

# **Economic Overview**

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# **Taney County, Missouri**



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## **Demographic Profile**

The population in Taney County, Missouri was 55,563 per American Community Survey data for 2016-2020.

The region has a civilian labor force of 27,141 with a participation rate of 60.0%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Taney County, Missouri, 22.5% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 34.3% in the nation.

The median household income in Taney County, Missouri is \$47,860 and the median house value is \$149,900.

### Summary<sup>1</sup>

		Percent		Value				
	Taney County, Missouri	Missouri	USA	Taney County, Missouri	Missouri	USA		
Demographics								
Population (ACS)	_	_	_	55,563	6,124,160	326,569,308		
Male	47.6%	49.1%	49.2%	26,447	3,004,001	160,818,530		
Female	52.4%	50.9%	50.8%	29,116	3,120,159	165,750,778		
Median Age <sup>2</sup>	-	_	_	43.2	38.7	38.2		
Under 18 Years	21.1%	22.5%	22.4%	11,717	1,379,423	73,296,738		
18 to 24 Years	9.2%	9.3%	9.3%	5,133	567,945	30,435,736		
25 to 34 Years	11.4%	13.4%	13.9%	6,333	819,044	45,485,165		
35 to 44 Years	10.6%	12.2%	12.7%	5,872	745,789	41,346,677		
45 to 54 Years	12.5%	12.3%	12.7%	6,932	752,645	41,540,736		
55 to 64 Years	13.5%	13.5%	12.9%	7,503	825,930	42,101,439		
65 to 74 Years	12.7%	9.7%	9.4%	7,051	595,770	30,547,950		
75 Years and Over	9.0%	7.1%	6.7%	5,022	437,614	21,814,867		
Race: White	91.6%	81.3%	70.4%	50,874	4,978,046	229,960,813		
Race: Black or African American	1.9%	11.4%	12.6%	1,049	698,043	41,227,384		
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	1.0%	0.4%	0.8%	553	24,274	2,688,614		
Race: Asian	0.7%	2.0%	5.6%	395	123,810	18,421,637		
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	11	8,887	611,404		
Race: Some Other Race	2.3%	1.3%	5.1%	1,261	76,782	16,783,914		
Race: Two or More Races	2.6%	3.5%	5.2%	1,420	214,318	16,875,542		
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	6.1%	4.3%	18.2%	3,404	262,677	59,361,020		
Population Growth								
Population (Pop Estimates) <sup>4</sup>	_	_	_	56,104	6,151,548	329,484,123		
Population Annual Average Growth <sup>4</sup>	0.8%	0.3%	0.6%	420	15,546	2,015,698		
People per Square Mile	_	_		88.4	89.3	92.9		
Economic								
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	60.0%	62.9%	63.2%	27,141	3,071,591	164,759,496		
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	84.5%	83.0%	82.4%	16,154	1,914,826	105,137,520		
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	9	18,662	1,143,342		
Veterans, Age 18-64	5.8%	5.1%	4.5%	1,843	189,180	8,920,267		
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	79.3%	75.1%	76.8%	1,462	142,120	6,853,673		
Median Household Income <sup>2</sup>	_	_	_	\$47,860	\$57,290	\$64,994		
Per Capita Income	_	_	_	\$24,659	\$31,839	\$35,384		
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	_	_	_	21.9	23.9	26.9		
Commute via Public Transportation	0.2%	1.2%	4.6%	55	33,546	7,044,886		
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64								
No High School Diploma	10.0%	8.3%	10.5%	2,663	261,819	17,929,220		
High School Graduate	32.4%	28.6%	25.4%	8,643	899,073	43,289,555		
Some College, No Degree	25.8%	22.2%	20.5%	6,877	697,708	34,959,338		



