



Economic Overview

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Stone County, Missouri



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Demographic Profile

The population in Stone County, Missouri was 31,615 per American Community Survey data for 2015-2019.

The region has a civilian labor force of 13,205 with a participation rate of 48.7%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Stone County, Missouri, 16.1% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 33.5% in the nation.

The median household income in Stone County, Missouri is \$49,656 and the median house value is \$172,600.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Stone County, Missouri	Missouri	USA	Stone County, Missouri	Missouri	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	31,615	6,104,910	324,697,795
Male	48.8%	49.1%	49.2%	15,430	2,995,725	159,886,919
Female	51.2%	50.9%	50.8%	16,185	3,109,185	164,810,876
Median Age ²	—	—	—	53.6	38.6	38.1
Under 18 Years	16.7%	22.6%	22.6%	5,275	1,381,612	73,429,392
18 to 24 Years	6.0%	9.4%	9.4%	1,905	573,249	30,646,327
25 to 34 Years	7.8%	13.3%	13.9%	2,465	813,407	45,030,415
35 to 44 Years	9.4%	12.1%	12.6%	2,962	738,183	40,978,831
45 to 54 Years	11.9%	12.6%	13.0%	3,765	769,927	42,072,620
55 to 64 Years	17.9%	13.5%	12.9%	5,652	821,807	41,756,414
65 to 74 Years	18.5%	9.5%	9.1%	5,855	577,726	29,542,266
75 Years, and Over	11.8%	7.0%	6.5%	3,736	428,999	21,241,530
Race: White	96.3%	82.2%	72.5%	30,437	5,015,904	235,377,662
Race: Black or African American	0.2%	11.5%	12.7%	64	701,334	41,234,642
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.7%	0.4%	0.8%	224	27,084	2,750,143
Race: Asian	0.2%	2.0%	5.5%	74	120,654	17,924,209
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	30	8,231	599,868
Race: Some Other Race	0.8%	1.2%	4.9%	264	71,335	16,047,369
Race: Two or More Races	1.7%	2.6%	3.3%	522	160,368	10,763,902
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2.3%	4.2%	18.0%	729	254,791	58,479,370
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	32,465	6,151,548	329,484,123
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	0.1%	0.3%	0.6%	22	15,546	2,015,698
People per Square Mile	—	—	—	68.9	89.3	92.9
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	48.7%	62.8%	63.2%	13,205	3,055,789	163,555,585
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	74.5%	82.6%	82.1%	6,847	1,909,998	104,634,905
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	3	18,850	1,073,907
Veterans, Age 18-64	7.7%	5.3%	4.6%	1,287	195,582	9,143,042
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	74.1%	74.1%	76.6%	954	144,845	7,003,778
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$49,656	\$55,461	\$62,843
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$29,026	\$30,810	\$34,103
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	29.6	23.9	26.9
Commute via Public Transportation	0.0%	1.3%	5.0%	4	38,268	7,641,160
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	12.6%	8.8%	10.9%	1,876	277,718	18,550,150
High School Graduate	33.4%	28.6%	25.7%	4,964	897,440	43,627,868
Some College, No Degree	29.3%	22.6%	20.7%	4,345	709,824	35,174,790

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Stone County, Missouri	Missouri	USA	Stone County, Missouri	Missouri	USA
Associate's Degree	8.6%	8.9%	9.1%	1,276	278,447	15,526,064
Bachelor's Degree	10.8%	19.7%	21.2%	1,599	618,480	35,997,848
Postgraduate Degree	5.3%	11.5%	12.3%	784	361,415	20,961,560
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	21,116	2,790,397	137,428,986
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ²	—	—	—	\$172,600	\$157,200	\$217,500
Homeowner Vacancy	2.2%	1.7%	1.6%	236	27,891	1,257,737
Rental Vacancy	6.3%	6.3%	6.0%	161	54,781	2,793,023
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	18.3%	33.2%	36.0%	2,334	802,535	43,481,667
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	4.0%	6.9%	8.6%	515	165,906	10,395,713
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	12.9%	13.7%	13.4%	4,025	810,045	42,510,843
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	8.9%	11.1%	11.7%	1,142	268,633	14,171,567
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	388	78,114	4,422,344
Disconnected Youth ³	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	36	8,774	423,273
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	21.6%	33.9%	34.1%	1,051	440,546	23,790,005
Uninsured	9.2%	9.3%	8.8%	2,861	559,885	28,248,613
With a Disability, Age 18-64	14.8%	12.5%	10.3%	2,461	453,975	20,187,604
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	30.6%	41.1%	42.2%	754	186,435	8,509,463
Foreign Born	1.9%	4.2%	13.6%	613	255,719	44,011,870
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	0.5%	2.2%	8.4%	155	126,914	25,615,365

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2015-2019, unless noted otherwise

2. Median values for certain aggregate regions (such as MSAs) may be estimated as the weighted averages of the median values from the composing counties.

