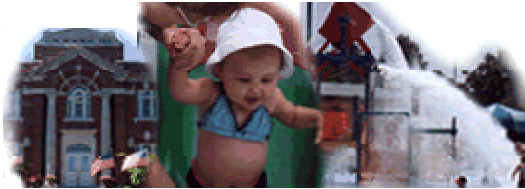







# *City of Farmington, Missouri*



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Through more than 200 years of history, the City of Farmington, Missouri has enjoyed a continual and consistent growth in its population, area and economic base. Farmington's roots go back nearly two centuries to a time when the American nation was a new country and the land west of the Mississippi was under Spanish rule.

Nestled in the rolling hills of Southeast Missouri, Farmington is home to well-kept stately residences along tree-lined streets. The cooperative involvement of individuals, businesses, civic clubs, and government is apparent in community affairs and the preservation of "small-town America." These traditional values in the midst of a bustling, thriving, progressive business environment are evidence the people of Farmington have not forgotten their roots and are proud to live and work in "The City of Tradition and Progress."

### *General Information*

- Location:** Farmington is located in the southeastern section of the State of Missouri, 69 miles due south of downtown St. Louis, approximately 40 miles from Interstate Highway 55 on US Highway 67.
- Population:** The population of Farmington has grown from 11,598 in 1990 to an estimated 15,750 in 2007, an increase of 36% over the 17-year period.
- County:** Farmington is located in St. Francois County. St. Francois county has seen a 27% increase over the same period (48,904 to 62,181).
- Labor Pool:** The close proximity of Mineral Area College and Unitec Career Center, in addition to excellent local public and private school systems contribute to the fact that

Farmington has not only a large work force, but a well educated and trained labor pool from which to choose.

Transportation: Transportation access poses little problem for businesses in the Farmington area. A direct four-lane highway connects the City with St. Louis.

For times when air delivery is a must, Farmington Regional Airport is capable of handling single and light twin-engine aircraft. The airport has a 75 x 4,221 concrete runway. Airport facilities include a terminal building, hangars and tie downs, jet fuel and the capability to land private jets.

Climate: The climate of Farmington is temperate, with four distinct seasons. Summer temperatures generally reach the mid to upper 80's while low temperatures in the winter are often below freezing. The average annual temperature is 55 degrees.

Soils: The surface soils in the Farmington area are generally of a silt-loam or silty-clay loam texture and are often underlain at depths of one to two feet by clay-silt or clay. In areas where rock is not exposed, soil thicknesses generally range from five to thirty feet. Locally, however, soil thicknesses of up to eight feet occur.

The bedrock underlying Farmington and its immediate area belongs to the Bonne Terre Formation and is composed largely of dolomite (similar to limestone). The LaMotte Sandstone is exposed east of the City, and rocks of the Davis, Derby-Doe Run and Potosi Formation are exposed in the hilly area west of the City.

## Local Entertainment and Attractions

### *Farmington Community Civic Center*

The Farmington Community Civic Center provides the community with a sports and fitness center containing multi-use courts for tennis, volleyball, soccer, and basketball. A one-eighth (1/8) mile track is built as a mezzanine loft over the gymnasium with an open view of the floor below. Also found on the upper level are a state of the art exercise facility and an aerobics room. The Center boasts a six-lane pool ranging in depths from 4' to 7' with a length of 25 yards. A Leisure Pool provides a mini-indoor water park for kids with its corkscrew slide, lazy river, circular vortex, raindrop fountain, and frog slide designed just for preschoolers. Civic Center activities include basketball, volleyball and indoor soccer leagues, swimming lessons, a city swim team, and other instructional programs.



### *Centene Performing Arts Center*



Located adjacent to the Farmington Civic Center, the Centene Performing Arts Center is an upscale facility with a performing arts auditorium seating approximately 725 people. The performing arts center can host business seminars, small concerts, one-act plays, church gatherings, local drama, and other types of fine art entertainment. The auditorium has 525 permanent seats and approximately 200 movable seats, with a permanent stage, lighting, and sound equipment.

The Center also has a banquet room that can seat approximately 400. For conferences, it can be divided into smaller rooms. It is perfect for wedding receptions, class reunions, meetings, conferences, and company parties.

### *Farmington Water Park*

Open Memorial Day through Labor Day (weather dependent), the Farmington Water Park provides summer fun for the whole family. Relax in the lazy river or slide down one of the two water slides. A hands-on water play land features a shallow pool, playground with slides, and a super bucket that dumps water every few minutes.



### *Farmington Skate Park*



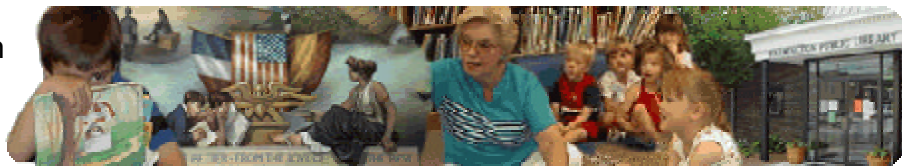
For the skater in your family, an abundance of fun can be found at the Farmington Skate Park. The largest outdoor concrete Skate Park in Southeast Missouri features 25,000 square feet of challenging twists and turns including a street course with several different



obstacles, ramps and rails on which rollerbladers and skateboarders can test their skills. Other features include a teen center with a concession stand, skate shop, arcade, and restrooms. The facility welcomes inline-skates, skateboards, and BMX bikes and is open to everyone FREE of charge.

### *Farmington Public Library*

The Farmington Public Library contains over 38,000



volumes, including books, magazines, large print books, videos, books on tape, comic books, cassettes with read-along books, decorating stencils, and computer programs. Services include participation in an interlibrary loan program, Internet access, homebound book service, an ongoing book fair in the library, low vision resource center for the vision impaired, word processors for public use, a genealogy room, and reading programs and summer fun activities for the kids.

### *Additional Farmington Attractions*

For a family night out on the town, visit one of our local entertainment centers.

