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Labor Force & Unemployment

Labor force is defined as those individuals, employed or looking for work, who live in the area represented. The labor force in Southwestern Illinois represented 267,035 individuals in 2007, up from 266,880 in 2006, while the unemployment rate rose from 5.4% in 2006 to 6.0% in 2007. This labor force accounts for approximately 18 percent of the St. Louis Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) total.

"According to Expansion Management and Logistics Today magazines' 6th Annual logistics quotient study, the St. Louis region tops the list of best regions for Transportation and Warehousing Work Force for the second consecutive year."

LABOR FORCE	2007
Madison County	140,766
St. Clair County	126,269
Southwestern Illinois	267,035

TOTAL EMPLOYED	
Madison County	132,922
St. Clair County	118,306
Southwestern Illinois	251,228

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE	
Madison County	5.6
St. Clair County	6.3
Southwestern Illinois	6.0

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security - Average for all of 2007

Private Sector Employment by Industrial Classification

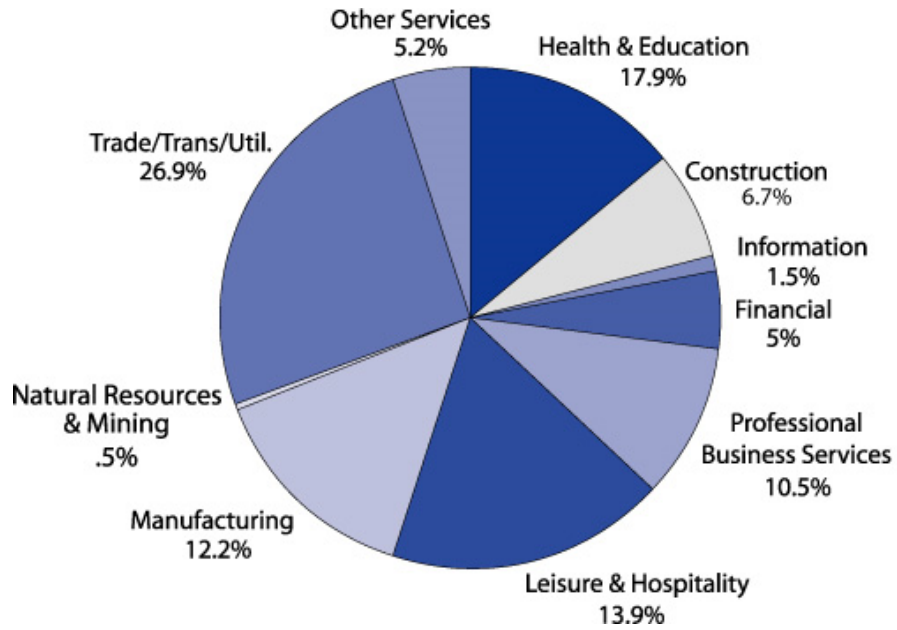
Southwestern Illinois saw its private sector employment rates rise slightly from 2005 to 2006 with a net gain of 1756 jobs. The total number of good producing jobs in Southwestern Illinois has remained relatively stable in recent years, while service-providing jobs continue to increase across our region. In 2006, service-providing jobs represented just over 80% of the total number of jobs in Southwestern Illinois.