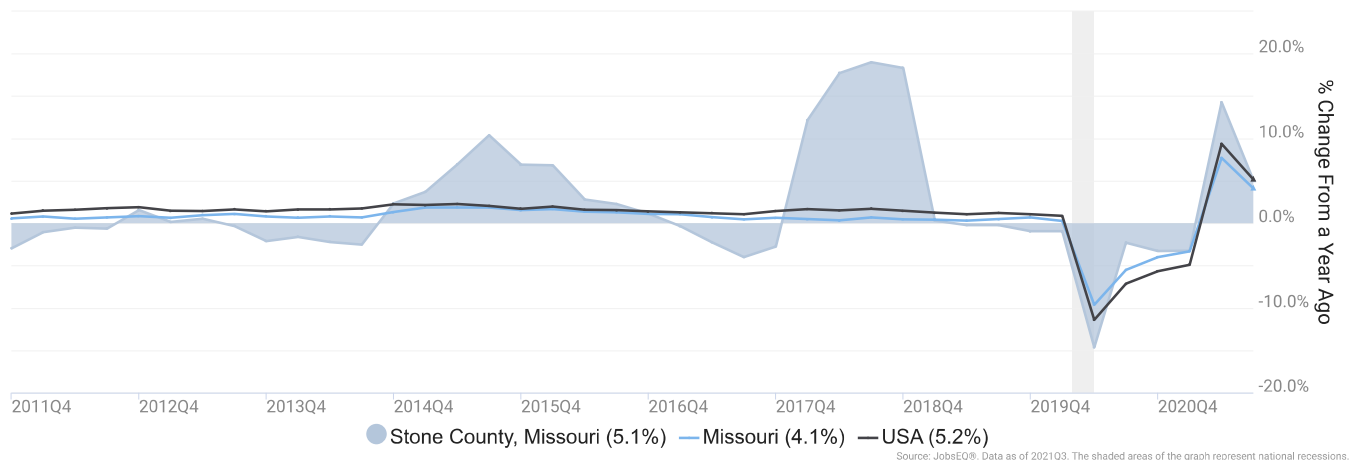
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2020, annual average growth rate since 2010.

Employment Trends

As of 2021Q3, total employment for Stone County, Missouri was 7,978 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2021Q3, employment increased 5.1% in the region.

