

Missouri advantages for logistics and distribution



With its centralized Midwest location, Missouri lies at the heart of a vast transportation network directly connected to domestic and foreign markets. With the state's solid history of successful warehousing and distribution—combined with some of the lowest taxes, energy rates and gas prices in the country—Missouri is positioned to shape the future of the distribution industry.

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Five reasons Missouri is right for distribution and logistics:

1. **Location:** Missouri puts you closer to your customers and suppliers.

Missouri is within one day of half of all U.S. households and manufacturing establishments—as well as eight of the nation’s top 20 fastest growing metro populations—and has single railroad access to Mexico and the West Coast. [Go to page 3.](#)

2. **Infrastructure:** Missouri’s top-ranked transportation network can get your product to market faster and cheaper.

With rail access to both coasts, ports along the Mississippi river and lock-free access to the Gulf of Mexico, two airports supporting international traffic, and one of the largest public road and highway systems in the nation, Missouri provides efficient, low-cost shipping to many markets. [Go to page 5.](#)

3. **Companies:** Missouri “gets” distribution centers. Look who’s here!

Walmart, Dollar General, General Mills, Toys R Us, Kraft Foods, and Rawlings all have distribution centers in Missouri, and recently added or expanded centers in the state include Ceva Animal Health, Community Wholesale Tire, Foodservicewarehouse.com, Green Supply, Orgill, Reallygoodstuff.com, and Walmart. [Go to page 8.](#)

4. **Business-friendly:** Missouri is more cost-competitive than other Midwestern states.

Missouri’s regular gasoline diesel prices were the 2nd lowest in the U.S.; the state also had the 4th lowest diesel tax in 2015. [Go to page 15.](#)

5. **Workforce:** Missouri knows logistics.

With almost 300,000 workers in the transportation and logistics industry, Missouri’s growing, diverse population is a strong point of difference among other Midwest states—and median hourly wages in Missouri are lower than wages in 32 other states. [Go to page 16.](#)



Missouri puts you closer to your customers and suppliers.

- 600 mile radius
- 1,200 mile radius



Missouri's central location provides efficient access to both coasts, as well as to markets in Canada and Mexico.

Missouri is within 600 miles of many of the nation's fastest growing metros, including: Atlanta, Austin, Dallas, Denver, Houston, Minneapolis, Nashville, and San Antonio (*Source: Census Bureau, 2010–2015*).

Missouri is within 600 miles of 51 percent of U.S. households and 50 percent of U.S. manufacturing establishments (*Sources: American Community Survey 5 Year, 2010–2014, ESRI and Infogroup, 2015*).

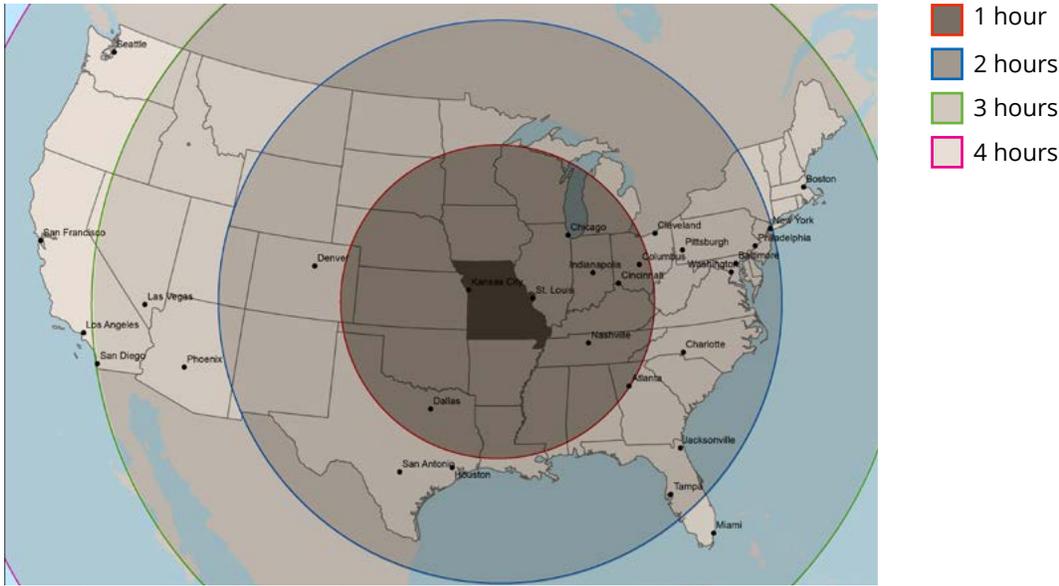
The population center of the U.S. is located near the town of Plato, Missouri (*Source: Census Bureau, 2015*).

Missouri is bordered by eight states—tied with Tennessee for the most of any U.S. state—providing access to even more markets and customers.

Kansas City Southern offers direct rail service from Missouri to points along their north/south network in the U.S. and Mexico, including the natural deepwater Port of Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico.

