Missouri Information Brief

Workforce Investment Area Migration Patterns

St. Louis WIA

Net Migration and Commuting Implications

From 2007 to 2008, 9,170 Missourians moved into the Saint Louis WIA while 10,477 moved out of the region to another county in the state.

The map to the left shows the net flows of migrants for the Saint Louis WIA within Missouri. The magnitude of job clustering in St. Louis attracts migrants from all major metropolitans in Missouri. The counties with the highest inflows and outflows were Lincoln, Warren, and Boone. The Saint Louis WIA residents’ job locations are also shown in the map. Most residents work within the Saint Louis Metropolitan Area. A few residents commute outside of the region and state to East St. Louis, IL. WIA out-migration is found in counties that are adjacent to St. Louis or are in areas where St. Louis workers commute.

County Level Migration Flows

Lincoln County experienced the highest inflow and outflow numbers, and had a negative net flow for the Saint Louis WIA. Lincoln County also caused the most drain from the Saint Louis WIA with a -946 net flow. Cape Girardeau County was the largest source of net incoming migrants with 124.
Net Migration from Outside Missouri

From 2007-2008, 19,633 people moved to the Saint Louis WIA from outside of Missouri while 22,136 moved out of the region and state altogether. The Saint Louis WIA gains the highest net positive inflows from Washtenaw and Wayne Counties, MI. The primary negative outflows are to Cook County, IL, and Harris County, TX, with the remaining negative outflows spread out across the nation.

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.