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Agriculture

National Agriculture Statistics Service

[Missouri Statistics](#): Statistics on crops, farms, and livestock in Missouri. Some stats are available at the county level.

[County Crop Maps](#): Crops planted and harvested by county.

[Quick Stats](#): Download and compare state and county statistics on crops, farms, and livestock.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

[Agricultural Exports](#): Exports by state and by commodity.

[Census of Agriculture, Livestock and Animal Maps](#): Livestock and animals by county.

[State Fact Sheets](#): State fact sheets provide information on population, income, education, employment, federal funds, organic agriculture, farm characteristics, farm financial indicators, top commodities, and exports, for each State in the U.S. Links to county-level data are included when available.

Business Climate Rankings

MSAs

[Forbes, Best Places for Business and Careers](#)

States

[CNBC, America's Top States for Business](#)

[Forbes, Best States for Business](#)

[Pollina Corporate Real Estate, Pro-Business States](#)

Climate/Natural Disasters

[FEMA Disaster Declarations by State](#): Search by state, disaster type, and declaration type.

[Midwest Regional Climate Center, cli-MATE](#) (registration required): Historical climate data by weather station.



NOAA National Climatic Data Center

[Climate Normals Data Tool](#): Average temperatures and average precipitation by weather station from 1981-2010.

[Storm Events Database](#): Storm data (avalanche, blizzard, flood, drought, etc.) by state and county from 1950-present.

[Tornado History Project](#): Historical info on tornadoes by state and by county, from 1950-2010.

[USGS Hazard Maps](#): National earthquake, Flood, Draught, and other hazard maps.

[Weather Spark](#): Interactive weather maps and charts for all locations.

Companies

[Deloitte Technology Fast 500](#): 500 fastest-growing technology companies in the U.S. and Canada. Based on percentage revenue growth.

Forbes

[America's 200 Best Small Companies](#): Candidates must have been publicly traded for at least a year, annual revenue between \$5 million and \$1 billion, and have a stock price no lower than \$5. Rankings are based on earnings growth, sales growth and return on equity in the past 12 months and over five years.

[America's Largest Private Companies](#): Includes firms with revenue greater than \$2 billion.

[Fortune 500](#): Top public companies based on gross revenue.

[Google Finance](#): Company information includes related companies, officers, financial decisions, major news events, and stock information.

[Inc. Magazine, 5000 Fastest Growing Companies](#): Ranked according to percentage revenue growth over a four year period. Companies must be U.S.-based, privately held, and independent. Revenue in the initial year must have been at least \$200,000, and revenue in the most recent year must have been at least \$2 million.

[Manta](#): Manta is the largest free source of information on small companies—offering data on more than 60 million firms worldwide.

[ThomasNet](#): Search for companies by product or service keyword and state.

Crime

[FBI Uniform Crime Reports](#): Crime statistics by Region, State, County, Metro and City.



Demographics

Missouri Census Data Center

[American Community Survey Profiles](#): View and compare demographic profiles from the American Community Survey for U.S., State, Counties, MSAs, PUMAs, and Unified School Districts.

[American Community Survey Trends Reports](#): Compare demographic trends over the past 3 years for U.S., State, Counties, MSAs, PUMAs, and Unified School Districts.

[Circular Area Profiles](#): Calculates population within a certain radius of a given latitude and longitude based on Census data.

[County-level IRS migration reports](#): Shows migration into and out of Missouri counties based on IRS data.

[Missouri Office of Administration, Population Projections](#): Population projections by county, age, and sex: 2000 to 2030

U.S. Census Bureau

[American Factfinder](#): Data from the Decennial Census, the ongoing American Community Survey, the Economic Census, and Annual Population Estimates.

[Census Flows Mapper](#): View, save and print county-to-county migration flow maps of the United States. The data are from the 2006-2010 American Community Survey.

Education

[Kiplinger's Best Value in Public Colleges](#): Rankings based on academic quality—including SAT or ACT scores, admission and retention rates, student-faculty ratios, and four and six-year graduation rates, as well as cost and financial aid.

[Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education Comprehensive Data System](#): Elementary and Secondary education data by Missouri school district.

[Missouri Department of Higher Education College and Degree Search](#): Search by school, program, degree, city, region or school name.

National Center for Education Statistics

[Common Core of Data](#): Annually collects data about all public schools, public school districts and state education agencies in the United States.

[Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System \(IPEDS\)](#): Compare or rank post-secondary institutions and/or geographic areas on variables including admissions, enrollment, and completions (degrees granted).

[State Data Profiles](#): Tool for comparing education data at the state level for up to 4 states at a time.



[Top American Research Universities](#): Rankings based on 9 quality indicators including research and development, faculty awards, and SAT scores.

U.S. News and World Report

[America's Best High Schools](#): Based on comparing a school's test scores with state averages.

[America's Best Colleges](#): Based on assessment by administrators at peer institutions, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and (for national universities and liberal arts colleges) "graduation rate performance," the difference between the proportion of students expected to graduate and the proportion who actually do.

Energy

[DSIRE: Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency](#): Info on financial incentives, rules, regulations, policies and related programs for alternative energy by state.

[Energy Information Administration, Missouri State Energy Profile](#): Info on Missouri's energy prices, consumption, reserves and supply.

GDP/Economic Activity

Brookings Metropolitan Policy Program

[CBRE, Local Economic Activity Reports](#): CBRE Research prepares local MarketViews on office, industrial and the retail sectors with hotel, multi-housing and other specialty reports available for selected markets.

[MERIC, County Economic Share](#): Economic Share measures the percentage of the state's economy that is accounted for by an individual county. The economic share is measured as the average of the percentage of the state's employment, population, and personal income that occurs in a particular county.

[Moody's Precip Reports](#): Economic indicators for metros, states, and the U.S.

[PWC MoneyTree Report](#): A quarterly study of venture capital investment in the U.S. Current quarter and historical data available by region, state, industry, and stage of development.

[U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Accounts](#): Annual GDP for U.S. regions, states, and MSAs.

[U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permits Survey](#): Residential building permits issued by state, metro area, or county.

Health

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, State Health Facts](#): Birth and death statistics for the state.



[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Prevalence and Trends Data](#): Disease prevalence by state from 1995-2013.

[Kaiser State Health Facts](#): Missouri health costs, coverage, status, and more.

State of Missouri, Department of Health and Human Services

[Community Data Profiles](#): Community data profiles are available on various subject areas such as cause of death, chronic diseases, unintentional injuries, prenatal and others. Each community data profile table provides data on 15-30 indicators for each county/city selected. Information provided includes the number of events, county/city rate, statistical significance, quintile ranking and the state rate.

[Directories](#): Directories of Missouri hospitals and other specialty facilities.

[Truven Health Analytics 100 Top Hospitals](#): Winning a 100 Top Hospitals award indicates highly effective performance across the entire organization, including board members, management, medical staff, and nursing.

[U.S. News and World Report America's Best Hospitals](#)

Housing/Mortgages

[Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, Home Mortgage Disclosure Act \(HMDA\)](#): Mortgage information for MSAs for the past 10 years.

[Home Price Calculator](#): Projects what a given house purchased at a point in time would be worth today if it appreciated at the average appreciation rate of all homes in the area, either by state or metro.

[NAHB/Wells Fargo Housing Opportunity Index \(HOI\)](#): Quarterly housing affordability ranking by metro area.

[National Association of Realtors, Housing Statistics](#): Statistics on home affordability by metro area.

Income

[Bureau of Economic Analysis, Personal and Per Capita Income](#)

[U.S. Census Bureau, Income Data](#)

Industry Clusters

[Cluster Mapping](#): Industry cluster comparison statistics by state and metro area.

International/Trade

International Trade Administration

[State Import Data](#): State imports by market or by product.



[State Export Data](#): State exports by market or by product.

[Missouri Foreign Owned Company Directory](#): Search for internationally headquartered companies with operations in Missouri by name, city, or country.

Maps

[Bing Maps](#): Offers 2 aerial views- traditional and birdseye- in addition to 2D, 3D and Road views.

Google

[Earth](#): Lets you fly anywhere on Earth to view satellite imagery, maps, terrain, and 3D buildings. Great tool for creating aerial maps.

[Maps](#): Offers aerial, street, and terrain views. Also allows you to see traffic around a location.

[NACo County Explorer](#): Free county data mapping tool. Data topics include education, demographics, economy, energy & environment, health & hospitals, housing & community development, public amenities, public welfare, transportation, and utilities.

[Policy Map](#) (registration required): Data mapping tool. Data topics include demographics, incomes and spending, housing, lending, quality of life, economy, education, and health. Some content is subscription only.