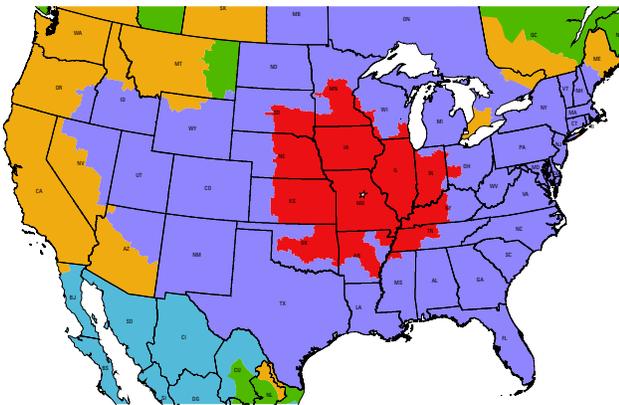
Missouri is home to the most northern ice-free port on the Mississippi River, with unrestricted access to the Gulf of Mexico.

Flight times from Missouri



FedEx Freight from Columbia, Mo: *Priority*

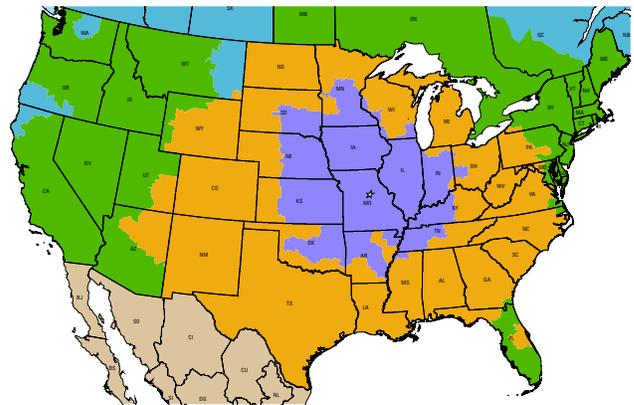
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FedEx Freight from Columbia, Mo: *Economy*

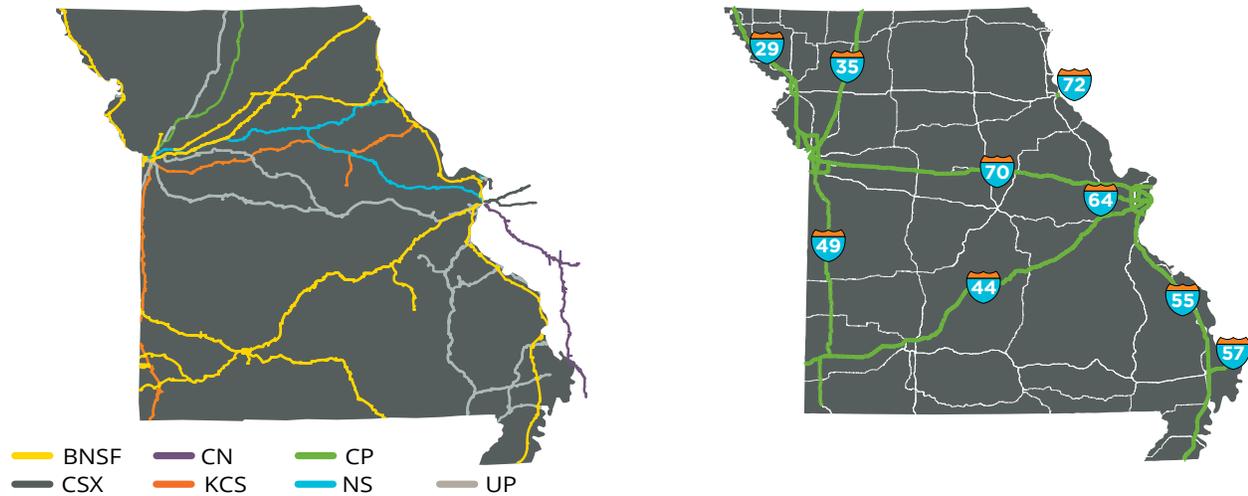
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“Our new Kansas City facility is strategically located to serve our customers across North America. We’re extremely pleased that the state has been so supportive of our plans to grow our workforce here. We’re actively recruiting from the large pool of talent in the Kansas City area, with the goal of creating up to 125 full-time jobs.”

Troy Cooper, CEO, XPO Logistics

Missouri's top-ranked transportation network is a dependable delivery system for goods and services.



Rail

Missouri is one of the few states that can provide rail access to both east and west coasts. The Show-Me state also provides efficient, low-cost shipping across the country via all Class I carriers: Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF), Kansas City Southern (KCS), Norfolk Southern (NS), Union Pacific (UP), CSX, Canadian National Railway (CN) and Canadian Pacific (CP).

Missouri is ranked fourth in tons and third in rail carloads carried by state (*Source: Association of American Railroads*).

Two of the largest U.S. rail terminals are located in Kansas City and St. Louis, linking nearly 4,000 miles of track throughout the state.

