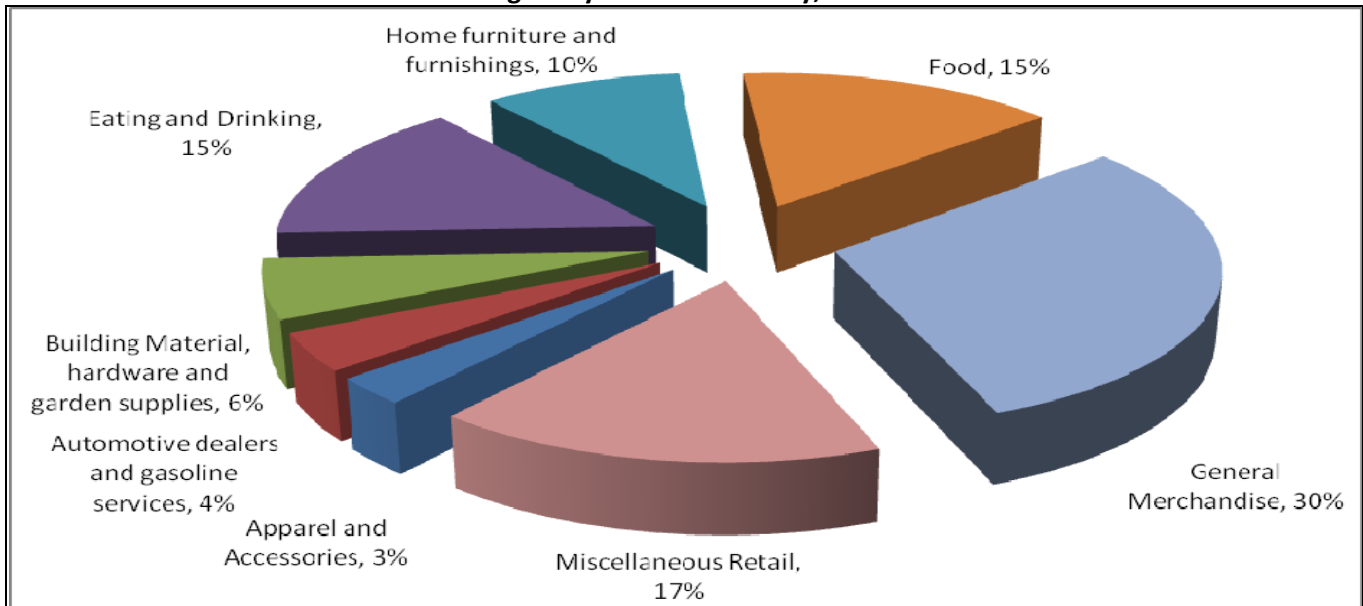
Retail Sales, Pull Factor, Trade Area Capture (TAC) and Market Share (MS) – Southwest WIA Region, 2007

COUNTY	CTPF	TAC	MS	RETAIL SALES
JASPER COUNTY	1.24	141,189	2.44%	\$1,101,186,971
MCDONALD COUNTY	1.07	24,288	0.42%	\$189,434,647
LAWRENCE COUNTY	0.51	18,753	0.32%	\$146,260,137
NEWTON COUNTY	0.50	27,956	0.48%	\$218,041,558
BARRY COUNTY	0.50	17,987	0.31%	\$140,285,044
BARTON COUNTY	0.36	4,521	0.08%	\$35,262,771
DADE COUNTY	0.24	1,752	0.03%	\$13,665,180
Southwest WIA Total		236,447	4.09%	\$1,844,136,309

