



Economic Overview

Stone County, Missouri



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Demographic Profile

The population in Stone County, Missouri was 31,018 per American Community Survey data for 2017-2021.

The region has a civilian labor force of 12,939 with a participation rate of 48.6%. Of individuals 25 to 64 in Stone County, Missouri, 19.5% have a bachelor's degree or higher which compares with 35.1% in the nation.

The median household income in Stone County, Missouri is \$54,320 and the median house value is \$193,800.

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Stone County, Missouri	Missouri	USA	Stone County, Missouri	Missouri	USA
Demographics						
Population (ACS)	—	—	—	31,018	6,141,534	329,725,481
Male	49.3%	49.3%	49.5%	15,287	3,027,741	163,206,615
Female	50.7%	50.7%	50.5%	15,731	3,113,793	166,518,866
Median Age ²	—	—	—	54.2	38.8	38.4
Under 18 Years	16.6%	22.7%	22.5%	5,163	1,392,375	74,234,075
18 to 24 Years	5.8%	9.1%	9.2%	1,792	561,340	30,339,089
25 to 34 Years	7.9%	13.3%	13.8%	2,443	814,351	45,360,942
35 to 44 Years	9.6%	12.4%	12.9%	2,971	763,084	42,441,883
45 to 54 Years	11.4%	12.1%	12.6%	3,539	744,131	41,631,458
55 to 64 Years	18.0%	13.6%	13.0%	5,577	832,417	42,829,413
65 to 74 Years	19.0%	10.0%	9.6%	5,878	611,609	31,590,619
75 Years and Over	11.8%	6.9%	6.5%	3,655	422,227	21,298,002
Race: White	95.8%	80.3%	68.2%	29,703	4,930,466	224,789,109
Race: Black or African American	0.1%	11.3%	12.6%	45	695,678	41,393,012
Race: American Indian and Alaska Native	0.2%	0.3%	0.8%	65	19,904	2,722,661
Race: Asian	0.4%	2.0%	5.7%	133	123,406	18,782,924
Race: Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0	8,468	615,557
Race: Some Other Race	0.9%	1.4%	5.6%	289	84,084	18,382,796
Race: Two or More Races	2.5%	4.6%	7.0%	783	279,528	23,039,422
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	2.3%	4.4%	18.4%	726	271,566	60,806,969
Population Growth						
Population (Pop Estimates) ⁴	—	—	—	32,136	6,177,957	333,287,557
Population Annual Average Growth ⁴	0.1%	0.2%	0.6%	23	15,193	1,940,990
People per Square Mile	—	—	—	69.3	89.9	94.3
Economic						
Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 16 years and over)	48.6%	63.1%	63.4%	12,939	3,084,786	166,672,597
Prime-Age Labor Force Participation Rate and Size (civilian population 25-54)	76.3%	83.3%	82.5%	6,833	1,923,985	106,173,534
Armed Forces Labor Force	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0	19,409	1,196,529
Veterans, Age 18-64	6.0%	5.0%	4.4%	979	183,888	8,848,937
Veterans Labor Force Participation Rate and Size, Age 18-64	65.1%	75.7%	77.0%	637	139,144	6,809,906
Median Household Income ²	—	—	—	\$54,320	\$61,043	\$69,021
Per Capita Income	—	—	—	\$29,804	\$33,770	\$37,638
Mean Commute Time (minutes)	—	—	—	28.0	23.8	26.8
Commute via Public Transportation	0.0%	1.0%	4.2%	4	30,417	6,472,373
Educational Attainment, Age 25-64						
No High School Diploma	9.5%	8.1%	10.3%	1,382	255,995	17,756,046
High School Graduate	33.8%	28.6%	25.3%	4,904	902,608	43,535,564
Some College, No Degree	26.0%	21.6%	20.1%	3,773	682,400	34,637,141

