



RECENT ACCOLADES







Site Selection Magazine

- 125 businesses expanded or opened new facilities
- 57 more than last year





2014 CiCi Awards



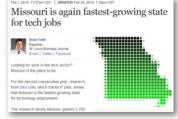
- Cerner Corporation, KC
- eFactory, Springfield
- Monsanto, St. Louis





Tech Job Growth: Dice.com

- Highest rate of Technology Job Growth in US
- 2 Years in a Row











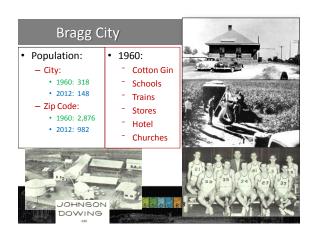




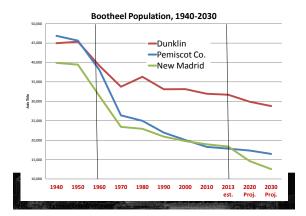












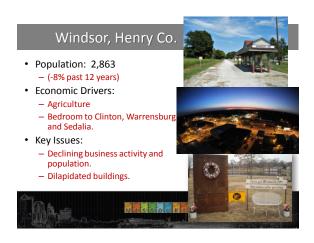
Purpose of the Tour

- Attempt to improve the economy of the communities.
- Learn about the problems of rural economic development.
- Develop strategies to improve rural ED.



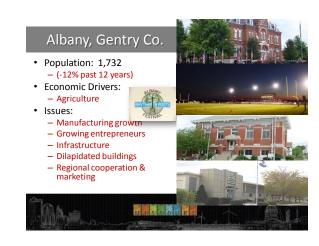




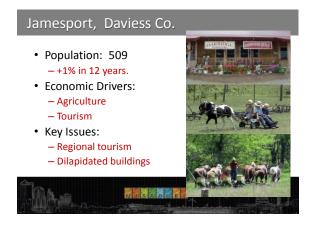














What Did We Learn?

- The communities don't lack for effort, leadership, or intelligence.
 - Some get along with each other better than others.
 - The activities of planning don't automatically result in significant change.
- Communities don't seem interested in attempting regional collaboration.
 - Local services, such as code enforcement.
 - ED and Tourism promotion.



What Did We Learn?

- Need: Demolition of dilapidated buildings.
 - Costly; Lengthy; Controversial.
- Need: Infrastructure improvements.
 - Rates/taxes would rise more than affordability.
- Need: Keeping the kids home.
 - Lack of opportunities and amenities.
- · Need: Lack of advanced math/science.



What Did We Learn

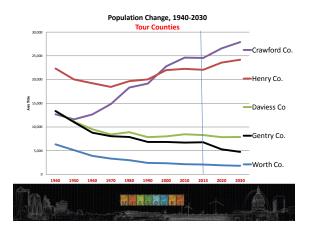
- The communities have unique catalysts.
 - Agriculture, manufacturing, tourism, bedroom.
- Misperceptions:
 - Low cost of living is a significant attraction.
 - Retail attraction will build the community.
 - Super 4 or Interstate highway will automatically result in increased project activity.
 - A new manufacturing project is imminent.



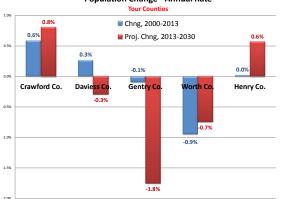
What Did We Learn?

- Most community leaders don't understand what drives modern "primary" business locations.
 - Thinks having 1 or 2 attributes will win projects.
- · Lack of:
 - Fully developed/shovel-ready sites.
 - Available buildings for modern needs.
 - Sizeable skilled young workforce.
 - Adequate infrastructure.
 - 4-Lane highway; Proximity to major markets.





Population Change - Annual Rate





ECONOMIC CATALYSTS



Economic Catalysts

- Brings in "new" money to the local market.
 - Doesn't compete within the local market.
- <u>Doesn't</u> base a facility location on local demographics.
 - Economic Catalysts location criteria:
 - Proximity; People; Place; Product; Perception; and Price.
- Greater job "spinoff" and higher wages.