Employment for Stone County, Missouri

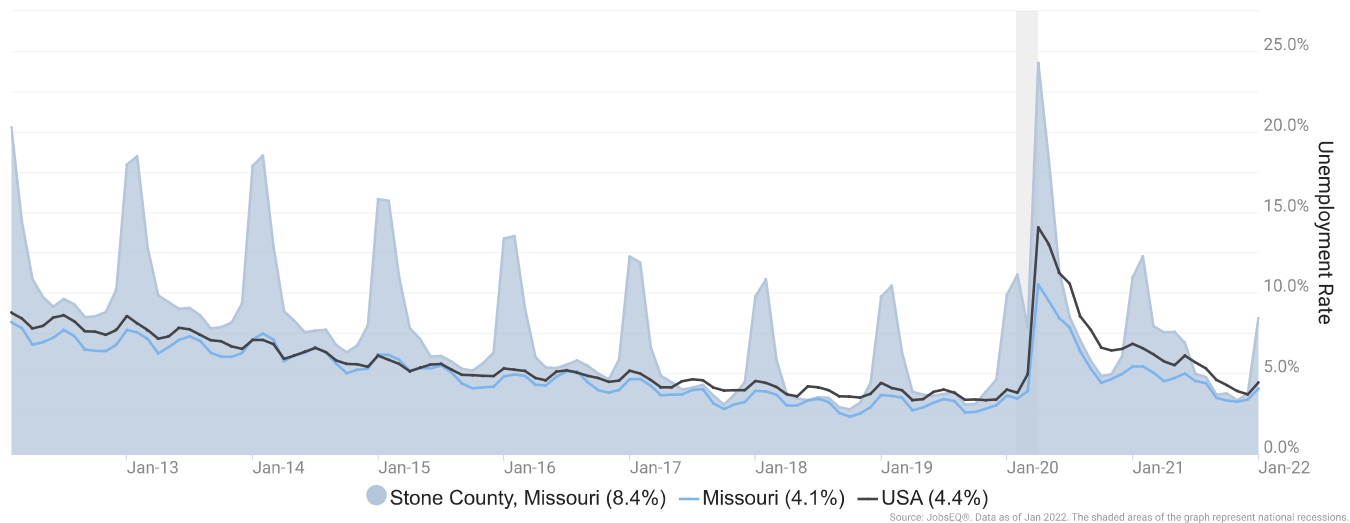


Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2021Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q3.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for Stone County, Missouri was 8.4% as of January 2022. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 4.4%. One year earlier, in January 2021, the unemployment rate in Stone County, Missouri was 10.9%.

Unemployment Rate for Stone County, Missouri

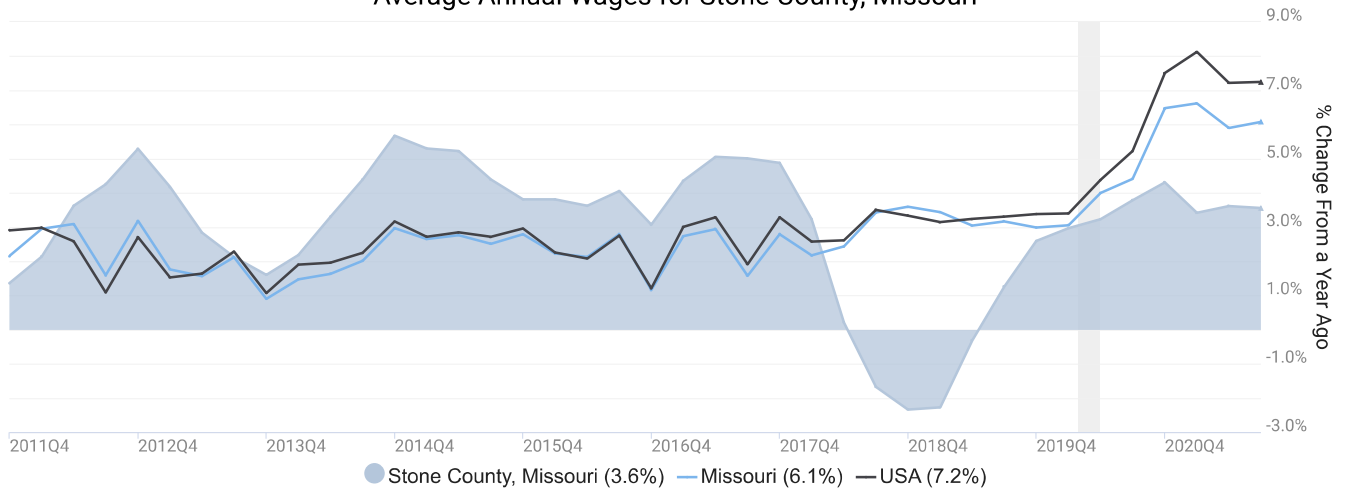


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through January 2022.

Wage Trends

The average worker in Stone County, Missouri earned annual wages of \$32,884 as of 2021Q3. Average annual wages per worker increased 3.6% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$64,555 in the nation as of 2021Q3.

Average Annual Wages for Stone County, Missouri



Annual average wages per worker data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2021Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q3.

Cost of Living Index

The Cost of Living Index estimates the relative price levels for consumer goods and services. When applied to wages and salaries, the result is a measure of relative purchasing power. The cost of living is 5.7% lower in Stone County, Missouri than the U.S. average.

Cost of Living Information

	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Stone County, Missouri	\$32,884	94.3	\$34,868
Missouri	\$54,021	89.0	\$60,725
USA	\$64,555	100.0	\$64,555

