



# Missouri Economic Research Brief

## Metropolitan Export Report

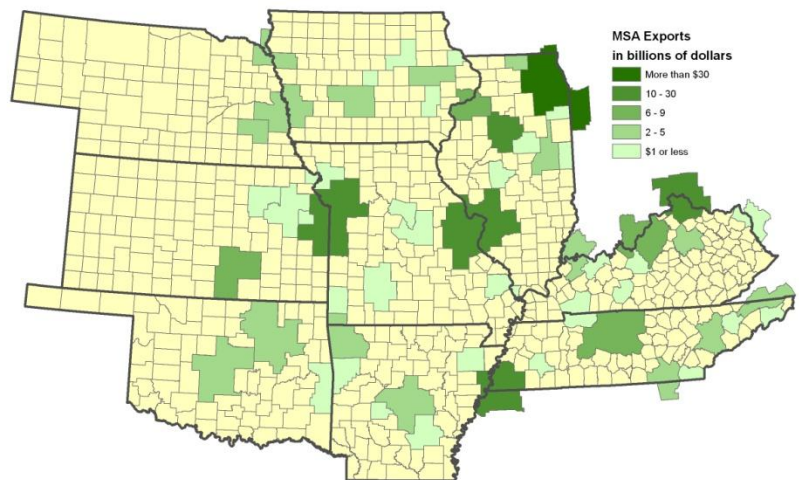
### St. Joseph, MO

This report examines metropolitan exports as collected from the U.S. Census through June 2010. The data originates from shipper's export declarations and represents an origin of movement (OM) series. The OM series is designed to track movements of merchandise out of the country and does not necessarily indicate the area of production.

From January to June of 2010 the St. Joseph metro area exported a total of \$323 million ranking the area 3<sup>rd</sup> overall within the state and 27<sup>th</sup> among metro areas in the nine state region. St. Joseph outpaced Topeka, KS in total exports and fell just short of Cedar Rapids, IA in rank.

Since 2009, the St. Joseph metro area has exported over \$783 million in goods and services. This ranks them 3<sup>rd</sup> overall out of Missouri metro areas, well ahead of Springfield's \$461 million. This also ranks the St. Joseph metro 28<sup>th</sup> overall when compared to the metro areas of the nine state region. The region's top exporter for that time period is by far the Chicago, IL area with over \$44 billion.

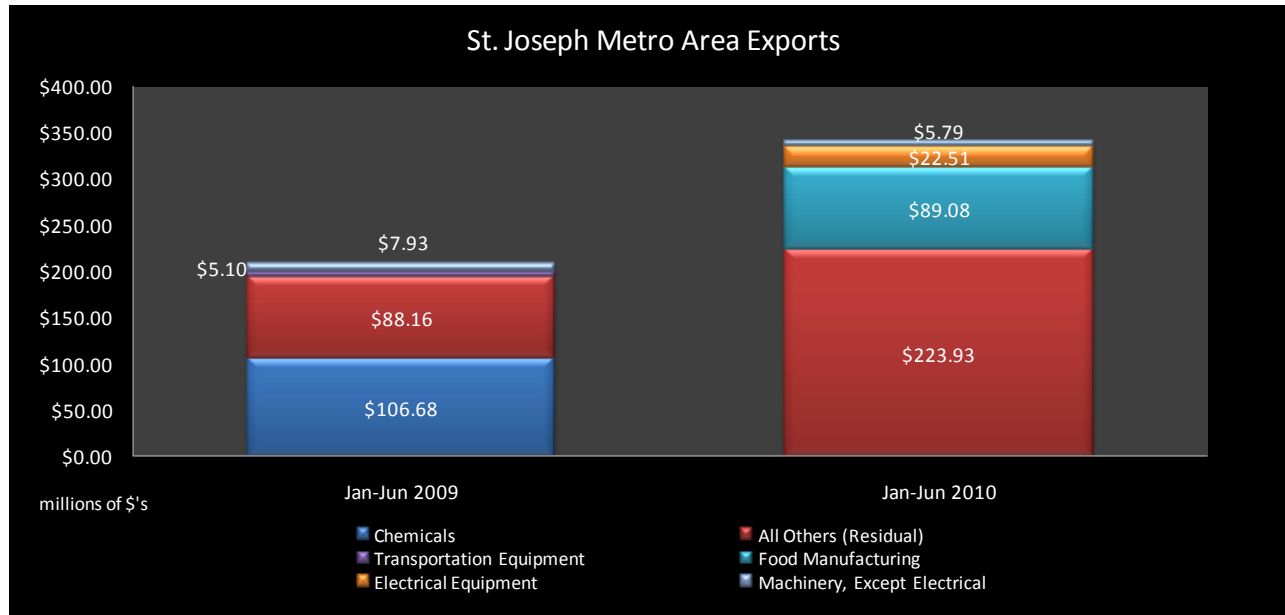
### Missouri & Surrounding State Metropolitan Areas by Total Export Dollars Jan 2009-June 2010



