

Cape Girardeau Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Bollinger County	10,646	12,805	4,938	4,763	175	3.5%
Cape Girardeau County	83,999	84,612	43,043	41,499	1,544	3.6%
Dunklin County	26,855	28,765	11,062	10,399	663	6.0%
Iron County	9,318	7,494	3,859	3,673	186	4.8%
Madison County	12,858	13,304	5,301	5,066	235	4.4%
Mississippi County	12,003	11,443	3,913	3,671	242	6.2%
New Madrid County	15,086	12,554	7,310	6,942	368	5.0%
Pemiscot County	14,465	16,447	5,591	5,271	320	5.7%
Perry County	19,093	21,164	9,692	9,391	301	3.1%
Scott County	37,975	41,076	18,763	18,007	756	4.0%
St. Francois County	67,809	73,382	28,115	26,865	1,250	4.4%
Ste. Genevieve County	18,689	18,426	9,782	9,495	287	2.9%
Stoddard County	28,284	28,973	12,596	12,046	550	4.4%
Region Total	357,080	370,445	163,965	157,088	6,877	4.2%

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	3,866	1,950	607	443	7,560
Cape Girardeau County	17,486	14,618	11,373	6,469	53,914
Dunklin County	7,417	4,938	1,281	1,123	18,193
Iron County	2,515	2,042	806	494	6,839
Madison County	3,930	2,416	1,029	418	8,866
Mississippi County	4,016	1,646	842	369	8,218
New Madrid County	5,155	2,702	897	672	10,856
Pemiscot County	4,876	2,281	806	446	9,920
Perry County	5,382	3,289	1,941	814	13,212
Scott County	10,492	6,366	3,800	1,873	25,710
St. Francois County	17,437	15,510	5,201	2,946	47,231
Ste. Genevieve County	5,626	4,539	1,441	773	13,190
Stoddard County	8,445	4,965	2,202	1,152	20,030
Regional Total	96,643	67,262	32,226	17,992	243,739

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.

Columbia/Jefferson City Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Audrain County	24,528	27,027	10,150	9,761	389	3.8%
Boone County	191,746	204,264	102,051	98,335	3,716	3.6%
Callaway County	45,765	55,096	22,280	21,543	737	3.3%
Camden County	44,047	49,124	21,570	20,830	740	3.4%
Cole County	77,908	83,583	41,000	39,658	1,342	3.3%
Cooper County	17,136	20,979	7,759	7,451	308	4.0%
Crawford County	22,929	27,895	9,949	9,522	427	4.3%
Dent County	14,584	15,694	6,214	5,962	252	4.1%
Gasconade County	14,784	15,921	7,220	6,970	250	3.5%
Howard County	10,180	10,307	4,682	4,500	182	3.9%
Laclede County	36,943	44,318	15,438	14,729	709	4.6%
Maries County	8,397	10,406	3,951	3,813	138	3.5%
Miller County	25,817	28,404	12,824	12,393	431	3.4%
Moniteau County	15,428	16,638	7,540	7,291	249	3.3%
Morgan County	22,418	24,827	9,211	8,801	410	4.5%
Osage County	13,611	13,704	7,414	7,181	233	3.1%
Phelps County	45,247	47,635	21,424	20,579	845	3.9%
Pulaski County	54,442	46,520	18,541	17,704	837	4.5%
Washington County	23,810	27,294	9,677	9,264	413	4.3%
Regional Total	709,720	769,636	338,895	326,287	12,608	3.7%

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	6,803	5,339	1,750	1,112	17,031
Boone County	23,060	27,200	32,613	26,479	114,662
Callaway County	11,150	9,579	5,125	2,556	31,173
Camden County	11,726	10,776	5,707	3,113	33,636
Cole County	15,560	13,868	13,180	7,522	53,203
Cooper County	4,521	3,199	1,813	976	11,633
Crawford County	6,653	4,954	1,597	686	16,163
Dent County	4,002	2,889	1,047	643	10,262
Gasconade County	4,284	3,522	1,379	561	10,713
Howard County	2,299	1,775	1,173	659	6,499
Laclede County	10,444	6,599	2,595	1,435	24,689
Maries County	2,800	1,559	445	545	6,085
Miller County	6,966	5,127	2,182	1,181	17,520
Moniteau County	4,569	2,440	1,120	497	10,239
Morgan County	5,508	4,308	1,678	863	15,294
Osage County	3,518	2,509	1,545	691	9,061
Phelps County	9,060	7,396	4,870	4,358	28,524
Pulaski County	9,107	11,023	5,126	2,501	29,551
Washington County	7,118	4,890	1,256	651	16,279
Region Total	149,148	128,952	86,201	57,029	462,217

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.

