From 2007 to 2008, 7,549 Missourians moved into the Central WIA while 7,286 moved out of the region to another county in the state.

The map to the left shows the net flows of migrants for the Central WIA within Missouri. The in-migration flows primarily originated in adjacent counties. The highest out-migration flows were Greene and Jackson counties. The Central resident’s job locations are also shown in the map. Most residents work within the WIA cities of Columbia, Jefferson City, and Lake of the Ozarks. A large number of residents commute outside of the region to Kansas City, St. Louis, or Springfield locations. Workforce clusters within this region correlate with certain migration patterns. WIA in-migration tends to originate from counties adjacent to workforce clusters located within the Central region. WIA out-migration is found in larger metropolitan areas where Central commuters work.

County Level Migration Flows

St. Louis County experienced the highest inflow and outflow numbers, but still had a positive net flow for the Central WIA. Greene County caused the most drain from the Central WIA with a -179 net flow. Jackson County followed with a -133 net flow to Central.
Net Migration from Outside Missouri

From 2007-2008, 3,557 people moved to the Central WIA from outside of Missouri while 4,125 moved out of the region and state altogether. The Central WIA gains net positive inflows from Pierce County, Washington, New York, and Georgia. The primary negative outflow is to Harris County, TX, with the remaining high negative outflows distributed between Hawaii, Kansas, Georgia, and North Carolina.

This migration dataset is collected by the IRS every year by comparing county codes on citizen tax return forms. If the county code is different from the previous year, that person/household is considered to be a migrant.

Source: 2007-2008 IRS Migration Data and 2007-2008 U.S. Census Local Employment Dynamics dataset from Cornell University