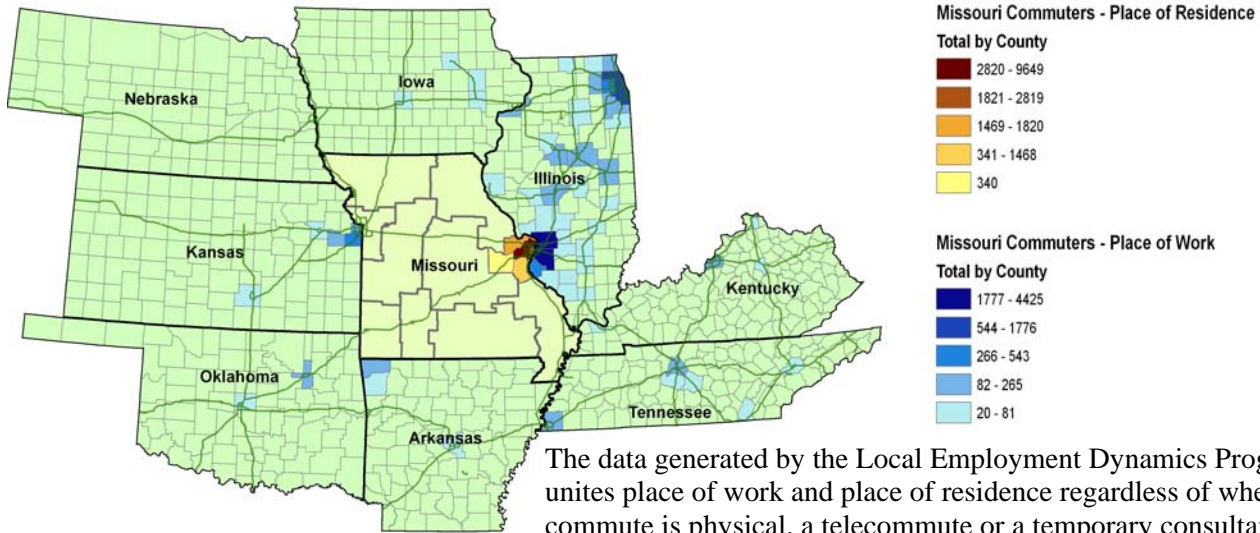


# Cross-State-Line Commuting from the St. Louis Metro Area

This report highlights cross-state commuting patterns for the St. Louis Metropolitan area that includes St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles County and the Jefferson/Franklin County Consortium Workforce Investment Areas (WIAs) in Missouri. Specifically, this analysis focuses on non-Missouri residents coming to the St. Louis Metro area to find employment, and St. Louis Metro area residents leaving to work out-of-state.

## St. Louis Metro 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 St. Louis and Chicago may represent weekly commutes or consultancy arrangements.

### Commuting In to Missouri



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

## Commuting Connections with Other WIAs

St. Louis Metro Area	
Live and work in the St. Louis Metro area	336,016
Live in St. Louis Metro area , work in Mo outside of St. Louis Metro area	60,997
Work in St. Louis Metro area , live in Mo outside of St. Louis Metro area	77,609
Live in St. Louis Metro area , work outside of Missouri	16,096
Work in St. Louis Metro area , live outside of Missouri	88,042

Over twice as many workers enter the St. Louis Metro area (165,651) as leave it (77,093) for work.

Live in St. Louis Metro Area , Work in	
Arkansas	420
Illinois	13,228
Iowa	374
Kansas	768
Kentucky	328
Oklahoma	347
Tennessee	631
Outside of Missouri	16,096

Nearly half of those leaving (34,109) go to either the Kansas City area or the Central WIA for work, and nearly half of those who come in to the St. Louis Metro area (80,142) from elsewhere in Missouri come from the Kansas City area, Central, Northeast, or Southeast WIAs. Over three-quarters of those coming in to the St. Louis Metro area from other states (68,819) come from Illinois.

## Long Distance Connections with St. Louis Metro 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 St. Louis area in the following counties:

- Maricopa County, Arizona (Phoenix – 249 jobs),
- Los Angeles County, California (Los Angeles – 446 jobs),
- Orange County, California (Anaheim, Santa Ana – 174 jobs),
- San Diego County, California (San Diego – 158 jobs),
- Broward County, Florida (Hollywood – 131 jobs),
- Dallas County, Texas (Dallas – 193 jobs),
- Harris County, Texas (Houston – 245 jobs), and
- Tarrant County, Texas (136 - 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.