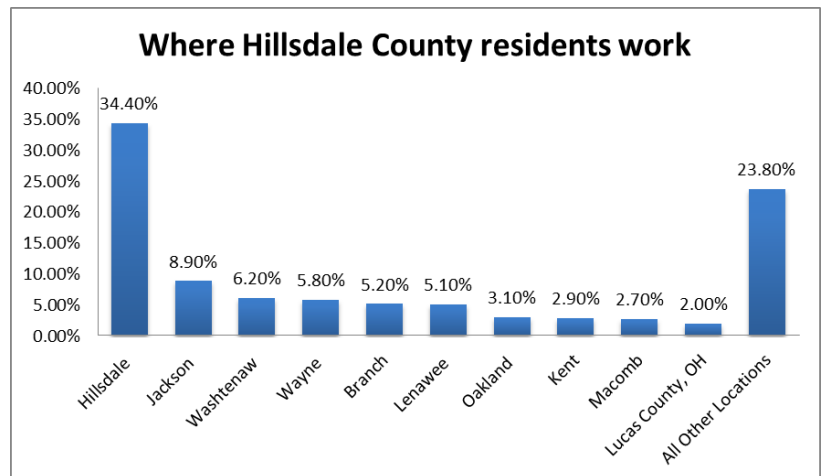


## Region 9 economic development labor shed

The labor shed in MEDC’s Region 9 highlights why, when it comes to talent, we must think regionally: Our workforce is mobile. Although **59.5% of the region’s workforce live and work<sup>1</sup> in a nine-county area**, not all residents work in their own county. It is not uncommon for workers to commute one or two counties over for work. This means that the residents in Hillsdale County should be ready for the job demands of employers hiring throughout the region.

### HILLSDALE COUNTY

- In 2012 there were approximately **861 business establishments**.
- **999 job postings in 2012**.
- **14,313 people** worked in Hillsdale County in 2012<sup>2</sup>.
- 34.4% of residents live and work in Hillsdale County.
- Hillsdale County is a **commuting community**- 12,940 Hillsdale residents (65.6%) work outside their home county.
- 4,737 workers are employed in Hillsdale County but live outside its borders.
- 37.0% of residents travel more than 50 miles to go to work.



### REGION NINE<sup>3</sup>

- 59.5% of the workforce lives and works within Region nine.
- There were 48,797 job postings in 2012.
- Approximately **20,027 business establishments** exist in Region nine.
- **424,043 workers** across the region.
- 127,978 workers who live outside the six counties commute into the region for work
- 155,205 residents in the region commute outside the region for work.

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census On the Map, Center for Economic Studies.

<sup>2</sup> The number employed includes QCEW employment, non-QCEW employment, and self-employed. It does not include self-employment in jobs that are not the primary source of income.

<sup>3</sup> MEDC region nine includes the following six counties: Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Livingston, Monroe, and Washtenaw.