

Where District 525 Residents Work
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Will County Residents

- 55.6% of Will County residents work outside of Will County. More Will County residents work in Cook and DuPage than in Will.
- 5.7% of Will County residents work in another state.
- Will County residents are much less likely to move away from their native area than residents from other regions. For instance:
 - Will County residents tolerate much longer commutes than residents from other regions. 14% of Will County workers have an hour or longer commute to work, compared to 8% of all workers in the nation.
 - In the U.S., 72% of residents currently live in the state where they were born, whereas 85% of the people born in the Joliet Junior College district continue to reside in the state where they were born.

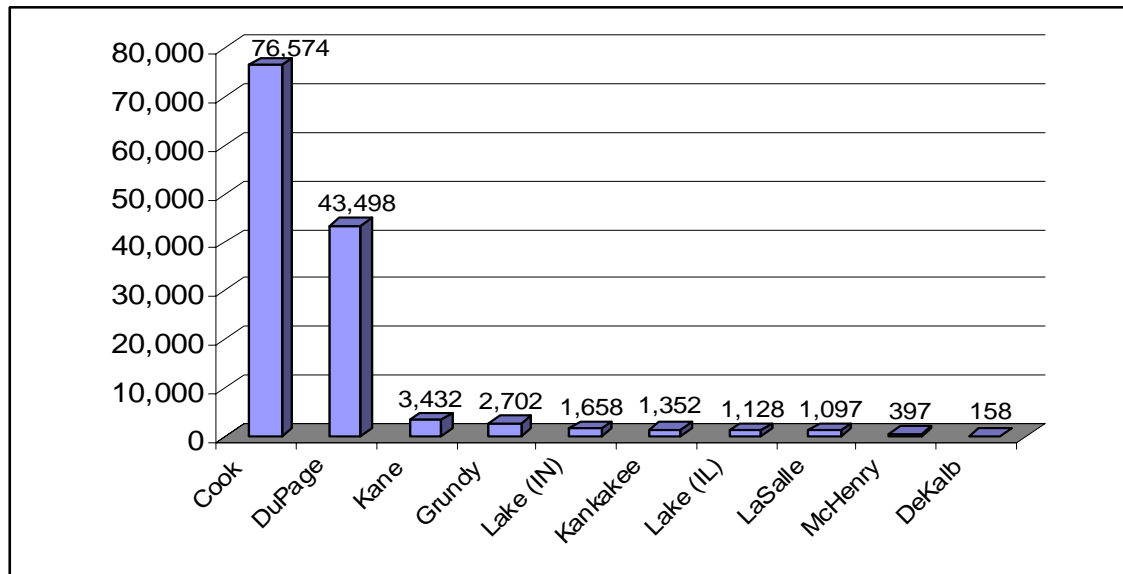
People who Work in Will County

- 1.9% of people who work in Will County live in another state.
- 33.2% of people who work in Will County live in another county in Illinois.
- Employment growth in low paying, low skill employment sectors will continue to be higher in Will County than other areas. The Will County Workforce Investment Board notes “many of the fastest growing jobs in Will County are relatively low wage and low skill.”

Top Counties where Will County Residents Work, 2000

County	No. of Workers	% of All Workers	County	No. of Workers	% of All Workers
1. Will	107,456	44.42%	11. DeKalb	158	0.07%
2. Cook	76,574	31.66%	12. Livingston	140	0.06%
3. DuPage	43,498	17.98%	13. McLean	100	0.04%
4. Kane	3,432	1.42%	14. Bond	97	0.04%
5. Grundy	2,702	1.12%	15. Porter (IN)	70	0.03%
6. Lake (IN)	1,658	0.69%	16. Marion (IN)	62	0.03%
7. Kankakee	1,352	0.56%	17. Rock Island	60	0.02%
8. Lake (IL)	1,128	0.47%	18. LaPorte (IN)	52	0.02%
9. LaSalle	1,097	0.45%	19. Peoria	49	0.02%
10. McHenry	397	0.16%	20. Milwaukee (WI)	49	0.02%