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

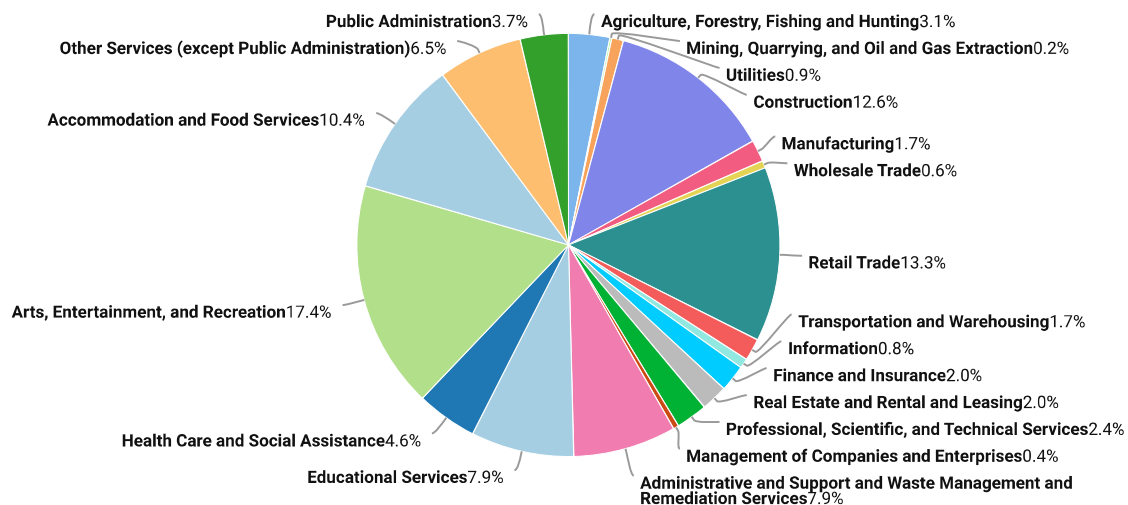
Data as of 2021Q3

Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2021Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in Stone County, Missouri is Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, employing 1,387 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (1,064 workers) and Construction (1,009). High location quotients (LQs) indicate sectors in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The sectors with the largest LQs in the region are Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (LQ = 10.37), Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (2.28), and Construction (2.14).

Total Workers for Stone County, Missouri by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2021Q3

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2021Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q3.

Sectors in Stone County, Missouri with the highest average wages per worker are Utilities (\$65,548), Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$65,113), and Transportation and Warehousing (\$55,219). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 10 years are Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+1,206 jobs), Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (+367), and Retail Trade (+140).

Over the next 10 years, employment in Stone County, Missouri is projected to expand by 723 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation with a +4.1% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+681 jobs), Accommodation and Food Services (+148), and Health Care and Social Assistance (+35).

Stone County, Missouri, 2021Q3¹

NAICS	Industry	Empl	Current	LQ	10-Year History		Total Demand	10-Year Forecast			Ann % Growth
			Avg Ann Wages		Empl Change	Ann %		Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,387	\$27,701	10.37	1,206	22.6%	3,063	1,065	1,317	681	4.1%
44	Retail Trade	1,064	\$31,167	1.28	140	1.4%	1,235	594	751	-111	-1.1%
23	Construction	1,009	\$40,387	2.14	127	1.4%	964	351	629	-16	-0.2%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	827	\$26,481	1.33	71	0.9%	1,597	641	807	148	1.7%
61	Educational Services	629	\$40,335	0.98	-97	-1.4%	625	286	309	31	0.5%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	628	\$29,969	1.23	367	9.2%	710	304	415	-8	-0.1%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	515	\$26,161	1.49	-37	-0.7%	615	272	325	19	0.4%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	370	\$35,929	0.32	-182	-3.9%	398	179	185	35	0.9%
92	Public Administration	293	\$29,338	0.76	-43	-1.4%	267	113	154	-1	0.0%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	251	\$12,876	2.28	-33	-1.2%	240	111	150	-20	-0.8%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	191	\$41,938	0.33	29	1.6%	164	60	102	1	0.0%
52	Finance and Insurance	162	\$46,721	0.49	-23	-1.3%	133	55	90	-12	-0.7%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	162	\$32,120	1.17	-112	-5.1%	157	73	88	-4	-0.3%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	134	\$55,219	0.34	7	0.5%	136	60	81	-4	-0.3%
31	Manufacturing	133	\$34,706	0.20	-62	-3.7%	131	50	86	-5	-0.4%
22	Utilities	70	\$65,548	1.68	13	2.1%	58	22	39	-4	-0.5%
51	Information	60	\$52,173	0.38	-4	-0.6%	55	21	37	-2	-0.3%
42	Wholesale Trade	44	\$48,911	0.15	-25	-4.3%	41	17	28	-4	-0.9%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	34	\$37,637	0.29	10	3.5%	29	11	19	-1	-0.3%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	13	\$65,113	0.48	10	16.9%	13	4	9	0	-0.1%
Total - All Industries		7,978	\$32,884	1.00	1,363	1.9%	9,778	3,868	5,187	723	0.9%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2021Q3

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

1. All data based upon a four-quarter moving average

Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2021Q2 with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q3. Forecast employment growth uses national projections adapted for regional growth patterns.

