

Elgin’s largest employers are listed in **Exhibit 2.13: Major Area Employers**. Like many small communities, the school district is the largest local employer. This will likely continue as Elgin grows its residential base and adds additional schools to the community. Three of the top five employers are local brick manufactures, which is no surprise given Elgin’s title as the Brick Capital of the Southwest.

Exhibit 2.13: Major Area Employers

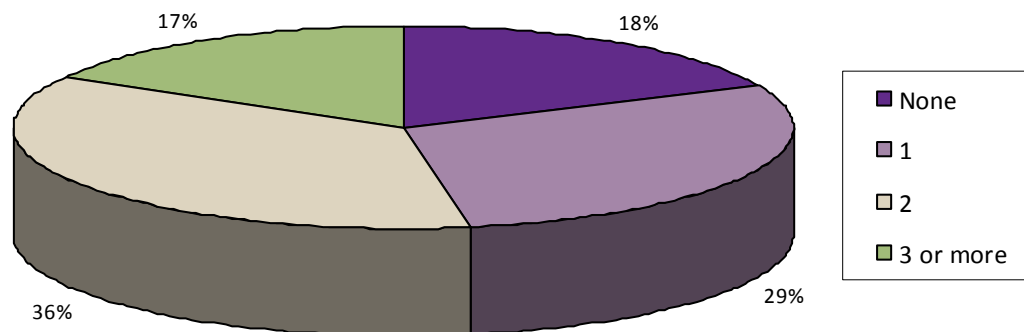
Business Name	Number of Employees
Elgin ISD	664
Acme Brick Company	162
HEB Grocery	127
Elgin-Butler Brick	81
Hanson Brick Company	80
City of Elgin	73
IMT	59
Accurate Elastomer Products	50

Source: Greater Elgin Chamber of Commerce

Elgin benefits from the rapidly growing economy of the Austin region, which provides a variety of job opportunities in relatively close range of the community. According to the 2000 census, the average commute time to work for Elgin residents was just under 30 minutes.

However, jobs in the Austin region are only available to residents who have transportation options. **Exhibit 2.14: Vehicles Available per Household, 2000** shows that 18 percent of households in Elgin do not have a vehicle available. This can create barriers to accessing employment opportunities in the region. Many Elgin residents take advantage of car pools or van pools (19.1 percent) to access their places of employment. However, the large number of households without a vehicle indicates that it is important to provide and maintain employment opportunities in the community, while also exploring alternative transportation options. This includes the potential of Light Rail or Commuter Rail access to Austin, local transit service, an effective network of sidewalks and bikeways, and sustainable land use planning to place retail uses and employers within closer proximity to residential uses.

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Source: U.S. Census, 2000.