No. of Firms-2006	Madison	St. Clair	Total
GOODS PRODUCING	1,106	836	1,942
Natural Resources & Mining	52	32	84
Ag., Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	40	22	62
Mining	12	10	22
Construction	815	610	1,425
Manufacturing	239	194	433
SERVICE PROVIDING	4,614	4,294	8,908
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,307	1,196	2,503
Wholesale Trade	268	210	478
Retail Trade	778	781	1,559
Transportation & Warehousing	247	193	440
Utilities	14	12	26
Information	81	73	154
Financial Activities	558	518	1,076
Finance & Insurance	356	324	680
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	202	194	396
Professional & Business Services	826	819	1,645
Professional, Scientific & Tech Services	500	494	994
Management of Co. & Enterprises	18	17	35
Administrative & Waste Services	308	308	616
Education & Health Services	561	542	1,103
Educational Services	54	59	113
Health Care & Social Services	507	483	990
Liesure & Hospitality	646	586	1,232
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	98	84	182
Accommodations & Food Services	548	502	1,050
Other Services	606	538	1,144
Unclassified	29	22	51
TOTALS	5,720	5,130	10,850
No. of Employees - 2006	Madison	St. Clair	Total
GOODS PRODUCING	20,531	10,323	30,854
Natural Resources & Mining	419	445	864
Ag., Forestry, Fishing, Hunting	297	346	643
Mining	122	99	221
Construction	6,190	4,444	10,634
Manufacturing	13,922	5,434	19,356
SERVICE PROVIDING	59,469	67,905	127,374
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	20,466	22,072	42,538
Wholesale Trade	3,130	2,828	5,958
Retail Trade	12,805	13,736	26,541
Transportation & Warehousing	4,133	5,023	9,156
Utilities	398	485	883
Information	914	1,377	2,291
Financial Activities	4,362	3,620	7,982
Finance & Insurance	3,318	2,670	5,988
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,044	950	1,994
Professional & Business Services	6,686	9,989	16,675
Professional, Scientific & Tech Services	3,435	5,649	9,084
Management of Co. & Enterprises	227	512	739
Administrative & Waste Services	3,024	3,828	6,852
Education & Health Services	12,845	15,505	28,350
Educational Services	893	1,652	2,545
Health Care & Social Services	11,952	13,853	25,805
Liesure & Hospitality	10,663	11,292	21,955
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,973	1,931	3,904
Accommodations & Food Services	8,690	9,361	18,051
Other Services	3,498	4,024	7,522
Unclassified	35	26	61
TOTALS	80,000	78,228	158,228

Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security
(4th Quarter 2006)

Southwestern Illinois 2006 Work Force

Work force is defined as those who work in the area represented, but may live elsewhere. A total of 252,687 individuals are employed in Madison and St. Clair counties with 158,228 of these in the private sector. During 2006, 30,854 individuals held jobs in the goods-producing sectors and 127,374 were employed in the service-providing sectors. As in 2005, the Trade/Transportation/Utilities sector accounts for more than one quarter of the total number of jobs in Southwestern Illinois.



(Totals may not equal one-hundred percent due to rounding)

Madison and St. Clair Counties - Top Employers - March 2008		
Scott Air Force Base	Scott Air Force Base	14,150
WalMart/Sam's Club	Madison/St. Clair Counties	3,375
Memorial Hospital	Belleville	2,400
SIU Edwardsville	Edwardsville	2,300
U.S. Steel, Granite City Works	Granite City	2,250
Olin Corp.	East Alton	1,810
Southwestern Illinois College	Madison/St. Clair counties	1,700
St. Elizabeth's Hospital	Belleville	1,660
Southern Illinois Healthcare Systems	St. Clair County	1,400
Global Brass & Copper	East Alton	1,400
East St. Louis Community School District 189	East St. Louis	1,300
Midcoast Aviation	Cahokia	1,200
ASF-Keystone	Granite City	1,200
Madison County	Madison County	1,130
Schnuck's Supermarkets	Madison/St. Clair Counties	1,105
Alton Community Unit School District	Alton/Godfrey	1,100
Casino Queen Hotel and Casino	East St. Louis	1,095
Anderson Hospital	Maryville	1,035
St. Clair County	St. Clair County	1,000
St. Anthony's Health Center	Alton	1,000
Gateway Regional Medical Center	Granite City	980

Edwardsville School District	Madison County	970
Alton Memorial Hospital	Alton	870
ConocoPhillips	Roxana	800
Challenge Unlimited	Madison/St. Clair Counties	800
Shop 'N Save	Madison/St. Clair Counties	775
Granite City School District #9	Granite City	710
Kraft Foods (Capri-Sun)	Granite City	705
Argosy Casino Alton	Alton	700
Belleville Township HSD #201	Belleville	700
YMCA of S.W. Illinois	Madison/St. Clair Counties	665
Lewis & Clark Community College	Godfrey	585
Belleville Public Elementary School District 118	Belleville	550
IDOT	Madison/St. Clair Counties	525
American Water Co. Call Center	Alton	500
Cahokia School District #187	Cahokia	500
Illinois-American Water Co.	Belleville	485
Beverly Farm Foundation	Godfrey	470
Basler Electric Co.	Highland	422
TheBANK of Edwardsville	Madison/St. Clair Counties	415
Belleville Shoe	Belleville	400
Cooper B-Line, Inc.	Highland and Troy	350
ROHO Group	Belleville	300

*Though not one company, Rivers Edge (old Mel Price Depot) is currently supporting over 600 jobs.

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