The CenterPoint KCS Intermodal center includes a 1,000 acre industrial park adjacent to the newly opened Kansas City Southern Intermodal Facility. With infrastructure in place, these sites are build-ready for facilities up to 1 million square feet. KCS offers direct rail service to points along their north/south network in the U.S. and Mexico, including the natural deepwater Port of Lazaro Cardenas, Mexico.

Roads

Missouri has one of the least congested transportation networks in the United States and the 6th largest public road and highway system in the nation (*Source: Federal Highway Administration, 2013*).

Major interstates include I-64, I-44, I-70, I-55, I-35, I-49 and I-29. I-70, which bisects Missouri, is over 2,000 miles long and passes through 10 states. I-29 and I-35 are located within the NAFTA corridor, providing easy access to Canada and Mexico.

There are more than 110,000 commercial trailers registered in Missouri (*Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 2011*).



Waterways

Missouri is ranked 10th for inland waterway mileage (1,000 miles), moving an average of \$4.1 billion in cargo annually (*Source for mileage: Bureau of Transportation Statistics, cargo: Missouri Port Authorities*).

29 industrial centers, with a combined population of 90 million, can be reached from St. Louis by barge. St. Louis is the northern-most point on the Mississippi River that normally remains ice-free and open throughout the year. The city is also the location of the southern-most lock and dam on the Mississippi (*Source: Missouri Port Authorities*).

Airports

Missouri travelers can reach most cities in the United States and Canada in less than three hours by air.

The airport system in Missouri consists of approximately 130 public airports, two of which support international traffic: Lambert-St. Louis International and Kansas City International.

Springfield, Branson, Joplin, Columbia, Cape Girardeau, Kirksville and Waynesville (Fort Leonard Wood) also have commercial service.

Missouri has three U.S. Customs Ports of Entry located in Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis.

Foreign Trade Zones

Missouri has three foreign trade zones in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Springfield.

The FTZ at Lambert-St. Louis International Airport was recently expanded to include all of St. Louis and St. Louis County under the Alternative Site Framework. The airport has over 600 acres of land for development on the airfield.

Kansas City ranks first in the country in FTZ space, with five manufacturing zones (123.4 acres), nine general purpose FTZ sites, over 8 million square feet of active FTZ space, and 13,000+ acres of inactive FTZ space available for storage or processing merchandise.

Missouri's roads and highways

"When the opportunity arose to come to Kansas City, I immediately jumped on it. Kansas City has always had a strong logistics sector, and I was eager to be a part of it. After touring the area, I am very encouraged by the growth potential I see in Kansas City."

Brent Collins, CEO, Commonwealth Inc.

Missouri roads by the numbers

All public roads	131,978 miles
Interstates	1,379 miles
Bridges	24,385 miles

Source: Federal Highway Administration and the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 2013–2014

Maximum dimensions allowed on Missouri highways

Width	8.5 ft
Height	14 ft (15 ft in a commercial zone)
Length (single motor vehicle)	45 ft
Length (truck-trailer combination)	65 ft
Length (each trailer when pulled in tandem)	28 ft
Length (tractor-trailer combinations)	No limit
Weight (single axle)	20,000 lbs (22,400 lbs in a commercial zone)
Weight (tandem axle*)	34,000 lbs
Gross Weight Limit	80,000 lbs

*A tandem axle is defined as a group of two or more axles, arranged one behind the other, separated by a distance of no less than 40 inches nor more than 96 inches.

Did you know?

St. Louis, Springfield and Kansas City all have Intelligent Transportation Systems called Gateway Guide, Ozarks Traffic, and Scout, respectively. These centers monitor the roadways, respond to congestion and incidents and deliver information to travelers via a number of means, including web sites, email, sms messages, dynamic message signs and highway advisory radio (MoDOT).

The first three contracts under the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 were signed in Missouri. The first contract signed was for U.S. 66. On August 13, 1956, Missouri awarded the first contract based on new Interstate Highway funding.

Springfield, Missouri, was the first community in the U.S. to construct a diverging diamond interchange.

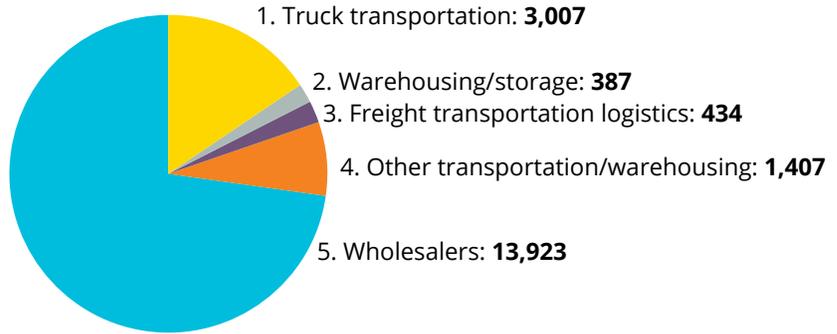


Missouri “gets” distribution centers. Look who’s here!

Transportation & logistics establishments in Missouri

BLS, June 2015, preliminary

Transportation & logistics establishments in Missouri: 19,158



Almost 20,000 companies and 300,000 workers are already taking advantage of Missouri's logistics infrastructure, competitive business costs, low cost of living and vibrant culture.