- Kerasotes Showplace 4 – four screen movie theatre
- Farmington Family Fun Center - bowling and arcade games
- Roller Zone – indoor skating

# Housing

## General

Housing is a very important part of the physical, social, and economic characteristics of a community. A recent survey was conducted on the conditions of housing in the Farmington area. Following is the rating definitions and the findings.

### Definitions:

Excellent - Appears to be free of structural defects or visible deterioration, well maintained.

Good - Appears to be free of major structural defects, has little or no visible deterioration, average maintenance.

Poor - Appears to have structural defects and/or obvious visible deterioration, lacks maintenance.

Bad - Appears to have major structural defects and/or significant deterioration, substandard maintenance.

### Findings:

Excellent housing conditions accounted for 51.5% of the housing in the City. Additionally, good conditions were found in 42.3% of the housing. This left only 6.2% of the housing rated as either poor or bad condition, and a mere 0.3% of this rated as bad.

The excellent and good condition of the majority of the housing is mostly due to good maintenance practices by homeowners and the fact that most housing in the city is newer construction. Over half the housing in Farmington was constructed within the past 30 years, and one-fifth of the city's housing was constructed in the 1990's.



## Major Employers

### *50-100 Employees*

Brockmiller Construction  
San Val, Inc.  
The Molding Company  
Value City Department Store  
Bennee's Toys  
Midwest Thread and Embroidery

### *100-250 Employees*

Centene Management Corporation  
City of Farmington  
Farmington Presbyterian Manor  
J.C. Penney Co., Inc.  
Missouri Natural Gas

### *250-450 Employees*

Wal-Mart Super Center

### *450+ Employees*

Farmington R-VII School District  
Little Tikes Commercial Play Systems  
Mineral Area Regional Medical Center  
SR Automotive Products  
Workforce Employment Solutions

### *600+ Employees*

State of Missouri, Farmington Correctional Center  
Parkland Health Center

### *700+ Employees*

Accent Marketing

## Major Grocers

Wal-Mart Super Center  
County Mart Supermarket  
Aldi, Inc.  
Save-A-Lot

The estimated retail sales for grocery items in the City of Farmington is approximately \$48,000,000

## Major Retailers

Wal-Mart Super Center  
Lowe's Home Improvement  
JC Penney  
Value City  
The Family Center  
Gifford Lumber Company  
Hood's Discount Center  
Sears Roebuck & Company  
Farmington Building Supply  
Office Max

Walgreen  
AutoZone  
Best Rental  
Dollar General Store  
Tractor Supply Company  
Deals Nothing Over a Dollar  
Mega Sports  
Plummer's How To Store

## Restaurants

A & W  
Applebee's Neighborhood Bar and Grill  
Bob-A-Rino's Pizza  
Branding Iron Barbeque  
Burger King  
Captain D's  
Catfish Kettle  
China Buffet  
CiCi's Pizza  
Cuzzins  
Domino's Pizza  
Eagle Lake Restaurant  
El Tapatio Mexican Restaurant  
El Torero Mexican Restaurant  
Elks Kitchen  
First Wok Chinese Restaurant  
Ho Wah Chinese Restaurant  
Huddle House  
Hunt's Dairy Bar  
Jack in the Box  
Jay's Restaurant Pub and Grill  
Keith's Carry Out  
Kentucky Fried Chicken

Little Ceasar's Pizza  
Long John Silver's  
McDonald's  
McTearnen's Firehouse Grille  
Pasta House  
Pizza Hut  
Ponderosa Steak House  
Quizno's  
Ryan's Family Steak House  
Sonic Drive-in  
Spokes Restaurant  
Steak'n Shake  
Stix and Steins  
Subway Sandwiches  
Taco Bell  
Tipperary Tea  
Warehouse Barbeque  
12 West Bar & Grill  
White Castle

## Public Safety Information

### *Fire Department*

The City of Farmington Fire Department maintains an ISO rating of 4.

The Fire Department is staffed with ten full time firefighters and twenty part-time firefighters. There are at least three firefighters on shift 24 hours a day, one of which is a working supervisor. The Chief is scheduled to work during regular business hours. The full-time personnel respond to all city calls for service. Part-time and off duty personnel are dispatched to assist the duty shift when needed and for mutual aid calls. All personnel are dispatched to city structure fires, along with automatic mutual aid from the surrounding area.



Fire apparatus includes a 105-foot aerial ladder truck, one primary pumper, two reserve pumpers, one rescue/utility truck, one 2000-gallon tanker truck, and a four-wheel drive administrative/command vehicle.

The Fire personnel are trained and equipped to respond to fires, emergency medical, hazardous materials, various search and rescue procedures, and other types of incidents.

The City owns and maintains a fire-training tower, has several certified instructors, and actively participates in professional training through the Mineral Area College Fire Academy.

Other services provided by the Fire Department include conducting fire safety inspections, hydrant inspections, preplanning for responses to commercial buildings, hydrant inspections, preplanning for responses to commercial buildings, and educational fire safety programs for children.

### *Police Department*

The City of Farmington Police Department is staffed with 26 full time commissioned police officers, one reserve officer, six communications officers, three civilian personnel (system's administrator, chief's secretary, and records clerk), and one volunteer chaplain. The chief, lieutenant,



detectives, civilian staff, and animal control officer generally work normal business hours, but are subject to call out 24 hours a day.

There are 21 patrol vehicles, (one per officer plus one extra), three detective vehicles, and administrative vehicle, a four-wheel drive pick-up truck, and an animal control vehicle. The police department provides many services in addition to regular patrols and responding to calls for service.

The department has a full-time investigative division, which consists of a supervisor and two detectives. The investigative division handles most of the criminal investigations, including known offenses as well as suspected criminal activity. The investigators are all trained C.V.S.A. operators, (a truth verification instrument) and are available to provide law enforcement presentations to schools, businesses, and other organizations when requested.

The animal control officer enforces city ordinances pertaining to animals, along with other duties such as maintaining the City's animal pound, providing adoption services, and euthanizing captured animals when needed.

Two School Resource Officers (SRO's) work with the Farmington R-VII School District. They conduct the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, offer several other types of educational programs relating to the law enforcement field, and respond to calls for service from within the school district.