NAICS Codes

[NAICS Association, Code Lookup](#)

[U.S. Census Bureau, NAICS information](#)

News

Google

[News](#): Google News is a computer-generated news site that aggregates headlines from news sources worldwide, groups similar stories together and displays them according to each reader's personalized interests.

[Google Alerts](#): Google Alerts are email updates of the latest relevant Google results (web, news, etc.) based on your choice of topic.

Occupation Codes

[O*NET OnLine](#): Search by keyword for related occupation codes.

Quality of Life

[CNNMoney, Best Places to Live](#): Compares cities on housing, income, and quality of life.



[Kiplinger, Best Cities, States & Places](#): Compares cities on population, cost of living, median income, salary growth, employment growth and more.

[MERIC, C2ER Cost of Living Index](#): Compare states and Missouri's major metros cost of living.

[New Geography, Best Cities for Job Growth](#): Measures job growth over the recent, medium, and longer term overall, as well as job growth in information and manufacturing jobs.

[Sperlings Best Places](#): Info on cost of living, schools, crime rates, housing costs, etc. for cities, counties, metro areas, and zip codes.

Real Estate

[LocationOne](#): Missouri's site and building database.

Taxes

[ADP Fast Wage and Tax Facts](#): Wage and payroll tax fact sheets for all 50 states.

Missouri Department of Revenue

[Business Taxes](#)

[Personal Tax](#)

[Sales Tax Rate by Address](#)

[Taxable Sales Reports](#): Data available for State, County, and City.

[Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council Business Tax Index](#): States ranked according to the costs of their tax systems for entrepreneurship and small business.

Tax Foundation

[Property Tax Data by County](#)

[State Tax Collections Per Capita](#)

[Tax Burden](#): Compare state/local tax burden of all states for a given year.

[Tax Climate Index](#): Measures states' tax climates for business, including Corporate Income Tax, Personal Income Tax, and Unemployment Insurance Tax.

[United States Department of labor, Significant Measures of State UI Tax Systems](#): Provides average unemployment insurance tax rate by state as well as statutory minimum and maximum rates.

Tools

[Business Climate Comparison Tool](#): Compare all 50 states on the following categories: population, income, education, taxes, cost of living, business climate, labor, and infrastructure.



[Google Public Data Explorer](#): Creates visualizations (charts, maps, etc.) of Census, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and World Bank data.

[LocationOne County Profiles](#): Provides demographic, industry and occupation data for all Missouri counties. Each county profile has customized data in 21 categories and over 50 different subheadings.

[Stats America](#): Compare demographic, workforce, and economic data for states and counties.

[Wolfram Alpha](#): A “computational knowledge engine” compiling information from around the internet, including census data, enabling users to compare different geographies (cities, states, counties, etc.) on a variety of topics.

[YourEconomy](#): Overview of jobs, sales and establishment growth by state, county, or metro area from 1995 to the present.

Transportation

[Association of American Railroads, State Freight Statistics](#): Provides various measures including number of railroads, rail miles, rail tons originated and terminated, and amounts of different types of freight transported by state.

Bureau of Transportation Statistics

[State Transportation Statistics](#): Provides transportation statistics for Missouri covering infrastructure, safety, freight, passenger travel, registered vehicles, and more.

[Airport Statistics](#): Data on number of passengers, flights, carriers, freight and top destination airports.

[Federal Aviation Administration, Airport Data & Contact Information](#): US airport directory. Identify airports by FAA Region, Districts, States, Counties, Cities and facility type.

[Federal Highway Administration, Highway Statistics](#): Statistics on Missouri’s highways including bridges, infrastructure, vehicle miles traveled, fuel use, revenue, etc.

Missouri Department of Transportation

Missouri Port Authority Association

[U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Waterborne Commerce Statistics Center](#): Container traffic by port or by state.

Utilities/Telecommunications

[Missouri Public Service Commission](#): Regulates investor-owned electric, steam, natural gas, water and sewer and telephone companies.

[Missouri Telecommunications Industry Association](#): Provides telecommunications exchange maps and industry info.



[National Broadband Map](#): Data on wireline and wireless providers, technology, and speed by state, county, census place, and MSA.

Workforce

[Missouri Department of Insurance, Workers' Compensation Rate Guide](#): Get high, low and average rates for workers' compensation insurance in Missouri by class code.