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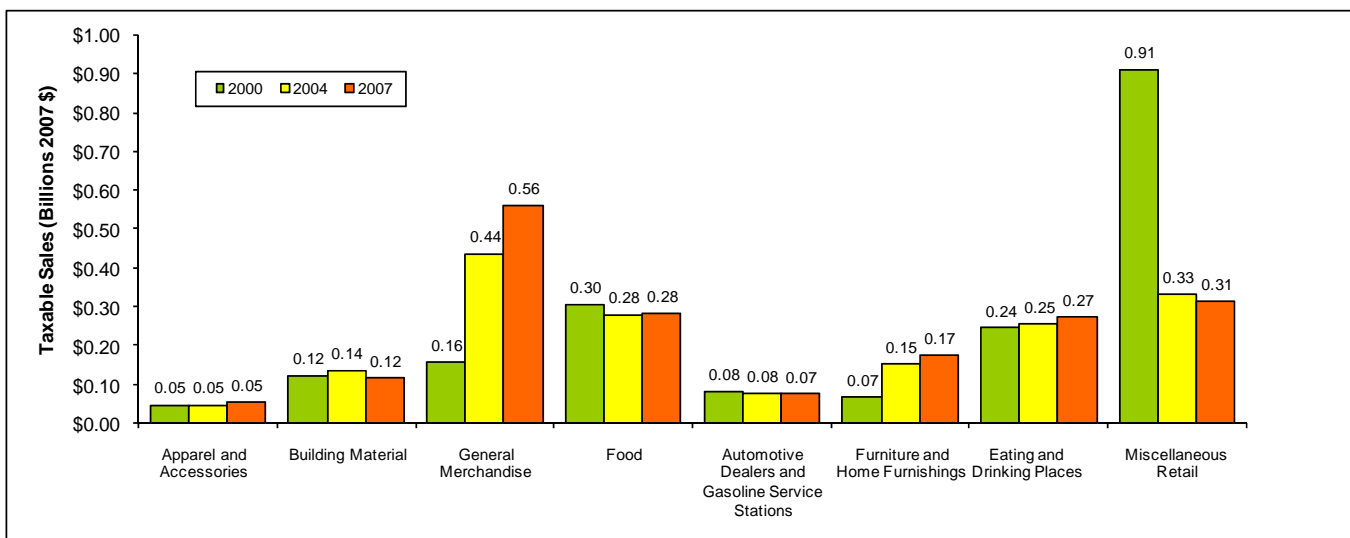
In 2007, in terms of percentage of retail sales by industry, a majority of retail sales were in the general merchandise sector (30%), followed by miscellaneous retail (17%), food (15%), eating and drinking (15%), and furniture (10%). Building materials, automotive dealers and apparel accounted for the balance of retail sales (13%) in the Southwest region.

