

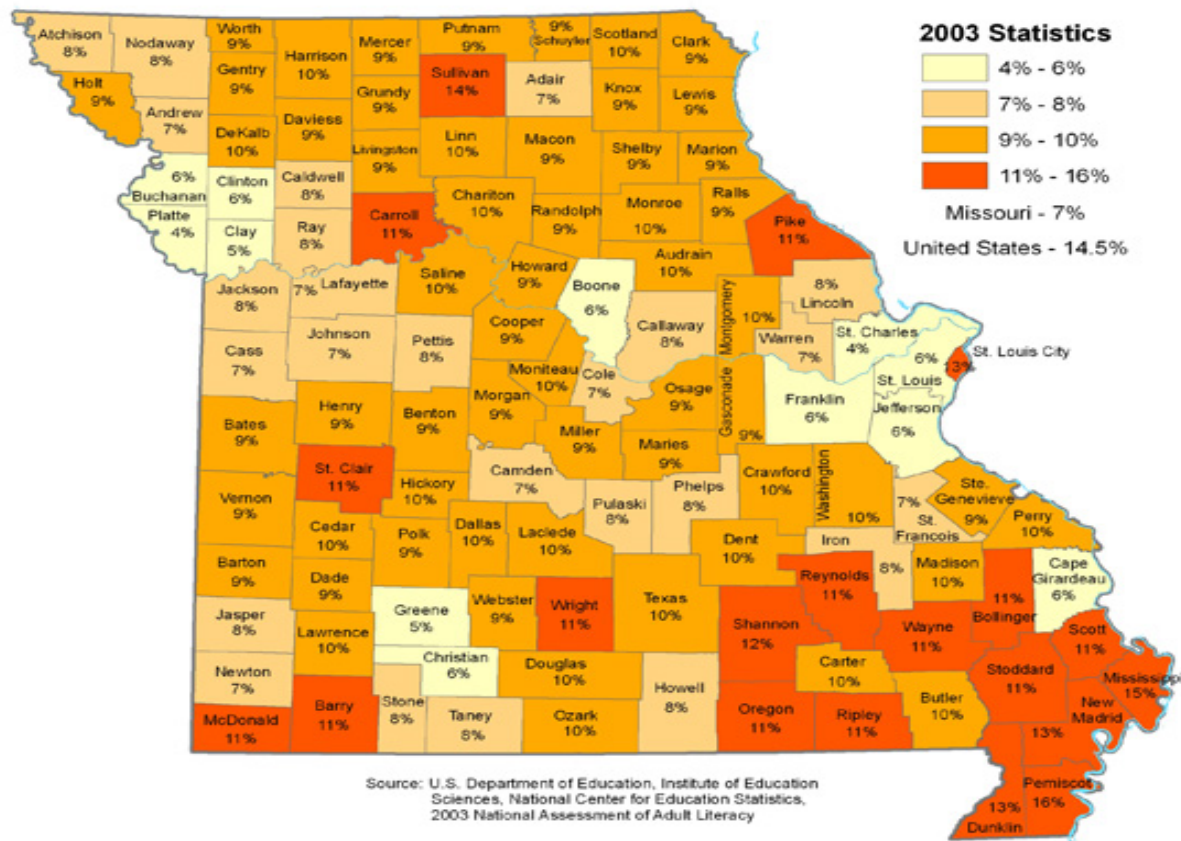
Youth in the News

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Percent of Missourians Lacking Basic Prose Literacy Skills



The above map displays the percentages of Missourians lacking abilities in Literacy and Numeracy

CASE MANAGER MONTHLY REPORTS

COUNTY	CASELOAD	# OF ACTIVITIES	DO PREVENTION/ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS	WORKSITE LEARNING	OCCUPATIONAL SKILLS TRAINING	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	ATTAINMENT
Bollinger	1 IS/9 OS	6	2	0	0	2	0
Scott	3 IS/6OS	5	3	1	0	1	0
Cape	0 IS/14OS	33	8	9	0	11	3
Pemiscot	11 IS/5 OS	6	4	0	2	4	0
Mississippi	3IS/10OS	4	5	0	0	6	0
Dunklin	18 IS/7OS	6	3	1	0	13	0
New Madrid	6IS/4OS	2	1	0	0	8	1 (employed)
Stoddard	1IS/20 OS	6	17	0	8	6	2 (GED, employed)
Madison	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT
Iron	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT	NO REPORT
St. Genevieve	13 IS/ 19 OS	6	0	2	0	2	0
St. Francois	5IS/16 OS	23	4	0	2	3	3 (employed)

* Madison and Iron Counties reports were not received as of the date of creation of this report



YOUTH IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A participant who had been enrolled since 8/12/08 in the Ste. Genevieve county WIA Youth Program, seemed to have lost interest. He recently returned to the EMAA office to attend a workshop. He came in with his arm bandaged. He had broken two fingers and sprained his wrist. He stated that he was unable to control his anger and he needed help. The workshop for that day was on Anger Management. He actively participated in the workshop and then returned for the next two workshops. He has made two changes this month. He decided to leave his girlfriend and concentrate more on his future goals and also made a long term occupational change from police and probation to the medical field. He is now taking the program, and more importantly, his life goals more seriously.

Scott county is pleased to have Mr. Ray Rodgers as a MERS/Goodwill youth client in Scott County. Ray is a native of Sikeston and first approached the youth program in need of assistance with obtaining his school diploma and employment. Since Ray began the youth program, he has successfully completed the requirements to obtain his high school diploma. During the month of December, Ray was given the opportunity to meet with Mr. Terry Bryant, construction supervisor for Habitat for Humanity. Ray was given one day to demonstrate his skills for home repair and building abilities. Ray passed with flying colors. Ray began construction training at the end of January. This assignment will open many doors for Ray in his future, as well as future employment.

GREAT JOB RAY!!!



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OUR IMPACT

Dunklin County

Seventeen year old Chad Franks is new to the MERS/Goodwill Youth program. He is very excited to be a part of the MERS/Goodwill family. Chad resides in Kennett and has spent most of his life living with his grandparents. His grandfather played a HUGE role in his life and was Chad's best role model. Sadly, Chad's grandfather passed away a few years ago and it was then that Chad's life changes tremendously. He dropped out of school, landed himself in a boys home and eventually back in Kennett living with his grandmother. Chad is now enrolled in GED classes at Southeast State University. Chad was the first youth to enroll in a paid work experience program this year in Dunklin County. He is now doing what he and his grandfather loved, auto mechanics. Chad's grandmother asked him if he was following in his grandfather's footsteps and he said "I can't think of any better footsteps to follow". Chad loves his work experience at American Automotive in Kennett and hopes it will lead to permanent employment. Soon Chad will be ready to complete the GED exam.

We wish you the very best Chad!