Other department staff includes a trained fire investigator, two accident reconstructionists, and a Special Response Team (SRT) for tactical operations. The Police Department also participates in the Mineral Area Drug Task Force and St. Francois County Investigations and Criminal Enforcement (ICE) Team.

The Police Department Communications Division consists of one supervisor and five communications officers. These officers dispatch police calls for service, process criminal intelligence, and are responsible for activating the emergency warning system. A state-of-the-art communications center is located within the Police Station. Through a contract with Central Dispatch, the communications division will back-up St. Francois County's system should the need arise.

## City of Farmington - Crime Statistics, 2007

<b>ASSAULTS</b>			<b>BURGLARIES</b>		
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cleared</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Cleared</b>
Simple Assaults	241	229	Burglaries Of Businesses	26	6
Aggravated Assaults	21	21	Burglaries Of Residences	40	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>ROBBERIES</b>			<b>ARSON</b>		
Robberies	4	4	Suspicious Fires	3	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	Arson	0	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>THEFTS</b>			<b>SEX CRIMES</b>		
Stealing Misd.	476	235	Rapes	5	4
Stealing Felony	130	52	Sexual Abuse	2	1
Stealing from Vehicle	117	18	Sexual Misconduct	15	11
Stealing/Motor Vehicle Fuel	120	26	Sodomy	0	0
Motor Vehicle Thefts	24	9	Rape Unfounded	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>867</b>	<b>340</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>TRAFFIC</b>			<b>ALCOHOL</b>		
Accidents	759		Alcohol Related	39	39
Tickets	2011		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>39</b>
Warnings	2888				
Parking	56				
Nuisance Tickets & Warnings	225				
<b>DRUGS</b>			<b>DWI</b>		
Drug Related	156	150		104	104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>

**\*Cleared: Means cleared by arrest or request for prosecution either through PA, CA, or JDC.**

<b>Calls for Service</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
	12334	12871	12607	13878	14591	15161	13566	<b>14362</b>

## Local Tax Information

### *Sales Tax*

The City of Farmington current sales tax rate is 7.975%, which includes all taxing jurisdictions. The City of Farmington collects a 1% general sales tax and two 0.5% capital improvement sales taxes. Each of the capital improvement sales taxes include a sunset provision and expire either in 2012 and 2014 unless an extension is approved by voters.

### *Use Tax*

The City of Farmington does not impose a use tax on materials purchased in other locations.

### *Current Tax Rates - Taxes based on \$100 Assessed Valuation*

City of Farmington	\$0.4855
St. Francois County General Revenue	\$0.0596
St. Francois County Board For the Developmentally Disabled	\$0.0909
St. Francois County Health Center	\$0.0909
St. Francois County Road & Bridge	\$0.2493
St. Francois County Senior Services	\$0.0493
Mineral Area College	\$0.4617
Farmington R-VII School District	\$3.5437
<u>State Tax</u>	<u>\$0.0300</u>
Total	\$5.0575

#### *Example:*

Real Commercial Property with an appraised valuation of \$3,125,000 and resulting assessed valuation of \$1,000,000

City of Farmington	\$ 4,855.00
SFC General Revenue	596.00
SFC Board for the Dev. Disabled	909.00
SFC Health Center	909.00
SFC Senior Services	493.00
SFC Road & Bridge	2,459.00
Mineral Area College	4,617.00
Farmington R-VII School District	35,437.00
<u>State Tax</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total	\$ 50,575.00

## Economy

### General

The City of Farmington has historically been supported by a strong, healthy economy. A significant decline in the strength of the economy of St. Francois County was seen when the lead mining industry failed in 1972. Farmington saw far fewer adverse effects than other parts of the county because most of the mining operations were located elsewhere in the county. The transportation system has since played a major role in Farmington's economic success in almost every sector. Despite the economic woes experienced in other areas throughout the country over the past few years, Farmington's economy has remained quite stable.

#### City of Farmington Quarterly Taxable Sales

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	Total	Percent Increase Over Prior Year
2007	\$ 80,757,100	\$ 67,145,500	\$ 84,843,800	\$ 74,066,500	\$ 306,812,900	-7.23%
2006	\$ 81,151,800	\$ 83,171,700	\$ 87,417,000	\$ 78,999,900	\$ 330,740,400	6.22%
2005	\$ 79,417,653	\$ 79,481,869	\$ 78,608,143	\$ 73,851,400	\$ 311,359,065	2.90%
2004	\$ 78,295,189	\$ 73,702,769	\$ 77,178,332	\$ 73,394,988	\$ 302,571,278	7.58%
2003	\$ 74,102,163	\$ 68,639,443	\$ 62,000,600	\$ 76,497,111	\$ 281,239,317	4.26%
2002	\$ 62,258,446	\$ 67,477,028	\$ 67,065,719	\$ 72,957,986	\$ 269,759,179	4.17%
2001	\$ 58,823,312	\$ 65,291,204	\$ 63,411,492	\$ 71,444,575	\$ 258,970,583	5.20%
2000	\$ 56,141,777	\$ 62,133,087	\$ 60,470,963	\$ 67,431,358	\$ 246,177,185	6.09%
1999	\$ 50,200,503	\$ 58,485,396	\$ 57,259,421	\$ 66,100,474	\$ 232,045,794	4.69%
1998	\$ 48,417,347	\$ 55,384,055	\$ 55,220,950	\$ 62,623,228	\$ 221,645,580	5.78%
1997	\$ 47,530,711	\$ 52,210,239	\$ 51,087,956	\$ 58,702,417	\$ 209,531,323	2.75%
1996	\$ 46,281,373	\$ 51,338,405	\$ 50,045,515	\$ 56,252,198	\$ 203,917,491	4.27%
1995	\$ 41,197,668	\$ 49,391,253	\$ 49,685,465	\$ 55,298,972	\$ 195,573,358	12.51%
1994	\$ 37,878,675	\$ 43,307,831	\$ 43,624,615	\$ 49,017,178	\$ 173,828,299	13.95%
1993	\$ 33,256,351	\$ 36,825,389	\$ 38,172,952	\$ 44,288,965	\$ 152,543,657	

## Household Income

Several factors affect the income of the local area, one of these being the cost of living. Farmington cost of living is inherently lower than in Cape Girardeau or the St. Louis Metro area, for example. The Farmington cost of living is also affected by the number of entry-level jobs in the manufacturing and retail sectors in the area.

