

Springfield, MO

Springfield is Missouri's 3rd largest city, with a population of 150,704, and is the county seat of Greene County. The Springfield area has been one of the fastest growing regions in the state. The Springfield MSA is projected to have population growth of 22.0% by 2025, faster than the 9.2% projected growth for Missouri.

Employment

Unemployment Rate

September 2005, not seasonally adjusted

Springfield MSA	3.6%
Greene County	3.6%
City of Springfield	4.1%

Employment

Private sector employment in Greene County is made up largely of Trade, Transportation and Utilities (28.5%) and Education and Health Services (20.2%). The Government sector employs 16,635.

Greene County

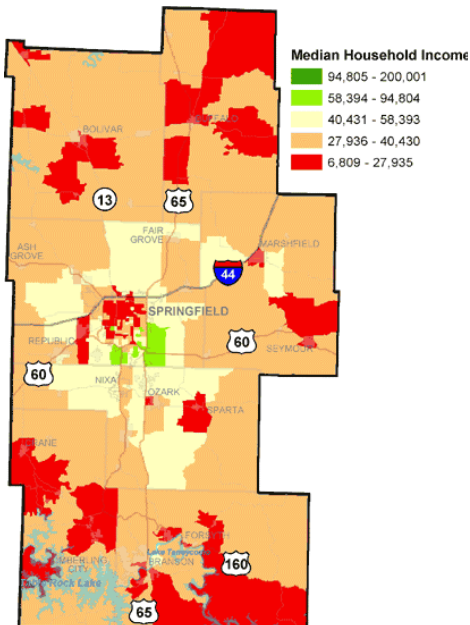
Private Employment by Industry, 2004

Industry	Employment	Percentage
Total Private	128,242	--
Natural Resources and Mining	259	0.2%
Construction	6,435	5.0%
Manufacturing	13,961	10.9%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	36,506	28.5%
Information	4,018	3.1%
Financial Activities	9,391	7.3%
Professional and Business Services	12,491	9.7%
Education and Health Services	25,935	20.2%
Leisure and Hospitality	14,303	11.2%
Other Services	4,942	3.9%

Income

The median household income for Springfield is \$29,563, lower than the state average of \$37,934.

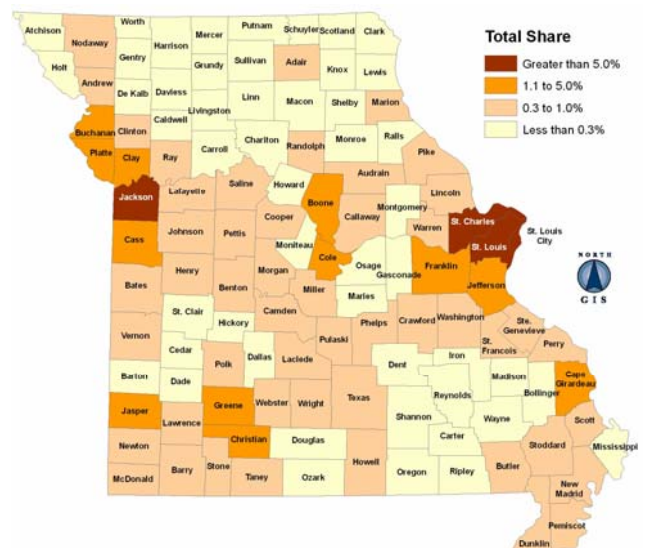
Median Household Income



Economic Share

Greene County accounts for 4.4% of Missouri's economy, based on personal income, employment and population. The county ranks 5th in the state for economic share.

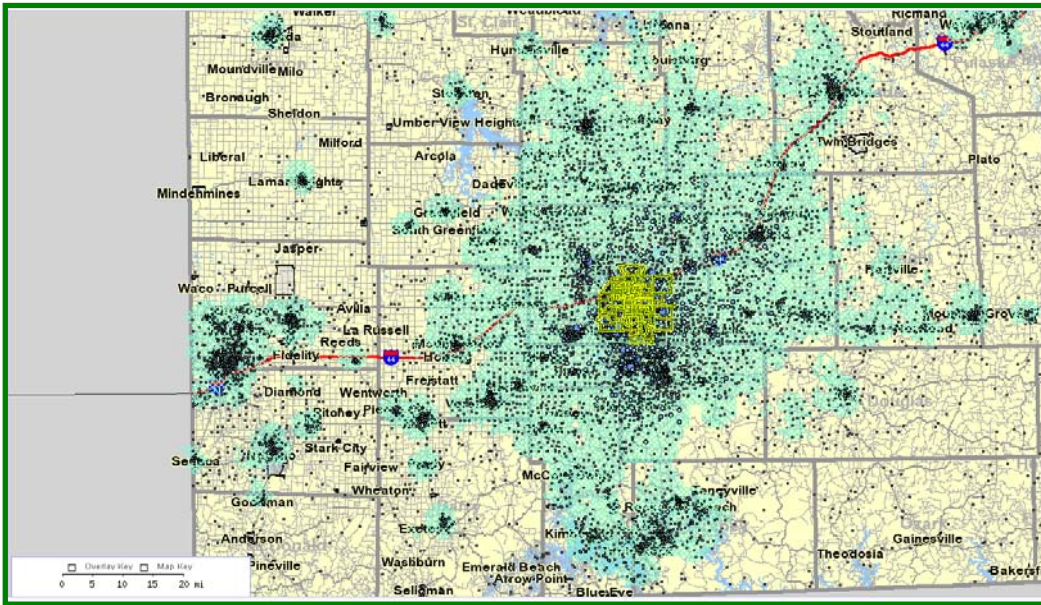
Economic Share in Missouri by County, 2004



