

Think Regionally: Southeast Michigan's Labor Shed

Our region's labor shed highlights why, when it comes to talent, we must think regionally: Our workforce is mobile. Although **90.5% of the region's workforce live and work¹ 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 Livingston County should be ready for the job demands of employers hiring throughout Southeast Michigan.

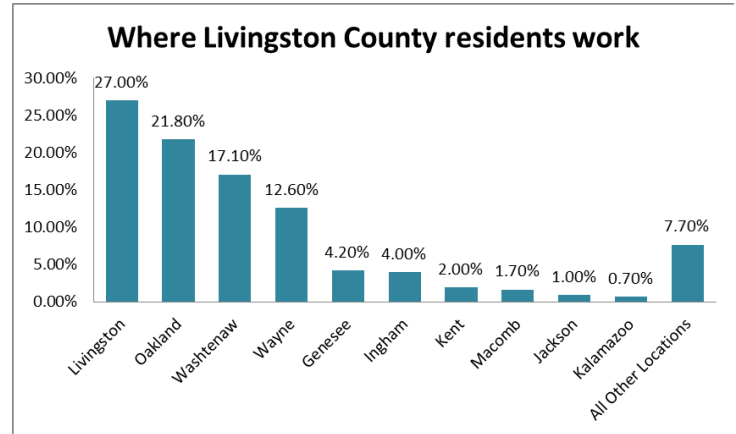
LIVINGSTON COUNTY SNAPSHOT

In 2012 there were approximately:

- **4,058 business establishments²;**
- **5,446 job postings; and**
- **52,202 people** working with the county limits³.

Livingston County is a **commuting community**:

- 27.0% of workers live and work in Livingston County;
- 54,861 workers from Livingston County (73.0%) have jobs outside their home county;
- 28,196 Livingston employees (58.2% of the county workforce) live outside its borders; and
- 8.8% of residents travel more than 50 miles to go to work.



SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN⁴ SNAPSHOT

- 90.5% of the Southeast Michigan regional workforce lives and works within a nine-county area.
- There were 307,400 job postings in 2012.
- Approximately **112,780 business establishments** exist in the WIN region.
- There were **2,316,202 workers** throughout the region.
- A total of 188,893 workers who live outside the nine counties commute into the region for work.
- A total of 186,259 residents in the region commute outside the region for work.

¹ This and labor shed statistics throughout this brief are analyzed from the U.S. Census On the Map, Center for Economic Studies. 2011 data.

² Establishments are defined as a physical location of economic activity, as recorded by the QCEW. A single company may have multiple establishments.

³ 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.

⁴ The WIN Southeast Michigan region includes the following nine counties: Genesee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Washtenaw, and Wayne.