Percent Retail Sales in Southwest WIA Region by Detailed Industry, 2007

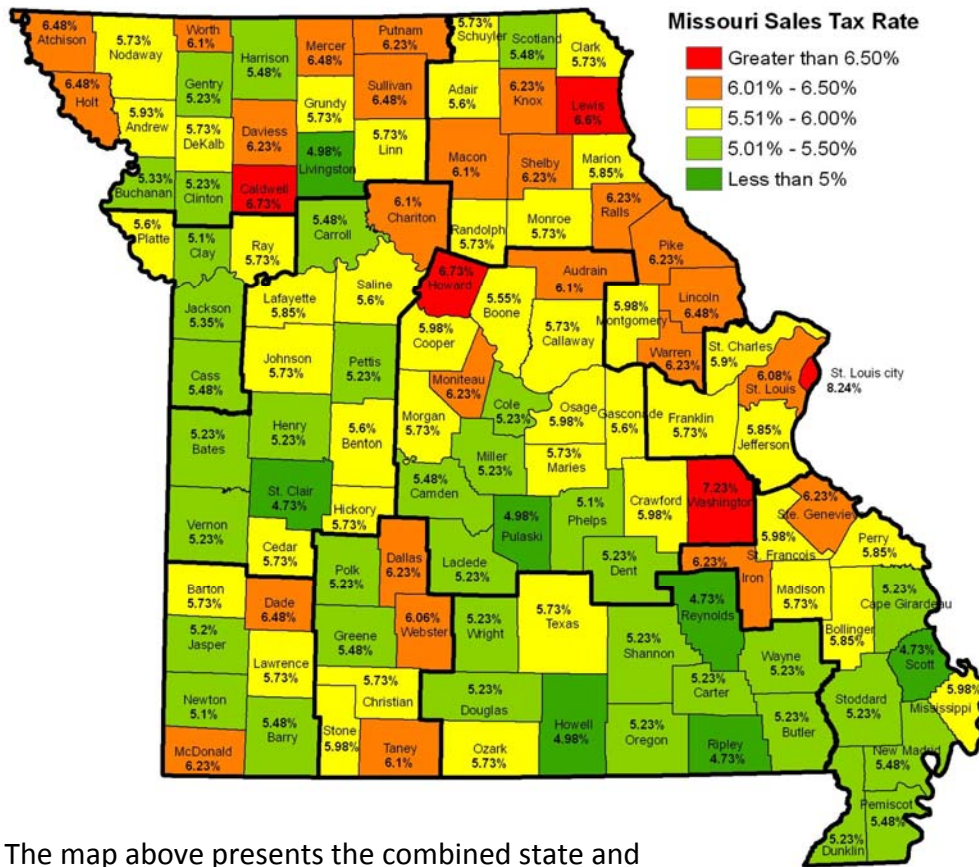


In terms of retail sales trends, the greatest increase in seven years was in general merchandise, and the steepest decline was in miscellaneous retail sectors. Consumer spending on apparel, building materials and automotive stayed roughly about the same but retail expenditure on food away from home, and furniture increased. Retail expenditure on food declined over the years.

Comparison of Taxable Sales by Detailed Industry in Southwest WIA Region, 2000, 2004 and 2007



Missouri Sales Tax Rates



The map above presents the combined state and county sales tax rate excluding the local sales taxes. Sales tax rates in Missouri range from 4.73% to 8.24%. Within the Southwest region, Dade County has the highest sales tax rate (6.48%) followed by McDonald (6.23%) and Barton (5.73%).

On the contrary, Newton County has the lowest sales tax rate (5.1%), followed by Jasper (5.2%) and Barry (5.48%). Lower sales taxes may attract retail customers as evident in counties like Jasper.

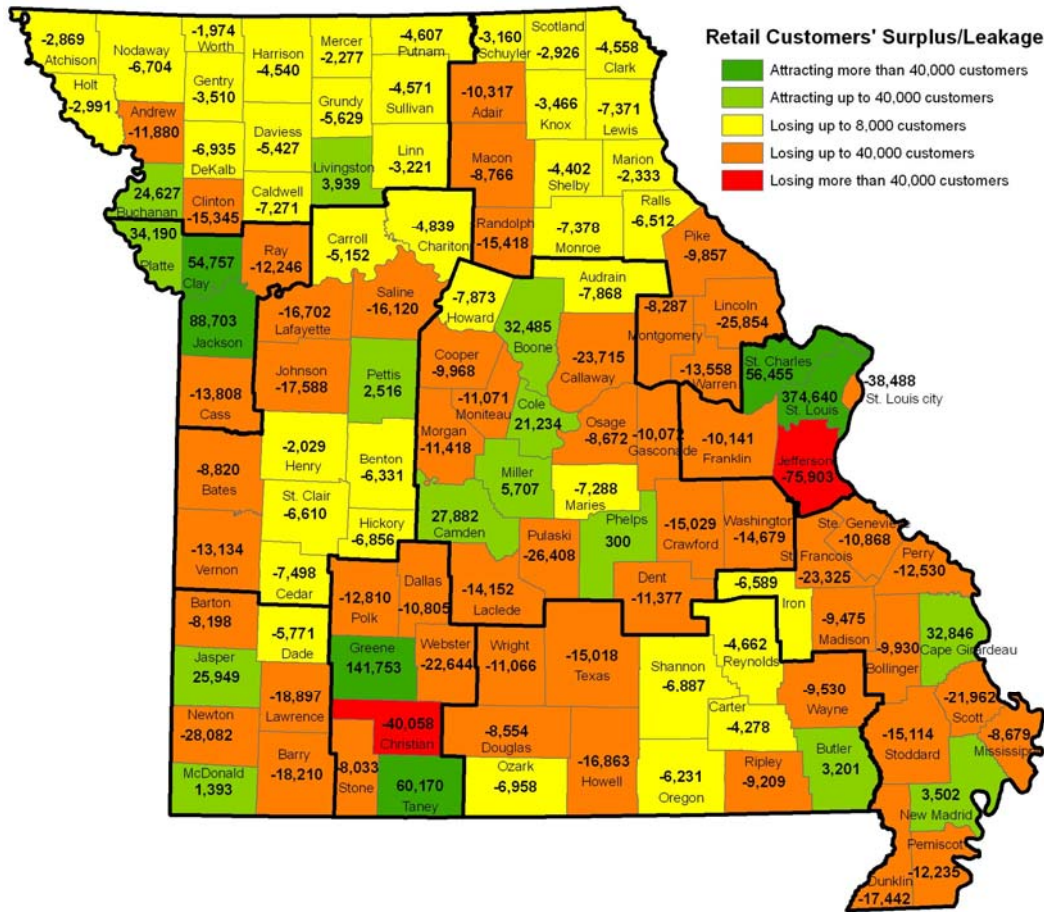
The average sales tax rate for Missouri is 5.72%. Four counties in the Southwest region have a retail sales tax rate above the state average and three counties have a sales tax rate below the state average.