Occupation Snapshot

The largest major occupation group in Stone County, Missouri is Sales and Related Occupations, employing 959 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (877 workers) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (870). High location quotients (LQs) indicate occupation groups in which a region has high concentrations of employment compared to the national average. The major groups with the largest LQs in the region are Personal Care and Service Occupations (LQ = 2.72), Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations (2.52), and Construction and Extraction Occupations (1.94).

Occupation groups in Stone County, Missouri with the highest average wages per worker are Legal Occupations (\$91,800), Architecture and Engineering Occupations (\$82,300), and Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$80,400). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.3% among Community and Social Service Occupations to 14.2% among Personal Care and Service Occupations.

Over the next 10 years, the fastest growing occupation group in Stone County, Missouri is expected to be Personal Care and Service Occupations with a +3.3% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (+256 jobs) and Personal Care and Service Occupations (+204). Over the same period, the highest separation demand (occupation demand due to retirements and workers moving from one occupation to another) is expected in Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (1,702 jobs) and Sales and Related Occupations (1,372).

Stone County, Missouri, 2021Q3¹

SOC	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	Current				10-Year History		Total Demand	10-Year Forecast			
				LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %		Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
41-0000	Sales and Related	959	\$36,500	1.25	108	7.4%	85	155	1.8%	1,348	556	816	-25	-0.3%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	877	\$25,200	1.44	238	12.6%	40	317	4.6%	1,958	689	1,013	256	2.6%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	870	\$33,500	0.86	80	5.2%	36	62	0.7%	995	423	599	-28	-0.3%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	720	\$45,800	1.94	63	6.2%	7	78	1.2%	783	230	552	1	0.0%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	660	\$27,700	2.52	66	6.9%	27	277	5.6%	965	387	512	66	1.0%
11-0000	Management	585	\$73,400	1.17	15	2.3%	5	-58	-0.9%	527	208	307	12	0.2%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	536	\$25,800	2.72	87	14.2%	11	294	8.3%	1,404	543	657	204	3.3%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	477	\$41,200	1.09	25	4.6%	4	-63	-1.2%	471	195	237	39	0.8%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	414	\$34,100	0.60	65	6.4%	59	83	2.3%	551	202	330	19	0.5%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	362	\$41,600	1.19	31	4.7%	28	60	1.8%	404	122	249	33	0.9%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	300	\$62,000	0.62	8	2.7%	8	96	3.9%	311	85	210	16	0.5%
33-0000	Protective Service	233	\$35,000	1.37	23	8.3%	5	85	4.6%	430	181	196	54	2.1%
51-0000	Production	174	\$36,900	0.38	35	5.6%	6	-30	-1.6%	202	75	128	-1	0.0%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	173	\$40,500	1.22	15	9.6%	6	31	2.0%	243	77	132	34	1.8%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	164	\$73,900	0.35	8	1.9%	81	-37	-2.0%	108	43	56	8	0.5%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	136	\$28,200	0.38	19	4.0%	42	-41	-2.6%	204	86	95	22	1.5%

Stone County, Missouri, 2021Q3¹

SOC	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	Current			10-Year History			10-Year Forecast				
				LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	122	\$80,400	0.45	2	1.9%	2	57	6.4%	96	20	71	4	0.4%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	96	\$45,800	0.67	2	1.3%	19	-32	-2.8%	112	37	69	6	0.6%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	37	\$82,300	0.27	1	2.9%	1	7	2.0%	29	9	20	0	0.0%
23-0000	Legal	32	\$91,800	0.47	0	n/a	0	3	0.8%	20	8	12	0	0.1%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	27	\$34,200	0.50	4	5.6%	n/a	13	7.0%	43	10	33	0	-0.1%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	25	\$69,500	0.35	1	2.5%	0	7	3.5%	24	5	17	2	0.6%
Total - All Occupations		7,978	\$40,400	1.00	895	6.9%	470	1,363	1.9%	11,227	4,191	6,312	723	0.9%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

