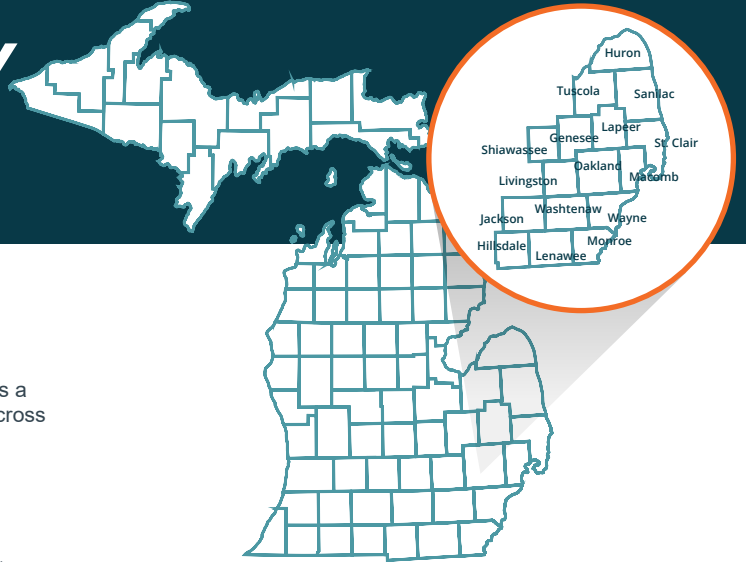


# WASHTENAW COUNTY LABOR SHED



## Introduction

The Workforce Intelligence Network for Southeast Michigan (WIN) partnership is a collaboration of Michigan Works! Agencies (MWAs) and 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.

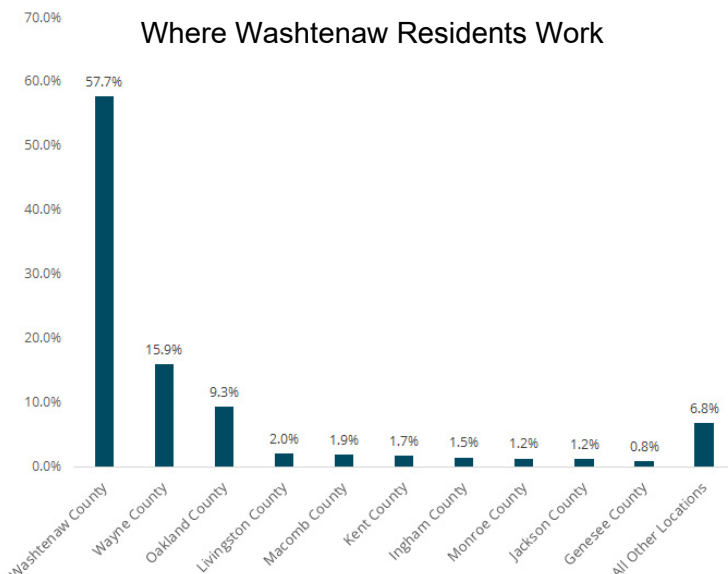
The WIN partnership region's labor shed highlights why, when it comes to talent, we must think regionally: The workforce is mobile. Although 90.4% of the region's workforce live and work<sup>1</sup> in the 16-county area, not all residents work in their home county. It is not uncommon for workers to 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, Washtenaw County's workforce consisted of 148,096 residents. 85,443 (57.7%) of the residents lived and worked within Washtenaw County, while the remaining 62,653 residents (42.3%) traveled outside of the county for work. Since 2014, the number of residents that traveled outside of the county for work increased by 4,562 (7.9%) individuals from 58,091 to 62,653, raising the proportion of outward commuting workers by about two percentage points.

Washtenaw County residents were somewhat more mobile in 2017 than in 2015. In 2015, 24.1% of the county's workforce (35,693 individuals) traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment, compared to 25.6% in 2017. Wayne County was the most popular destination outside of Washtenaw County for residents to find employment. 23,621 residents (15.9 % of the county's workforce) traveled to Wayne County for employment in 2017, followed by 13,776 residents (9.3% of the county's workforce) that traveled to Oakland County.



