SANILAC COUNTY COMMUTING PATTERN REPORT



Introduction

The Workforce Intelligence Network for Southeast Michigan (WIN) partnership is a collaboration of six Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs) and ten community colleges across a 16-county region in Michigan. The counties in the WIN partnership include: Genesee, Hillsdale, Huron, 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 91.0% of the region's workforce live and work¹ in the 16-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 2015, Sanilac County's workforce consisted of 14,234 residents. 6,094 (42.8%) of the residents lived and worked within Sanilac County, while the remaining 8,140 residents (57.2%) traveled outside of the county for work. Since 2014, the number of residents that traveled outside of the county for work has remained nearly stable, decreasing by 44 (>1%) individuals from 8,184 to 8,140. Additionally, the number of residents who live and work in Sanilac County increased, but only by 66 individuals.

Sanilac County residents retained similar commuting patterns between 2014 and in 2015. In 2015, 44.3% of the county's workforce (6,313 individuals) traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment compared to 44.7% (6,754 individuals) in 2014. St. Clair County was the most popular destination outside of Sanilac County for residents to find employment. 1,435 residents (10.1% of the county's workforce) traveled to St. Clair County for employment in 2014, followed by 863 residents (6.1% of the county's workforce) that traveled to Huron County.

30.0% 25.0% 20.0% 15.0% 10.1% 10.0% 6.1% 5.6% 5.2% 4.1% 3.3% 3.1% 3.1% 2.6% 0.0%

Oakland Macomb Lapeer Genesee Wayne

Tuscola Saginaw All Other

Locations

Where Sanilac Residents Work

857

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN 2015



784

JOBS POSTED ONLINE IN 2015



6,094

WORKERS THAT LIVED AND WORKED IN SANILAC COUNTY



6,313

RESIDENTS TRAVELING MORE THAN 25 MILES TO WORK

Sanilac St Clair

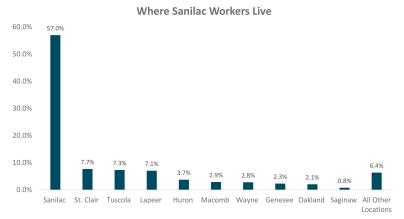
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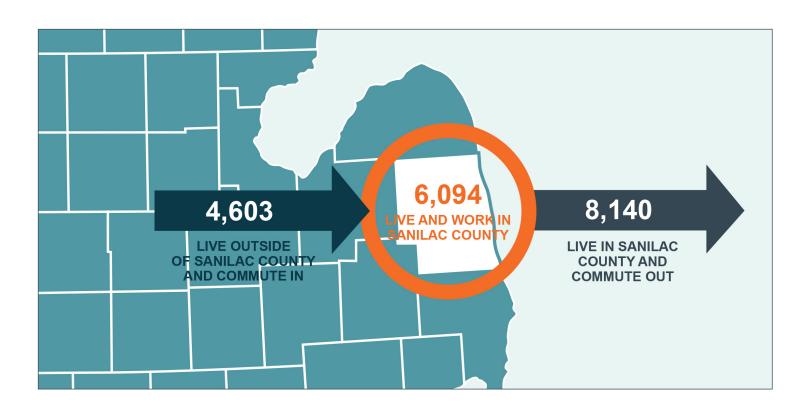
Where Workers Live

In 2015, 10,697 workers were employed in Sanilac County. 4,603 (43.0%) of those workers were employed in Sanilac, but lived outside of its borders. Of those that traveled to Sanilac County for work, 967 (21.0%) of the workers were 29 or younger. While Sanilac County employers were able to attract a many young workers in 2014, 2,592 (56.3%) of the internal jobs were filled by workers between the ages of 30 and 54. This indicates a desire for experienced workers in Sanilac County.

The great majority of workers that travel to Sanilac reside in either St. Clair or Tuscola counties. 822 (7.7%) of Sanilac County workers travel in from St. Clair County followed by 783 (7.3%) that travel in from Lapeer County. 2,973 (27.8%) of the 10,697 workers in Sanilac County traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment in 2015.



Source: U.S. Census OnTheMap, 2015 Analysis: Workforce Intelligence Network



Data Sources: Burning Glass Technologies, Economic Modeling Specialists, International, and U.S. Census OnTheMap Analysis: Workforce Intelligence Network



¹ This fact and labor shed statistics throughout this brief are analyzed from the U.S. Census OnTheMap, Center for Economic Studies (2015).