From 2007 to 2008, 4,252 Missourians moved into the West Central WIA while 4,369 moved out of the region to another county in the state.

The map to the left shows the net flows of migrants for the West Central WIA within Missouri. The in-migration flows primarily originated in adjacent counties. The highest out-migration flows were St. Louis, Greene, and Cole counties. The West Central resident’s job locations are also shown in the map. Most residents work within the WIA cities of Sedalia, Marshall, Warrensburg, and Clinton. A few residents commute outside of the region to Kansas City and 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 West Central region. WIA out-migration is found in counties adjacent or near to West Central counties where there is an absence of workforce clustering.

Jackson County experienced the highest inflow and outflow numbers, but still had a positive net flow for the West Central WIA. Greene County caused the most drain from the West Central WIA with a -157 net flow. Boone County followed with a -40 net flow to West Central.
Net Migration from Outside Missouri

From 2007-2008, 371 people moved to the West Central WIA from outside of Missouri while 489 moved out of the region and state altogether. The West Central WIA gains net positive inflows from Wichita, KS and Kansas border counties. The primary negative outflow is to Johnson County, KS, with the remaining negative outflows evenly distributed between Idaho, Nevada, Arizona, Oklahoma, Texas, and Florida.

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.