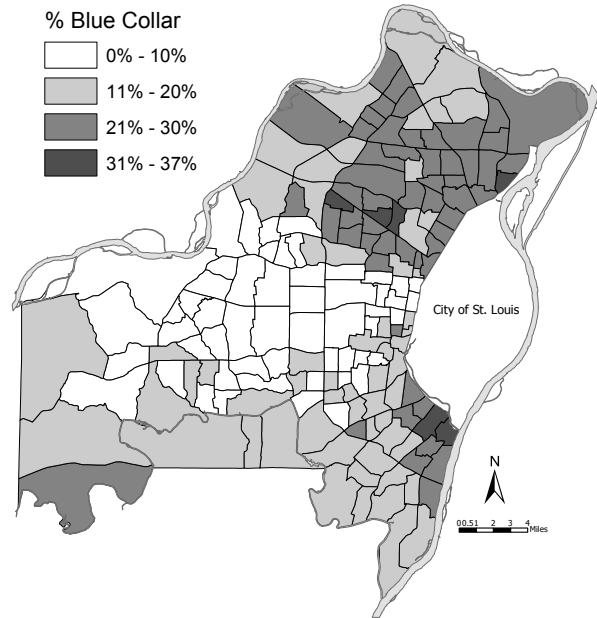


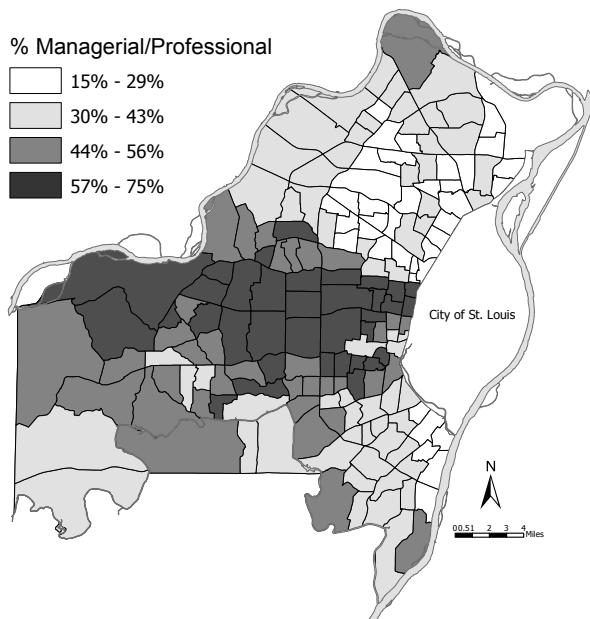
Occupation by Place of Residence

Managerial and professional workers predominate in Mid-County and West County. North and South County contain a few census tracts where more than 43 percent of workers are in managerial, professional and related occupations, but on the whole, North and South County have fewer workers in this category. Management, professional and related occupations include educational workers, social service occupations, health care technicians and computer occupations as well as business, financial, legal, medical, engineering and architectural professionals. As a group, they tend to receive higher salaries than other occupations, and they tend to live in areas of high housing values.

The pattern of residence for managerial and professional workers is roughly opposite that of blue-collar workers. (See the map at right). There is a strong relationship between the distribution of managerial and professional workers and the percentage of adults with a college degree or higher.



Proportion of Blue Collar Workers



Proportion of Managerial and Professional Workers

Blue-collar occupations include occupations grouped by the Census Bureau under the headings of Precision Production, Skilled Crafts and Repairs, Operators, Fabricators and Laborers, Farming, Fishing and Forestry. Blue-collar workers reside in high concentrations in North County and in parts of South and Southwest County. These concentrations are in areas with good access to major manufacturing employers such as Boeing and Ford Motor Company in North County and Chrysler in Southwest County (Fenton).

Workers in blue-collar occupations comprise 16.5 percent of workers residing in St. Louis County as compared to 24.7 percent nationwide. Areas with a high proportion of blue-collar workers tend to be areas of lower median income, because blue-collar occupations are typically paid less than managerial and professional workers.

Source: U.S. Census, 2000.