# WIN METWORK WAYNE COUNTY LABOR SHED



#### 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.

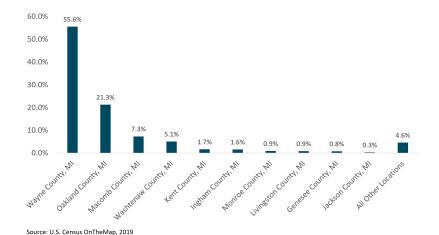
The WIN partnership region's labor shed highlights why, when it comes to talent, we must think regionally: The workforce is mobile. Although 90.4% of the region's workforce live and work¹ in the 19-county area, not all residents work in their home county. It is not uncommon for workers to commute one 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, Wayne County's workforce consisted of 686,214 residents. 381,292 (55.6%) of the residents lived and worked within Wayne County, while the remaining 304,922 (44.4%) traveled outside of the county for work. Since 2017, the number of residents that traveled outside of the county for work increased by 15,976 (5.5%) individuals from 288,946 to 304,922.

Wayne County residents have maintained similar commute patterns in recent years. In 2017, 15.5% of the county's workforce (103,738 individuals) traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment compared to 15.7% (107,590 individuals) in 2019. Oakland County was the most popular destination outside of Wayne County for residents to find employment. 145,905 residents (21.3% of the county's workforce) traveled to Oakland County for employment in 2019, followed by 50,373 residents (7.3% of the county's workforce) that traveled to Macomb County.



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34,333

BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS IN 2019



329,054

JOBS POSTED ONLINE IN 2019



381,292

WORKERS THAT LIVED AND WORKED IN WAYNE COUNTY



107,590

RESIDENTS TRAVELING MORE THAN 25 MILES TO WORK

































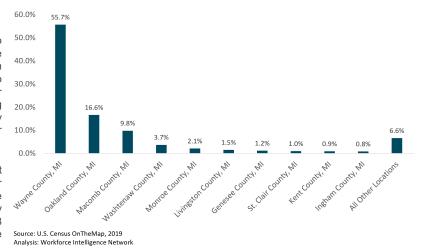




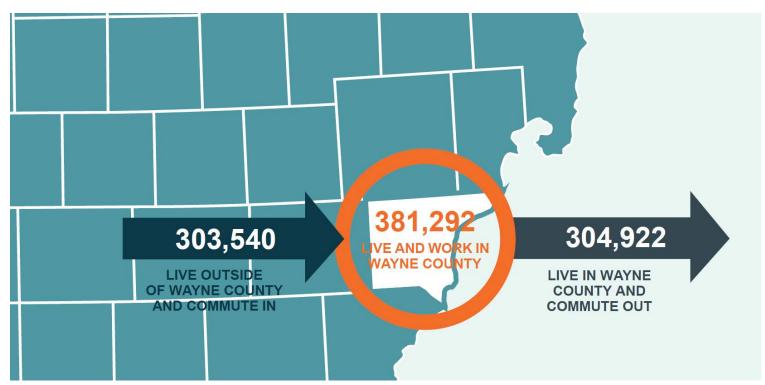
#### Where Workers Live

Wayne County is a net importer of workers, making the county a job center. In 2019, 684,832 workers were employed in Wayne County. 303,540 (44.3%) of those workers were employed in Wayne but lived outside of its borders. Of those that traveled to Wayne County for work, 62,678 (20.6%) of the workers were 29 or younger. While Wayne County employers attracted many young workers in 2019, 165,068 (54.4%) internal jobs were filled by workers between the ages of 30 and 54. This indicates a desire for experienced workers in Wayne County.

Similar to the outflow of Wayne County residents, the great majority of workers that travel to Wayne reside in either Oakland or Macomb counties. 113,997 (16.6%) of Wayne County workers travel in from Oakland County followed by 67,295 (9.8%) that travel in from Macomb County. 133,928 (19.6%) of the 684,832 workers in Wayne County traveled more than 25 miles to their place of employment in 2019.



## **COMMUTING PATTERN**



<sup>1</sup>This 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