Summary¹

	Percent			Value		
	Stone County, Missouri	Missouri	USA	Stone County, Missouri	Missouri	USA
Associate's Degree	11.3%	9.0%	9.3%	1,635	283,994	15,944,395
Bachelor's Degree	12.6%	20.5%	22.0%	1,832	646,564	37,890,674
Postgraduate Degree	6.9%	12.1%	13.1%	1,004	382,422	22,499,876
Housing						
Total Housing Units	—	—	—	20,032	2,782,081	139,647,020
Median House Value (of owner-occupied units) ²	—	—	—	\$193,800	\$171,800	\$244,900
Homeowner Vacancy	1.5%	1.3%	1.2%	158	21,727	1,021,651
Rental Vacancy	3.0%	5.5%	5.7%	61	46,437	2,674,125
Renter-Occupied Housing Units (% of Occupied Units)	15.5%	32.4%	35.4%	1,905	788,386	43,858,831
Occupied Housing Units with No Vehicle Available (% of Occupied Units)	3.4%	6.5%	8.3%	415	157,937	10,349,174
Social						
Poverty Level (of all people)	14.4%	12.8%	12.6%	4,403	762,023	40,661,636
Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP	7.0%	10.1%	11.4%	864	246,960	14,105,231
Enrolled in Grade 12 (% of total population)	1.0%	1.2%	1.3%	318	75,800	4,425,322
Disconnected Youth ³	0.6%	3.0%	2.5%	8	9,755	432,389
Children in Single Parent Families (% of all children)	22.2%	33.4%	34.0%	1,050	436,459	23,909,672
Uninsured	9.6%	9.5%	8.8%	2,955	575,152	28,489,142
With a Disability, Age 18-64	13.1%	12.3%	10.3%	2,126	447,983	20,537,729
With a Disability, Age 18-64, Labor Force Participation Rate and Size	39.2%	42.6%	44.2%	834	190,784	9,068,973
Foreign Born	1.7%	4.2%	13.6%	539	256,802	44,844,808
Speak English Less Than Very Well (population 5 yrs and over)	0.4%	2.1%	8.2%	118	122,969	25,535,259

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

1. American Community Survey 2017-2021, 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.

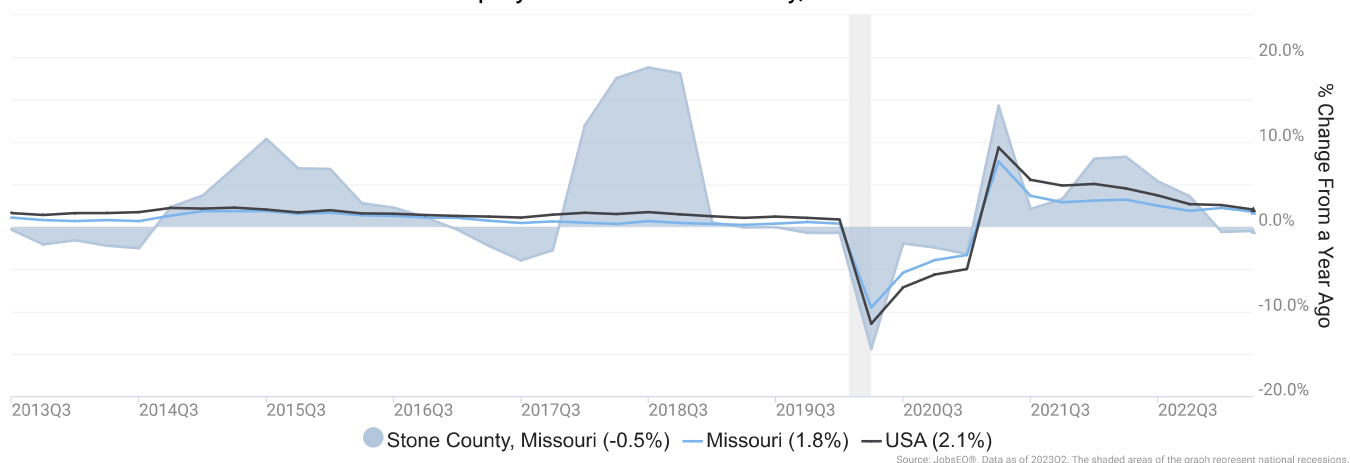
3. Disconnected Youth are 16-19 year olds who are (1) not in school, (2) not high school graduates, and (3) either unemployed or not in the labor force.

4. Census Population Estimate for 2022, annual average growth rate since 2012. Post-2019 data for Connecticut counties are imputed by Chmura.

Employment Trends

As of 2023Q2, total employment for Stone County, Missouri was 8,505 (based on a four-quarter moving average). Over the year ending 2023Q2, employment declined 0.5% in the region.