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		Percent			Value	
	Taney County,			Taney County,		
	Missouri	Missouri	USA	Missouri	Missouri	USA
Associate's Degree	9.2%	9.0%	9.3%	2,454	281,386	15,776,790
Bachelor's Degree	16.4%	20.2%	21.6%	4,364	633,729	36,888,244
Postgraduate Degree	6.2%	11.8%	12.7%	1,639	369,693	21,630,870
Housing						
Total Housing Units	_	_	_	30,999	2,804,664	138,432,751
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) <sup>2</sup>	_	_	_	\$149,900	\$163,600	\$229,800
Homeowner Vacancy	2.4%	1.4%	1.4%	362	24,246	1,129,755
Rental Vacancy	6.1%	5.9%	5.8%	509	51,276	2,704,553
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	34.5%	32.9%	35.6%	7,721	802,838	43,552,843
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	4.1%	6.6%	8.5%	908	161,814	10,344,521
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	15.7%	13.0%	12.8%	8,453	772,992	40,910,326
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	13.6%	10.5%	11.4%	3,046	255,682	13,892,407
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.0%	1.2%	1.3%	577	75,694	4,358,865
Disconnected Youth <sup>3</sup>	3.5%	2.8%	2.5%	103	8,960	433,164
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	33.6%	33.5%	34.0%	3,565	433,210	23,628,508
Uninsured	15.8%	9.4%	8.7%	8,729	565,099	28,058,903
With a Disability, Age 18-64	14.5%	12.2%	10.3%	4,571	445,939	20,231,217
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	51.5%	41.8%	43.2%	2,355	186,464	8,740,236
Foreign Born	2.9%	4.2%	13.5%	1,624	256,336	44,125,628
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	1.5%	2.2%	8.2%	798	125,479	25,312,024

Source: JobsEQ<sup>®</sup>



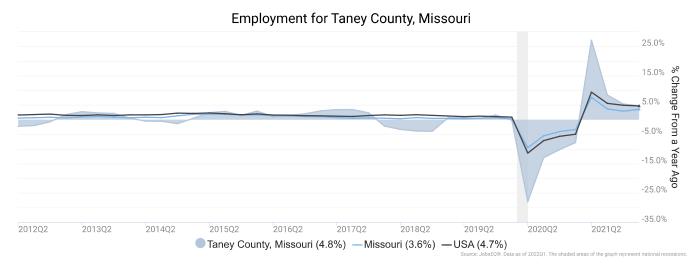
<sup>1.</sup> American Community Survey 2016-2020, unless noted otherwise

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

<sup>3.</sup> 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**

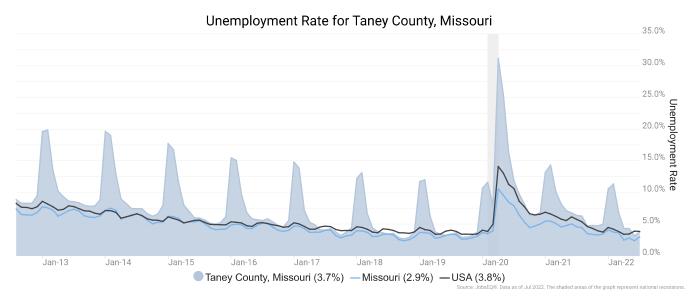
As of 2022Q1, total employment for Taney County, Missouri was 29,795 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2022Q1, employment increased 4.8% in the region.



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 2021Q4 with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q1.

### **Unemployment Rate**

The unemployment rate for Taney County, Missouri was 3.7% as of July 2022. The regional unemployment rate was lower than the national rate of 3.8%. One year earlier, in July 2021, the unemployment rate in Taney County, Missouri was 6.3%.

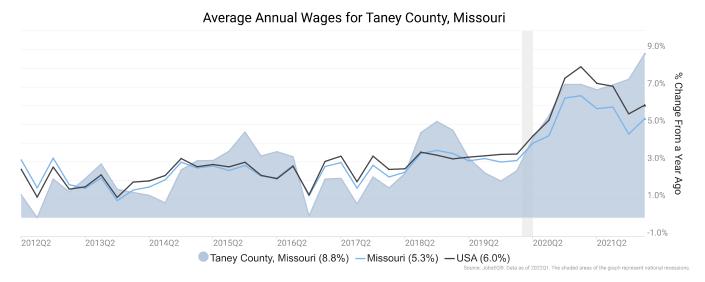


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through July 2022.



### Wage Trends

The average worker in Taney County, Missouri earned annual wages of \$37,502 as of 2022Q1. Average annual wages per worker increased 8.8% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$66,637 in the nation as of 2022Q1.



