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Introduction

The Workforce Intelligence Network for Southeast Michigan (WIN) partnership is a collaboration of seven Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs) and ten community colleges across a 19-county region in Michigan. The counties in the WIN partnership include: Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Jackson, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Saint Clair, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne, along with the City of Detroit.

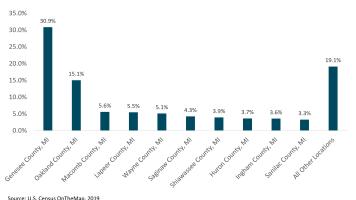
The WIN partnership region's labor shed highlights why, when it comes to talent, we must think regionally: The workforce is mobile. Although 90.4% of the region's workforce live and work¹ in the 19-county area, not all residents work in their home county. It is not uncommon for workers to commute one or two counties over for work. This means that the residents in every county should be ready for the job demands of employers hiring throughout southeast Michigan.

This document provides detailed information on where employees in the area commute to and from each day for work, how far they travel, along with other information about workers and businesses in the area. For more detail on the labor market, please see WIN's Quarterly Labor Market Report publications.

Where Residents Work

In 2019, Region 6's workforce consisted of 264,271 residents. 132,627 (50.2%) of the residents lived and worked within region, while the remaining 131,644 residents (49.8%) traveled outside the region for work. Since 2017, the number of residents that traveled outside of the region for work decreased by 35,808 (21.4%) individuals, from 167,452 to 131,644 individuals.

In 2019, 44.0% of the region's workforce (116,370 individuals) traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment compared to 45.5% (151,644 individuals) in 2017. Genessee County was the most popular destination within Region 6 for residents to find employment in 2019, with 81,592 residents or 30.9% of the region's workforce commuting, followed by 39,786 residents (15.1% of the region's workforce) that traveled to Oakland County.





12,630

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN 2019



28,494

JOBS POSTED ONLINE IN 2019



132,627

WORKERS THAT LIVED AND WORKED IN REGION 6



116,370

RESIDENTS TRAVELING MORE THAN 25 MILES TO WORK































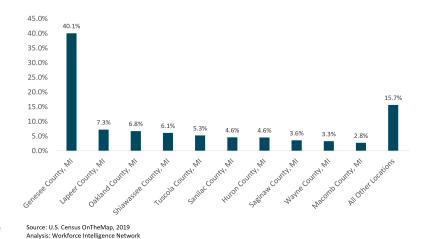




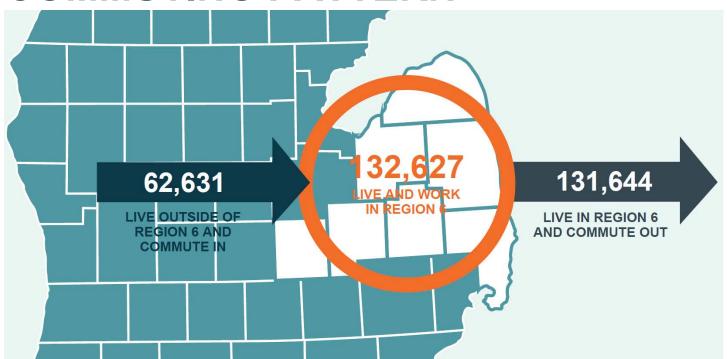
Where Workers Live

In 2019, 195,258 workers were employed in Region 6. Among these workers, 62,631 (32.1%) were employed in the region, but lived outside of its borders. Of those that traveled to Region 6 for work, 32,182 (51.4%) of the workers were aged 30 to 54 years. This indicates a desire for experienced workers in the region. While Region 6 employers were able to attract a sizable amount of workers in 2019, 131,644 residents (49.8% of the region's workforce) filled external jobs. Just over half (52.3%) of external commuters were filled by workers between the ages of 30 and 54.

The great majority of workers that travel within the region reside in either Genesee County (78,232 workers) or Lapeer County (14,199 workers). Oakland County produces the third largest influx with 13,181 (6.8%) of the region's workers, followed by 11,968 (6.1%) that travel in from Shiawassee County. 58,304 (29.9%) of the 195,258 workers employed in Region 6 traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment in 2019.



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¹This fact and labor shed statistics throughout this brief are analyzed from the U.S. Census OnTheMap, Center for Economic Studies (2019).

Data Sources: Lightcast, and U.S. Census OnTheMap Analysis: Workforce Intelligence Network