Employment for Stone County, Missouri

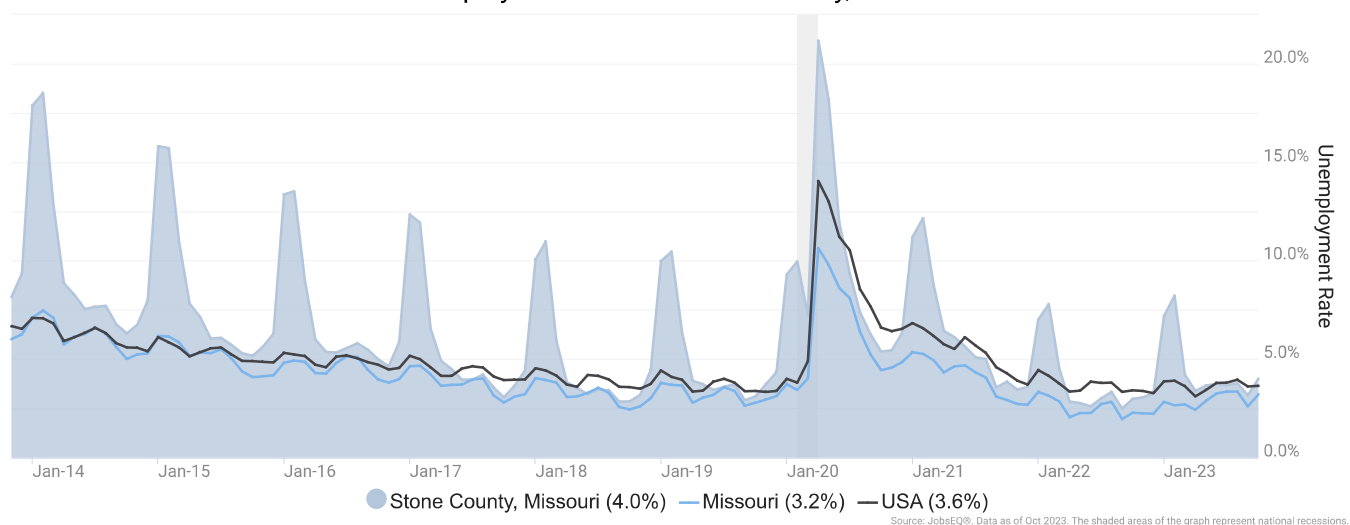


Employment data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and imputed where necessary. Data are updated through 2023Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q2.

Unemployment Rate

The unemployment rate for Stone County, Missouri was 4.0% as of October 2023. The regional unemployment rate was higher than the national rate of 3.6%. One year earlier, in October 2022, the unemployment rate in Stone County, Missouri was 3.0%.

Unemployment Rate for Stone County, Missouri

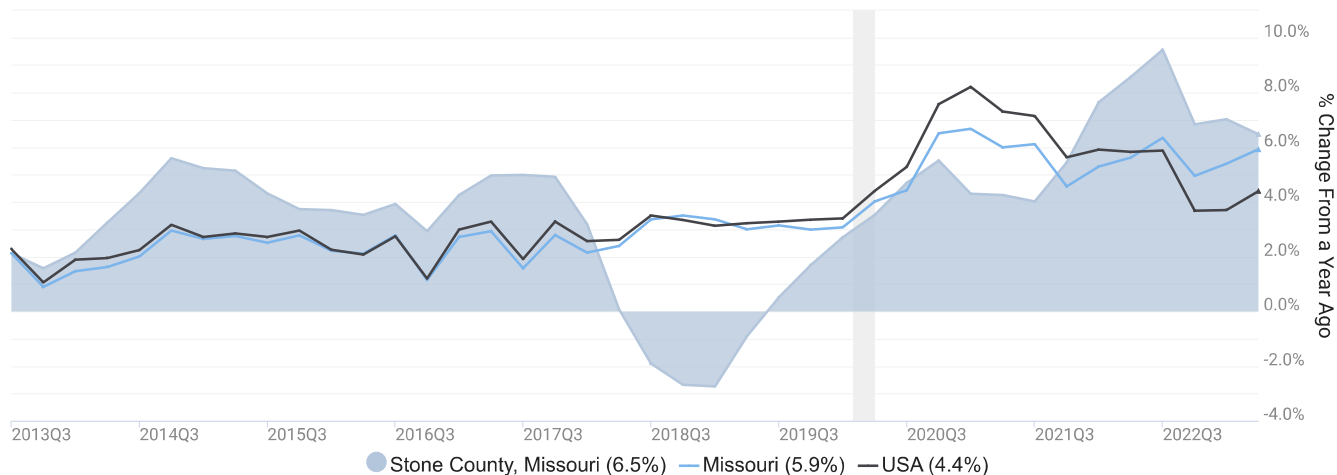


Unemployment rate data are from the Local Area Unemployment Statistics, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics and updated through October 2023.

