

Cape Girardeau Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Bollinger County	10,544	12,805	5,315	5,160	155	2.90%
Cape Girardeau County	82,984	84,612	41,152	40,006	1,146	2.80%
Dunklin County	27,032	28,765	11,525	10,974	551	4.80%
Iron County	9,440	7,494	3,512	3,353	159	4.50%
Madison County	12,698	13,304	5,318	5,151	167	3.10%
Mississippi County	11,822	11,443	5,105	4,907	198	3.90%
New Madrid County	15,424	12,554	8,261	7,911	350	4.20%
Pemiscot County	14,613	16,447	5,774	5,483	291	5.00%
Perry County	18,950	21,164	9,783	9,540	243	2.50%
Scott County	37,889	41,076	20,185	19,600	585	2.90%
St. Francois County	67,058	73,382	26,338	25,321	1,017	3.90%
Ste. Genevieve County	18,642	18,426	9,569	9,310	259	2.70%
Stoddard County	28,397	28,973	12,464	11,998	466	3.70%
Region Total	355,493	370,445	164,301	158,714	5,587	3.40%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC



Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Bollinger County	3,617	1,823	625	445	7,549
Cape Girardeau County	17,011	14,258	11,495	6,472	53,041
Dunklin County	7,536	4,823	1,140	1,179	18,350
Iron County	2,596	2,044	788	469	6,864
Madison County	3,761	2,619	922	422	8,769
Mississippi County	4,233	1,556	823	377	8,531
New Madrid County	5,112	2,640	770	695	11,053
Pemiscot County	4,814	2,223	842	431	9,972
Perry County	5,429	3,205	2,068	824	13,112
Scott County	10,238	6,408	3,719	1,853	25,707
St. Francois County	17,332	15,952	4,620	2,901	47,054
Ste. Genevieve County	5,401	4,405	1,481	949	13,196
Stoddard County	8,548	4,664	2,198	1,081	20,021
Regional Total	95,628	66,620	31,491	18,098	243,219

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



Columbia/Jefferson City Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Audrain County	24,394	27,027	9,749	9,425	324	3.30%
Boone County	189,463	204,264	103,623	101,142	2,481	2.40%
Callaway County	44,731	55,096	22,292	21,743	549	2.50%
Camden County	44,044	49,124	19,869	19,178	691	3.50%
Cole County	77,278	83,583	40,624	39,630	994	2.40%
Cooper County	16,947	20,979	7,299	7,093	206	2.80%
Crawford County	22,719	27,895	10,605	10,262	343	3.20%
Dent County	14,647	15,694	6,077	5,876	201	3.30%
Gasconade County	14,705	15,921	7,496	7,290	206	2.70%
Howard County	10,101	10,307	4,674	4,542	132	2.80%
Laclede County	36,680	44,318	16,157	15,496	661	4.10%
Maries County	8,430	10,406	3,930	3,807	123	3.10%
Miller County	25,590	28,404	13,105	12,770	335	2.60%
Moniteau County	15,256	16,638	7,276	7,092	184	2.50%
Morgan County	21,970	24,827	8,476	8,189	287	3.40%
Osage County	13,468	13,704	7,238	7,067	171	2.40%
Phelps County	45,284	47,635	20,293	19,705	588	2.90%
Pulaski County	53,812	46,520	14,858	14,302	556	3.70%
Washington County	23,534	27,294	10,175	9,825	350	3.40%
Regional Total	703,053	769,636	333,816	324,434	9,382	2.80%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC



Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Audrain County	7,114	5,305	1,765	1,003	17,171
Boone County	22,739	26,466	32,131	25,458	112,910
Callaway County	10,784	9,462	5,320	2,540	30,990
Camden County	11,697	10,952	5,298	2,862	33,359
Cole County	15,684	14,209	12,605	7,347	53,251
Cooper County	4,561	3,145	1,818	961	11,562
Crawford County	6,477	5,174	1,443	617	16,141
Dent County	4,000	2,926	1,154	705	10,259
Gasconade County	4,241	3,396	1,361	626	10,708
Howard County	2,319	1,691	1,078	743	6,508
Laclede County	10,521	6,733	2,523	1,326	24,584
Maries County	2,660	1,635	544	437	6,129
Miller County	6,600	5,296	2,409	1,230	17,348
Moniteau County	4,398	2,737	1,207	564	10,300
Morgan County	5,737	4,096	1,495	754	15,093
Osage County	3,577	2,508	1,610	637	9,056
Phelps County	9,343	7,656	4,652	4,277	28,307
Pulaski County	9,093	10,372	5,264	2,944	29,423
Washington County	7,153	4,448	1,362	669	16,388
Region Total	148,698	128,207	85,039	55,700	459,487

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over..