COUNTY	SALES TAX
DADE	6.48%
MCDONALD	6.23%
BARTON	5.73%
LAWRENCE	5.73%
BARRY	5.48%
JASPER	5.20%
NEWTON	5.10%

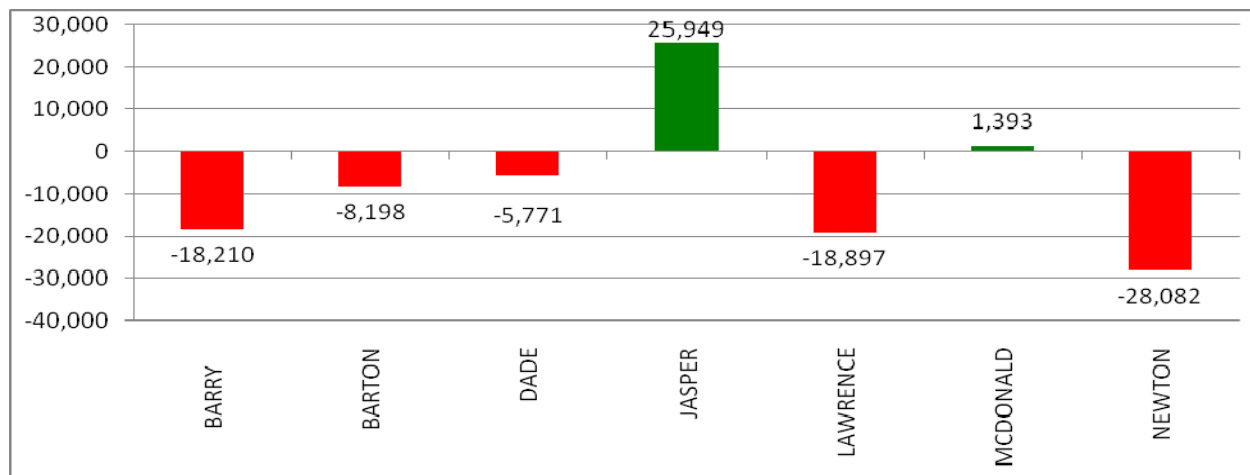
Source: Missouri Department of Revenue – Sales Tax Rate Tables

