From 2007 to 2008, 1,640 Missourians moved into the Northwest WIA while 2,137 moved out of the region to another county in the state.

The map to the left shows the net flows of migrants for the Northwest WIA within Missouri. Chariton County is the only net in-migration flow county and is adjacent to the region. The highest out-migration flows were Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties. The Northwest resident’s job locations are also shown in the map. The commuting pattern for the region is fairly distributed, with Kansas City, St. Joseph, and St. Louis drawing higher numbers of workers. 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 Northwest region. WIA out-migration is found in counties adjacent to or near Northwest counties where there is an absence of workforce clustering or a larger job pool in the destination county.

County Level Migration Flows

Clay County experienced the highest inflow and outflow numbers, and had a negative net flow for the Northwest WIA. Clay, Jackson, and Platte counties combined caused a -350 drain from the Northwest region. Chariton County had a net flow of 12, making it the only county with a positive net flow of migrants to the area.
From 2007-2008, 638 people moved to the Northwest WIA from outside of Missouri while 822 moved out of the region and state altogether. The Northwest WIA gains net positive inflows from Wichita, KS, Los Angeles (CA), and some Kansas, Iowa, and Nebraska counties. The primary negative outflow is to Johnson County, KS, with the remaining negative outflows distributed between Kansas border counties, Arizona, Iowa, Texas, and Nebraska.

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