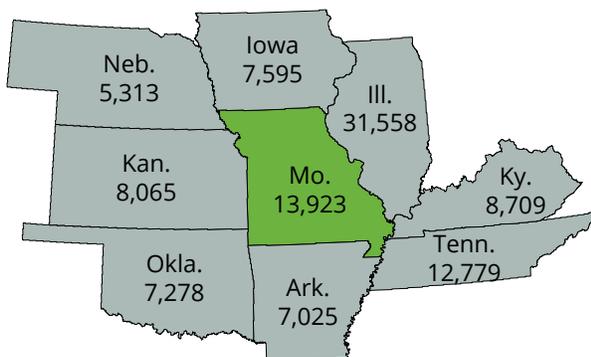
In 2015, 19,158 Missouri establishments were involved in the transportation/logistics industry sector, which includes wholesalers, truck transportation, warehousing, and freight transportation logistics.

Walmart, Dollar General, General Mills, Toys R Us, Kraft Foods, and Rawlings all have distribution centers in Missouri.

Kansas City and St. Louis were top metro areas for new distribution and warehouse construction in 2015 according to the Site Selection Group—click [here](#) to read more.

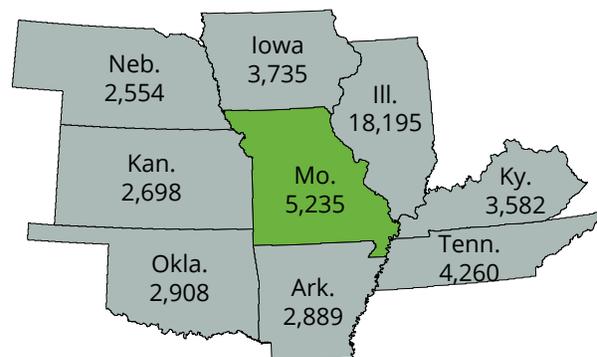
NAICS 42 Wholesale Trade Establishments

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NAICS 48-49 Transportation & Warehousing Estab.

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Missouri's distribution centers and logistics companies

- Major distribution centers
- Trucking companies
- 3PL companies
- ⚓ Port authority
- ✈ Major airport



Companies with major distribution centers in Missouri include:

[Aldi](#) (St. Peters)

[American Red Cross](#) (St. Louis)

[Arrowhead](#) (Springfield)

[Associated Wholesale Grocers](#) (Kansas City and Springfield)

[Bass Pro Shops](#) (Springfield)

[Blount International, Inc.](#) (Kansas City)

[Blue Buffalo](#) (Joplin)

[Brookstone](#) (Mexico)

NEW [Ceva Animal Health](#) (Kansas City) signed a five-year lease to occupy 72,000 square feet of warehousing and distribution space in Hunt Midwest Subtropolis in 2015 and announced plans to create 10 new jobs.

[Coca-Cola](#) (Joplin and St. Louis)

NEW [Community Wholesale Tire](#) (Springfield) opened a new \$4 million warehouse in Springfield in 2015 and added a dozen new jobs.

[Don's Cold Storage](#) (Joplin)

[Dollar General](#) (Fulton)

[FedEx](#) (Kansas City, Springfield, St. Joseph, and St. Louis)

[Flex-N-Gate](#) (Kansas City)

NEW [FoodServiceWarehouse.com](#) (Kansas City) selected Kansas City for a new distribution center in 2014, making a \$1.75 million capital investment and creating 40 new jobs.

[General Mills](#) (Joplin)

NEW [Green Supply](#) (Vandalia) announced plans to expand, adding 31 new jobs, in 2015.

[Hallmark](#) (Kansas City)

[Hartzell Hardwoods](#) (Kirksville)

[Home Depot](#) (Mexico)

[Johnson Controls, Inc.](#) (Kansas City)

[John Deere Reman](#) (Springfield)

[Kohl's](#) (Kansas City)

[Kraft Foods](#) (Springfield)

[La-Z-Boy](#) (Neosho)

[Macy's](#) (St. Louis)

NEW [Menards](#) (Sullivan) announced plans to build a new 185,000 sq. ft. manufacturing and distribution facility in Sullivan, creating 129 new jobs initially. The company expects to invest \$29.1 million into the facility.

[Musician's Friend](#) (Kansas City)

[McLane](#) (Republic)

[O'Reilly Auto Parts](#) (Kansas City, Springfield)

NEW [Orgill](#) (Sikeston) announced plans to expand its facility by more than 250,000 square feet and add 70 new jobs in 2015.



QuikTrip (Kansas City)

Rawlings Sporting Goods (St. Louis)

NEW ReallyGoodStuff.com (Kansas City) announced Kansas City as the location of its new e-commerce fulfillment center in 2015. The project includes a \$3.36 million capital investment and is expected to create 44 new jobs.

NEW Schnuck Markets Inc. (HQ St. Louis) announced plans to begin construction of a new \$100 million distribution facility in 2015 which will employ 400 people.