The per capita income as presented by the U.S. Census Bureau includes the institutionalized population at the Farmington Correctional Center. Therefore, an averaging system has been developed to determine a more realistic representation of the per capita income. The estimate shown is within 1% of the average percent increase for the region (62.7%). Based on this per capita income figure the household income has also been estimated. The percent ratio of the average per capita income to the average household income in the region was 48.3%. This ratio was used to estimate the household income for the City of Farmington.

### City of Farmington Estimated Per Capita and Household Income

#### Per Capita Income

U.S. Census 2000 (1999)	Without Institutionalized Population	Same increase 1980 -1990	Same Percent Increase 1980-1990	Percent Increase in the Region	Estimated Per Capita Income
14,706	19,426	14,337	17,370	16,330	<b>16,433</b>

#### Household Income

Estimated Per Capita Income	Percent Ratio of Average Regional Household Income	Estimated Typical Household Income
16,433	48.3	<b>34,023</b>

Source: City of Farmington, Planning and Zoning Commission Staff

## Transportation and Roadways

### *General*

Farmington is a city with transportation at the heart of its history. Major transportation systems in Farmington have ranged from the Plank Road of the 19th century, to the electric railroad of the early 20th Century, to the modern state highway system today. The city now has a regional airport, 2 hospital heliports, and over 105 miles of public streets.



The City of Farmington, in cooperation with the Missouri Department of Transportation have recently completed several significant improvements to the highway system in Farmington including a new over-pass, intersection improvements, and construction of a new west outer access road.

### *Farmington Regional Airport*

Farmington Regional Airport is owned and operated by the City of Farmington. The airport consists of approximately 170 acres of land, features a 75' x 4,221' runway (Heading 020-200) with 100' displaced threshold on the south end, pilot controlled lighting, instrument approaches, self-serve or assisted fueling of 100 octane av (aviation) gas and jet fuel for over wing fueling. In 2008, the City plans to construct a new terminal facility that will offer 24-hour access to a pilot's lounge complete with vending areas, shower facilities, laundry, flight planning center and a conference room. Several airport improvements are currently being planned including construction of a parallel taxiway and a runway extension.



FAA airport information is provided on the following page.

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Farmington Regional

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Not for Navigation

Latitude	Longitude	Elevation	Mi from CBD
37°45.66'	90°25.72'	947'	1S

Runway	Length	Width	Surface	Rwy Lgts	Appr Lgts	VGSI	Pattern
02-20	4222'	75'	Concrete	MIRL	REIL/None	PdL/None	Rt. 02

Communications								
CTAF	UNICOM	Lights	Weather	ATIS	Approach	Tower	Ground	Cinc Del
122.8	122.8	122.8	AWOS 119.275		127.47			

Navigation						Fuel		RCO
NDB	VOR	GPS	RNAV	LOC	ILS	100LL		122.3
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	JET A		122.1R
								115.7I

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Airport Phone: (573) 756-4902  
 Airport Managers Name: LARRY MC CORMICK  
 Airport Managers Phone: (573) 756-4902  
 After Hours Phone#: (573) 756-1092  
 FBOs: MAC AIR, INC (573) 756-4502 FULL SERVICE

Mechanical Services: Airframe: MAJOR Power Plant: MAJOR  
 Fuel Type: 100LL, JET A  
 Landing Fee: No  
 Overnight Hangar Storage: Yes  
 Tiedowns for Aircraft: Yes  
 Ground Transportation: Car Rental: Yes Shuttle: No Courtesy Car: Yes  
 Wending Machines: No  
 Overnight Camping for Aircraft Paving in: No

	Name	Miles From Airport	Phone	Services
Dining:	Spokes Pub/Grill	3		12 - 9 pm
	Ryan's Steakhouse	3		12 - 10pm
	Pasta House	3		12 - 10 pm
Lodging:	Tradition Inn	3	(573) 756-6031	
	Super 8	4	(573) 756-0344	
	Days Inn	4	(573) 756-9951	
Golf Courses:	Eagle Lake	7	(573) 756-6630	
Camp Grounds:	Haven State Park	13		
	St. Joe State Park	8		

Local Attractions: Elephant Rocks State Park, Bonne Terre Mine (cave diving)

Airport Events:

Comments: Activate Itp-CTAF, AWOS on field.

## Southeast Missouri Transportation Service

Southeast Missouri Transportation Service is a non-profit corporation based out of Fredericktown that provides transportation to anyone who requests the service. Many of the riders are elderly or handicapped, and the service receives subsidies for transporting them. Service is on an arranged basis by phone, and the schedule is subject to the availability of the buses. One bus is dedicated to full-time service in the Farmington area, with another serving the county.

## Rail

The Union Pacific Railroad owns east-west tracks extending from the main north south line at Bismarck to Park Hills/Bonne Terre, in the northern development area of Farmington, to Ste. Genevieve, and connections to the Burlington Northern Railroad. Several sections have extensive sidings in place. Several trains were diverted onto this route in 1993 due to major flooding elsewhere.