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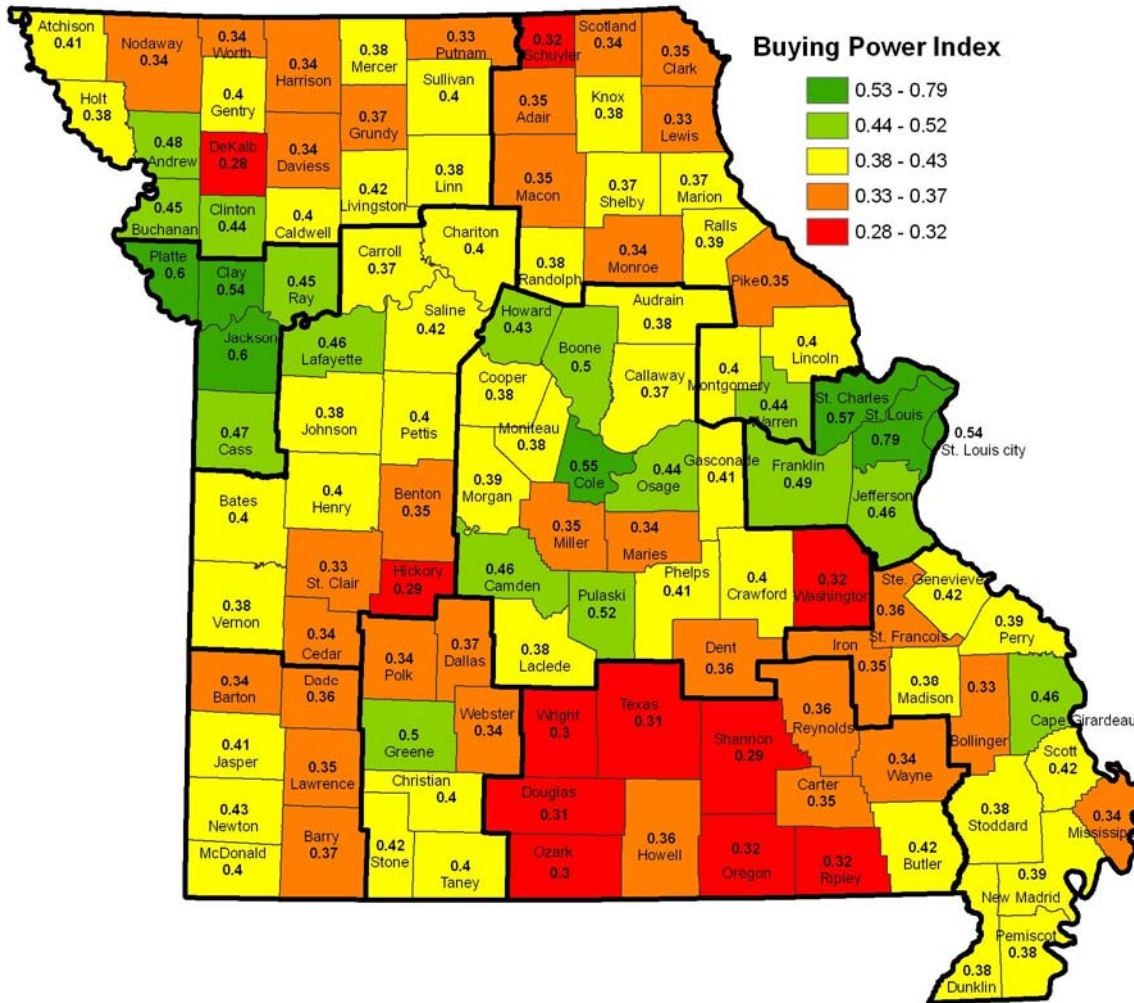
Commuting Patterns of Retail Customers



Retail customers travel across county borders to purchase goods and services. The map above illustrates the number of retail customers either coming in to a county or leaving a county for retail purchases. In the Southwest region as shown in the graph below, Jasper and McDonald displayed a net in-commuting pattern whereas all the other counties display a net out-commuting pattern.



Buying Power Index



The buying power index is a measure of the capability of the retail customers living in that county to buy retail goods. The higher the index, the greater the ability to buy retail goods and support retail activity in the region. In Southwest region, the buying power of retail customers in Jasper, Newton and McDonald is relatively higher than the rest of the counties in the region. The buying power of retail customers in Barton and Lawrence is relatively lower than the rest of the counties in the region.