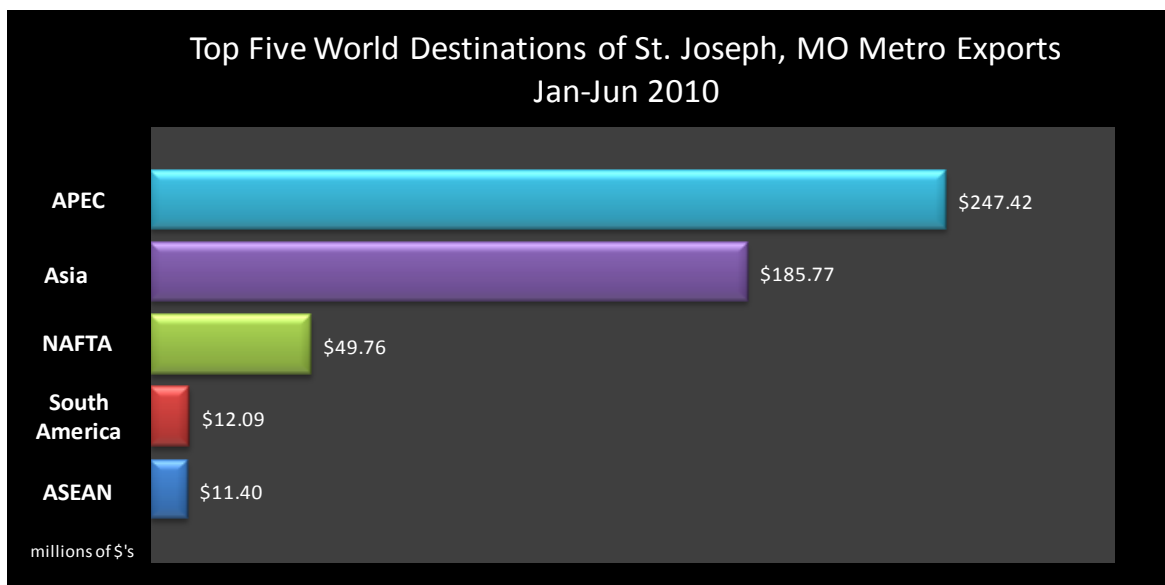
### Top MO Metro Areas by Exports Jan 2009 - June 30, 2010

(billions of \$'s)

1 St. Louis; MO-IL	\$14.59
2 Kansas City; MO-KS	\$9.41
<b>3 St. Joseph; MO-KS</b>	<b>\$0.78</b>
4 Springfield; MO	\$0.46
5 Columbia; MO	\$0.33
6 Jefferson City; MO	\$0.26
7 Joplin; MO	\$0.25
8 Cape Girardeau; MO-IL	\$0.15



In the first half of 2010, St. Joseph’s metro area exports were 56% ahead of the first half of 2009. Data suppression for this time period makes it difficult to compare certain commodities over the two years. However, St. Joseph’s top listed sector in 2009 was Food Manufacturing at \$90 million while 2010’s top listed sector was Chemical Manufacturing at \$107 million. Residual exports increased by over 150% through half of 2010, but this number may be altered if certain categories are no longer suppressed at the conclusion of 2010.



\* APEC is the abbreviation for Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation whose large group of countries includes China. NAFTA is short for North American Free Trade Agreement which includes the United States and Mexico. ASEAN is short for Association of Southeast Asian Nations.