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# **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 12.3% lower in Taney County, Missouri than the U.S. average.

#### **Cost of Living Information**

		Cost of Living Inde	x
	Annual Average Salary	(Base US)	<b>US Purchasing Power</b>
Taney County, Missouri	\$37,502	87.7	\$42,778
Missouri	\$55,525	88.2	\$62,950
USA	\$66,637	100.0	\$66,637

Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2022Q1

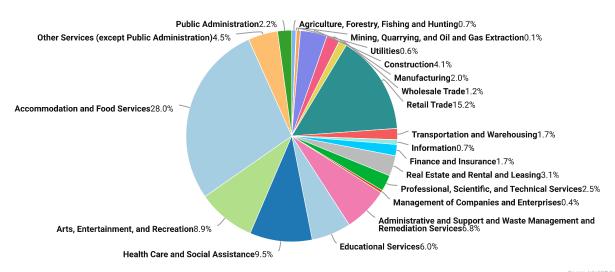
Cost of Living per COLI, data as of 2022Q1, imputed by Chmura where necessary.



### **Industry Snapshot**

The largest sector in Taney County, Missouri is Accommodation and Food Services, employing 8,349 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (4,539 workers) and Health Care and Social Assistance (2,841). 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 = 4.93), Accommodation and Food Services (3.40), and Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (1.79).

Total Workers for Taney County, Missouri by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®,Data as of 2022Q1

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Sectors in Taney County, Missouri with the highest average wages per worker are Management of Companies and Enterprises (\$83,880), Utilities (\$82,843), and Finance and Insurance (\$59,468). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 10 years are Accommodation and Food Services (+692 jobs), Health Care and Social Assistance (+292), and Educational Services (+229).

Over the next 10 years, employment in Taney County, Missouri is projected to expand by 1,231 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation with a +3.6% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Accommodation and Food Services (+1,166 jobs), Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+1,105), and Transportation and Warehousing (+88).



### Taney County, Missouri, 2022Q11

			Current		10-Year	History					
NAICS	Industry	Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
72	Accommodation and Food Services	8,349	\$31,153	3.40	692	0.9%	16,099	6,319	8,614	1,166	1.3%
44	Retail Trade	4,539	\$29,585	1.47	-464	-1.0%	4,874	2,252	3,334	-713	-1.7%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	2,841	\$57,073	0.66	292	1.1%	2,825	1,238	1,504	83	0.3%
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,646	\$26,338	4.93	-885	-2.8%	5,426	1,784	2,537	1,105	3.6%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	2,039	\$49,588	1.06	221	1.2%	2,173	877	1,412	-116	-0.6%
61	Educational Services	1,801	\$43,253	0.76	229	1.4%	1,766	765	949	51	0.3%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	1,345	\$26,731	1.04	-404	-2.6%	1,476	609	879	-12	-0.1%
23	Construction	1,216	\$39,725	0.69	99	0.8%	1,038	357	768	-87	-0.7%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	931	\$38,684	1.79	8	0.1%	829	369	520	-60	-0.7%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	741	\$46,368	0.35	146	2.2%	554	212	403	-62	-0.9%
92	Public Administration	641	\$40,561	0.46	71	1.2%	538	223	358	-42	-0.7%
31	Manufacturing	597	\$50,916	0.25	-35	-0.6%	512	199	380	-67	-1.2%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	512	\$40,932	0.34	-73	-1.3%	696	235	373	88	1.6%
52	Finance and Insurance	510	\$59,468	0.42	-3	-0.1%	371	148	282	-60	-1.2%
42	Wholesale Trade	359	\$48,073	0.32	13	0.4%	319	124	234	-38	-1.1%
51	Information	217	\$44,364	0.36	-180	-5.9%	291	77	155	60	2.5%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	200	\$11,551	0.50	-18	-0.9%	197	90	136	-28	-1.5%
22	Utilities	178	\$82,843	1.16	0	0.0%	125	49	102	-26	-1.6%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	114	\$83,880	0.26	-130	-7.3%	87	33	64	-10	-1.0%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	18	\$36,482	0.17	-20	-7.2%	16	5	12	-1	-0.7%
	Total - All Industries	29,795	\$37,502	1.00	-440	-0.1%	34,288	12,998	20,059	1,231	0.4%

Source: JobsEQ® Data as of 2022Q1

Note: Figures may not sum due to rounding.