**8,268**

BUSINESS  
ESTABLISHMENTS IN 2017



**72,286**

JOBS POSTED ONLINE  
IN 2017



**88,031**

WORKERS THAT LIVED AND  
WORKED IN  
WASHTENAW COUNTY



**37,979**

RESIDENTS TRAVELING MORE  
THAN 25 MILES TO WORK

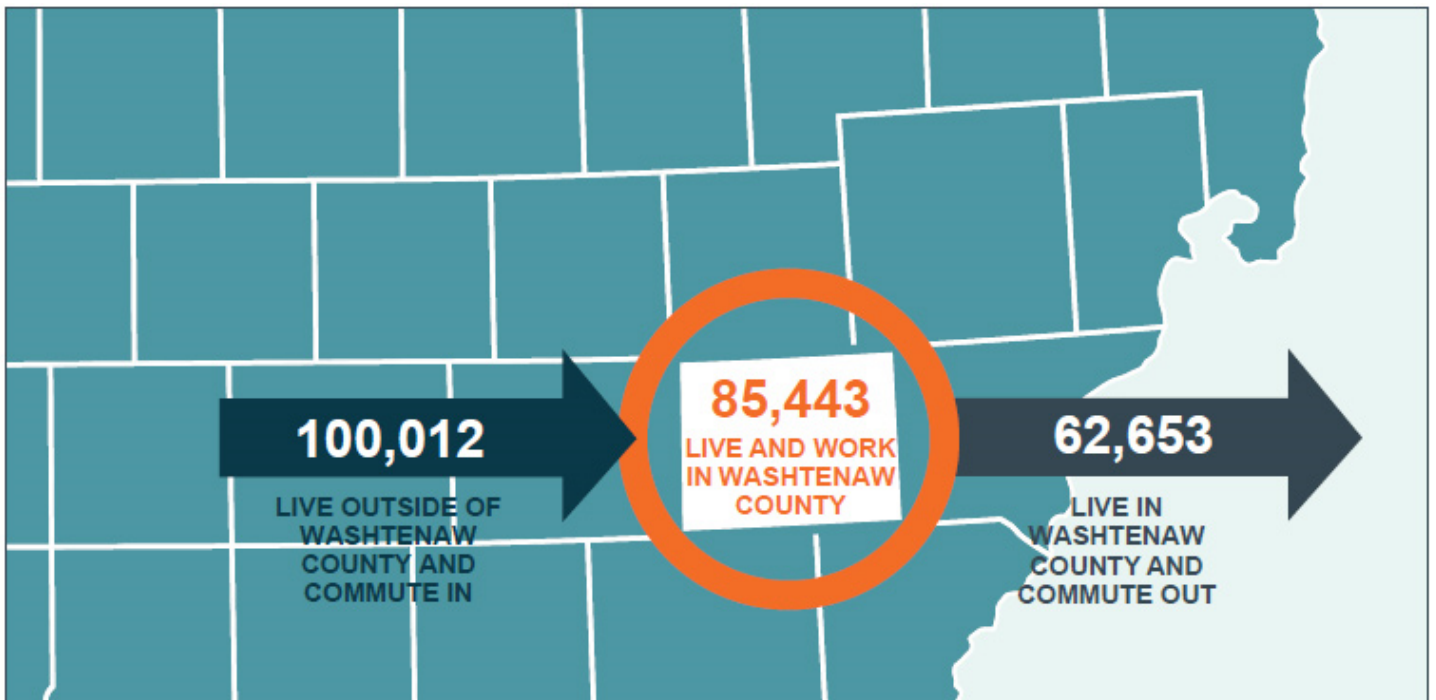
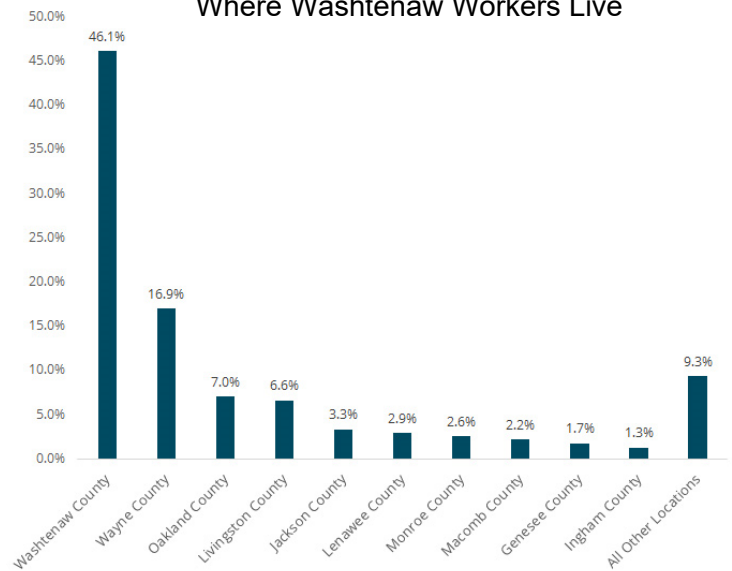
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## Where Workers Live

Washtenaw County is a net importer of workers, making the county a job center. In 2017, 185,455 workers were employed in Washtenaw County. 100,012 (53.9%) of those workers were employed in Washtenaw but lived outside of its borders. Of those that traveled to Washtenaw County for work, 29,216 (29.2%) of the workers were 29 or younger. While Washtenaw County employers were able to attract many young workers in 2017, 43,988 (51.5%) of the internal jobs were filled by workers between the ages of 30 and 54. This indicates a desire for experienced workers in Washtenaw County.

Reflecting the outflow of Washtenaw County residents, workers that travel to Washtenaw reside primarily in either Wayne or Oakland counties. 31,408 (16.9%) of Washtenaw County workers travel in from Wayne County followed by 13,006 (7.0%) that travel in from Oakland County, and 12,232 (6.6%) that travel in from Livingston County. 54,633 (29.5%) of the 185,455 workers in Washtenaw County traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment in 2017.

## Where Washtenaw Workers Live



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

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