Scholastic (Jefferson City)

SuperValu (St. Louis)

SYSCO Corporation (St. Louis)

Trane (St. Louis)

Toys R Us (Kansas City)

Tyson Foods (Montgomery City)

UPS (St. Louis)

Vijon (St. Louis)

Vistar (Kansas City)

NEW Walmart (Harrisonville, Moberly, St. James) Walmart announced plans to expand their distribution center in Moberly in 2015, adding 45 new full time jobs.

Major third party logistics (3PL) companies in Missouri

C.H. Robinson (Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield) is one of the world's largest 3PL providers, with 2014 gross revenues of \$13.5 billion.

Cheyenne Logistics (HQ St. Louis) provides worldwide shipping, packing, crating and logistical services.

NEW Commonwealth Inc. (Kansas City), a Cincinnati-based third-party logistics firm, signed a lease for its first Kansas City location—a 101,567-square-foot space at NorthPoint Development's new Three Trails Industrial Park, in 2015. The company will invest \$3.5 million in its new space.

NEW Davidson Surface/Air (St. Louis) announced the purchase of a 315,000 square-foot building and the addition of 100 new jobs to the St. Louis area in 2014. The company's services range from shipping to inventory controls, with customers around the United States as well as in Canada, England, Denmark, and Japan.

Ditzfeld Transfer (HQ Sedalia) is one of the leading logistics firms in the Midwest, operating 921,000 SF of warehouse space.

Exel (Kansas City, Springfield, and St. Louis) is part of the supply chain division of Deutsche Post DHL, the world's leading logistics group. Deutsche Post DHL is the parent company of DHL, the global leader in international express, overland transport, and air freight.



Freightquote (Kansas City), the nation's largest online freight-shipping broker and a subsidiary of C.H. Robinson Worldwide, recently moved its headquarters and 1,225 jobs from Lenexa to Kansas City. The company announced plans to add an additional 400 jobs in Missouri in 2014.



Fastrans Logistics (HQ St. Louis) is engaged in logistics management, national warehousing and distribution, and freight auditing.



Graybar (HQ St. Louis) is a Fortune 500 company specializing in supply chain management distribution and materials for the electrical/telecommunications industries for over 80 years.



The Hub Group (St. Louis) is a shipper's agent and freight forwarder that markets intermodals to companies in eastern Missouri and southern Illinois. The Hub Group's parent company is the largest intermodal marketing company, acting as a transportation manager for uninterrupted movement of freight between carriers.



Materialogic (HQ St. Louis) is a nationally-recognized third party fulfillment, distribution, logistics and marketing support services provider delivering outsourced business processing solutions.



NEW Mid America Logistics (HQ St. Louis) announced plans to expand in 2015 and create 127 new jobs. The company provides freight brokerage and asset-based freight services.



NEW Murphy Warehouse Co (Kansas City) added two new logistics campuses in Kansas City in 2015 with a total of 150,000 square feet of warehouse space. The sites triple Murphy Logistics' square footage in the area. In 2012, the company expanded outside of Minnesota for the first time, leasing a 50,000 square foot facility in Kansas City's Paseo Industrial District and creating 12 jobs.



OHL (Kansas City) is a full service 3PL providing supply chain management solutions for international and domestic transportation, warehousing, customs brokerage, freight forwarding and trade consulting services.



NEW PLS Logistics Services (St. Louis) opened a new St. Louis branch office with 25 employees in 2015. The office is expected to grow to more than 150 employees in three years.



SRC Logistics (HQ Springfield) provides a broad range of logistics services, including public and contract warehousing, non-asset-based transportation management, fulfillment, distribution, and reverse logistics.



Standard Transportation (HQ Joplin) was established in 1984 as one of the first transportation brokers in the area. The company currently operates six warehouses totaling over 802,000 square feet.



NEW Total Quality Logistics (St. Louis) one of the largest freight brokerage firms in the nation, selected St. Louis for a new office in 2014. The company's expansion plan includes a \$1.2 million capital investment and is expected to create 95 jobs within the next five years.



Transplace (St. Louis) acquired St. Louis-based LMS in 2014. LMS emerged from the transportation logistics division at Monsanto in 1996 and became a formidable contender within the highly competitive 3PL industry.



Wagner Logistics (Kansas City) is a 3PL that collaborates with companies for outsourcing of fulfillment, distribution, warehousing, and transportation management.



World Wide Technology (HQ St. Louis) is a leading systems integrator providing technology products, services, and supply chain solutions to customers around the globe. WWT has a national network of distribution centers linked to a centralized inventory and order management application hosted in their secure data center in St. Louis.



NEW XPO Logistics (Kansas City) a leading transportation logistics company, opened a new 1.2 million logistics center in Kansas City in 2014 that is expected to create up to 125 new jobs.



Major trucking companies

Artur Express (St. Louis), is a full-service, nationwide transportation and logistics company that recently expanded their headquarters in south St. Louis County.



Central Trucking Inc. (HQ Springfield) refrigerated carrier with four terminals across the United States.