Missouri Department of Labor

[Workers' Compensation Info](#)

[Unemployment Insurance Info](#)

Missouri Economic Research and Information Center (MERIC)

[Local Employment Dynamics](#): Quarterly economic indicators, such as turnover rates, new hires and job creation for counties, metros and WIAs.

[Occupational Employment Projections](#): Statewide and regional 2-year and 10-year employment projections by occupation.

[Jobs.Mo.Gov, Warn Notices](#): Details on plant layoffs and closures in Missouri going back to 2007.

[National Labor Relations Board Election Reports](#): Reports on union elections conducted nationally (broken down by state and city) by year since 2001.

[Oregon Workers' Compensation Premium Rate Ranking Summary](#): Ranking of workers' compensation premium rates for all 50 states.

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

[Local Area Unemployment Statistics](#): Monthly and annual employment, unemployment, and labor force data for Census regions and divisions, states, counties, metropolitan areas, and many cities, by place of residence.

[Occupational Employment Statistics](#): Employment and wage estimates for over 800 occupations. These estimates are available for the nation as a whole, for individual states, and for metropolitan and nonmetropolitan areas.

[Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages](#): Includes data on the number of establishments, monthly employment, and quarterly wages, by NAICS industry, by county, and by ownership sector, at various geographic levels (national, State, and Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA)).

[Union Affiliation by State](#): Union membership levels by state.

[U.S. Census Bureau OnTheMap](#): Provides detailed maps showing where workers are employed and where they live with companion reports on age, earnings, industry distribution, and local workforce indicators.

[U.S. Department of Labor, Workers Compensation Claims Statistics](#): Statistics on workers compensation claims filed by state.



Union Membership and Coverage: Private and public sector labor union membership, coverage, and density estimates compiled from the Current Population Survey. Estimates are available by state, detailed industry, detailed occupation, and metropolitan area.

Subscription sites

Companies

Dun & Bradstreet (D&B): D&B's global commercial database contains more than 225 million business records.

Hoovers: Hoovers provides company, industry, and executive information for over 80 million companies. Hoovers is a subsidiary of D&B.

ReferenceUSA: Reference USA is a directory of 20 million businesses with the ability to search by company name, type of business, geography, business size and more.

RSMean Online: Detailed construction cost estimates and indices for major metros.

Standard & Poor's: Standard & Poor's provides credit ratings, indices, investment research and risk evaluations and solutions.

Uniworld: A directory of foreign firms operating in the United States and American firms operating in foreign countries.

Demographics

ESRI Business Analyst Online: ESRI Business Analyst Online combines GIS technology with extensive demographic, consumer spending, and business data for the entire United States.

News

Factiva: Provides access to the full text of thousands of popular business and general publications. Also, has the full text of all Dow Jones publications including The Wall Street Journal, hundreds of newspapers and also financial information on public companies.

LexisNexis: A full text resource to hundreds of business and general interest magazines and newspapers.

Newsbank: NewsBank currently has 350 newspapers online with 150 million articles.

Market Research

Market Research Reports: MarketResearch.com is the world's largest and continuously updated collection of market research, offering more than 250,000 market research reports from over 650 leading global publishers. Tip: If you find a report on their website, try to locate the report on Google by searching for the title in quotation marks.

IBIS World: Reports for over 700 industries with key statistics and analysis on market characteristics, operating conditions, current and forecast performance, major industry participants and more.

Internet search tips

Google Advanced Search

Boolean Search Strings

NOT (-): Use to Limit Responses. [Ice Cream NOT Rocky Road] Will return results that contain Ice Cream, but not those that contain Rocky Road.

OR: Use to Increase Responses. [Ice Cream OR Rocky Road] Returns results containing the phrase ice cream or the phrase rocky road, or both.

"": Use to Limit Responses. Searching for ["Rocky Road Ice Cream"] will only return documents containing that exact phrase.

Google Searches

Email search: To find email addresses for specific people, try searching their name + @website.com. For example, to find my email you would try this: [leah + @missouripartnership.com]

Filetype: Use filetype: to search for a particular kind of file. If you were only interested in .pdf documents on parrots you might try this search: [parrots filetype:pdf]

Use Site: to search within a specific website on Google. Example: [education site:missouripartnership.com] will return pages on the Missouri Partnership website featuring the word education.

Wildcard (*): Use the wildcard (*) to fill in the blanks. Example: [Missouri ranks * cost of living] will return articles with those words and a ranking to fill in the blank.

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