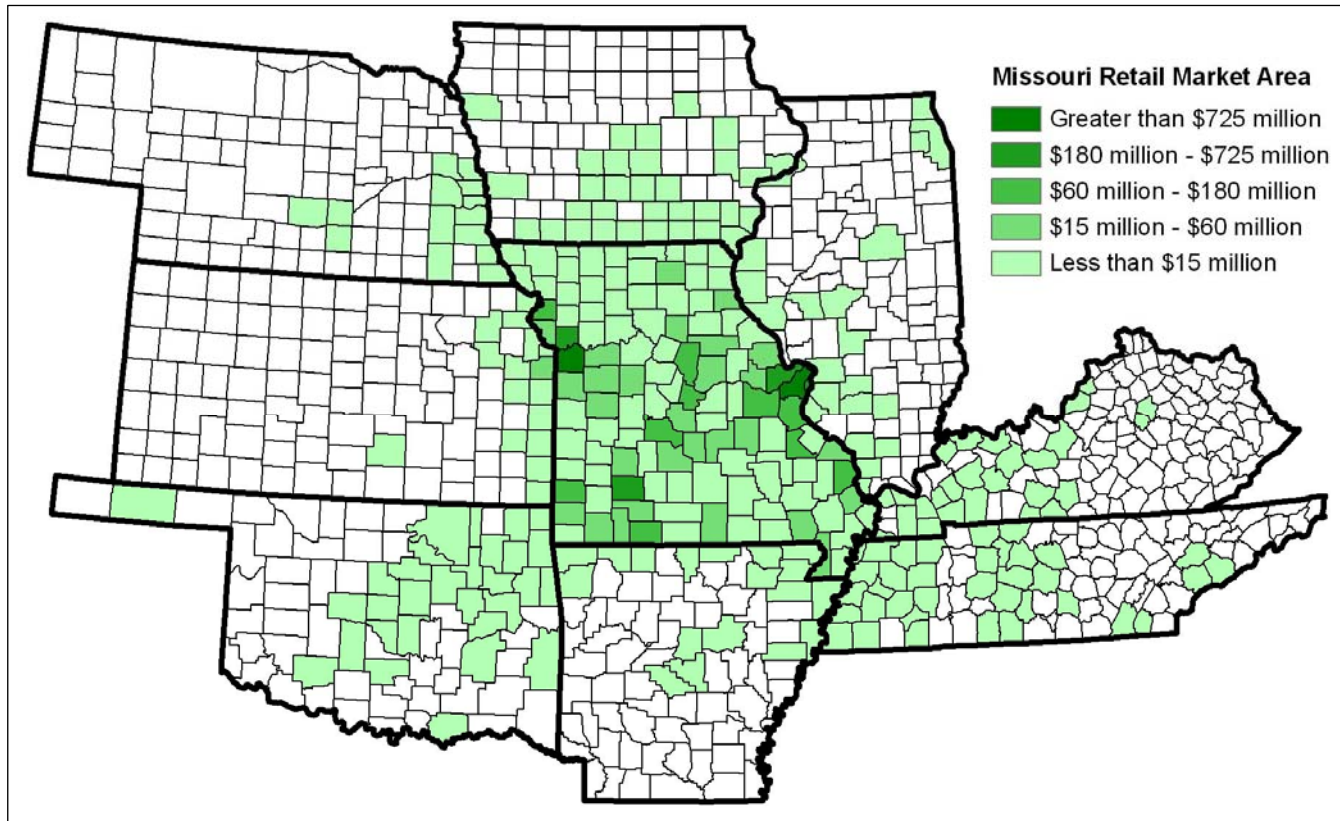
The buying power index is calculated by the following equation:

$$BPI = \frac{(2 * Population \%) + (3 * Retail Sales \%) + (5 * Per capita income \%)}{10 (\text{sum of the weights})}$$

Where Population % is the percentage of county population to that of the State of Missouri.
 Retail Sales % is the percentage of retail sales in the county to that of the State of Missouri.
 Per capita income % is the percentage of per capita income in the county to that of the State of Missouri.

Retail Market Area

Missouri Retail Market Area



Source: Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Commodity Trade Flows, 2006.