D & D Sexton, Inc. (HQ Carthage) one of the leading refrigerated carriers in the Midwest, the company operates 132 tractors, 300 reefers, and has 190 full time employees.



Hogan (HQ St. Louis) is one of the largest and fastest growing trucking companies in the U.S. Its two largest companies are Hogan Motor Leasing and Hogan Transport.



IWX Motor Freight (HQ Springfield) specializes in servicing dry freight shippers whose product not only requires maximum cube space inside the trailer but also any shipper whose product has temperature requirements ranging from frozen, protection from freezing, or protection from heat.



Jack Cooper Transport (HQ Kansas City) is one of the largest privately owned auto transport carriers in the nation and the recipient of the Outstanding Carrier Award from General Motors.



NEW Neovia Logistics (Kansas City) announced plans to open a new truck terminal in Kansas City in 2014, creating 63 new jobs.



OrTran Inc. (HQ Independence) is an asset based distribution management company that provides a variety of transportation services.



NEW Prime, Inc. (HQ Springfield) is one of the largest refrigerated, flatbed, and tanker carriers in North America. The company announced a \$50 million expansion of their headquarters in 2015.



Slay Industries (HQ St. Louis) is a diverse group of transportation and distribution companies including a trucking unit operating a fleet of 700 tractors and 1,200 trailers for 20 locations, mainly east of the Mississippi river.



Trailiner (HQ Springfield) is a truckload carrier that has operated in the lower 48 states for over 30 years, hauling various commodities ranging from produce and grocery to pharmaceutical and retail goods.



TransLand (HQ Springfield) provides freight transportation services, including dry van trucking, drayage, flatbed, hazardous material trucking, and intermodal transportation services.

Transport Distribution Company (HQ Joplin) provides storage and delivery services for shipping containers and drayage services for pig trailers in the United States.



Tri-state Motor Transit Co. (HQ Joplin) specializes in safe, dependable transportation of specialty materials, explosives and hazardous freight.



UniGroup Inc. (HQ St. Louis) a local and long-distance household goods mover, is the parent company of United Van Lines and Mayflower Transit. Its other subsidiaries insure movers, sell and lease trucks, sell moving supplies, and rent portable storage and moving.



Witte Brothers Exchange Inc. (HQ St. Louis) is one of the nation's leading truckers specializing in refrigerated trucking, a field it pioneered in the 1980s.



XPO Logistics Full Truckload (HQ Joplin) formerly Con-Way Truckload, provides dry-van truckload transportation throughout the United States, with extensive cross-border Mexico coverage, and service to Canada.



Organizations

KC SmartPort is a non-profit economic development organization comprised of investors representing every link of the supply chain. Its mission is to attract freight based economic development projects to the greater Kansas City region.



Missouri Transportation Alliance (MoTA) is a non-partisan, citizen-led group of transportation stakeholders, first responders, small businesses, cities, counties, and community leaders who are committed to delivering a smart, sustainable long-term statewide transportation plan that will provide greater safety to Missouri's families and spur the economy.



STL Gateway promotes transportation/distribution and logistics across the St. Louis region, providing information on the region's transportation infrastructure across modes (roadway, railroad, river, runway), regional maps, news reports, resources and significant real estate opportunities.



Missouri's underground facilities

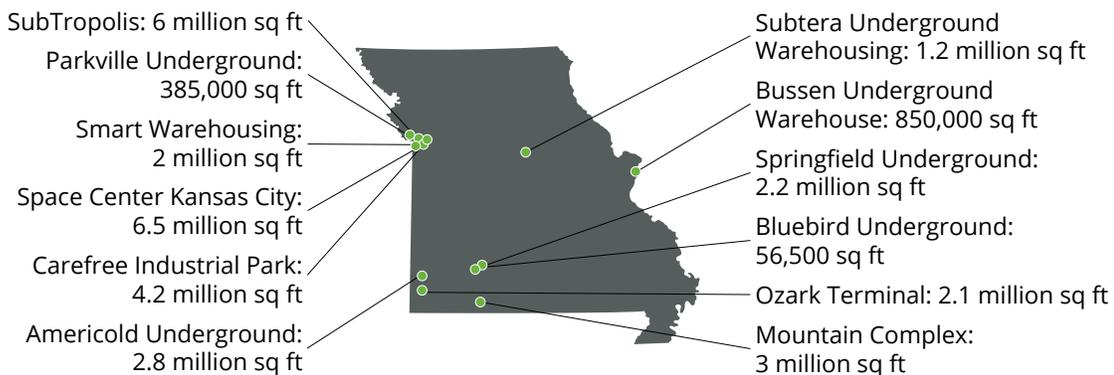
Missouri's unique underground facilities, former limestone mines, total more than 30 million square-feet and offer natural climate control (60–70 degrees year-round), enhanced security, and ceiling heights from 12–45 feet. Limestone, which is three-times stronger than concrete, also reduces tenants vulnerability to natural disasters.

Companies with warehouse or distribution operations in Missouri underground sites include: Advanced Logistics & Fulfillment, Arctic Food Services, Ceva Animal Health, Foodservicewarehouse.com, Hallmark Cards, Kraft Foods, Paris Brothers, and Vanguard Packaging.