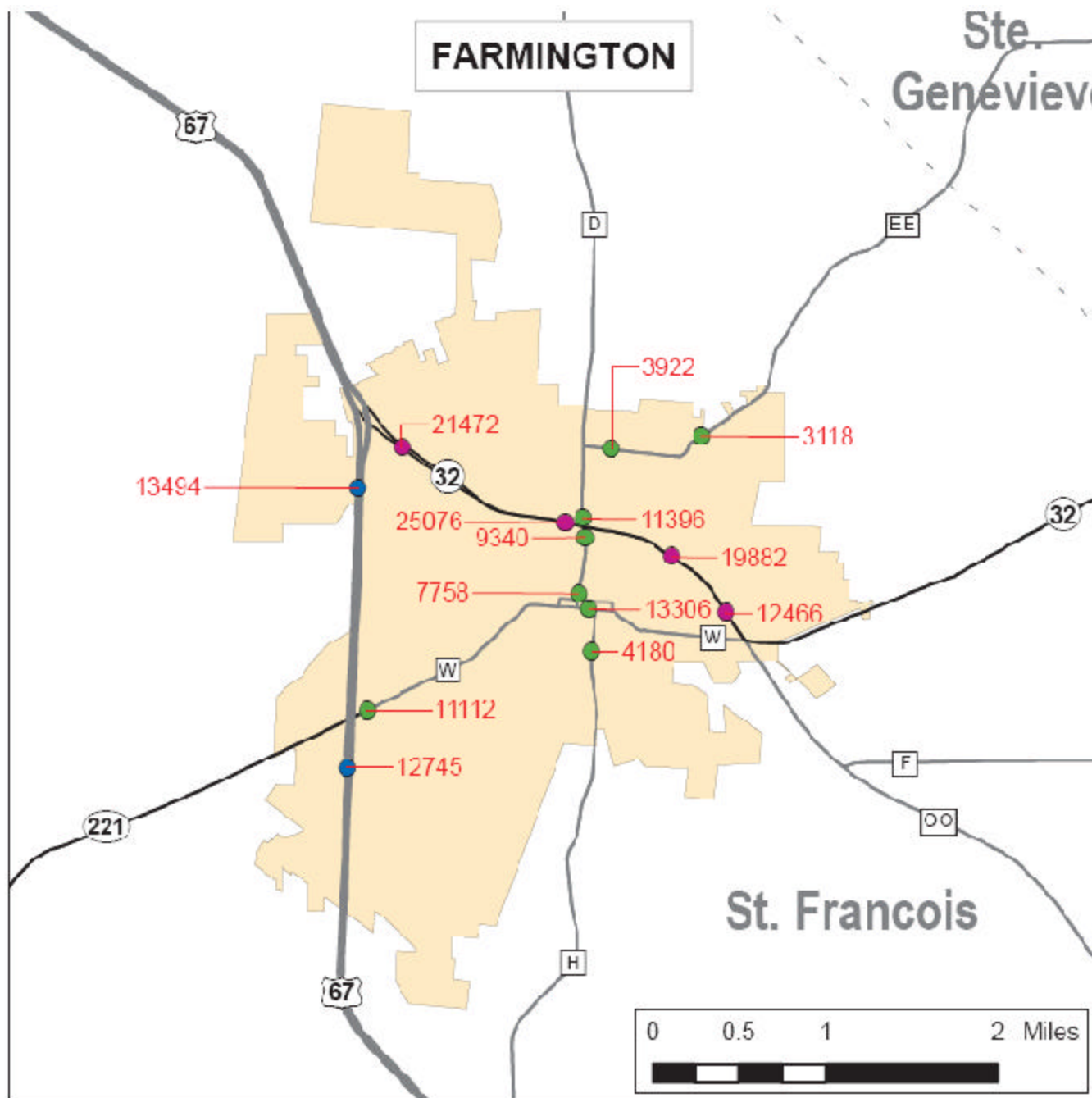
### *Other Transportation Services*

There are also many other quasi-public and private transportation services in Farmington with specific goals operated by nursing homes, treatment facilities, boarding homes, Mineral Area Regional Medical Center, and St. Francois County Ambulance District. There are at least 2 taxi services currently operating from within the city and several others that serve the city.



### *Traffic Counts*

The following page depicts the traffic counts as measured in a 2006 study completed by the Missouri Department of Transportation.



## Education

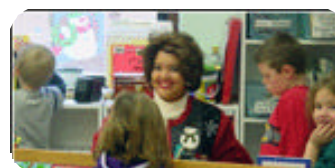
### General

Education is at the forefront of many residents' priorities in the City of Farmington. Education opportunities include the Farmington R-VII School District, which consists of a Kindergarten Center, three Elementary Schools, one 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, one 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Center, and a High School housing grades 9 through 12. Also available in the City is St. Joe Catholic School housing grades K through 8<sup>th</sup> and St. Paul Lutheran School housing Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



### Graduation and Post-Secondary Education Rate

Over the past three years, the Farmington R-VII School District has experienced a graduation rate of 91.6%. During this same time, the statewide graduation rate averaged 85.0%.



Education statistics from the year 2007 showed that 64.2% of students enrolled at Farmington High School entered a post-secondary institution, college, or university after graduation.

(Source: Missouri Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education Core Data As Submitted by Missouri Public Schools)

### MAP SCORE COMPARISONS

Mathematics:	Year	Farmington	Missouri
	2004	30.6	22.9
	2005	31.7	24.7
	2006	60.8	43.3
	2007	62.1	44.8
Communication Arts	2004	31.7	29.8
	2005	45.7	30.4
	2006	58.3	43.7
	2007	60.0	44.3

### ACT SCORE AVERAGE

2005-06	22.6
2006-07	22.0

### U.S News and World Report

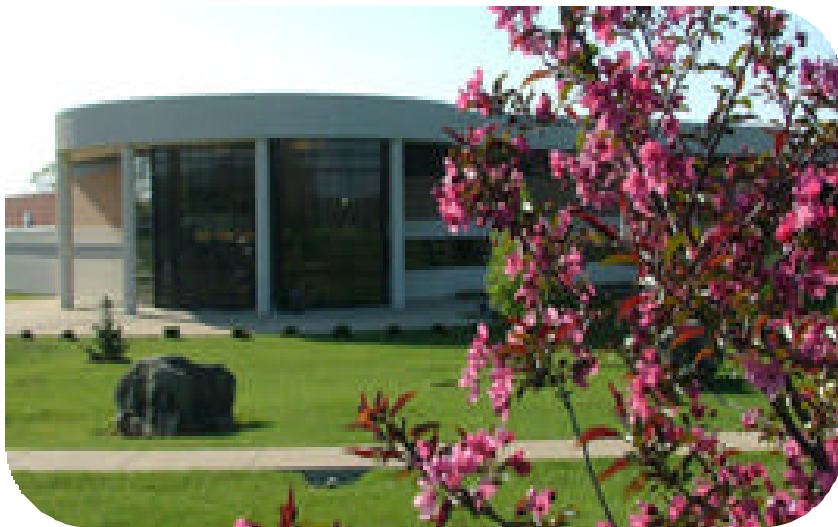
**Farmington High School Among Top Best High Schools**  
FHS received the Bronze Medal award for being one of the 1,591 best high schools to attend out of the 18,790 high schools that were examined.