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All data based upon a four-quarter moving average
 Exits and transfers are approximate estimates based upon occupation separation rates.

### **Occupation Snapshot**

The largest major occupation group in Taney County, Missouri is Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations, employing 4,984 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Sales and Related Occupations (3,898 workers) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (3,830). 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 Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations (LQ = 2.46), Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (2.16), and Personal Care and Service Occupations (1.59).

Occupation groups in Taney County, Missouri with the highest average wages per worker are Computer and Mathematical Occupations (\$77,700), Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (\$76,700), and Management Occupations (\$76,400). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.7% among Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations to 12.6% among Personal Care and Service Occupations.

Over the next 10 years, the fastest growing occupation group in Taney County, Missouri is expected to be Personal Care and Service Occupations with a +2.5% 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 (+770 jobs) and Personal Care and Service Occupations (+321). 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 (9,098 jobs) and Sales and Related Occupations (5,044).

#### Taney County, Missouri, 2022Q11

				C	urrent			10-Year	History		10-Year Forecast			
soc	Occupation	Empl	Mean Ann Wages²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads <sup>3</sup>	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	4,984	\$26,900	2.16	453	10.4%	387	-342	-0.7%	9,868	3,749	5,349	770	1.4%
41-0000	Sales and Related	3,898	\$35,300	1.39	242	7.2%	498	-925	-2.1%	4,620	2,064	2,980	-424	-1.1%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	3,830	\$34,300	1.04	188	5.7%	214	-408	-1.0%	4,324	1,881	2,628	-185	-0.5%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	2,428	\$28,000	2.46	161	8.0%	161	290	1.3%	3,341	1,476	1,741	124	0.5%
11-0000	Management	1,866	\$76,400	0.92	48	3.0%	79	334	2.0%	1,690	498	1,073	119	0.6%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	1,643	\$36,000	0.63	132	8.5%	208	187	1.2%	2,131	790	1,328	13	0.1%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	1,413	\$42,400	1.23	44	3.9%	76	143	1.1%	1,449	478	886	84	0.6%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	1,346	\$46,300	0.84	36	3.4%	40	184	1.5%	1,335	578	644	113	0.8%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	1,246	\$76,700	0.71	17	1.7%	370	162	1.4%	679	312	372	-5	0.0%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	1,151	\$61,500	0.60	33	3.4%	56	327	3.4%	1,109	317	712	80	0.7%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	1,134	\$28,200	1.59	137	12.6%	55	-419	-3.1%	2,425	968	1,136	321	2.5%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	900	\$48,400	0.67	71	8.6%	27	19	0.2%	812	261	588	-37	-0.4%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	823	\$45,700	1.58	59	8.2%	29	-253	-2.6%	1,102	352	570	179	2.0%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	791	\$28,700	0.60	39	5.4%	158	134	1.9%	1,108	503	529	76	0.9%
51-0000	Production	709	\$38,100	0.42	56	7.8%	29	-10	-0.1%	723	294	482	-53	-0.8%
33-0000	Protective Service	469	\$39,300	0.73	23	5.4%	44	-104	-2.0%	653	269	342	42	0.9%



#### Taney County, Missouri, 2022Q11

			Current					10-Year History				10-Year Forecast			
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21-0000	Community and Social Service	424	\$46,300	0.80	7	2.2%	40	103	2.8%	449	155	273	21	0.5%	
15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	357	\$77,700	0.35	6	2.1%	15	130	4.6%	251	74	176	1	0.0%	
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	156	\$73,900	0.32	3	3.0%	7	9	0.6%	103	38	75	-10	-0.7%	
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	94	\$59,300	0.36	3	4.4%	2	11	1.3%	86	21	64	1	0.1%	
23-0000	Legal	82	\$69,100	0.32	1	2.1%	n/a	-15	-1.7%	52	22	30	-1	-0.1%	
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	53	\$36,200	0.27	7	10.2%	n/a	4	0.7%	85	23	60	2	0.4%	
	Total - All Occupations	29,795	\$40,800	1.00	1,769	6.9%	2,494	-440	-0.1%	38,393	15,122	22,040	1,231	0.4%	

Source: JobsEQ®

Data as of 2022Q1 unless noted otherwise

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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 2021Q4, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2022Q1. Wages by occupation are as of 2021 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.