Hannibal/Kirksville Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Adair County	25,122	24,913	10,080	9,720	360	3.60%
Clark County	6,641	6,904	2,938	2,832	106	3.60%
Knox County	3,723	3,758	1,661	1,604	57	3.40%
Lewis County	9,818	10,283	4,748	4,609	139	2.90%
Lincoln County	64,699	91,294	30,134	29,279	855	2.80%
Macon County	15,161	16,028	6,881	6,678	203	3.00%
Marion County	28,336	29,759	13,806	13,392	414	3.00%
Monroe County	8,698	9,590	3,808	3,691	117	3.10%
Montgomery County	11,459	11,513	6,014	5,872	142	2.40%
Pike County	17,935	18,728	7,341	7,131	210	2.90%
Ralls County	10,489	10,299	5,406	5,259	147	2.70%
Randolph County	24,109	27,738	9,902	9,579	323	3.30%
Schuyler County	4,053	3,999	1,818	1,747	71	3.90%
Scotland County	4,676	5,130	2,387	2,324	63	2.60%
Shelby County	5,931	5,764	2,947	2,874	73	2.50%
Warren County	37,806	46,241	19,342	18,781	561	2.90%
Region Total	278,656	321,941	129,213	125,372	3,841	2.63%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC



Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Adair County	4,653	3,441	2,272	2,646	14,032
Clark County	2,305	1,329	411	162	4,675
Knox County	1,030	626	244	180	2,510
Lewis County	2,832	1,645	723	321	6,313
Lincoln County	16,863	13,337	5,586	2,077	41,568
Macon County	4,650	3,027	1,347	591	10,488
Marion County	7,557	4,903	3,049	1,915	19,284
Monroe County	2,909	1,565	816	255	6,169
Montgomery County	3,611	2,148	934	385	7,997
Pike County	6,255	2,427	1,282	757	12,278
Ralls County	3,477	2,058	856	462	7,521
Randolph County	7,457	4,991	2,204	725	17,133
Schuyler County	1,416	761	191	88	2,620
Scotland County	1,128	756	273	154	2,948
Shelby County	1,873	1,124	527	223	4,165
Warren County	9,497	8,018	3,546	1,378	25,145
Region Total	77,513	52,156	24,261	12,319	184,846

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



Joplin Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Barry County	35,265	44,295	14,054	13,540	514	3.70%
Barton County	11,731	13,730	5,282	5,127	155	2.90%
Dade County	7,716	6,977	3,446	3,346	100	2.90%
Jasper County	125,056	152,490	58,295	56,494	1,801	3.10%
Lawrence County	38,872	47,249	17,399	16,872	527	3.00%
Mcdonald County	23,903	28,078	11,560	11,205	355	3.10%
Newton County	60,677	66,663	27,490	26,674	816	3.00%
Region Total	303,220	359,482	137,526	133,258	4,268	3.10%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC

Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Barry County	10,483	7,061	2,218	1,052	24,438
Barton County	3,256	2,228	1,087	359	8,053
Dade County	2,324	1,881	634	210	5,551
Jasper County	27,993	23,679	14,034	6,391	81,223
Lawrence County	9,995	7,603	2,732	1,505	25,537
Mcdonald County	6,372	4,235	1,423	673	15,617
Newton County	13,841	12,853	6,004	3,253	40,242
Region Total	74,264	59,540	28,132	13,443	200,661

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



Kansas City Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Cass County	111,732	136,933	56,246	54,624	1,622	2.90%
Clay County	259,772	300,021	142,036	138,286	3,750	2.60%
Jackson County	718,560	714,467	369,821	357,032	12,789	3.50%
Platte County	111,940	114,904	61,615	59,972	1,643	2.70%
Ray County	23,182	24,435	11,065	10,735	330	3.00%
Region Total	1,225,186	1,290,760	640,783	620,649	20,134	3.10%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC

Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Cass County	24,186	24,557	14,178	7,518	75,203
Clay County	46,784	55,301	41,232	21,687	174,748
Jackson County	137,905	146,656	102,813	60,695	488,711
Platte County	15,794	22,442	21,131	12,989	74,825
Ray County	6,998	5,190	1,816	621	16,208
Region Total	231,667	254,146	181,170	103,510	829,695