Wage Trends

The average worker in Stone County, Missouri earned annual wages of \$37,778 as of 2023Q2. Average annual wages per worker increased 6.5% in the region over the preceding four quarters. For comparison purposes, annual average wages were \$70,318 in the nation as of 2023Q2.

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 2023Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q2.

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 11.1% lower in Stone County, Missouri than the U.S. average.

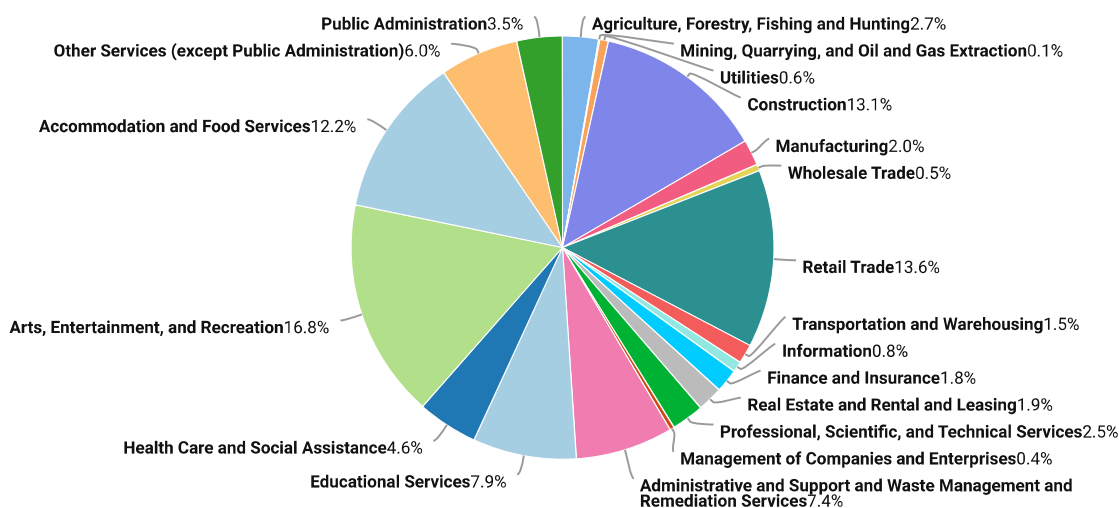
Cost of Living Information			
	Annual Average Salary	Cost of Living Index (Base US)	US Purchasing Power
Stone County, Missouri	\$37,778	88.9	\$42,508
Missouri	\$59,651	88.9	\$67,132
USA	\$70,318	100.0	\$70,318

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)
Data as of 2023Q2
Cost of Living per [COLI](#), data as of 2023Q3, imputed by Chmura where necessary.

Industry Snapshot

The largest sector in Stone County, Missouri is Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation, employing 1,425 workers. The next-largest sectors in the region are Retail Trade (1,155 workers) and Construction (1,115). 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 = 8.66), Construction (2.19), and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting (2.15).

Total Workers for Stone County, Missouri by Industry



Source: JobsEQ®, Data as of 2023Q2

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Sectors in Stone County, Missouri with the highest average wages per worker are Utilities (\$79,080), Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction (\$77,213), and Information (\$61,041). Regional sectors with the best job growth (or most moderate job losses) over the last 5 years are Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+559 jobs), Accommodation and Food Services (+280), and Construction (+237).

Over the next 5 years, employment in Stone County, Missouri is projected to expand by 129 jobs. The fastest growing sector in the region is expected to be Health Care and Social Assistance with a +1.2% year-over-year rate of growth. The strongest forecast by number of jobs over this period is expected for Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (+53 jobs), Health Care and Social Assistance (+25), and Accommodation and Food Services (+18).