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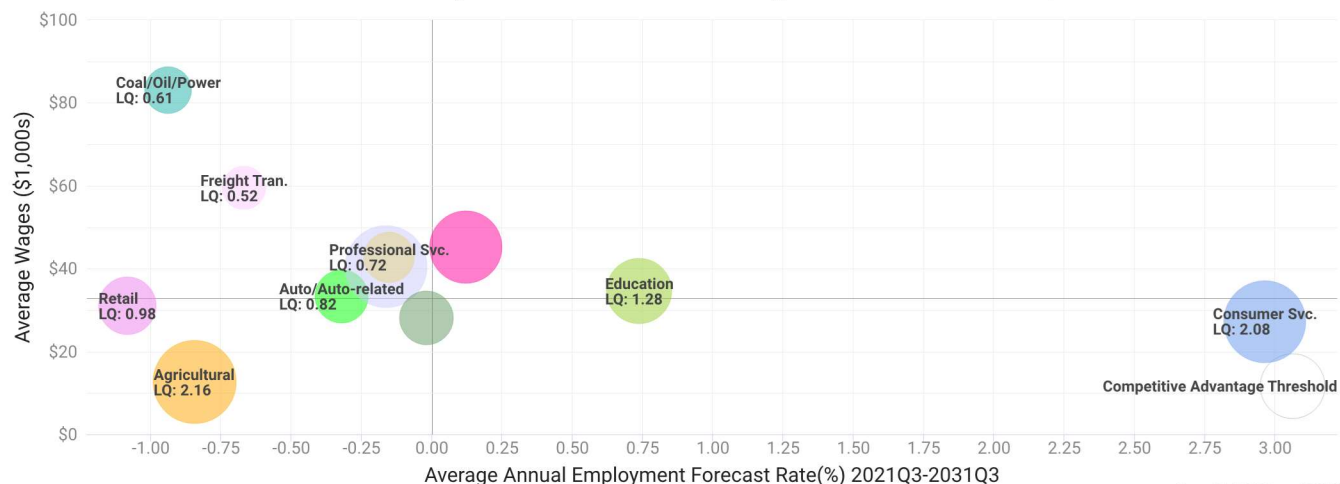
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region; data represents a sampling rather than the complete universe of postings. Ads lacking zip code information but designating a place (city, town, etc.) may be assigned to the zip code with greatest employment in that place for queries in this analytic. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list).

Occupation employment data are estimated via industry employment data and the estimated industry/occupation mix. Industry employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and currently updated through 2021Q2, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2021Q3. Wages by occupation are as of 2020 provided by the BLS and imputed where necessary. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

Industry Clusters

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in Stone County, Missouri with the highest relative concentration is Agricultural with a location quotient of 2.16. This cluster employs 249 workers in the region with an average wage of \$12,632. Employment in the Agricultural cluster is projected to contract in the region about 0.8% per year over the next ten years.

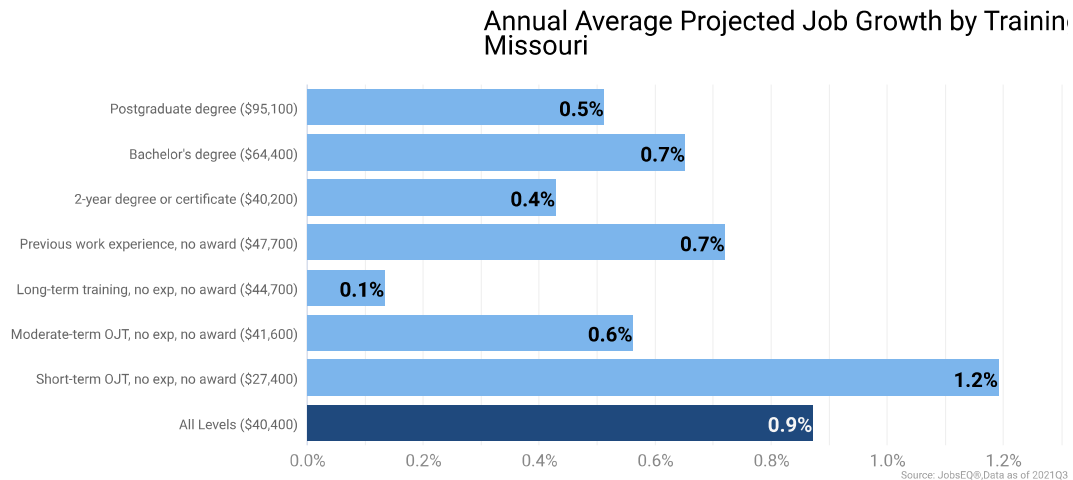
Industry Clusters for Stone County, Missouri as of 2021Q3