## *Additional Educational Resources – Surrounding Areas*

### *Colleges:*

Mineral Area College  
5270 Flat River Road  
Park Hills, Missouri 63601  
(573) 431-4593  
[www.mac.cc.mo.us](http://www.mac.cc.mo.us)

Mineral Area College is a two-year public comprehensive community college located just minutes north of Farmington in Park Hills, Missouri. The College is fully accredited and maintains a close working relationship with all of the major state-supported universities in Missouri. Also available at the College through an arrangement with Central Methodist University are four-year degrees.



### *Vocational Programs:*

Farmington R-VII High School  
One Black Knight Drive  
Farmington, Missouri 63601  
(573) 701-1310  
[www.farmington.k12.mo.us](http://www.farmington.k12.mo.us)

UniTec Career Center  
7163 Raider Road  
Bonne Terre, Missouri 63628  
(573) 358-3011  
[www.ncsd.k12.mo.us/ucc](http://www.ncsd.k12.mo.us/ucc)

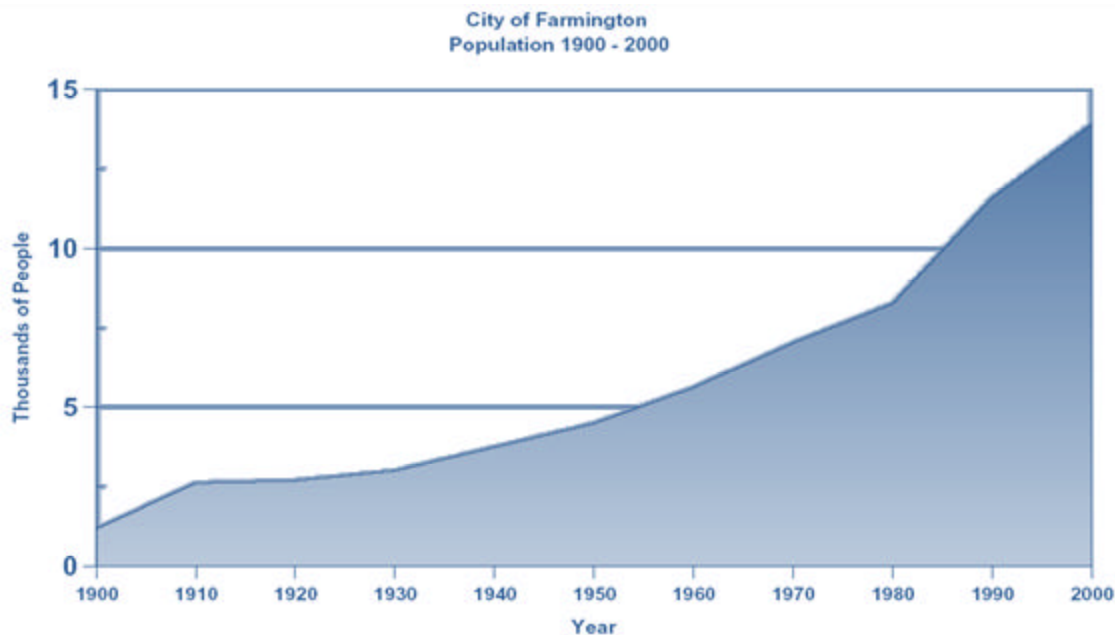
## Labor Market

The labor market in an area is a factor of the population and education levels available in the area. The following information depicts the population and education demographics of the Farmington area, in addition to the labor pool and commuter travel patterns.

## Population

### *Farmington, Missouri*

The City of Farmington has maintained a relatively steady and continuous growth in population since 1900.



Year	1990	1910	1920	1930	1940	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2007
City of Farmington	1,178	2,613	2,685	3,001	3,738	4,490	5,618	7,031	8,270	11,598	13,924	15,750
St. Francois County	24,051	35,738	31,403	35,832	35,950	35,276	35,516	36,818	42,600	48,904	55,641	62,181

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau

Southeast Missouri Regional Planning Commission

Note: The city's population over the past two decades has been somewhat inflated by the addition of institutionalized groups, primarily inmates at the Farmington Correctional Center.

A significant age group of people of both sexes combined is the 35 - 44 age group. This group is primarily an age group consisting of many middle and working class people, which is consistent with Farmington's role as a regional center for business and industry. This age group is somewhat impacted by the institutionalized population. However, the majority of the people in the 35 - 44 age group, and the 25 - 34 age group, as well as the 45 - 54 age groups are not a part of the institutionalized society. These three age groups together make up nearly half of the city's population.

### *Population Projections*

A combination of four methods has been used to provide a projection of the City of Farmington population for 2010, 2020, and 2030. The resulting projection is basically an “average of averages.”

1. A population estimate was developed for each decade using the average percent increase of each census over the past century.
2. An estimate was developed for each decade using the average increase in the number of people in each census over the past century.
3. A population estimate was developed for each decade using the same percent increase as the 2000 census.
4. A population estimate was developed assuming the city remains at the same percentage of the county population, with the County growth rate the same as in the 2000 census.

The estimates for each decade were then averaged to provide a single estimated population.

Testing showed that this system did not appear to be significantly influenced by the inclusion or exclusion of institutionalized populations.

The projection results are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Approximate Population</u>
2010	15,960
2020	18,270
2030	20,900

### *Surrounding Area*

It is important when looking at the population, to take into consideration the population of the surrounding areas. As noted above, St. Francois County has a population of 55,641 as of the 2000 Census. Based on interim population projections released by the U.S. Census Bureau in 2006, the estimated population of the County is was 62,181. Additionally, the surrounding counties within a sixty-mile radius of St. Francois County, namely Ste. Genevieve, Washington, Iron, Jefferson, Madison, and Perry County, constitute an additional population of approximately 280,000 and growing.

