Introduction
Missouri lies in the Midwestern United States and shares borders with eight different states. As western expansion progressed, Missouri became known as the “Gateway to the West” because of its great overland routes that led to California and Oregon. This “gateway” concept was symbolized by the building of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, which is the tallest national monument in the United States. Missouri’s central geographic location makes it a major transportation crossroad with the nation’s largest inland river port on the intersection of the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers and five interstate highways crossing through the state. Missouri’s economy relies primarily on industries such as aerospace and transportation equipment. In addition, machinery, chemicals, printing and publishing, food products, and electrical equipment are major contributors to the economy.

Abbreviation: MO
Capital: Jefferson City
Nick Name: Show Me State
Time Zone-Standard: GMT -6
Time Zone-Daylight Saving: GMT -5
Sales Tax Rate: 4.23%
Motto: The Welfare of the People is the Highest Law
Web Site: http://www.mo.gov

Government
Governor: Mike Parson (R)
Senator: Eric Schmitt (R)
Senator: Joshua Hawley (R)
Entered Union: August 10, 1821

Statistics
- Total GDP (Billions): $295,687.30 (2021)
- Per Capita Real GDP: $58,258 (2022)
- Population: 6,154,913 (2020)
- % of People under Poverty Level: 12.10%
- Per Capita Personal Income: $55,325
- Unemployment Rate: 4.60% (2021)
- % of Population with a Bachelor's Degree: 31.70%
- Total Exports: $14,140,665,981.00 (2014)

Top 5 Export Partner Countries
- Canada: $3,957,939,977
- Mexico: $2,004,801,394
- China: $852,361,163
- Japan: $611,328,463
- Korea, South: $455,960,238

Top 5 Export Merchandise
- Transportation Equipment: $2,777,816,513
- Chemical Manufactures: $2,280,449,873
- Processed Foods: $1,560,384,895
- Machinery Manufactures: $1,395,514,564
- Elec. Eq.; Appliances & Parts: $637,414,084

Major Cities
- Kansas City: 475,378
- St. Louis: 315,685
- Springfield: 166,810

Main Airports
- COU: Columbia Regional Airport
- JLN: Joplin Regional Airport
- MCI: Kansas City International Airport
- SGF: Springfield-Branson National Airport
- STL: Lambert-St. Louis International Airport

Corporations
- Centene: $74,639, St. Louis
- Emerson Electric: $18,372, St. Louis
- Reinsurance Group of America: $14,300, Chesterfield
- O’Reilly Automotive: $10,150, Springfield
- Jones Financial (Edward Jones): $9,526, Des Peres

Corporate Marginal Income Tax Rate: 4.0% > $0
Individual Income Tax Rate: 1.50% > $107 || 2.00% > $1,073 || 2.50% > $2,146 || 3.00% > $3,219 || 3.50% > $4,292 || 4.00% > $5,365 || 4.50% > $6,438 || 5.00% > $7,511 || 5.40% > $8,584

Main Ports
Howard/Cooper County Port, Port of Kansas City, Port of Metropolitan Saint Louis

U.S. Commercial Service
- Kansas City: Joshua Kaplan
  Director: 804-461-9324
- St. Louis: Nathalie Scharf
  Director: 314-432-1500

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