

ST. CLAIR COUNTY LABOR SHED



Introduction

The Workforce Intelligence Network for Southeast Michigan (WIN) partnership is a collaboration of six Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs) and nine 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 90.4% of the region's workforce live and work 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.

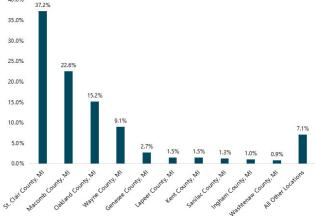
This document provides detailed information on where employees in the area commute to and from each day for work, how far they travel, along with other information about workers and businesses in the area. For more detail on the labor market, please see WIN's Quarterly Labor Market Report publications.

Where Residents Work

In 2017, St. Clair County's workforce consisted of 71,673 residents. 26,687 (37.2%) of the residents lived and worked within St. Clair County, while the remaining 44,986 residents (62.8%) traveled outside of the county for work. Since 2015, the number of residents that traveled outside of the county for work increased by 768 (2.1%) individuals, from 35,988 to 35,220 individuals.

In 2017, 50.2% of the county's workforce (35,988 individuals) traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment compared to 50.2% (35,220 individuals) in 2015, an increase of 768 individuals. Macomb County was the most popular destination outside of St. Clair County for residents to find employment in 2017, with 16,186 residents or 22.6% of the county's workforce commuting, an increase of 677 residents since 2015. Oakland County employed 10,872 residents (15.2% of the county's workforce) in 2017.







2,828

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN 2017



13,312

JOBS POSTED ONLINE IN 2017



26,687

WORKERS THAT LIVED AND WORKED IN ST. CLAIR COUNTY



35,988

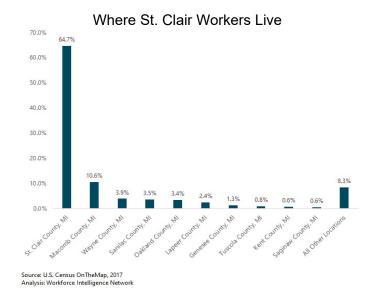
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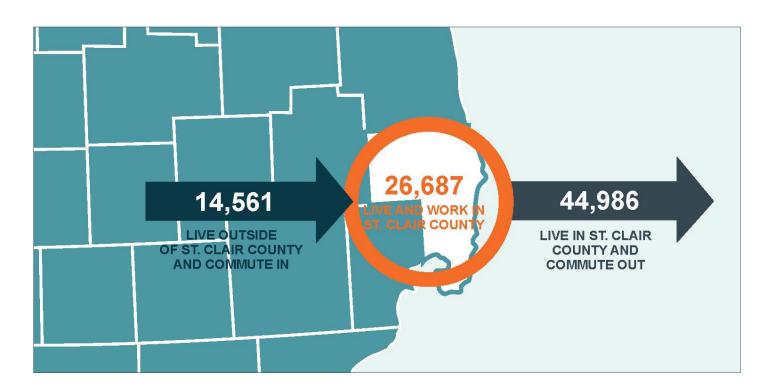
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Where Workers Live

In 2017, 41,248 workers were employed in St. Clair County. 14,561 (35.3%) of those workers were employed in the county, but lived outside of its borders. Of those that traveled to St. Clair County for work, 7,538 (51.8%) of the workers were aged 30 to 54 years. This indicates a desire for experienced workers in St. Clair County. While St. Clair County employers were able to attract a sizable amount of workers in 2017, 44,986 residents (62.8% of the county's workforce) filled external jobs. 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 to St. Clair reside in either Macomb or Wayne counties. 4,368 (10.6%) of St. Clair County workers travel in from Macomb County followed by 1,593 (3.9%) that travel in from Wayne County. 11,660 (28.3%) of the 41,248 workers employed in St. Clair County traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment in 2017.





¹ This fact and labor shed statistics throughout this brief are analyzed from the U.S. Census OnTheMap, Center for Economic Studies (2017).

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

