

Missouri Connections: Japan

Population

Missourians born in Japan

1,607

Missourians who speak Japanese

2,236

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates

Exports & Imports

Total exports to Japan in 2017

\$554,280,617

Top export commodities

Food manufactures

Transportation equipment

Chemicals

Fabricated metal products

Computer and electronic products

Total imports from Japan in 2017

\$361,043,069

Top import commodities

Electrical equipment, appliances & components

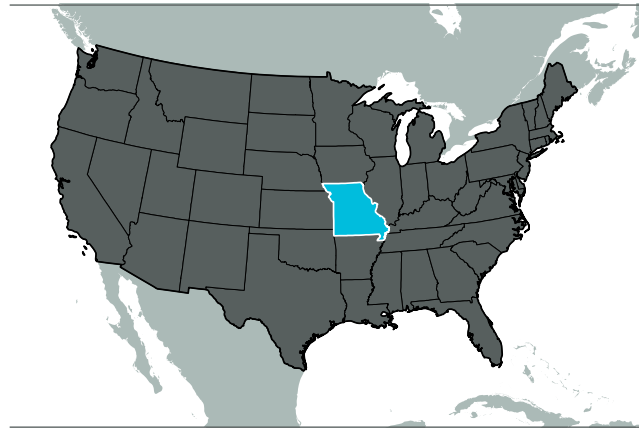
Fabricated metal products

Chemicals

Machinery, except electrical

Primary metal mfg

Source: International Trade Administration



Education

Missouri State University (Springfield)

Asian Studies minor

Japanese minor

BA in Modern Language with focus on Japanese

Truman University (Kirksville)

Asian Studies minor

Japanese minor

University of Missouri (Columbia)

East Asian Studies minor, BA in International Studies with East Asian Emphasis, and BA in International Business with East Asian area emphasis

Washington University in St. Louis

BA, MA, PhD in Japanese

University of Missouri Asian Affairs Center

The AAC builds upon MU's substantial Asian programs and connections through the university and alumni to benefit citizens, government entities, and businesses in Missouri and in the region: asia.missouri.edu

St. Louis Language Immersion Schools

sllis.org

Companies

Largest Japanese-owned in Missouri

Ajinomoto Co Inc: Ajinomoto Windsor
(*Carthage, Joplin*)

Central Glass Co. LTD.: SRG Global Inc.
(*Farmington and Portageville*)

Daikin Industries, Ltd.: American Air Filter
(*Columbia*)

Hitachi, Ltd.: Hitachi Data Systems Corp
(*St. Louis, Kansas City*); Mechanical Dynamics &
Analysis, Ltd. (*St. Louis*)

Itochu Corporation: Master Halco Inc. (*Kansas
City, St. Charles*); Primesource Building Products,
Inc. (*Kansas City, Springfield*); CGB Enterprises
(Part Owner) (*Scott City, Charleston, East Prairie,
Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville*)

Japan Pulp And Paper Company Limited:
Western-Brw Paper Co., Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Jeol Ltd.: Jeol Usa, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Kansai Paint Co., LTD.: U.S. Paint Corporation
(*St. Louis*)

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.: Kawasaki
Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A. (*Maryville*)

Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.: K Line America,
Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Keyence Corporation: Keyence Corp Of
America (*St. Louis*)

Kitz Corporation: Kitz Corporation Of America
(*St. Louis*)

Kyowa Hakko Kirin: Biokyowa Inc. (*Cape
Girardeau*)

Marubeni Corporation: Gavilon (*Alexandria,
Cape Girardeau, Scott City, New Franklin, St.
Joseph, Rock Port, Kansas City*); Helena Chemical
Company (*Wyaconda, Clarkton, Hayti, Dudley,
Matthews, New Madrid, Canton, Chillicothe, Edina*);
Mac Trailer Leasing L.L.C. (*St. Louis*)

Maruka Machinery Co., Ltd.: Maruka U.S.A. Inc.
(*Lees Summit*)

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.: Novus International, Inc.
(*St. Charles*); Ventura Foods, LLC (*St. Joseph*)

Mizkan J Plus Holdings Co. Ltd.: Mizkan
Americas Inc (*Kansas City*)

NEC Corporation: Nec Energy Solutions LLC
(*Chesterfield*)

Nichiryō Co. Ltd.: Nichiryō America, Inc.
(*Maryland Heights*)

Nidec Corporation: Nidec Motor Corp (*St. Louis*)

Nikken Foods Co.,Ltd.: Nikken Foods Co., Ltd
(*St. Louis*)

Nippon Express Co., Ltd.: Nippon Express
U.S.A., Inc. (*Hazelwood*)

