

Northwest MO Hotspot – St. Joseph

Discovering Employment Trends with Local Employment Dynamics (LED)

St. Joseph is an economic and employment center for the Northwest region of Missouri. This report details the workers and industries that make this place a hotspot of economic activity.



Northwest Employment Hotspots

St. Joseph, Kansas City Metro, Maryville and Chillicothe form the largest concentrations of employment in the Northwest Workforce Investment Area.

Workforce Investment Areas are the result of the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (WIA) which funds a number of employment and training programs across the nation.

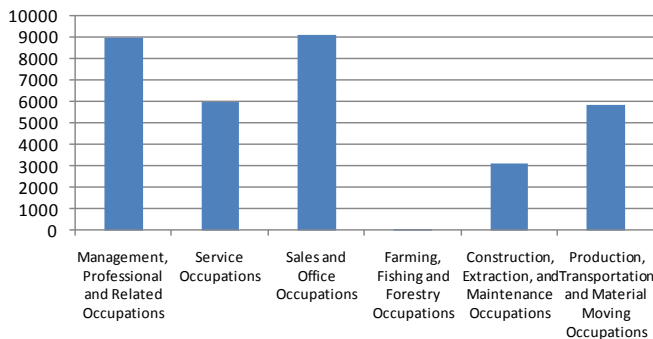


In 2006, 81% of all workers in the Northwest region were employed in the private sector. This means that 19% were employed in the public sector. Nearly 50% of all workers were employed in the cities of St. Joseph (33.5%), Kansas City 6.3%), Maryville (5.9%) and Chillicothe (4.2%). 41.3% of all workers were employed in Buchanan (34.0%) and Nodaway (7.0%) Counties.

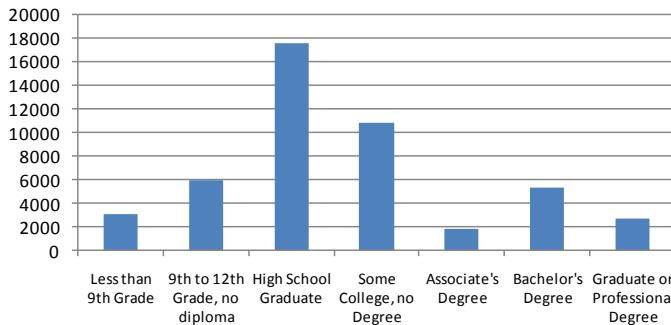
St. Joseph Census Overview

In 2000, St. Joseph had a population of 73,829 with a median age of 35.7 years old. Most residents were employed in sales and office occupations (27.5%) and 80.9% had a high school education or higher.

Occupations by Category



Educational Attainment
Population 25 and over

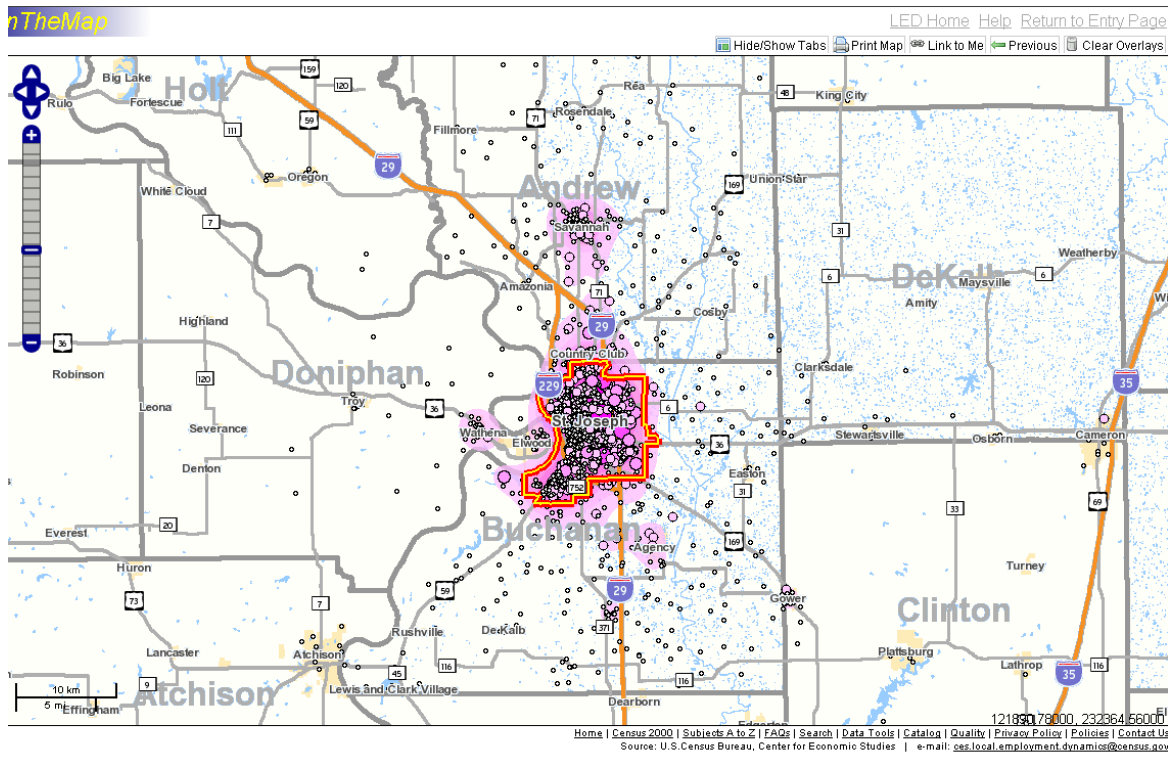


Commuting in to and out of St. Joseph

St. Joseph gets most of its workers (57.0%) from within St. Joseph. It is also notable that St. Joseph draws over 5.7% of its workforce from outside of Missouri.

