

8.c.. Workforce Factors – Commuters

Identify the number of people commuting to the location within a 50 mile radius of the site.

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**Summary of Commuters Within a 50-Mile Radius of the Kearney Site**

In 2011, 14,380 workers commuted 50 miles or less to a primary job in Kearney (**Table 7**). A comparison of the proposed site (Kearney) and the current site (Grand Island) shows that the total number of primary jobs within a 50-mile radius of each is approximately equal:

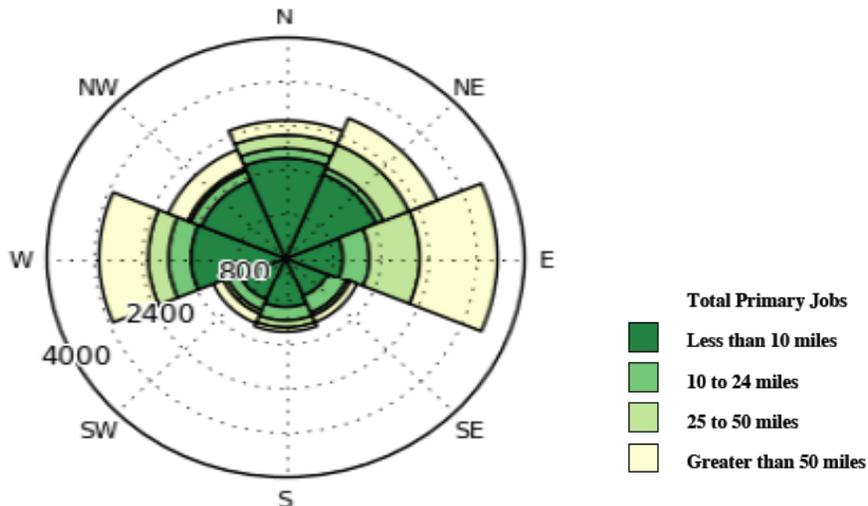
**Kearney:** 89,956 primary jobs  
**Grand Island:** 91,444 primary jobs

**Table 7** shows a detailed breakdown the travel distances for commuters to primary jobs in Kearney. Twenty-four percent of workers commuted between 10 and 50 miles to jobs in Kearney in 2011. **Figure 1** (also below) shows that the bulk of commuters to Kearney live east, northeast, or west of the proposed site – areas that include Grand Island, Lexington, and Hastings. Finally, **Figure 2** shows the primary job concentrations surrounding the site. Information shown in **Table 7** and **Figures 1** and **2** was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau.

<b>Table 7. 2011 Jobs by Distance: Work Census Block to Home Census Block</b>		
	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Total Primary Jobs	18012	100.0%
Commute less than 10 miles	10078	56.0%
Commute 10 - 24 miles	2089	11.6%
Commute 25 - 50 miles	2213	12.3%
Commute 50 miles or less	14380	79.9%
Commute more than 50 miles*	3632	20.2%

\* This number can be inflated in a town with a university student population because students may provide a home zip code and this would be used for computing the commuting distance.

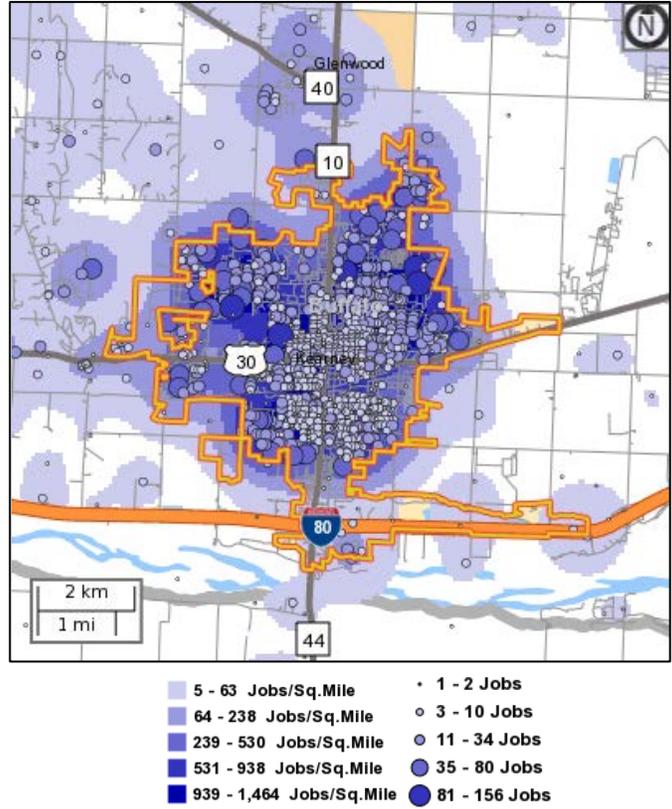
**Figure 1. 2011 Job Counts by Distance and Direction**



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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, OnTheMap Application and LEHD Origin-Destination Employment Statistics (Beginning of Quarter Employment, 2nd Quarter 2002-2011).

Figure 2. 2011 Job Concentrations Surrounding Proposed Site



The U.S. Census provides commuter data by sector but not job category; however, according to the 2012 Survey of Registered Nurses in Nebraska conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services, 16 percent of RNs living in Buffalo County and 27.5 percent of RNs living in Hall County commute between 21 and 50 miles to their job:

Distance	Buffalo	Hall
Commute less than 6 miles	58.4%	42.2%
Commute 6 - 10 miles	9.6%	14.3%
Commute 11 - 20 miles	11.4%	12.7%
Commute 21 - 30 miles	8.3%	16.0%
Commute 30 - 50 miles	7.6%	11.5%
Commute more than 50 miles	4.7%	3.3%
Total:	100.0%	100.0%

Source: 2012 Nebraska Nursing Survey (Online responses only; N = 726 Buffalo County; 644 Hall County).