What are "Economic Catalysts"

- a. Tourism attractions.
- B. Agriculture production
- O. Universities/colleges
- D. Retail
- E. Hospitals/medical facilities
- ©F. Office/headquarters
 - G. Local services
- OH. Regional services
- Ol. Military facilities
- J. Prisons



Types of Catalysts

- · "Primary" Businesses:
 - Manufacturing, Headquarters, Back Office
 - Regional Services, R&D
 - Contact center
- Tourism Attractions (with regional draw)
 - Lakes/rivers, pro sports, large events, large conventions
- · Agriculture
- Universities/Colleges
- Federal/State Government and Military, Prison, Institutions
- · "Regional significance"
 - Specialty hospitals, Unique retail



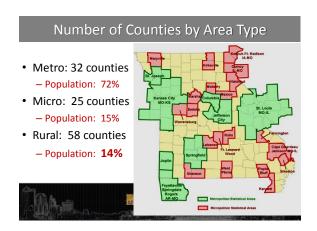
Economic Catalysts

- A. I agree with the concept.
- B. I disagree.
- C. I don't understand it.





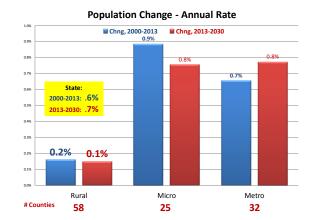


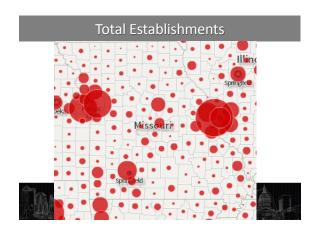


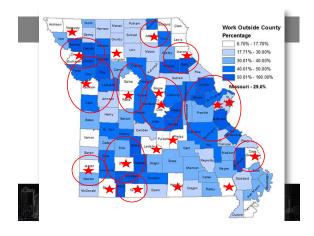
What is Your ED Service Area?

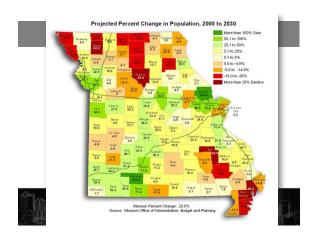
- A. Metro
- B. Micro
- C. Rural
- D. Micro and Rural
- E. Statewide
- F. Not in MO

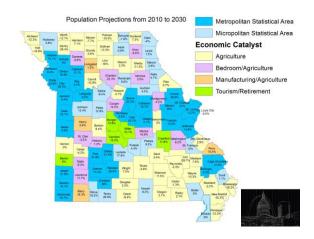


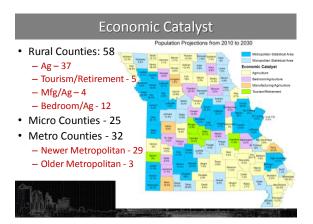


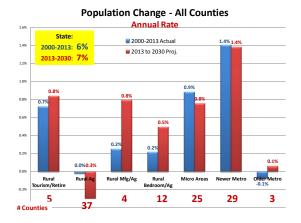


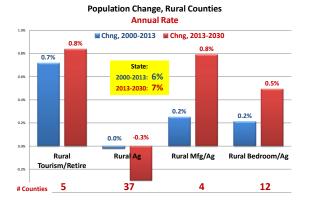












MCB Tour Follow-Up

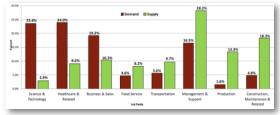
- Project Managers to follow up with each community.
- <u>July 18</u>: Rural Task Force meeting.
 - Develop sustainable strategies.
 - Involve all MO organizations that affect rural ED.



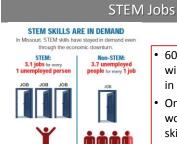




Missouri Labor Supply and Demand, Mar. 2014







 60%+ of new jobs will require degrees in STEM.

 Only 20% of the workforce has these skills.



"Live First, Work Second," consultant Rebecca Ryan notes just how important lifestyle is to next generation workers:

75% surveyed said that finding a "cool city" was more important to them than finding a "good job."





Recent Project Trends

- Attraction Projects Key Drivers
 - 1. Proximity/Market
 - 2. Talent
 - 3. Cost
- Existing Business Projects:
 - Technology and regional services growing in predominance.
 - Low-tech mfg still relocating to Mexico.





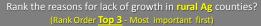
QUESTIONS Select top 3 (in order)



Best way to improve economy of rural Ag counties? (Bank Order Top 3 – Most important first)

- A. Lower taxes.
- B. Focus attraction efforts (infra, bldg, mktg) on a few key communities that have the best chance.
- C. Improve entrepreneurship efforts.
- D. Improve business retention and expansion efforts.
- E. Improve marketing/attraction efforts.
- F. Improve education/training.
- G. More regional collaboration.
- H. Other





- A. Lack of preparation or expertise by communities.
- B. Inadequate infrastructure.
- C. Insufficient attention by state & federal ED agencies.
- D. Changing economy companies are more tech.
- E. Insufficient marketing.
- F. High taxes.
- G. Lack of skilled labor.
- H. Don't know.