Stone County, Missouri, 2023Q2¹

NAICS	Industry	Current			5-Year History		5-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Avg Ann Wages	LQ	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
71	Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,425	\$36,620	8.66	559	10.5%	1,138	457	629	53	0.7%
44	Retail Trade	1,155	\$35,207	1.36	203	3.9%	800	348	464	-11	-0.2%
23	Construction	1,115	\$47,266	2.19	237	4.9%	563	197	351	15	0.3%
72	Accommodation and Food Services	1,041	\$29,804	1.42	280	6.5%	935	415	502	18	0.3%
61	Educational Services	675	\$42,209	1.00	-11	-0.3%	320	156	173	-9	-0.3%
56	Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	633	\$34,323	1.17	23	0.7%	395	156	228	11	0.3%
81	Other Services (except Public Administration)	513	\$29,789	1.41	-43	-1.6%	322	130	182	10	0.4%
62	Health Care and Social Assistance	392	\$38,399	0.32	-121	-5.2%	231	95	112	25	1.2%
92	Public Administration	295	\$36,419	0.76	-15	-1.0%	151	61	87	4	0.3%
11	Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	233	\$17,374	2.15	-15	-1.3%	140	65	81	-6	-0.5%
54	Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	212	\$43,622	0.34	-15	-1.3%	104	36	61	7	0.7%
31	Manufacturing	170	\$35,618	0.25	25	3.2%	91	34	58	-1	-0.1%
53	Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	164	\$46,227	1.08	-21	-2.4%	90	38	47	4	0.5%
52	Finance and Insurance	154	\$47,531	0.45	-30	-3.5%	75	27	45	3	0.4%
48	Transportation and Warehousing	124	\$60,641	0.29	-14	-2.1%	75	30	44	1	0.2%
51	Information	69	\$61,041	0.40	-3	-0.9%	38	12	22	3	0.8%
22	Utilities	54	\$79,080	1.26	5	2.0%	27	9	17	0	0.1%
42	Wholesale Trade	41	\$58,963	0.13	-17	-6.8%	22	8	14	-1	-0.3%
55	Management of Companies and Enterprises	30	\$52,686	0.23	-7	-4.1%	16	5	9	2	1.1%
21	Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	9	\$77,213	0.30	-1	-1.2%	5	2	3	0	0.2%
Total - All Industries		8,505	\$37,778	1.00	1,018	2.6%	5,059	2,057	2,873	129	0.3%

Source: [JobsEQ®](#)

Data as of 2023Q2

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 2023Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q2. 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 918 workers. The next-largest occupation groups in the region are Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations (903 workers) and Office and Administrative Support Occupations (860). 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 = 3.22), Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance Occupations (2.33), and Construction and Extraction Occupations (1.95).

Occupation groups in Stone County, Missouri with the highest average wages per worker are Legal Occupations (\$91,400), Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations (\$85,900), and Management Occupations (\$80,500). The unemployment rate in the region varied among the major groups from 1.4% among Community and Social Service Occupations to 5.9% among Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations.

Over the next 5 years, the fastest growing occupation group in Stone County, Missouri is expected to be Healthcare Support Occupations with a +1.8% 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 (+23 jobs) and Personal Care and Service Occupations (+23). 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 (836 jobs) and Personal Care and Service Occupations (762).

Stone County, Missouri, 2023Q2¹

SOC	Occupation	Current						5-Year History		5-Year Forecast				
		Empl	Mean Ann Wages ²	LQ	Unempl	Unempl Rate	Online Job Ads ³	Empl Change	Ann %	Total Demand	Exits	Transfers	Empl Growth	Ann % Growth
41-0000	Sales and Related	918	\$38,400	1.21	67	5.0%	34	108	2.5%	648	302	355	-9	-0.2%
35-0000	Food Preparation and Serving Related	903	\$30,800	1.32	91	5.9%	26	261	7.0%	859	377	459	23	0.5%
43-0000	Office and Administrative Support	860	\$39,100	0.84	50	3.4%	14	-47	-1.1%	501	235	288	-22	-0.5%
47-0000	Construction and Extraction	753	\$51,700	1.95	51	5.1%	4	125	3.7%	384	132	238	15	0.4%
11-0000	Management	726	\$80,500	1.13	13	1.5%	12	82	2.4%	332	136	188	9	0.2%
39-0000	Personal Care and Service	675	\$29,600	3.22	36	5.2%	2	198	7.2%	785	317	445	23	0.7%
37-0000	Building and Grounds Cleaning and Maintenance	648	\$32,800	2.33	45	5.3%	8	168	6.2%	451	202	238	11	0.3%
25-0000	Educational Instruction and Library	513	\$49,400	1.14	15	2.4%	4	3	0.1%	226	110	117	-1	0.0%
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving	482	\$38,800	0.64	57	5.2%	54	65	2.9%	370	140	216	15	0.6%
49-0000	Installation, Maintenance, and Repair	430	\$46,600	1.30	17	2.2%	9	71	3.7%	225	82	133	11	0.5%
13-0000	Business and Financial Operations	313	\$66,300	0.58	8	2.4%	4	34	2.3%	152	48	94	9	0.6%
27-0000	Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports, and Media	220	\$49,200	1.39	8	4.3%	10	16	1.5%	127	49	72	7	0.6%
33-0000	Protective Service	214	\$39,400	1.18	10	3.8%	5	29	3.0%	156	74	79	4	0.4%
51-0000	Production	193	\$41,100	0.40	26	4.0%	4	21	2.3%	110	45	67	-2	-0.2%
29-0000	Healthcare Practitioners and Technical	173	\$85,900	0.35	8	1.6%	37	-34	-3.5%	63	27	29	8	0.9%
31-0000	Healthcare Support	161	\$32,000	0.43	16	3.6%	19	-21	-2.5%	137	56	67	15	1.8%
21-0000	Community and Social Service	112	\$46,700	0.73	2	1.4%	20	-17	-2.9%	59	23	33	4	0.7%