Hannibal/Kirksville Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Adair County	25,684	24,913	10,356	9,810	546	5.3%
Clark County	6,475	6,904	3,001	2,885	116	3.9%
Knox County	3,728	3,758	1,367	1,307	60	4.4%
Lewis County	9,879	10,283	4,147	3,960	187	4.5%
Lincoln County	66,676	91,294	33,755	32,500	1,255	3.7%
Macon County	15,190	16,028	6,118	5,864	254	4.2%
Marion County	28,525	29,759	12,888	12,387	501	3.9%
Monroe County	8,959	9,590	3,707	3,548	159	4.3%
Montgomery County	11,590	11,513	5,974	5,771	203	3.4%
Pike County	17,955	18,728	6,656	6,369	287	4.3%
Ralls County	10,444	10,299	5,260	5,092	168	3.2%
Randolph County	24,513	27,738	10,811	10,319	492	4.6%
Schuyler County	4,140	3,999	2,476	2,399	77	3.1%
Scotland County	4,796	5,130	2,351	2,272	79	3.4%
Shelby County	5,870	5,764	3,056	2,958	98	3.2%
Warren County	39,016	46,241	19,967	19,228	739	3.7%
Region Total	283,440	321,941	131,890	126,669	5,221	4.0%

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	4,899	3,278	2,329	2,694	14,136
Clark County	2,270	1,290	465	228	4,658
Knox County	942	645	229	155	2,431
Lewis County	2,878	1,618	753	304	6,276
Lincoln County	16,842	14,093	5,610	2,211	42,591
Macon County	4,672	3,006	1,397	646	10,548
Marion County	7,765	4,842	2,804	1,907	19,120
Monroe County	3,083	1,459	902	270	6,209
Montgomery County	3,678	2,060	1,039	389	8,076
Pike County	6,426	2,339	1,371	689	12,382
Ralls County	3,597	2,038	802	478	7,528
Randolph County	7,241	4,890	2,236	894	16,995
Schuyler County	1,401	727	191	119	2,622
Scotland County	929	806	286	161	2,944
Shelby County	1,834	1,122	560	202	4,114
Warren County	9,822	8,318	3,731	1,473	25,802
Region Total	78,279	52,531	24,705	12,820	186,432

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.

Joplin Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Barry County	36,200	44,295	13,978	13,355	623	4.5%
Barton County	11,795	13,730	5,450	5,252	198	3.6%
Dade County	7,804	6,977	3,225	3,088	137	4.2%
Jasper County	127,428	152,490	62,603	60,281	2,322	3.7%
Lawrence County	39,401	47,249	16,927	16,222	705	4.2%
Mcdonald County	23,992	28,078	9,325	8,915	410	4.4%
Newton County	62,263	66,663	28,586	27,513	1,073	3.8%
Region Total	308,883	359,482	140,094	134,626	5,468	3.9%

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	10,552	6,987	2,366	1,221	24,550
Barton County	3,442	2,219	1,085	319	8,077
Dade County	2,366	1,857	562	280	5,581
Jasper County	28,411	23,961	14,054	6,667	81,997
Lawrence County	9,853	8,272	2,871	1,475	25,731
Mcdonald County	7,024	4,115	1,382	556	15,769
Newton County	13,310	13,519	6,418	3,154	40,656
Region Total	74,958	60,930	28,738	13,672	202,361

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.

Kansas City Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Cass County	115,859	136,933	61,993	59,804	2,189	3.5%
Clay County	265,032	300,021	148,313	143,449	4,864	3.3%
Jackson County	732,994	714,467	393,706	378,641	15,065	3.8%
Platte County	114,400	114,904	63,949	61,912	2,037	3.2%
Ray County	23,398	24,435	11,859	11,407	452	3.8%
Region Total	1,251,683	1,290,760	679,820	655,213	24,607	3.6%

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	23,395	25,915	14,560	8,079	76,406
Clay County	47,546	54,676	42,003	22,741	177,160
Jackson County	137,311	146,454	104,751	62,239	491,772
Platte County	15,930	22,292	21,732	13,704	76,182
Ray County	6,815	5,080	1,835	790	16,182
Region Total	230,997	254,417	184,881	107,553	837,702

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.