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Education Levels

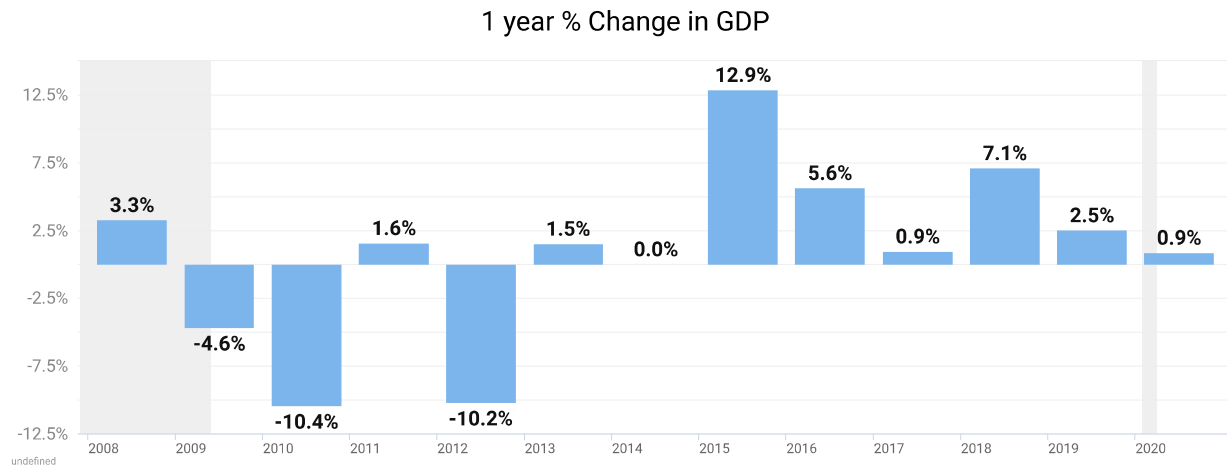
Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in Stone County, Missouri is projected to grow 0.9% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 0.5% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 0.7% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 0.4% per year.



Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2021Q3. Education levels of occupations are based on BLS assignments. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

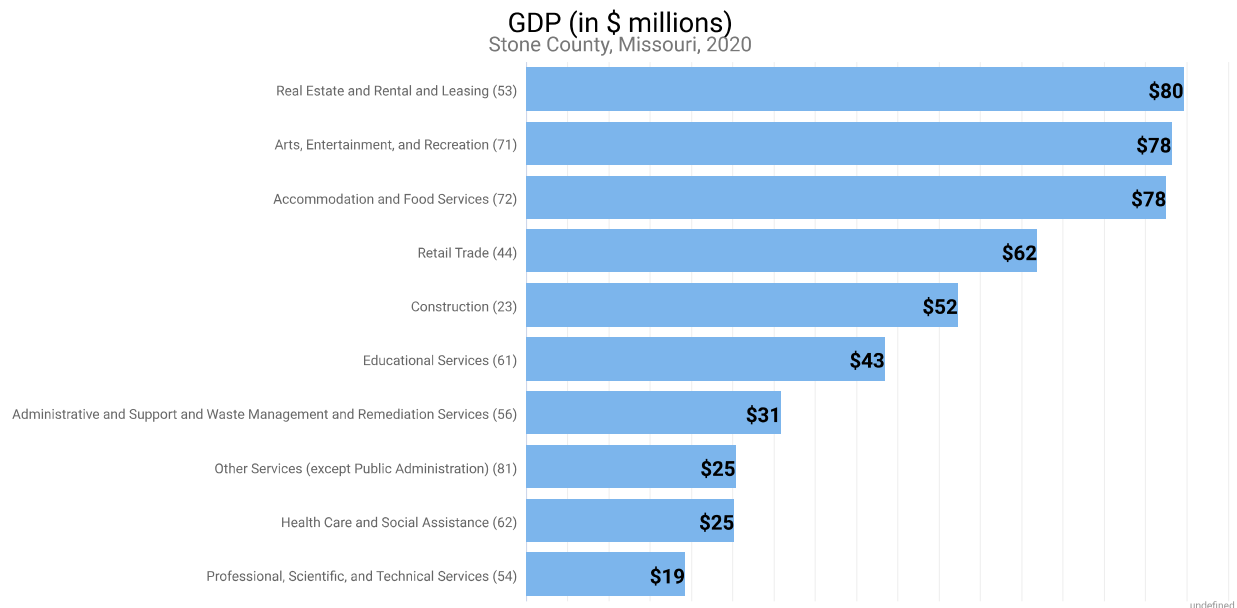
Gross Domestic Product

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2020, nominal GDP in Stone County, Missouri expanded 0.9%. This follows growth of 2.5% in 2019. As of 2020, total GDP in Stone County, Missouri was \$612,776,000.