Springfield Underground

Missouri's underground facilities



"An internal audit revealed Kansas City as the most economical and efficient location for our fulfillment and distribution center. When we toured SubTropolis, we immediately saw the opportunity it held for our company. The logistics alone are impressive, but the potential to grow our footprint within the underground and the access to high-speed connectivity helped us make our final decision to move here."

*Madhu Natarajan, CEO,
FoodServiceWarehouse.com*



Missouri is more cost-competitive than other Midwestern states.

Missouri has remained in Pollina Corporate Real Estate's top 10 pro-business states for six years in a row.

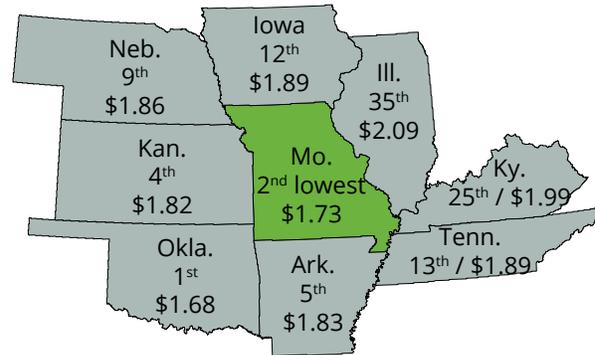
Missouri's regular gasoline and diesel prices were the 2nd lowest in the U.S. in 2015 (AAA, December 2015). The state also had the 4th lowest diesel tax in the U.S. at 17.3 cents/gallon (Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, 2015), meaning lower transportation costs for truck fleets.

Missouri is tax-friendly, with no inventory tax and low property taxes, ranking 7th in the U.S. for the latter (Tax Foundation). Property tax abatements are available for qualifying companies.

Missouri is one of only nine states to have received the highest bond rating by all three rating agencies—Fitch Ratings, Standard & Poors and Moody's Investor Service—in 2015, providing a more stable business environment for long term growth. Missouri's track record with Standard & Poors alone is even more distinctive, having earned the AAA rating for over 50 years.

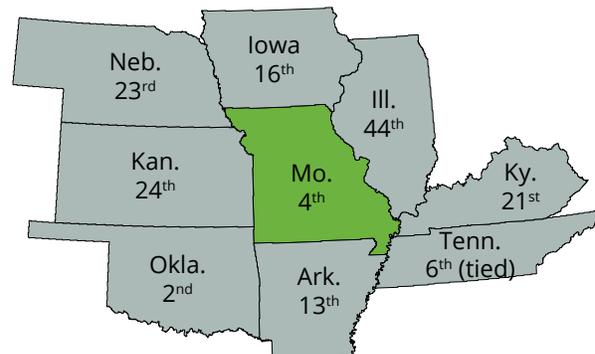
State diesel prices (per gallon)

AAA, December 2015



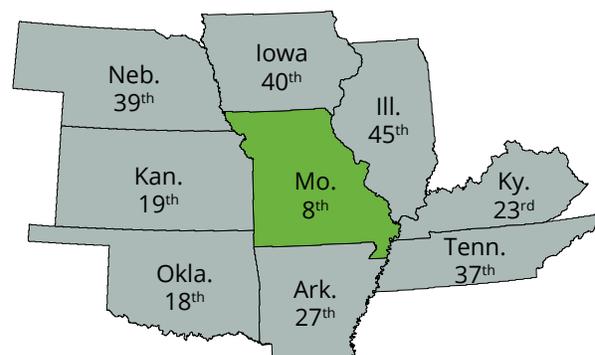
State diesel tax ranking

Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, 2015



Property tax index ranking

Tax Foundation, 2016

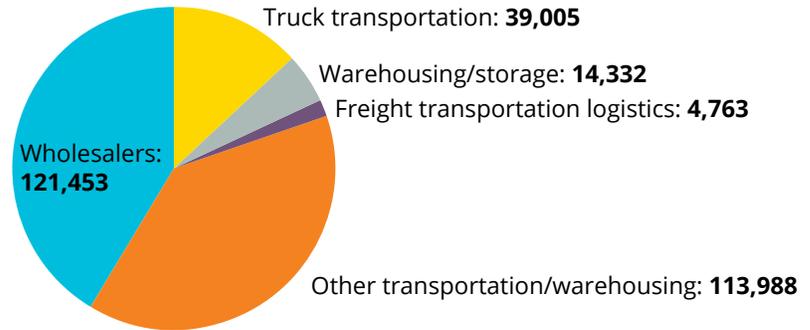


Missouri knows logistics.

Transportation & logistics employment in Missouri

BLS, June 2015, preliminary

Transportation & logistics employment in Missouri: 293,541



With almost 300,000 workers in the logistics industry, Missouri's growing, diverse population is a strong point of difference among other Midwest states—and median hourly wages in Missouri are lower than wages in 32 other states (BLS, 2014).