Stone County, Missouri, 2023Q2¹

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15-0000	Computer and Mathematical	92	\$78,300	0.33	2	1.9%	1	-4	-0.8%	40	11	23	5	1.2%
17-0000	Architecture and Engineering	44	\$80,300	0.32	1	1.6%	0	10	5.7%	17	6	10	1	0.4%
19-0000	Life, Physical, and Social Science	30	\$71,400	0.40	1	1.5%	3	5	3.6%	15	4	10	1	0.7%
23-0000	Legal	26	\$91,400	0.37	0	n/a	0	-5	-3.3%	9	4	4	1	0.7%
45-0000	Farming, Fishing, and Forestry	21	\$43,800	0.40	2	5.7%	n/a	0	0.5%	16	5	11	0	-0.3%
Total - All Occupations		8,505	\$45,700	1.00	525	4.0%	269	1,068	2.7%	5,686	2,383	3,175	129	0.3%

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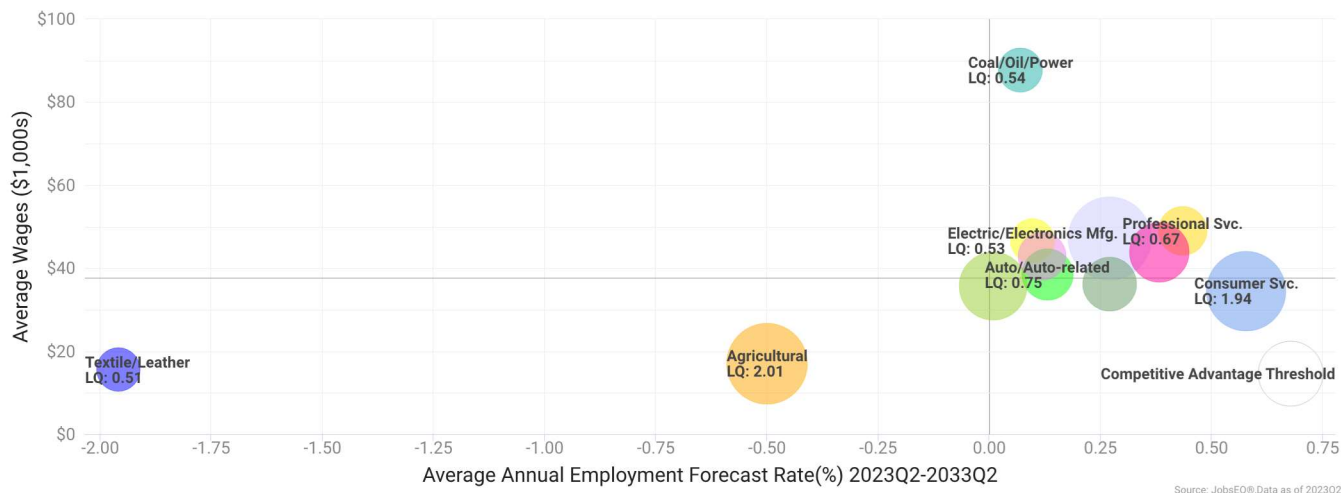
3. Data represent found online ads active within the last thirty days in the selected region. Due to alternative county-assignment algorithms, ad counts in this analytic may not match that shown in RTI (nor in the popup window ad list). Ad counts for ZCTA-based regions are estimates.