Nippon Yusen Kabushiki Kaisha: Yusen
Logistics (*St. Louis*)

Nishitetsu: NNR Global Logistics USA Inc.
(*Maryland Heights*)

Nitto Denko Corporation: Nitto Denko
Automotive, Missouri, Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Otsuka Koki Co.,Ltd.: Otscon, Inc. (*Columbia*)

Panasonic Corporation: Hussmann Corporation
(*Bridgeton*)

Porite Corporation: Jefferson Porite
Corporation (*Jefferson City*)

SMC Corporation: SMC Corporation Of America
(*Earth City*)

Softbank Group Corp: Virgin Mobile
(*Kansas City*)

Sojitz Corporation: Sojitz Aerospace America
Corporation (*St. Louis*)

Starting Industrial Co., Ltd: Starting USA
Corporation (*Poplar Bluff*)

Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corp: American Rail
Car Leasing LLC. (*St. Charles*)

Sumitomo Warehouse Co.,Ltd., The: Westwood
Shipping Lines, Inc. (*Ballwin*)

Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation: Matheson
Tri-Gas, Inc. (*Kansas City, Columbia, Joplin,
St. Joseph*)

Takara Belmont Corp.: Koken Manufacturing
Company, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.: Philadelphia
Insurance Company (*St. Louis*); Reliance
Standard Life Insurance Company (*St. Louis*);
Safety National Casualty Corp (*St. Louis*)

Tokyo Century Corporation: CSI Leasing
(*St. Louis*)

Tomy Inc: Tomy International (*Kansas City*)

Toray Industries Inc.: Zoltek (*Bridgeton*)

Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd.: TG Missouri
Corporation (*Perryville*)

Toyota Industries Corporation: Heubel Material Handling, Inc. (*Kansas City, Earth City, Springfield*)

Toyota Motor Corporation: Bodine Aluminum, Inc. (*St. Louis, Troy*)

Toyota Tsusho: Toyota Tsusho America Inc. (*Troy*)

U-Shin Ltd.: Yuhshin USA (*Kirksville*)

Yamaha Corporation: G3 Boats (*Lebanon*)

Yamazaki Mazak Trading Corporation: Mazak Corporation (*Maryland Heights*)

Zen-Noh Grain Corporation (Part Owner): CGB Enterprises (*Scott City, Charleston, East Prairie, Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville*)

Largest Missouri-owned in Japan

Baldwin Technology Company, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Belden Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Biomedical Systems Corporation (*Maryland Heights*)

Brewer Science, Inc. (*Rolla*)

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Edgewell Personal Care (*St. Louis*)

Emerson (*St. Louis*)

Enterprise Holdings, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

ESCO Technologies Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Faircom Corporation (*Columbia*)

H&R Block Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Hallmark Cards Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Independent Stave Company, Inc. (*Lebanon*)

Monsanto Company (*St. Louis*)

Positronic Industries, Inc. (*Springfield*)

Reinsurance Group Of America, Inc. (*Chesterfield*)

Stereotaxis (*St. Louis*)

Watlow Electric Mfg. Co. (*St. Louis*)

Recent Investments

Ajinomoto Windsor, Inc. announced plans to build a new frozen food appetizer plant in Joplin, MO in 2017. The plant will bring between 220-240 new jobs to the community.

Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp. recently expanded their Maryville plant, bringing the plant's total floor space to around 900,000 square feet. The expansion is expected to create 30 new jobs. The plant produces gasoline motors used in lawn mowers and garden tractors.

In 2013, Tokyo-based Toray Industries Inc. purchased St. Louis-based Zoltek Companies Inc. for \$584 million. Zoltek, which produces carbon fiber for various applications, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toray and operates as a separate business.

From 2012-2013, Bodine Aluminum, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toyota Motor Corp. and a manufacturer of casting parts, announced investments of \$60 million to expand its Troy, Missouri facility, creating over 60 jobs.

In 2012, TG Missouri Corporation (Toyoda Gosei) announced an investment of nearly \$40 million to expand its Perryville facility, creating 200 jobs.

Culture

Japanese societies in Missouri

Japanese Council of Greater Kansas City:
japancouncil.org

Japan America Society of St. Louis:
jasstl.org

Heart of America Japan-America Society:
kcjas.org

Sister Cities

Missouri's sister state in Japan is the Nagano Prefecture, and it has several sister cities as well:

Columbia / Hakusan City

Grandview / Haruna

Independence / Higashimurayama

Kansas City / Kurashiki

Lee's Summit / Aizuwakamatsu

Springfield / Isesaki

St. Louis / Suwa