Top 10 Commuter Counties for Will County Residents, 2000



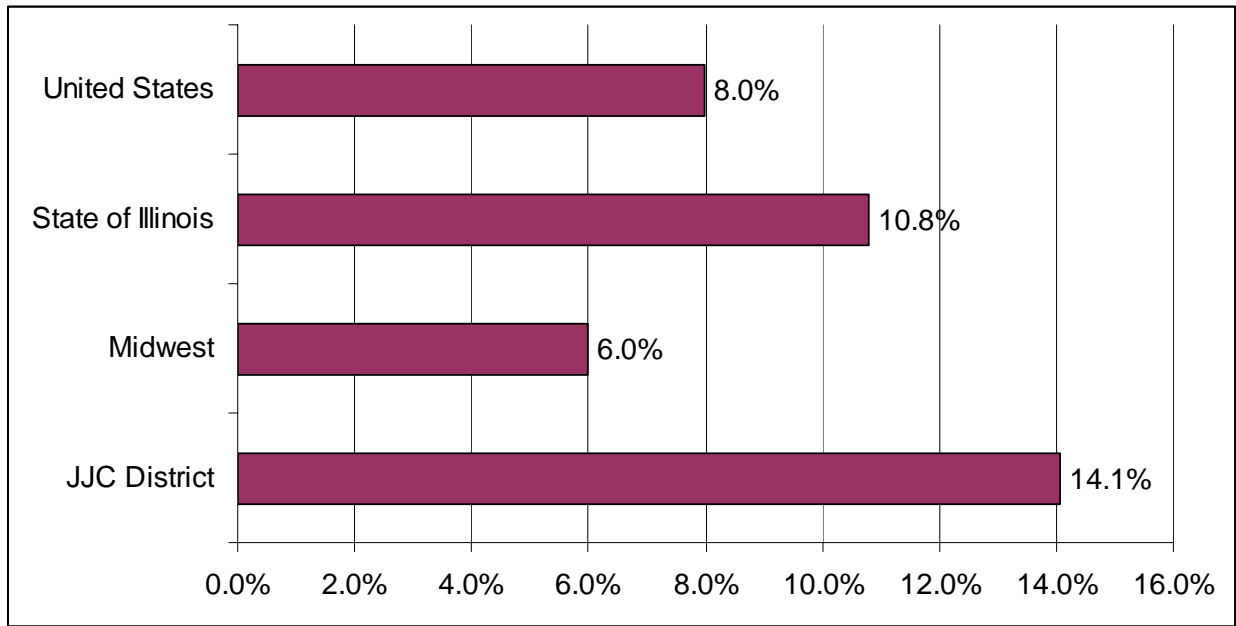
Top Residences of People who Work in Will County

County	No. of Workers	% of All Workers	County	No. of Workers	% of All Workers
Will	107,456	66.812%	Lake (IL)	389	0.242%
Cook	24,432	15.191%	DeKalb	349	0.217%
DuPage	9,197	5.718%	McHenry	343	0.213%
Grundy	5,869	3.649%	Porter (IN)	170	0.106%
Kankakee	3,564	2.216%	Iroquois	162	0.101%
Kane	1,840	1.144%	Bureau	92	0.057%
Kendall	1,737	1.080%	LaPorte (IN)	62	0.039%
Lake (IN)	1,591	0.989%	Rock Island	59	0.037%
LaSalle	1,247	0.775%	Winnebago	58	0.036%
Livingston	506	0.315%	McLean	57	0.035%

Average Commute Time for Workers over 16 Years Old by Geographic Area, 2000

Area	Pop.	Below 30 min.		31-60 min.		Over 60 min.	
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
JJC District	236,640	127,156	53.7%	76,209	32.2%	33,275	14.1%
Midwest	29,659,509	20,919,857	70.5%	6,962,527	23.5%	1,777,125	6.0%
IL	5,569,240	3,265,177	58.6%	1,702,349	30.6%	601,714	10.8%
U.S.	124,095,005	81,292,940	65.5%	32,904,317	26.5%	9,897,748	8.0%