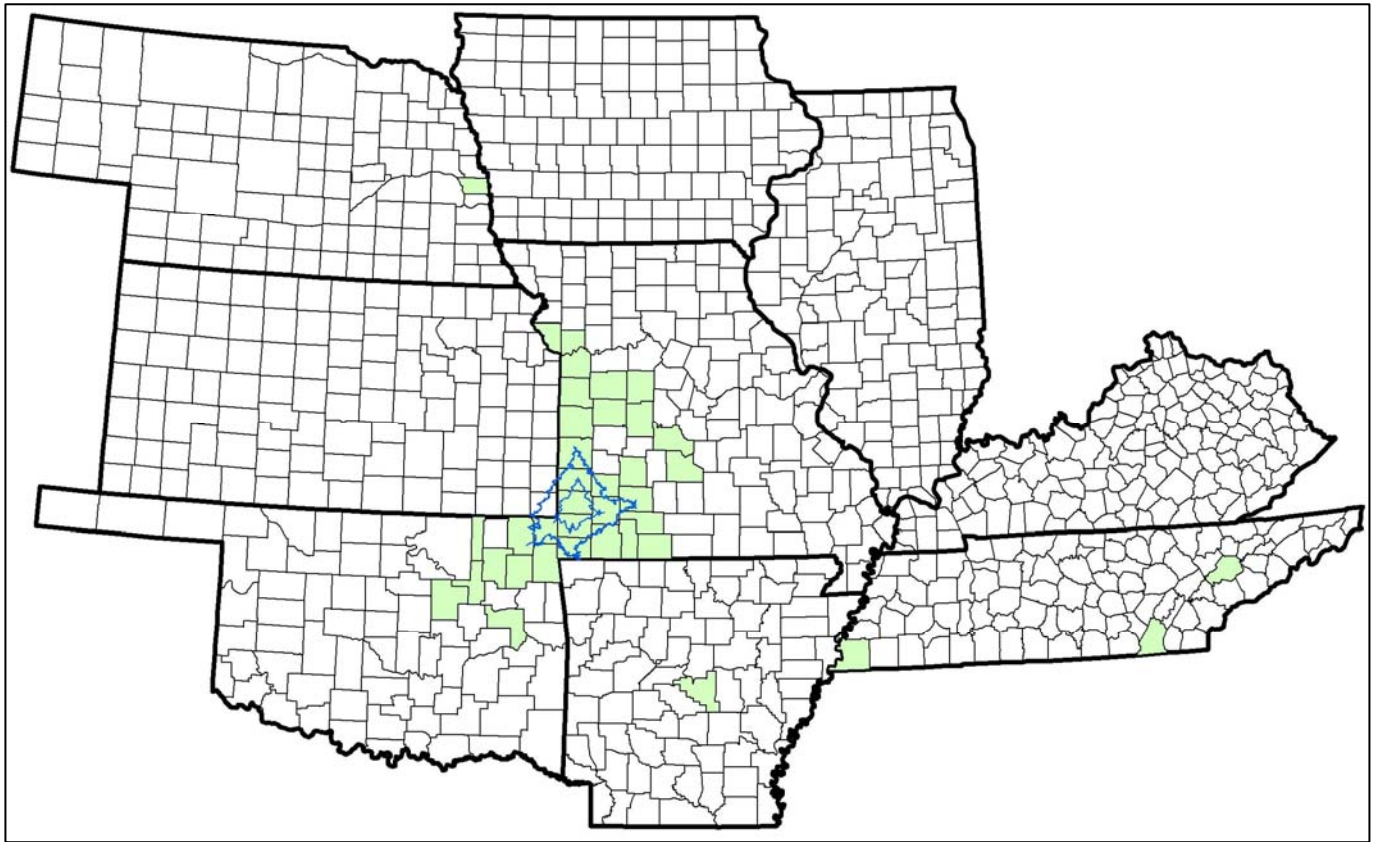
The map above shows the Missouri retail market area from which retail stores and consumers purchase apparel, furniture, general merchandise and miscellaneous retail goods.

In 2007, Missouri retail customers purchased over \$5.8 billion in apparel, furniture, general merchandise and miscellaneous retail goods. The Missouri retail market includes all of Missouri and extends to all surrounding states. The volume and value of purchases by major metropolitan areas like Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield, and St. Joseph were relatively higher than the rest of Missouri.

While the market area for general merchandise and miscellaneous retail was relatively widespread, the market area for apparel and furniture was relatively limited.

Within the Southwest region, a majority of Missouri retail goods were purchased by retail stores and consumers in Jasper, McDonald and Lawrence Counties.

Jasper County Retail Market Area



Source: Minnesota IMPLAN Group, Commodity Trade Flows, 2006.

Jasper County has the highest pull factor in the Southwest region. The map above shows the retail market area for Jasper County from which retail customers and stores purchase apparel, furniture, general merchandise and miscellaneous retail goods.

In 2007, Jasper County retail customers predominantly resided in Jasper, McDonald, Lawrence, Barton, Dade, Barry and Newton Counties. The blue boundary indicates the local market from which customers purchase retail goods and services within an hour of driving distance from Carthage.