Poplar Bluff Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Butler County	41,904	41,491	16,895	15,997	898	5.3%
Carter County	5,418	5,837	2,344	2,227	117	5.0%
Douglas County	12,342	13,934	4,806	4,601	205	4.3%
Howell County	40,798	43,414	16,466	15,717	749	4.5%
Oregon County	8,709	10,558	3,618	3,478	140	3.9%
Ozark County	9,172	8,457	3,204	3,034	170	5.3%
Reynolds County	5,992	6,285	2,396	2,291	105	4.4%
Ripley County	10,717	14,008	4,506	4,278	228	5.1%
Shannon County	7,285	9,693	2,882	2,733	149	5.2%
Texas County	25,994	22,169	9,608	9,186	422	4.4%
Wayne County	10,782	11,200	3,900	3,693	207	5.3%
Wright County	19,671	19,963	7,466	7,132	334	4.5%
Region Total	198,784	207,009	78,091	74,367	3,724	4.8%

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	11,306	8,566	2,945	1,593	28,761
Carter County	1,584	929	240	118	3,562
Douglas County	3,040	3,025	839	425	8,461
Howell County	10,818	8,186	2,963	1,935	27,491
Oregon County	2,929	1,495	374	390	6,087
Ozark County	2,649	2,020	630	392	6,691
Reynolds County	1,866	1,102	507	162	4,471
Ripley County	2,898	2,277	582	347	7,392
Shannon County	2,312	1,285	414	238	5,090
Texas County	7,468	5,039	1,552	1,392	17,881
Wayne County	3,341	2,211	646	375	8,048
Wright County	4,956	3,642	1,233	761	12,572
Region Total	55,167	39,777	12,925	8,128	136,507

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.

Sedalia Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Bates County	16,512	18,923	7,757	7,470	287	3.7%
Benton County	20,536	20,228	7,444	7,076	368	4.9%
Carroll County	8,417	8,816	4,043	3,892	151	3.7%
Cedar County	14,888	13,207	5,678	5,405	273	4.8%
Chariton County	7,377	6,172	3,260	3,137	123	3.8%
Henry County	22,671	24,176	10,479	10,043	436	4.2%
Hickory County	9,044	9,292	2,848	2,687	161	5.7%
Johnson County	56,670	61,668	25,184	24,101	1,083	4.3%
Lafayette County	33,531	32,947	17,578	16,930	648	3.7%
Pettis County	44,254	47,349	20,748	19,862	886	4.3%
Saline County	23,265	21,140	11,445	10,979	466	4.1%
St. Clair County	9,976	9,184	4,104	3,931	173	4.2%
Vernon County	19,946	19,465	9,293	8,934	359	3.9%
Region Total	287,087	292,567	129,861	124,447	5,414	4.2%

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	5,369	3,133	1,049	616	11,271
Benton County	6,311	5,079	1,205	1,101	15,411
Carroll County	2,701	1,518	706	439	5,948
Cedar County	4,272	2,855	1,220	708	10,148
Chariton County	2,200	1,389	758	407	5,150
Henry County	6,909	4,729	1,708	863	15,767
Hickory County	2,961	1,930	564	276	6,568
Johnson County	10,433	10,327	5,816	3,619	32,392
Lafayette County	8,207	6,970	3,958	2,126	23,207
Pettis County	10,406	9,565	3,219	2,097	28,868
Saline County	2,950	2,009	711	311	6,957
St. Clair County	5,516	3,915	2,152	1,206	14,816
Vernon County	5,476	4,213	1,410	808	13,386
Region Total	73,711	57,632	24,476	14,577	189,889

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.



Springfield Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Barry County	36,200	44,295	13,978	13,355	623	4.5%
Christian County	96,725	131,066	48,565	46,887	1,678	3.5%
Dade County	7,804	6,977	3,225	3,088	137	4.2%
Dallas County	18,025	22,172	7,209	6,894	315	4.4%
Greene County	309,286	329,825	159,151	153,444	5,707	3.6%
Lawrence County	39,401	47,249	16,927	16,222	705	4.2%
Polk County	33,604	40,139	15,114	14,501	613	4.1%
Stone County	32,503	40,346	13,858	13,287	571	4.1%
Taney County	57,001	68,041	27,971	26,776	1,195	4.3%
Webster County	43,054	53,282	18,425	17,706	719	3.9%
Region Total	673,603	783,392	324,423	312,160	12,263	3.8%