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 2023Q1, imputed where necessary with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q2. Wages by occupation are as of 2023 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 Construction with a location quotient of 2.15. This cluster employs 1,115 workers in the region with an average wage of \$47,188. Employment in the Construction cluster is projected to expand in the region about 0.3% per year over the next ten years.

Industry Clusters for Stone County, Missouri as of 2023Q2

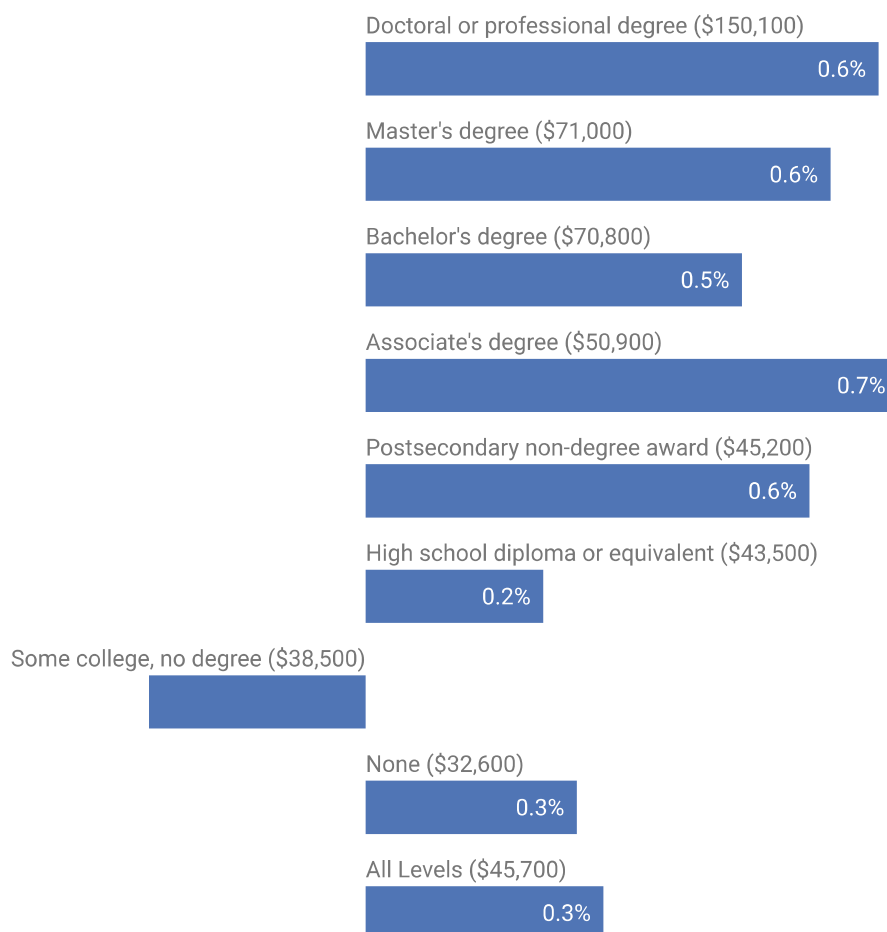


Location quotient and average wage data are derived from the Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, imputed where necessary, and updated through 2023Q1 with preliminary estimates updated to 2023Q2. Forecast employment growth uses national projections from the Bureau of Labor Statistics adapted for regional growth patterns.

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 0.3% over the next ten years, occupations typically requiring a postgraduate degree are expected to grow 0.6% per year, those requiring a bachelor's degree are forecast to grow 0.5% per year, and occupations typically needing a 2-year degree or certificate are expected to grow 0.7% per year.