Economic Facts

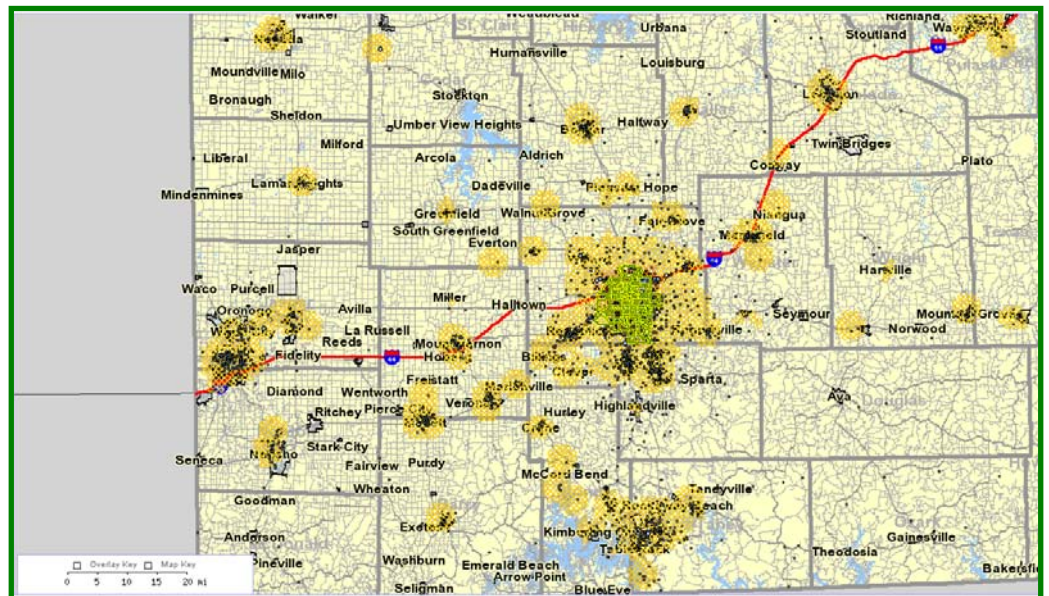
- The average annual wage in Greene County was \$30,502 in 2004, compared to \$34,855 for Missouri.
- Greene County per capita personal income was \$28,847 in 2003, ranking 7th among the counties.
- The Cost of Living for Springfield was 88.4% of the U.S. average in the 2nd quarter of 2005.
- The Poverty Rate for Greene County was 12.3% in 2002, higher than the state's rate of 11.3%.

Labor Shed



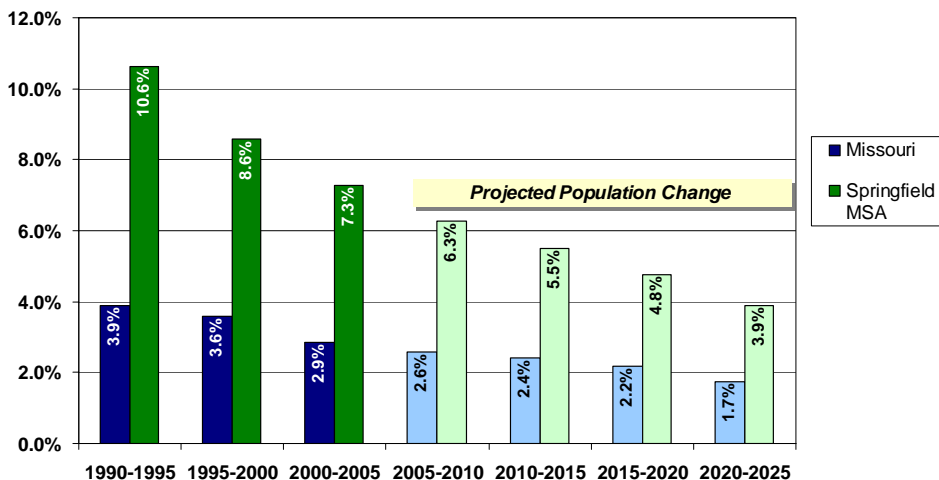
Springfield attracts workers from a large radius around the city.

People who live in Springfield work all over southwestern Missouri, including Joplin and Branson.



Population Projections

Population Projections
5-Year Population Percent Change



The Springfield MSA population is projected to increase by 22.0% by 2025, faster than the 9.2% projected state growth.