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



Poplar Bluff Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Butler County	41,948	41,491	17,671	16,990	681	3.90%
Carter County	5,303	5,837	2,402	2,323	79	3.30%
Douglas County	12,228	13,934	5,276	5,070	206	3.90%
Howell County	40,735	43,414	15,853	15,236	617	3.90%
Oregon County	8,720	10,558	3,978	3,843	135	3.40%
Ozark County	8,970	8,457	3,508	3,349	159	4.50%
Reynolds County	5,950	6,285	2,702	2,599	103	3.80%
Ripley County	10,806	14,008	5,172	4,983	189	3.70%
Shannon County	7,238	9,693	3,285	3,172	113	3.40%
Texas County	25,619	22,169	9,160	8,802	358	3.90%
Wayne County	10,811	11,200	4,895	4,709	186	3.80%
Wright County	19,403	19,963	7,901	7,528	373	4.70%
Region Total	197,731	207,009	81,803	78,604	3,199	3.90%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC

Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Butler County	11,536	8,547	2,894	1,522	28,999
Carter County	1,685	879	250	226	3,568
Douglas County	3,087	2,682	915	400	8,471
Howell County	10,745	7,963	2,990	1,800	27,344
Oregon County	2,867	1,574	456	428	6,126
Ozark County	2,589	2,130	480	343	6,650
Reynolds County	1,779	1,141	535	157	4,484
Ripley County	2,925	2,394	674	298	7,517
Shannon County	2,275	1,418	469	278	5,129
Texas County	7,200	5,195	1,580	1,214	17,735
Wayne County	3,356	2,249	607	274	8,035
Wright County	5,146	3,368	1,075	696	12,419
Region Total	55,190	39,540	12,925	7,636	136,477

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



Sedalia Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Bates County	16,242	18,923	7,724	7,486	238	3.10%
Benton County	20,552	20,228	7,228	6,926	302	4.20%
Carroll County	8,391	8,816	4,782	4,655	127	2.70%
Cedar County	14,672	13,207	5,973	5,762	211	3.50%
Chariton County	7,399	6,172	3,644	3,539	105	2.90%
Henry County	22,485	24,176	10,463	10,147	316	3.00%
Hickory County	8,718	9,292	4,391	4,222	169	3.80%
Johnson County	54,962	61,668	23,364	22,612	752	3.20%
Lafayette County	33,196	32,947	17,052	16,604	448	2.60%
Pettis County	43,530	47,349	20,357	19,752	605	3.00%
Saline County	23,049	21,140	10,804	10,512	292	2.70%
St. Clair County	9,752	9,184	3,917	3,768	149	3.80%
Vernon County	19,710	19,465	9,032	8,724	308	3.40%
Region Total	282,658	292,567	128,731	124,709	4,022	3.10%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC

Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Bates County	5,152	3,070	1,060	643	11,151
Benton County	6,640	4,726	1,268	1,068	15,379
Carroll County	2,656	1,484	736	471	5,964
Cedar County	4,018	3,015	1,097	678	9,996
Chariton County	2,366	1,353	643	359	5,172
Henry County	6,863	4,733	1,615	915	15,686
Hickory County	3,016	1,874	571	201	6,437
Johnson County	10,583	10,019	5,572	3,790	32,170
Lafayette County	8,783	6,466	3,783	1,826	22,971
Pettis County	9,782	9,892	3,154	2,188	28,676
Saline County	3,012	2,095	662	278	6,877
St. Clair County	5,133	3,946	2,482	1,358	14,750
Vernon County	5,192	4,204	1,485	930	13,392
Region Total	73,196	56,877	24,128	14,705	188,621

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



Springfield Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Barry County	35,265	44,295	14,054	13,540	514	3.70%
Christian County	94,422	131,066	48,619	47,446	1,173	2.40%
Dade County	7,716	6,977	3,446	3,346	100	2.90%
Dallas County	17,768	22,172	7,391	7,139	252	3.40%
Greene County	304,611	329,825	160,033	155,795	4,238	2.60%
Lawrence County	38,872	47,249	17,399	16,872	527	3.00%
Polk County	32,780	40,139	14,956	14,495	461	3.10%
Stone County	32,658	40,346	13,831	13,311	520	3.80%
Taney County	56,775	68,041	26,696	25,767	929	3.50%
Webster County	41,472	53,282	18,038	17,529	509	2.80%
Region Total	662,339	783,392	324,463	315,240	9,223	2.92%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC

Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Barry County	10,483	7,061	2,218	1,052	24,438
Christian County	16,712	20,861	12,400	7,738	61,825
Dade County	2,324	1,881	634	210	5,551
Dallas County	5,757	3,338	901	881	12,044
Greene County	56,132	64,945	40,646	23,807	198,758
Lawrence County	9,995	7,603	2,732	1,505	25,537
Polk County	7,698	6,566	2,640	1,785	21,052
Stone County	8,753	8,200	3,861	1,804	24,642
Taney County	12,900	12,459	6,579	3,273	38,820
Webster County	10,201	7,770	3,253	1,542	25,730
Region Total	140,955	140,684	75,864	43,597	438,397

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



St. Joseph Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Andrew County	18,127	19,670	9,490	9,274	216	2.30%
Atchison County	5,107	5,280	2,483	2,419	64	2.60%
Buchanan County	82,956	93,007	43,017	41,785	1,232	2.90%
Caldwell County	8,955	10,633	4,271	4,154	117	2.70%
Clinton County	21,548	27,124	10,801	10,512	289	2.70%
Daviess County	8,551	7,881	4,085	3,973	112	2.70%
Dekalb County	9,899	12,755	4,057	3,964	93	2.30%
Gentry County	6,287	4,759	3,216	3,138	78	2.40%
Grundy County	9,815	9,730	3,950	3,828	122	3.10%
Harrison County	8,220	9,632	3,559	3,451	108	3.00%
Holt County	4,248	4,094	2,414	2,357	57	2.40%
Linn County	11,791	10,696	5,118	4,919	199	3.90%
Livingston County	14,557	14,246	6,985	6,824	161	2.30%
Mercer County	3,469	3,142	1,674	1,628	46	2.70%
Nodaway County	20,695	23,018	11,366	11,069	297	2.60%
Putnam County	4,638	4,391	2,076	2,010	66	3.20%
Sullivan County	5,797	5,822	2,448	2,362	86	3.50%
Worth County	1,907	1,826	1,107	1,080	27	2.40%
Region Total	246,567	267,706	122,117	118,747	3,370	1.97%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC



Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Andrew County	4,874	3,675	2,146	1,285	12,744
Atchison County	1,637	1,032	613	230	3,824
Buchanan County	21,862	16,150	9,127	4,227	57,200
Caldwell County	2,482	1,929	761	359	6,091
Clinton County	6,189	4,314	2,204	1,159	14,795
Daviess County	2,260	1,566	621	426	5,688
Dekalb County	3,542	2,555	844	375	8,227
Gentry County	1,938	928	565	299	4,219
Grundy County	2,514	2,088	703	350	6,621
Harrison County	2,445	1,637	602	378	5,579
Holt County	1,350	884	417	219	3,105
Linn County	3,859	1,979	1,031	610	8,176
Livingston County	4,362	2,680	1,189	662	10,108
Mercer County	1,044	686	317	110	2,380
Nodaway County	4,913	3,680	1,896	1,311	12,529
Putnam County	1,362	1,178	464	193	3,406
Sullivan County	1,946	1,005	376	233	4,147
Worth County	702	363	176	70	1,398
Region Total	69,281	48,329	24,052	12,496	170,237

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



St. Louis Region

Area	Population 2023	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Sept 2024)	Employment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment (Sept 2024)	Unemployment Rate (Sept 2024)
Franklin County	106,404	117,122	54,553	53,081	1,472	2.70%
Jefferson County	231,230	260,276	121,701	118,372	3,329	2.70%
St. Charles County	416,659	499,126	237,340	231,353	5,987	2.50%
St. Louis City	281,754	349,004	154,255	148,412	5,843	3.80%
St. Louis County	987,059	956,817	544,625	528,132	16,493	3.00%
Region Total	2,023,106	2,182,345	1,112,474	1,079,350	33,124	3.00%

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Census Bureau, and MERIC

Area	High School Diploma	Some College or Associate's Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Graduate or Professional Degree	Total Population 25 years and Over
Franklin County	24,785	25,435	11,088	5,845	73,755
Jefferson County	50,457	57,475	25,515	12,059	159,108
St. Charles County	63,739	86,436	75,830	44,182	283,062
St. Louis City	52,175	54,924	46,762	38,777	212,920
St. Louis County	144,696	184,204	184,024	140,933	692,473
Region Total	335,852	408,474	343,219	241,796	1,421,318

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2023. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.