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	10,552	6,987	2,366	1,221	24,550
Christian County	16,852	21,681	12,762	7,866	63,018
Dade County	2,366	1,857	562	280	5,581
Dallas County	5,647	3,290	1,101	915	12,267
Greene County	55,888	65,439	41,551	25,917	200,831
Lawrence County	9,853	8,272	2,871	1,475	25,731
Polk County	7,444	6,506	2,882	1,906	21,286
Stone County	8,625	8,108	4,216	1,986	24,971
Taney County	13,084	12,846	6,441	3,339	39,109
Webster County	10,498	7,653	3,203	1,567	26,015
Region Total	140,809	142,639	77,955	46,472	443,359

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.

St. Joseph Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Andrew County	18,241	19,670	8,940	8,634	306	3.4%
Atchison County	5,175	5,280	2,793	2,712	81	2.9%
Buchanan County	83,540	93,007	39,009	37,409	1,600	4.1%
Caldwell County	9,012	10,633	4,298	4,137	161	3.7%
Clinton County	21,661	27,124	10,855	10,468	387	3.6%
Daviess County	8,558	7,881	4,044	3,921	123	3.0%
Dekalb County	9,795	12,755	3,871	3,720	151	3.9%
Gentry County	6,384	4,759	2,790	2,695	95	3.4%
Grundy County	9,744	9,730	3,944	3,764	180	4.6%
Harrison County	8,281	9,632	3,606	3,480	126	3.5%
Holt County	4,200	4,094	1,932	1,857	75	3.9%
Linn County	11,815	10,696	5,970	5,734	236	4.0%
Livingston County	14,708	14,246	6,176	5,966	210	3.4%
Mercer County	3,404	3,142	1,421	1,367	54	3.8%
Nodaway County	20,174	23,018	11,939	11,535	404	3.4%
Putnam County	4,546	4,391	2,021	1,956	65	3.2%
Sullivan County	5,738	5,822	2,406	2,297	109	4.5%
Worth County	1,914	1,826	1,019	986	33	3.2%
Region Total	246,890	267,706	117,034	112,638	4,396	3.8%

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	5,003	3,496	2,302	1,383	12,773
Atchison County	1,603	1,030	587	255	3,798
Buchanan County	21,822	16,149	9,215	4,414	57,137
Caldwell County	2,485	1,954	800	430	6,170
Clinton County	5,766	4,723	2,135	1,166	14,908
Daviess County	2,180	1,584	653	400	5,711
Dekalb County	3,300	2,511	910	390	7,950
Gentry County	1,938	914	561	345	4,196
Grundy County	2,636	1,993	727	377	6,615
Harrison County	2,580	1,608	543	335	5,598
Holt County	1,335	915	419	185	3,075
Linn County	3,967	1,977	963	621	8,231
Livingston County	4,365	2,718	1,142	645	10,203
Mercer County	1,011	707	301	128	2,364
Nodaway County	4,881	3,498	2,009	1,464	12,448
Putnam County	1,302	1,139	528	230	3,361
Sullivan County	1,966	1,008	379	257	4,093
Worth County	657	367	180	112	1,385
Region Total	68,797	48,291	24,354	13,137	170,016

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.

St. Louis Region

Area	Population 2025	Population Projection 2030	Civilian Labor Force (Aug 2026)	Employment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment (Aug 2026)	Unemployment Rate (Aug 2026)
Franklin County	108,090	117,122	54,291	52,313	1,978	3.6%
Jefferson County	233,132	260,276	125,269	120,811	4,458	3.6%
St. Charles County	426,499	499,126	241,150	233,104	8,046	3.3%
St. Louis City	278,144	349,004	156,997	149,800	7,197	4.6%
St. Louis County	990,911	956,817	530,894	508,847	22,047	4.2%
Region Total	2,036,776	2,182,345	1,108,601	1,064,875	43,726	3.9%

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	24,705	25,358	11,770	5,916	74,651
Jefferson County	50,880	57,266	26,886	12,855	160,812
St. Charles County	65,423	86,847	77,330	45,499	287,433
St. Louis City	50,736	53,937	47,524	39,156	210,685
St. Louis County	143,251	183,220	187,342	141,359	693,174
Region Total	334,995	406,628	350,852	244,785	1,426,755

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 5 year estimates, 2024. Educational Attainment for the population 25 years and over.