

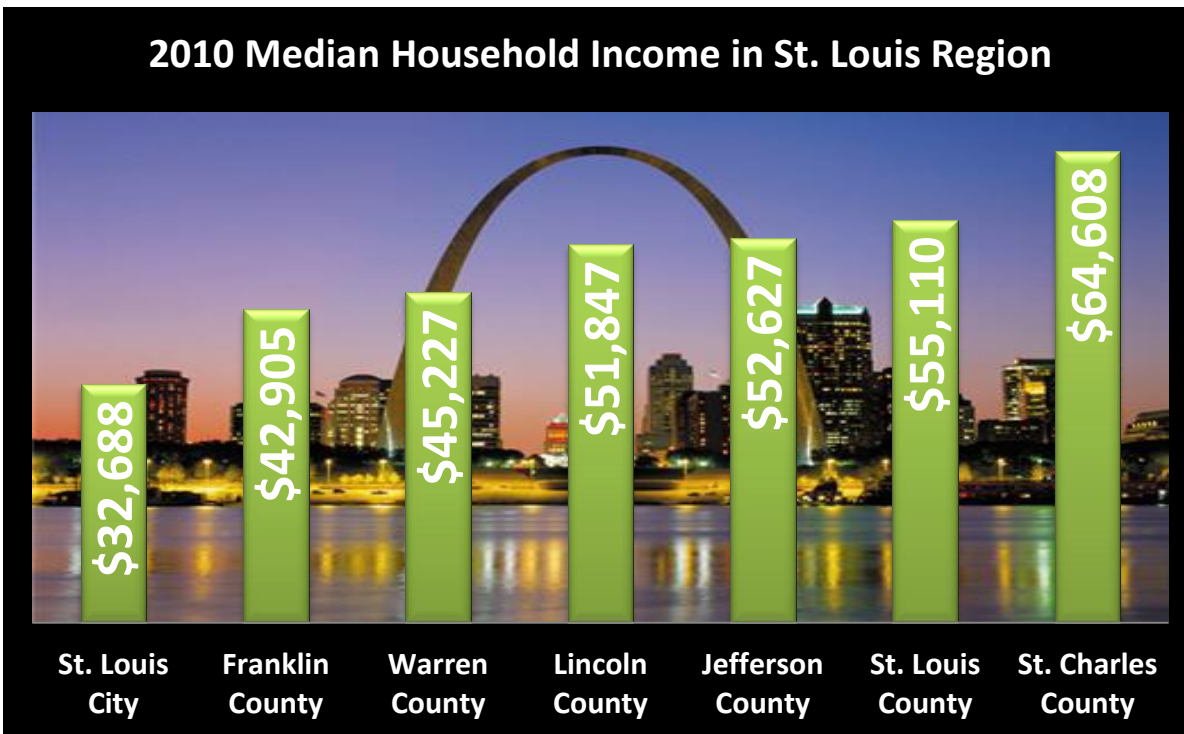


Census shows St. Charles County leading St. Louis region with highest household income

St. Charles County leads the St. Louis region in Missouri with the highest median household income, according to data from the 2010 American Community Survey from the U.S. Census Bureau.

Of the seven contiguous counties in eastern Missouri, St. Charles County topped the list with a median household income of \$64,608. St. Louis County was second on the list at \$55,110 followed by Jefferson County at \$52,627, Lincoln County at \$51,847, Warren County at \$45,227, Franklin County at \$42,905 and St. Louis City at \$32,688. St. Charles County’s income level was 14.7 percent higher than the second community on the list and 49.4 percent higher than the last place listing.

Local officials cited the area’s skilled workforce and the business community’s ability to adapt in the changing economic times as some of the key reasons for this achievement. “The residents of St. Charles County are blessed to enjoy the region’s highest levels of household income even as we make gains in job creation and are constructing over a million square feet of new commercial development this past year,” said Greg Prestemon, president and chief executive officer of the Economic Development Center of St. Charles County.



A renewed regional approach to job creation, state-wide solutions to business attraction and retention, and increased emphasis on STEM studies and careers (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) are paramount for the metropolitan area to grow a stronger and more vibrant economy, Prestemon said.

Source: 2010 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates and 2008-2010 American Community Survey 3-Year Estimates. U.S. Census Bureau

“As one of the largest economies in the state of Missouri, St. Charles County is poised to make excellent gains in the coming years thanks to our skilled workforce, tremendous infrastructure investments, and award-winning quality of place,” he said. “Working with our regional partners, we want to help lead the way forward to increased individual, corporate, and community success in eastern Missouri.”

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