## Labor Pool

### *Available Work Force*

The City of Farmington is located in St. Francois County and pulls available labor from various surrounding counties. The following statistics relate to the available labor pool within a sixty-mile radius of Farmington as of August 2004.

### *St. Francois and Surrounding Counties*

County	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment	Rate
Iron	4,564	4,189	375	8.2%
Jefferson	110,923	105,166	5,757	5.2%
Madison	4,763	4,446	317	6.7%
Ste. Genevieve	9,190	8,735	455	5.0%
<b>St. Francois</b>	<b>27,563</b>	<b>25,680</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>6.8%</b>
Washington	10,552	9,774	778	7.4%
	167,555	157,990	9,565	5.7%

Source: Missouri Economic Research and Information Center  
Missouri Department of Economic Development

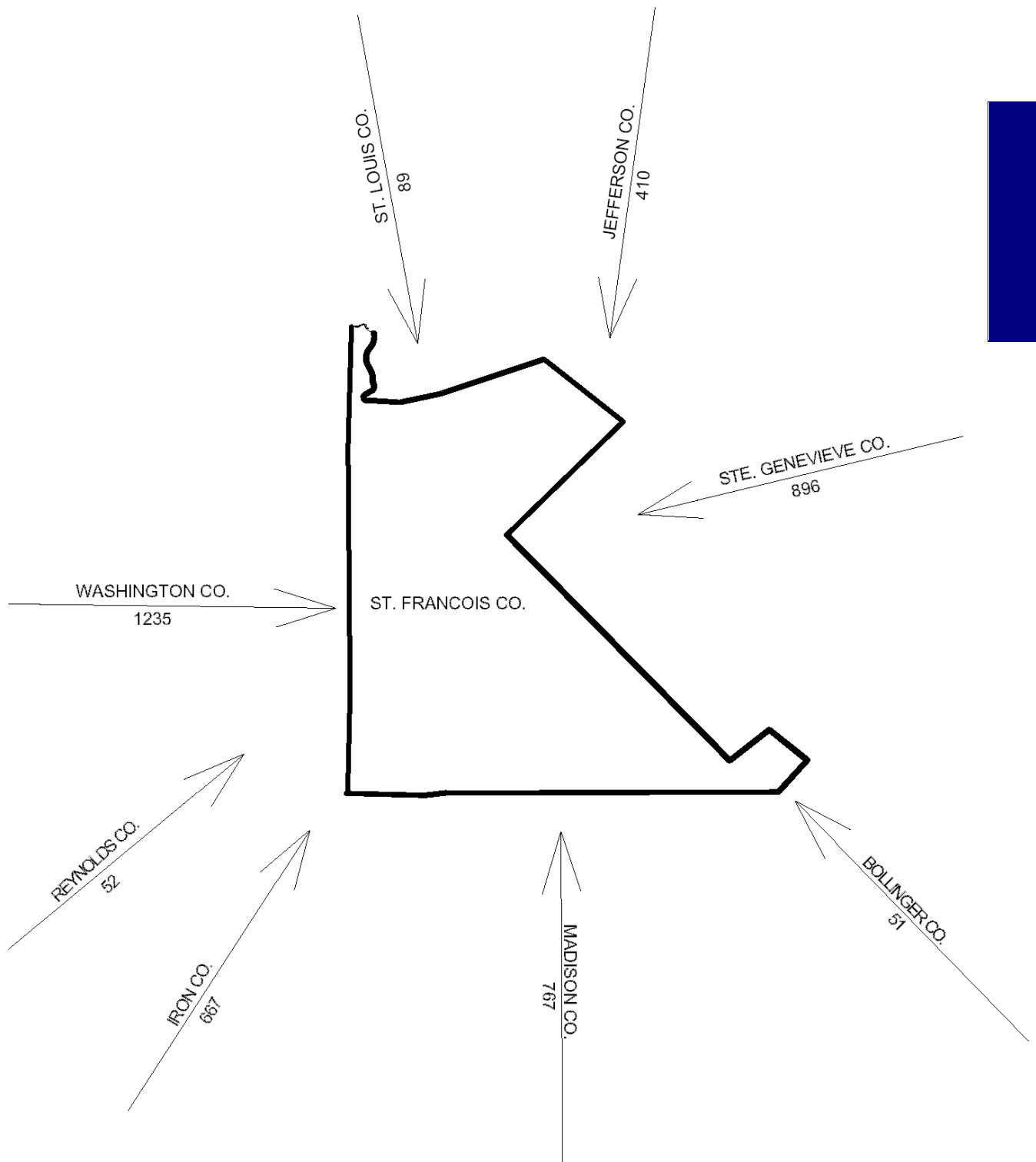
### *Labor Pool Education Level*

One key element when looking at labor, especially in a project of this make-up is the availability of an educated labor pool. During the period of July through September 2004, one of the four regional employee placement firms, Workforce Employment Solutions, reported completing a total of 466 applicant interviews in their Farmington (357) and Ste. Genevieve (109) office locations. Of those interviews conducted, approximately 88.2% of the applicants possessed a minimum education level of a GED or high school diploma. Additionally, in a random sampling survey conducted on the residents of the City of Farmington, 70% of the respondents reported having some college or a college degree.

### *Workforce Commuter Patterns*

The following pages depict the inbound and outbound movement of labor experienced by St. Francois County as determined by the 2000 Census conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