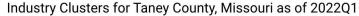
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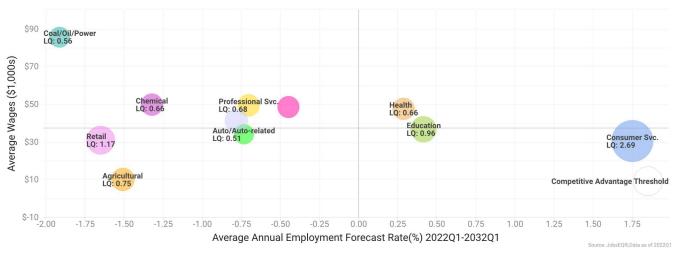
<sup>2.</sup> Wage data are as of 2021 and represent the average for all Covered Employment

<sup>3.</sup> 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).

### **Industry Clusters**

A cluster is a geographic concentration of interrelated industries or occupations. The industry cluster in Taney County, Missouri with the highest relative concentration is Consumer Svc. with a location quotient of 2.69. This cluster employs 11,948 workers in the region with an average wage of \$30,459. Employment in the Consumer Svc. cluster is projected to expand in the region about 1.8% per year over the next ten years.





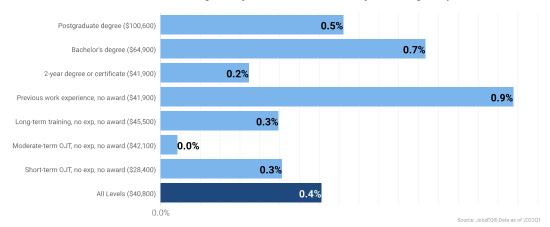
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### **Education Levels**

Expected growth rates for occupations vary by the education and training required. While all employment in Taney County, Missouri is projected to grow 0.4% 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 0.2% per year.

### Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Training Required



Employment by occupation data are estimates are as of 2022Q1. 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**

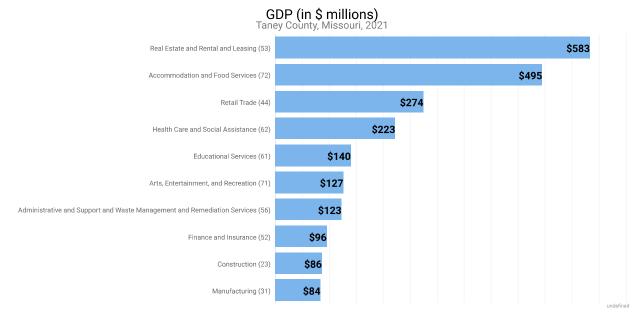
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the total value of goods and services produced by a region. In 2021, nominal GDP in Taney County, Missouri expanded 16.9%. This follows a contraction of 11.4% in 2020. As of 2021, total GDP in Taney County, Missouri was \$2,616,516,000.



1 year % Change in GDP

Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2021.

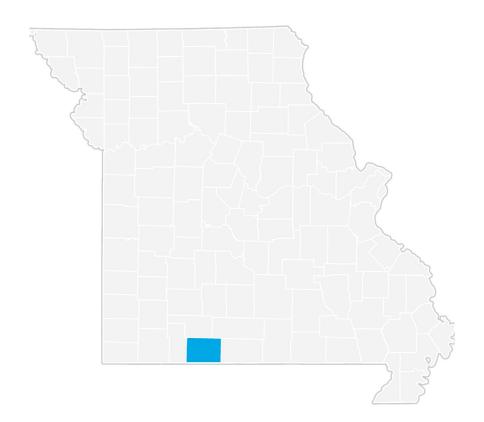
Of the sectors in Taney County, Missouri, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2021, \$583,198,000 The next-largest contributions came from Accommodation and Food Services (\$494,620,000); Retail Trade (\$274,332,000); and Health Care and Social Assistance (\$222,688,000).



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# Taney 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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