Commuting in to St. Joseph			Commuting out of St. Joseph		
Total Primary Jobs in 2006	Count	Share	Total Primary Jobs in 2006	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	39,568	100.00%	Total Primary Jobs	31,557	100.00%
Job counts in Cities/Towns Where Workers Live in 2006			Job counts in Cities/Towns Where Workers are Employed in 2006		
	Count	Share		Count	Share
St. Joseph, Missouri	22,545	57.00%	St. Joseph, Missouri	22,545	71.40%
Savannah, Missouri	1,153	2.90%	Kansas City, Missouri	2,209	7.00%
Kansas City, Missouri	1,080	2.70%	Wathena, Kansas	373	1.20%
Country Club, Missouri	549	1.40%	Independence, Missouri	350	1.10%
Wathena, Kansas	262	0.70%	Atchison, Kansas	272	0.90%
All Other Locations	13,979	35.40%	All Other Locations	5,808	18.30%
Job counts in Counties Where Workers Live in 2006			Job counts in Counties Where Workers are Employed in 2006		
	Count	Share		Count	Share
Buchanan Co., Missouri	25,519	64.50%	Buchanan Co., Missouri	22,889	72.50%
Andrew Co., Missouri	3,829	9.70%	Jackson Co., Missouri	2,302	7.30%
Jackson Co., Missouri	1,512	3.80%	Platte Co., Missouri	909	2.90%
Doniphan Co., Kansas	944	2.40%	Clay Co., Missouri	810	2.60%
Clay Co., Missouri	778	2.00%	Doniphan Co., Kansas	645	2.00%
All Other Locations	6,986	17.70%	All Other Locations	4,002	12.70%
Job counts in States Where Workers Live in 2006			Job counts in States Where Workers are Employed in 2006		
	Count	Share		Count	Share
Missouri	37,315	94.30%	Missouri	29,549	93.60%
Kansas	1,973	5.00%	Kansas	1,767	5.60%
All Other Locations	280	0.70%	All Other Locations	241	0.70%
Data Sources					
US Census Bureau, LED Origin-Destination Data Base (2nd Quarter 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006)					

LED On-the-Map: Where Do St. Joseph Workers Live?



What Industries Employ St. Joseph Workers?

The majority of St. Joseph's workers are employed in the Manufacturing (21.1%), Health Care (13.0%), Retail Trade (11.0%), and Accommodation and Food Services (8.5%) sectors. The largest percentage of high paying jobs by industry was for Utilities industry employees.

Work Area Profile Report	\$1,200 per month	\$1,201 to \$3,400	More than \$3,400	All Incomes	
Total Primary Jobs in 2006	Count	Count	Count	Count	Share
Total Primary Jobs	10,924	18,641	10,003	39,568	100.00%
Jobs by Worker Age in 2006	Count	Count	Count	Count	Share
Age 30 or younger	5,733	4,745	1,086	11,564	29.20%
Age 31 to 54	3,603	11,136	7,229	21,968	55.50%
Age 55 or older	1,588	2,760	1,688	6,036	15.30%
Jobs by Industry Type (2-digit NAICS) in 2006	Count	Count	Count	Count	Share
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	9	69	34	112	0.30%
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	1	13	37	51	0.10%
Utilities	6	41	167	214	0.50%
Construction	269	930	982	2,181	5.50%
Manufacturing	706	4,612	3,034	8,352	21.10%
Wholesale Trade	259	836	713	1,808	4.60%
Retail Trade	2,014	1,849	486	4,349	11.00%
Transportation and Warehousing	199	523	279	1,001	2.50%
Information	158	378	95	631	1.60%
Finance and Insurance	149	1,058	659	1,866	4.70%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	164	201	41	406	1.00%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	210	482	397	1,089	2.80%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	131	146	38	315	0.80%
Administration & Support, Waste Management and Remediation Services	1,438	1,446	231	3,115	7.90%
Educational Services	318	575	868	1,761	4.50%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,349	2,666	1,138	5,153	13.00%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	154	298	145	597	1.50%
Accommodation and Food Services	2,564	720	86	3,370	8.50%
Other Services (excluding Public Administration)	705	487	190	1,382	3.50%
Public Administration	121	1,311	383	1,815	4.60%
Jobs by Earnings Paid in 2006	Count	Share			
\$1,200 per month or less	10,924	27.60%			
\$1,201 to \$3,400 per month	18,641	47.10%			
More than \$3,400 per month	10,003	25.30%			
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