Annual Average Projected Job Growth by Education Levels

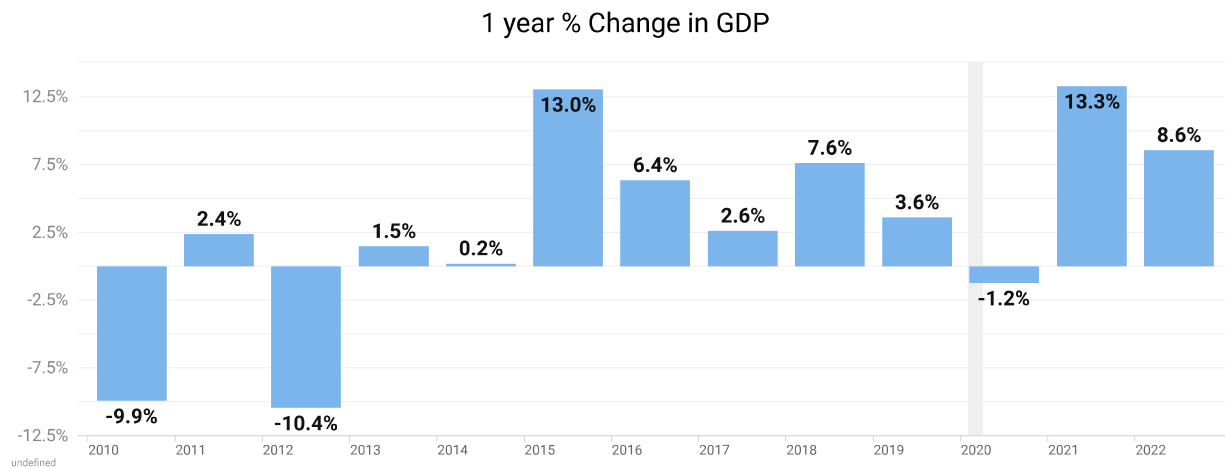


Source: JobsEQ®
Data as of 2023Q2

Employment by occupation data are estimates as of 2023Q2. 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 2022, nominal GDP in Stone County, Missouri expanded 8.6%. This follows growth of 13.3% in 2021. As of 2022, total GDP in Stone County, Missouri was \$780,295,000.



Gross Domestic Product data are provided by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, imputed by Chmura where necessary, updated through 2022.

Of the sectors in Stone County, Missouri, Real Estate and Rental and Leasing contributed the largest portion of GDP in 2022, \$129,129,000. The next-largest contributions came from Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (\$111,278,000); Retail Trade (\$88,028,000); and Construction (\$87,525,000).

GDP (in \$ millions)

Real Estate and Rental and Leasing (53)

\$129

Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation (71)

\$111

Retail Trade (44)

\$88

Construction (23)

\$88

Accommodation and Food Services (72)

\$60

Educational Services (61)

\$46

Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services (56)

\$38

Other Services (except Public Administration) (81)

\$37

Health Care and Social Assistance (62)

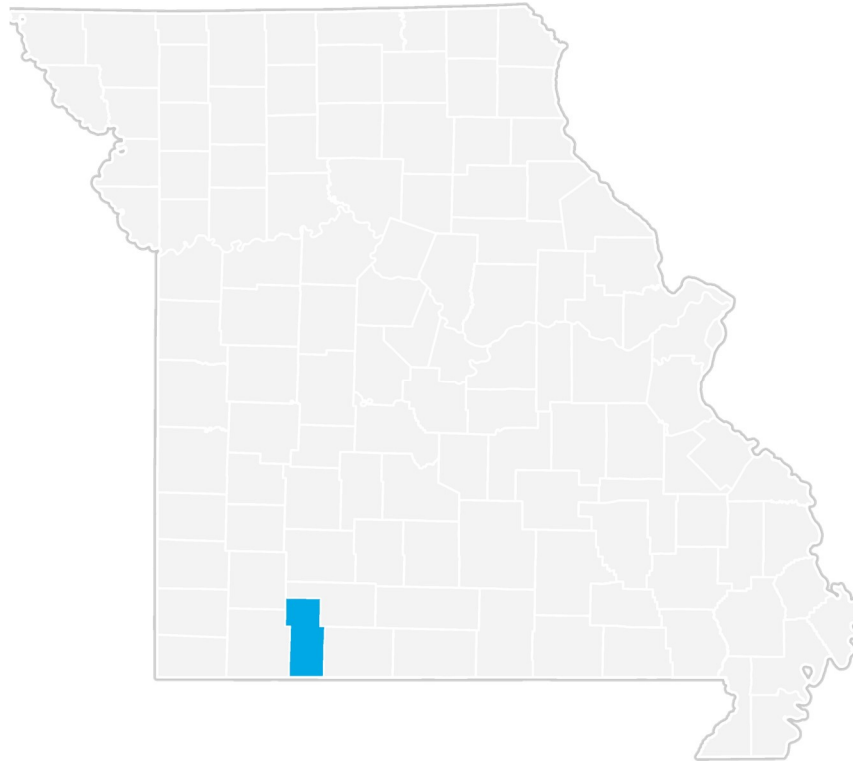
\$23

Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services (54)

\$23

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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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