## Inbound Labor Movement

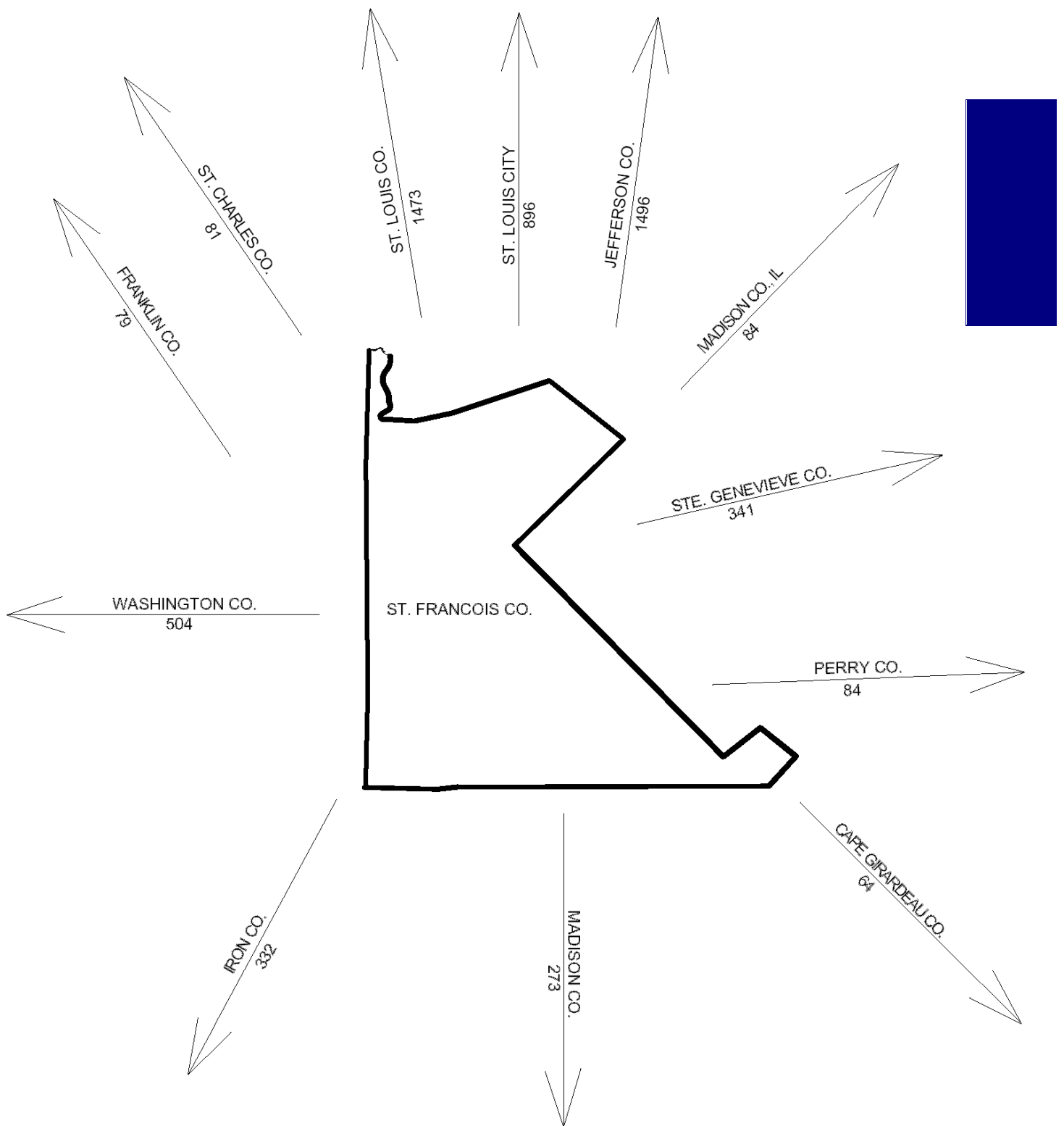


SOURCE: U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, 2000  
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Outbound

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## Area Wages

In a survey conducted of 33 local service companies with employment numbers ranging from 6 to 570 employees, the following per hour wage ranges were reported:

### ? Entry Level Service

Average Starting Pay .....	\$8.97
Average Top Pay .....	\$13.71

### ? Entry Level Office

Average Starting Pay .....	\$8.99
Average Top Pay .....	\$14.59

### ? Supervisory Level (25 companies reporting)

Average Starting Pay .....	\$14.31
Average Top Pay .....	\$20.56

## Benefits

In the area of benefits, the study showed that approximately fifty percent of the companies offered company paid health insurance for the employees. Forty-seven percent of the companies required an employee contribution, and the remaining three percent did not have insurance available to their employees.

Additionally, eighty-nine percent of the companies offer some form of retirement savings.

## Health Care

The City of Farmington enjoys high quality, affordable healthcare with unusually good access, a number one challenge for most outlying communities. Within the city limits of Farmington are three hospitals and one free-standing outpatient surgery center accounting for over 500 accredited beds.

### Mineral Area Regional Medical Center (MARMC)

MARMC was established in 1952 by a local group of osteopathic physicians and is currently licensed for 140+ beds. Specialties include family practice, ophthalmology, and podiatry. There are also specialty clinics for cardiology oncology, neurology and urology, pathology, and radiology.

MARMC has a school for radiology and surgical technicians, as well as residencies for podiatry and family practice. Students from Mineral Area College Nursing Programs, as well as some medical school externs rotate through the hospital.

MARMC ER was just recently expanded with a new 12,500 square foot facility and is accredited as a level III trauma center.

### Parkland Health Center

Parkland Health Center was established in 1969 by community leaders. In 1993, the hospital merged with BJC Healthcare Systems. Licensed for 130 beds, Parkland Health Center has a main campus in Farmington for inpatient care and a satellite 24-hour emergency room and outpatient facility approximately ten miles north on Highway 67.

Parkland's medical specialties include internal medicine, OB/GYN, general surgery, orthopedics, ophthalmology, urology, psychiatry, dermatology, allergy, pathology, radiology, anesthesiology, as well as out patient clinics in cardiology, vascular surgery, renal dialysis, nephrology, and oncology.

Students from Mineral Area College Nursing Programs, as well as some medical school externs rotate through the hospital.

## Southeast Missouri Mental Health Center (SEMMHC)

SEMMHC is owned by the State of Missouri and operated by the Department of Mental Health. The facility operates acute long term, and forensic psyche units for 31 counties and the prison.

## Surgery Center of Farmington

The Surgery Center of Farmington was established in 1999 and conducts over 4000 outpatient procedures a year. Specialties include GI, eye, urology, orthopedic, GYN, podiatry, and general surgery.

## Ambulance Services

The St. Francois County Ambulance District is headquartered in Farmington and serves all of St. Francois County. The District makes approximately 9,000 calls per year. The City is served by Air Evac and Arch helicopter.

