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CENSUS BUREAU RELEASES COMMUTING PATTERN DATA FROM THE 2000 CENSUS

Recently, the Missouri State Data Center provided access to the Commission for information concerning commuter patterns for the Region, and we are transmitting this information to local governmental entities and economic development organizations and individuals with the hope that it will be of some assistance in better understanding the labor force and its movement into and among counties in the Southeast Missouri Region.

There are two items attached that will provide data to you concerning commuting patterns. The first item is a print-out for each county in the Region showing the name of the county, the work place by county and state, and the number of persons commuting from each of the counties in the Region to other places for work.

In reviewing the data, you will note that the information enclosed is much more comprehensive than we have seen in the past from the U. S. Census Bureau. The "count" does mean number of individuals in the righthand column. Obviously, individuals commute to a considerable number of places from our counties to work. In fact, some of the commutes seem rather odd. The staff of the Commission is assuming that those that seem odd are individuals who are working for companies that have contracts in these places, and therefore, that was their commute at the time the census was taken.

From a second report, your staff has pulled information for commuting where there are a minimum of 50 or more trips to work. Please note that this data shows which counties workers from the Region flow into and the work flows, or the number of people that were commuting at the time of the census.

There are several implications with regards to the data that is being enclosed in the two tables. First of all, obviously, a lot of the work force from the Region commutes out of the particular counties to other places of work. Some of those commutes are to counties within the Southeast Missouri Region. Others are more distant and show that the Region benefits from commutes in from counties outside of the Region.

The data that is included also, at least somewhat, addresses the issue of labor availability. If a particular industry located in one of the counties within the Southeast Missouri Region and, all things considered, provided a very competitive wage and fringe package, it is the Commission's staff belief that it could attract some of those who are doing very long commutes, depending upon their proximity to retirement from the companies where they are now employed. Thus, it is believed that the Southeast Missouri Region still has the capacity for a competitive paying industry to locate a sufficient work force to locate and/or expand in the Region.

It is hoped that the enclosed data will be of use to you. Obviously, the Commission cannot verify the accuracy of the data, since this was collected through the Census Bureau; however, it is added that the staff does not necessarily doubt that the data is accurate either.

COUNTS OF WORK COMMUTING TO AND FROM MISSOURI COUNTIES MINIMUM OF 50 OR MORE TRIPS SORTED BY WORK GEOGRAPHY

STATE OF WORK	WORK FLOWS INTO	MSA OR CMSA OF WORK	WORK FLOWS FROM (RESIDENCE)	MSA OR CMSA OF RESIDENCE	WORK FLOWS
IL	Alexander Co. IL	Non-Metro	Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	107
	Madison Co. IL	St. Louis, MO-IL	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	64
	Randolph Co., IL	Non-Metro	Perry Co., MO	Non-Metro	147
	St. Clair Co., IL	St. Louis, MO-IL.	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	61
MO	Bollinger Co., MO	Non-Metro	Bollinger Co. MO	Non-Metro	2,017
			Cape Girardeau Co, MO	Non-Metro	146
			Stoddard Co., MO	Non-Metro	60
			Wayne Co., MO	Non-Metro	53
	Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	30,867
			Scott Co., MO	Non-Metro	4,114
			Bollinger Co. MO	Non-Metro	1,992
			Perry Co., MO	Non-Metro	996
			Alexander Co., IL	Non-Metro	930
			Stoddard Co., MO	Non-Metro	602
			Union Co., IL	Non-Metro	347
			Pulaski Co., IL	Non-Metro	168
			Mississippi Co., MO	Non-Metro	165
			St. Louis Co., MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	137
			Butler Co., MO	Non-Metro	135
			Madison Co. MO	Non-Metro	126
			New Madrid Co., MO	Non-Metro	116
			Jackson Co., MO	Kansas City, MO-KS	110
			Wayne Co., MO	Non-Metro	108
			Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	76
			St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	64
			Wyandotte Co., KS	Kansas City, MO-KS	58
	Dent Co., MO	Non-Metro	Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	96
	Franklin Co., MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	79
MO	Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	2,389

STATE OF WORK	WORK FLOWS INTO	MSA OR CMSA OF WORK	WORK FLOWS FROM (RESIDENCE)	MSA OR CMSA OF RESIDENCE	WORK FLOWS
			St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	332
			Reynolds Co., MO	Non-Metro	208
			Dent Co., MO	Non-Metro	161
			Madison Co., MO	Non-Metro	137
			Washington Co., MO	Non-Metro	128
			Crawford Co., MO	Non-Metro	122
	Jefferson Co., MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	1,496
			Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	679
			Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	67
			Madison Co., MO	Non-Metro	56
	Madison Co., MO	Non-Metro	Madison Co., MO	Non-Metro	2,821
			St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	273
			Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	140
			Bollinger Co., MO	Non-Metro	137
	Mississippi Co., MO	Non-Metro	Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	130
	New Madrid Co., MO	Non-Metro	Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	97
	Perry Co., MO	Non-Metro	Perry Co., MO	Non-Metro	6,869
			Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	504
			Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	501
			Randolph Co., IL	Non-Metro	430
			Bollinger Co., MO	Non-Metro	318
			Madison Co., MO	Non-Metro	205
			St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	84
			Jackson Co., IL	Non-Metro	58
			Perry Co., IL	Non-Metro	54
	Reynolds Co., MO	Non-Metro	Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	86
	St. Charles Co., MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	81
	Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	4,922
			Perry Co., MO	Non-Metro	351
			St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	341
			Jefferson Co., MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	123
			Randolph Co., IL	Non-Metro	66
			Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	61

STATE OF WORK	WORK FLOWS INTO	MSA OR CMSA OF WORK	WORK FLOWS FROM (RESIDENCE)	MSA OR CMSA OF RESIDENCE	WORK FLOWS
МО	Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	Madison Co., MO	Non-Metro	54
	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	15,798
			Washington Co., MO	Non-Metro	1,235
			Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	896
			Madison Co., MO	Non-Metro	767
			Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	667
			Jefferson Co., MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	410
			St. Louis Co., MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	89
			Reynolds Co., MO	Non-Metro	52
			Bollinger Co., MO	Non-Metro	51
	St. Louis Co., MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	1,473
			Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	620
			Madison Co, MO	Non-Metro	184
			Perry Co., MO	Non-Metro	136
			Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	123
			Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	117
	Scott Co., MO	Non-Metro	Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	1,270
			Bollinger Co., MO	Non-Metro	115
	Stoddard Co., MO	Non-Metro	Bollinger Co., MO	Non-Metro	313
			Cape Girardeau Co., MO	Non-Metro	129
	Washington Co., MO	Non-Metro	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-Metro	504
			Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	92
	Wayne Co., MO	Non-Metro	Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	103
	St. Louis City, MO	St. Louis, MO-IL	St. Francois Co., MO	Non-metro	896
			Ste. Genevieve Co., MO	Non-Metro	366
			Madison Co., MO	Non-Metro	147
			Perry Co., MO	Non-Metro	136
			Cape Girardeau Co, MO	Non-Metro	121
			Iron Co., MO	Non-Metro	53