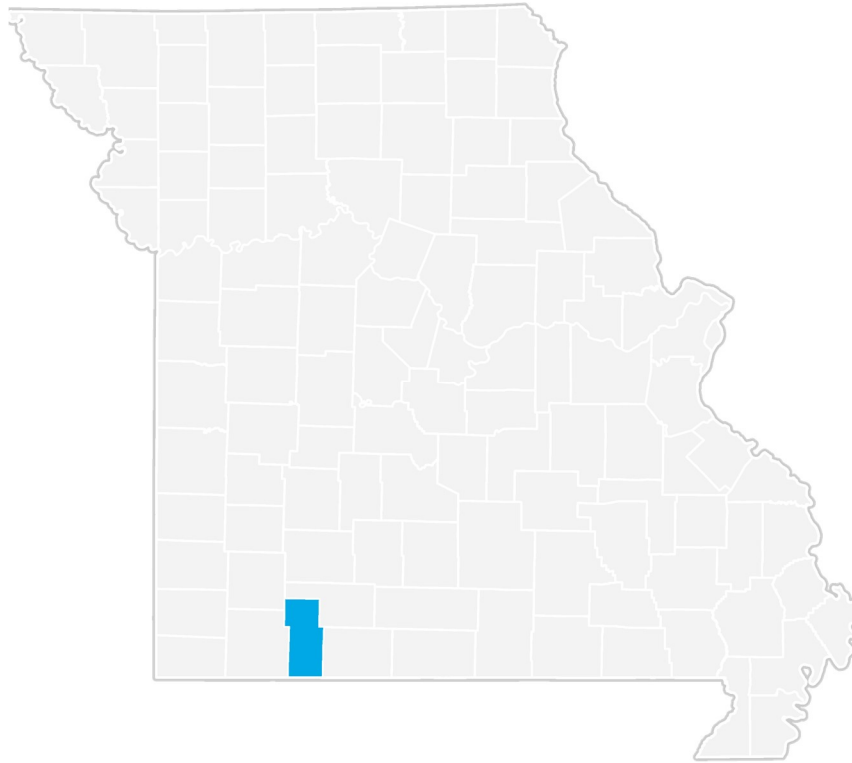
Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2020.

Of the sectors in Stone County, Missouri, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2020, \$79,647,000. The next-largest contributions came from Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (\$78,188,000); Accommodation and Food Services (\$77,582,000); and Retail Trade (\$61,862,000).



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2020.

Stone County, Missouri Regional Map



FAQ

What is a location quotient?

A location quotient (LQ) is a measurement of concentration in comparison to the nation. An LQ of 1.00 indicates a region has the same concentration of an industry (or occupation) as the nation. An LQ of 2.00 would mean the region has twice the expected employment compared to the nation and an LQ of 0.50 would mean the region has half the expected employment in comparison to the nation.

What is separation demand?

Separation demand is the number of jobs required due to separations—labor force exits (including retirements) and turnover resulting from workers moving from one occupation into another. Note that separation demand does not include all turnover—it does not include when workers stay in the same occupation but switch employers. The total projected demand for an occupation is the sum of the separation demand and the growth demand (which is the increase or decrease of jobs in an occupation expected due to expansion or contraction of the overall number of jobs in that occupation).

What is a cluster?

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. If a regional cluster has a location quotient of 1.25 or greater, the region is considered to possess a competitive advantage in that cluster.

What is the difference between industry wages and occupation wages?

Industry wages and occupation wages are estimated via separate data sets, often the time periods being reported do not align, and wages are defined slightly differently in the two systems (for example, certain bonuses are included in the industry wages but not the occupation wages). It is therefore common that estimates of the average industry wages and average occupation wages in a region do not match exactly.

What is NAICS?

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is used to classify business establishments according to the type of economic activity. The NAICS Code comprises six levels, from the “all industry” level to the 6-digit level. The first two digits define the top level category, known as the “sector,” which is the level examined in this report.

What is SOC?

The Standard Occupational Classification system (SOC) is used to classify workers into occupational categories. All workers are classified into one of over 804 occupations according to their occupational definition. To facilitate classification, occupations are combined to form 22 major groups, 95 minor groups, and 452 occupation groups. Each occupation group includes detailed occupations requiring similar job duties, skills, education, or experience.

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