

Workforce Development Area Commuting Profile



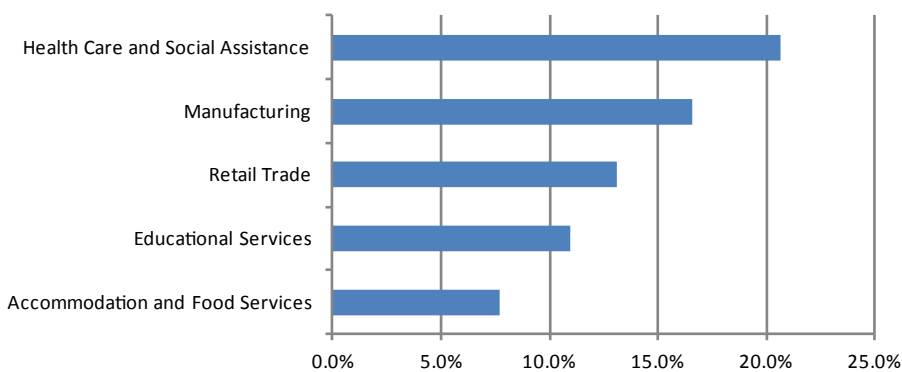
South Central WDA

Overview

The South Central Workforce Development Area (WDA) employs 2% of Missouri's primary workforce. The largest majority of workers are aged 30 to 54 at 55%. Workers aged 29 and younger or 55 and older are at about a 22% share each. Over 49% of workers in the South Central WDA earn \$15,012 to \$36,996 per year. The division of gender favors women in the workforce, with 54.4% women and 45.6% men.

34% of employees living in the South Central WDA commute less than ten miles to work. 38% commute 10 to 50 miles to work.

Top Five Industries - Employment Percentage

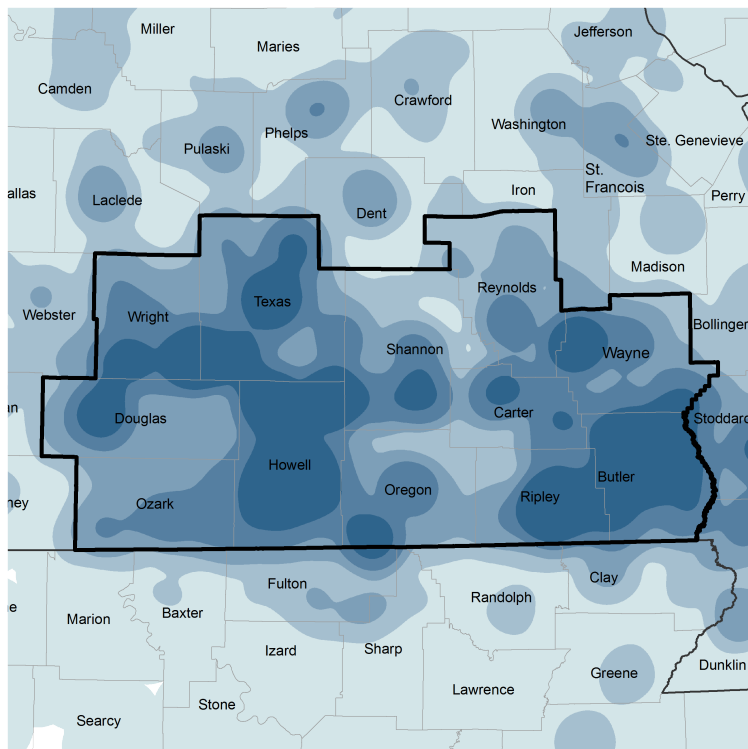


Industry

Health Care and Social Assistance is the largest employing industry in the region with 11,711. Manufacturing, Retail Trade, and Educational Services all have at least 10% of the region's employment share. Poplar Bluff, West Plains, and Springfield are the top three cities for employment.

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Where South Central Workers Live



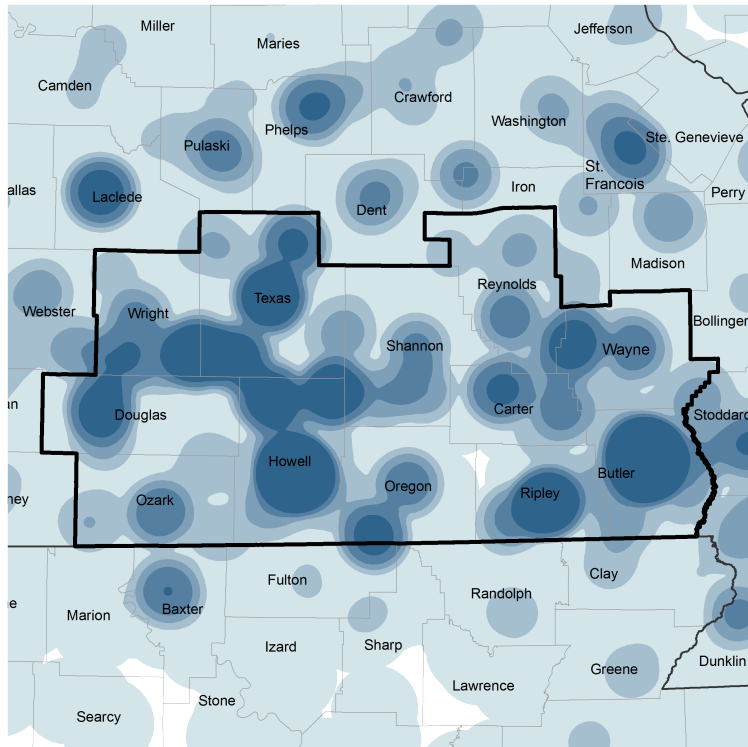
Commuter Patterns

Of the 56,623 workers employed in the South Central WDA, 72% commute to work from within the region. 28% commute in to South Central from homes outside of the region.

37% of the region's labor force are residents but commute to jobs outside of the region. South Central WDA residents leave the region for 24,051 jobs. South Central WDA workers come into the region for 15,661 jobs. South Central WDA residents commute within the region for 40,962 jobs.

The top five Missouri counties where South Central WDA workers reside (in descending order) are Butler, Howell, Texas, Ripley, and Wright.

Where South Central Residents Work



The top five counties where South Central WDA residents work (in descending order) are Butler, Howell, Greene, Texas, and Wright. All counties, except for Butler, Howell, and Wright, have at least half of their workers commuting outside their county of residence for jobs. Nearly four thousand region residents commute to Springfield for employment.

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The table below indicates that many workers commute to another county for employment. Larger cities, such as Poplar Bluff and West Plains in Butler and Howell Counties, respectively, do attract workers from the surrounding counties which is evident in the lower out-commuting percentage. Springfield is located near the region, which also draws commuters out of South Central.

Percent of Employees Working Outside of Home County			
Butler	33%	Reynolds	74%
Carter	77%	Ripley	67%
Douglas	96%	Shannon	74%
Howell	32%	Texas	59%
Oregon	71%	Wayne	67%
Ozark	85%	Wright	29%

Source: US Census Bureau, Center for Economic Studies, Longitudinal Employment Household Dynamics website:
onthemap.ces.census.gov

Reports generated: Work Area Profile, Distance/Direction, Inflow/Outflow, Area Comparison, Work Destination, and Home Destination

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