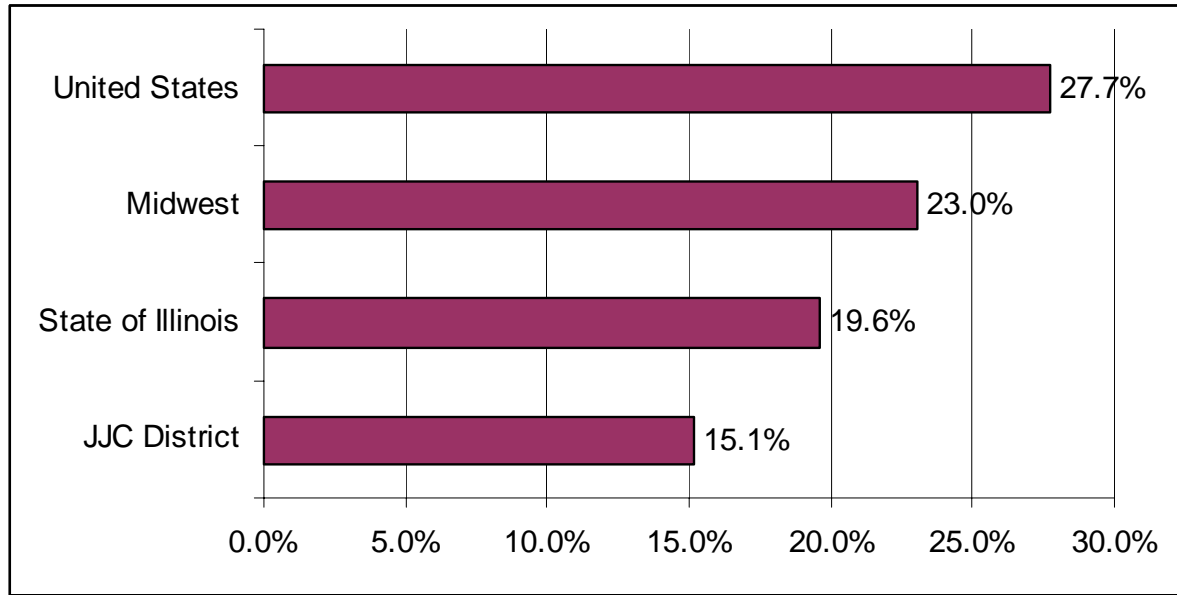
Percent of Workers over 16 Years Old who Commute over One Hour to Work, by Geographic Area, 2000



Place of Birth and Current Residence, 2000

Geographic Area	Pop.	No. Born in Another State	%
JJC District	480,243	72,651	15.1%
State of Illinois	12,419,293	2,432,510	19.6%
Midwest	64,392,776	14,830,876	23.0%
United States	281,421,906	78,057,078	27.7%

Percent of Residents Born in another State, 2000



Implications

When making labor and residential decisions, people are responding to more residential instead of labor conditions in District 525. These labor and residential trends could mean the following for the Joliet Junior College district:

- *Enrollment projections*
 - A reluctance to relocate among District 525 residents, combined with increased prices among 4-year public colleges, could mean above average enrollment projections at Joliet Junior College than usual models may capture.

- *Economic returns on investments in JJC students*
 - Changes in high-growth, high-skill employment areas (computers, health care, education, etc.) will be higher in surrounding counties than in Will. Thus, education and training of District 525 residents in high skilled employment industries will increase a District 525 resident's *ability* to move to another region for work, but not necessarily their *willingness* to move. Additionally, District 525 residents tolerate much longer commutes than people from other regions.
 - Because District 525 is less likely to lose from its investments in people through education and migration, District 525 should witness higher economic returns than other community college districts.

Source for all data:

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