

Why the St. Louis Region?

The St. Louis region is the gateway to global access with excellent freight infrastructure, transportation access, and shovel-ready industrial real estate availability. With a significant workforce concentration in aerospace, automotive, and machinery and equipment manufacturing, the region has the existing labor pool needed to support growing companies seeking a sustainable location to grow their business. Our unique ecosystem supports manufacturing businesses at every level, from the shop floor to the C-suite.

Key Existing Sub-Sectors

Aerospace

- The St. Louis region has nearly **6.5x more aerospace manufacturing employees** than other similar-sized markets, earning the region a ranking among the **top 20 metros for aerospace employment**.
- Boeing is planning a **\$1.8 billion**, 1 million sq-ft advanced aerospace manufacturing facility at St. Louis Lambert International Airport and has invested **\$200 million** in a new production facility at MidAmerica St. Louis Airport, creating a total of **650 new jobs**.
- Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. has expanded its operations at the St. Louis Downtown Airport in Cahokia Heights, Illinois, creating **200 new full-time jobs** and retaining nearly 500 existing jobs. The **\$30 million** expansion will bring Gulfstream's total footprint at St. Louis Downtown Airport to 642,657 sq ft.
- West Star Aviation recently expanded its facilities at St. Louis Regional Airport in East Alton, Illinois, investing **\$20 million** to increase its footprint there to almost 500,000 sq ft and adding an estimated **60-80 new jobs**.

Automotive

- A recent **\$1.5 billion expansion of General Motors** to begin building the next generation of midsize pickup trucks at its Wentzville, Missouri, facility resulted in the creation of new jobs and retention of **4,100 jobs** in total.

Railroad Rolling Stock

Machinery & Equipment

Furniture & Fixtures

HVAC & Commercial

Our Advantages

Skilled Workforce

- **1st in the nation** for on-the-job training programs
- **3rd in the nation** for completed internships
- Over **56,000 skilled workers** in Advanced Manufacturing
- **3.5% net new job growth** rate over the last decade (2015-2025)

Business Environment

- **Illinois** is among the **Top 10 States for Business** in the U.S. for **infrastructure, cost of living, and education**.
- **Missouri** is among the **Top 10 States for Business** in the U.S. for **cost of doing business and cost of living**.

In Good Company



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6 Class I Railroads

Union Pacific, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern, Canadian National, and CPKCS



5 Regional Airports and 2 International Cargo Airports

St. Louis Lambert International Airport ranks among the top cargo airports in North America. In 2023, the airport moved **160,000 million pounds** of cargo for dedicated freighters such as UPS, FedEx, Amazon, DHL and more as well as belly cargo moved from passenger airlines. It began live animal exports in 2020.



4 Ice-free Ports on the Mississippi River

- **#1 most efficient** inland port in the nation
- Home to the Ag Coast of America, having the highest level of grain handling capacity along the Mississippi River
- 3 ports with container on barge capabilities
- Northernmost lock and ice-free port on the Mississippi River



4 Major Interstates

- I-44 (St. Louis, Tulsa, Oklahoma City)
- I-55 (Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans)
- I-64 (Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia)
- I-70 (Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Columbus, Baltimore)

Transportation that Transforms



Investments & Impact

- The St. Louis Regional Freightway is helping to advance almost **\$9 billion** in planned infrastructure investments (\$3.2 billion already funded).
- 5 Regional Airports deliver an economic impact of more than **\$10 billion**.
- **7,000 acres** of Foreign Trade Zone Sites
- **Top 2** in the nation for mineral & ore exports
- **Top 17** for processed food exports
- **Top 25** for chemical exports

All economic data is sourced from Chmura JobsEQ, Q3 2025 dataset

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