

Cross-State-Line Commuting from the Ozark Missouri WIA

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

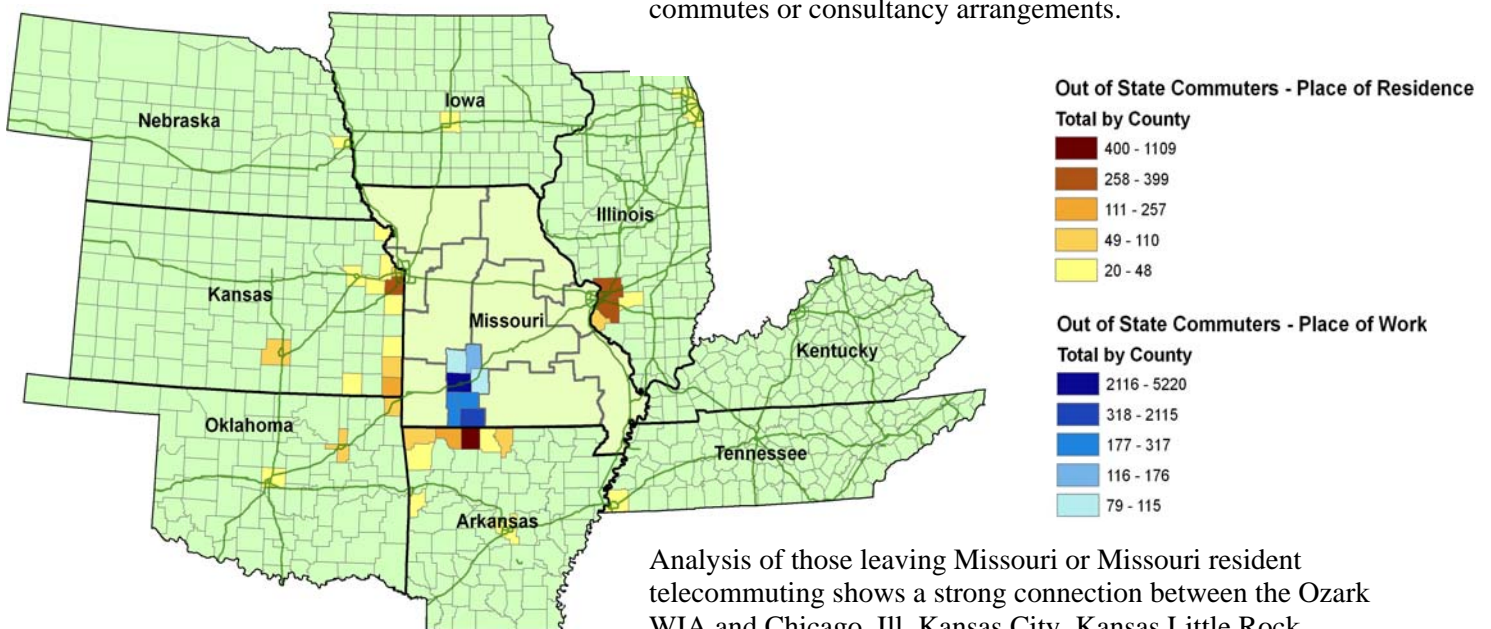
Ozark WIA Commuting Patterns

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, is a telecommute or is a temporary consultancy. Therefore such long distance commuting patterns as between Springfield and Chicago may represent weekly commutes or consultancy arrangements.

Commuting In to Missouri



Analysis of those leaving Missouri or Missouri resident telecommuting shows a strong connection between the Ozark WIA and Chicago, Ill. Kansas City, Kansas Little Rock, Arkansas, and the northwestern counties of Arkansas. The strongest commuting connection is between the Ozark WIA and the northwestern counties of Arkansas.

Commuting Connections with Other WIAs

Ozark WIA	
Live and work in the Ozark WIA	40,216
Live in Ozark WIA , work in Mo outside of Ozark WIA	30,219
Work in Ozark WIA , live Mo outside of Ozark WIA	30,492
Live in Ozark WIA , work outside of Missouri	1,973
Work in Ozark WIA , live outside of Missouri	8,278

There were 32,192 workers who commute out of the Ozark WIA to find work, and 38,770 workers who commute into the Ozark WIA.

Live in Ozark WIA , Work in	
Arkansas	814
Illinois	227
Iowa	111
Kansas	385
Kentucky	47
Oklahoma	239
Tennessee	150
Outside of Missouri	1,973

The Ozark WIA is most closely connected for employment with northwestern Arkansas. The next strongest connections are between the Ozark WIA, Kansas City, Kansas and Chicago, Illinois.

Long Distance Connections with Ozark WIA

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

- Maricopa County, Arizona (Phoenix – 61 jobs) and
- Los Angeles County, California (Los Angeles – 101 jobs).

There is a particularly close connection between the Ozark WIA and the state of Texas. There were at least 50 workers per county employed from the Ozark WIA in:

- Bexar County (San Antonio – 55 jobs),
- Dallas County (Dallas – 65 jobs),
- Harris County (Houston – 79 jobs) and
- Tarrant County (Fort Worth – 79 jobs), Texas.

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.