Missouri's high school graduation rate ranks in the top 10 in the nation at 87.3 percent, higher than the national average of 82.3 percent (U.S. Dept. of Education, 2015).

Educational attainment

	Missouri	United States
Percent high school graduate or higher	88.9%	86.9%
Percent bachelor's degree or higher	26.7%	30.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-year estimate, 2014

Seven Missouri post-secondary institutions offer programs in truck driver training: Crowder College (Neosho), East Central Community College (Union), Metropolitan Community College-Blue River (Independence), Mineral Area Community College (Park Hills), Ozarks Technical Community College (Springfield), St. Louis Community College, and State Fair Community College (Sedalia).

Twelve Missouri colleges and universities offer programs or courses in logistics or supply chain management: Fontbonne University, Lindenwood University, Metropolitan Community College, Missouri Southern State University, Missouri State University, Park University, Saint Louis University, St. Louis Community College, University of Central Missouri, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and Washington University in St. Louis.

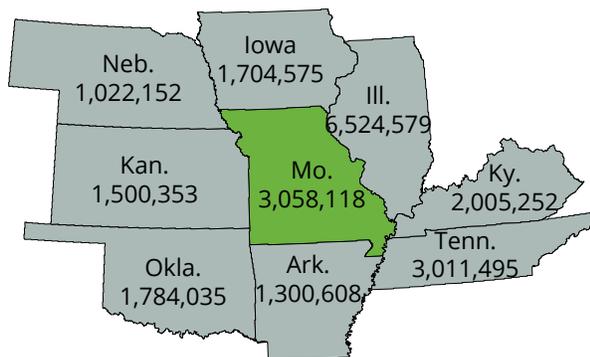
Transportation-related occupations

Occupation code	Occupation title	Missouri employment	Missouri median hourly wage	U.S. median hourly wage
00-0000	All Occupations	2,712,240	\$16.05	\$17.40
53-0000	Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	178,290	\$14.42	\$14.47
53-1021	First-Line Supervisors of Helpers, Laborers, and Material Movers, Hand	3,370	\$22.95	\$22.58
53-1031	First-Line Supervisors of Transportation and Material-Moving Machine and Vehicle Operators	3,470	\$23.45	\$26.85
53-3031	Driver/Sales Workers	10,230	\$9.47	\$10.79
53-3032	Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	40,660	\$19.19	\$19.36
53-3033	Light Truck or Delivery Services Drivers	15,470	\$14.62	\$14.35
53-3099	Motor Vehicle Operators, All Other	1,600	\$13.00	\$14.05
53-7051	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	8,220	\$15.04	\$15.43
53-7062	Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	43,230	\$12.47	\$12.02
53-7063	Machine Feeders and Offbearers	1,960	\$18.05	\$14.15
53-7064	Packers and Packagers, Hand	9,300	\$10.09	\$10.10
53-7081	Refuse and Recyclable Material Collectors	1,790	\$13.88	\$16.25
53-7121	Tank Car, Truck, and Ship Loaders	90	\$15.64	\$17.63
53-7199	Material Moving Workers, All Other	N/A	\$16.97	\$14.60

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, May 2015

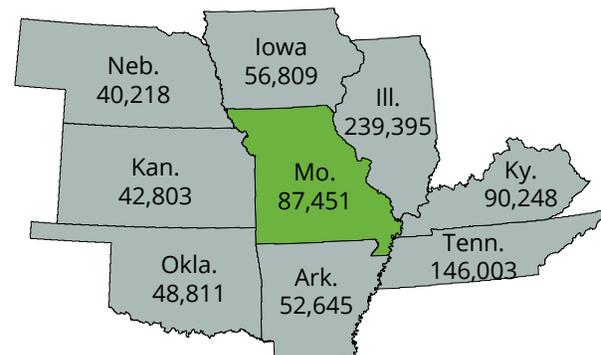
Mo workforce vs. surrounding states

Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2014



Workforce, transportation/warehousing (NAICS 48-49)

Bureau of Labor Statistics, June 2015, preliminary



Missouri is home to the following transportation & logistics research centers

"St. Louis gives us access to outstanding professional talent. Finding the right talent is key to our ability to grow market share within the third party logistics industry."

Kerry Byrne, Executive Vice President, Total Quality Logistics

[Center for Engineering Logistics and Distribution \(CELDi\)](#) at the University of Missouri at Columbia is a multi-university, multi-disciplinary research center sponsored by the National Science Foundation with a focus on supply chain modeling, material flow design and improvement, and intelligent systems. Missouri companies that have worked with MU-CELDi include Leggett & Platt, Ameren, Boeing and Hallmark.

Missouri University of Science and Technology [Center for Transportation Infrastructure and Safety](#) is one of only 10 National University Transportation Centers in the nation. The UTC program, created in 1988, combines research, education, and technology transfer for safe, efficient, and environmentally sound movement of people and goods. Participating universities are involved in advanced and applied research in such areas as intelligent transportation systems, fuel-efficiency, improved passenger safety, and reduced traffic and freight congestion. National UTCs provide advancing research and technology solutions to address America's transportation challenges.

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