



# Missouri Economic Research Brief

## Metropolitan Export Report

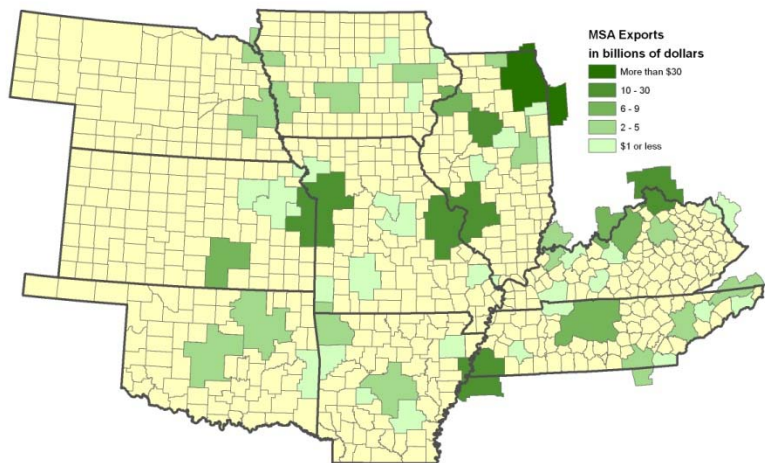
### St. Louis, MO

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. Louis metro area exported a total of \$5.6 billion ranking 2<sup>nd</sup> overall within the nine state region and 1<sup>st</sup> in Missouri. St. Louis export totals were above those of Memphis, TN and below those of Chicago, IL.

Since 2009 the St. Louis metro area exported over \$14 billion in goods and services. This ranks them 1<sup>st</sup> overall out of Missouri metro areas, easily outpacing the Kansas City metro whose exports were over \$9 billion. This also ranks the St. Louis metro 2<sup>nd</sup> overall when compared to the metro areas of the nine state region. The region's top exporter for that time period was by far the Chicago, IL area with over \$44 billion.

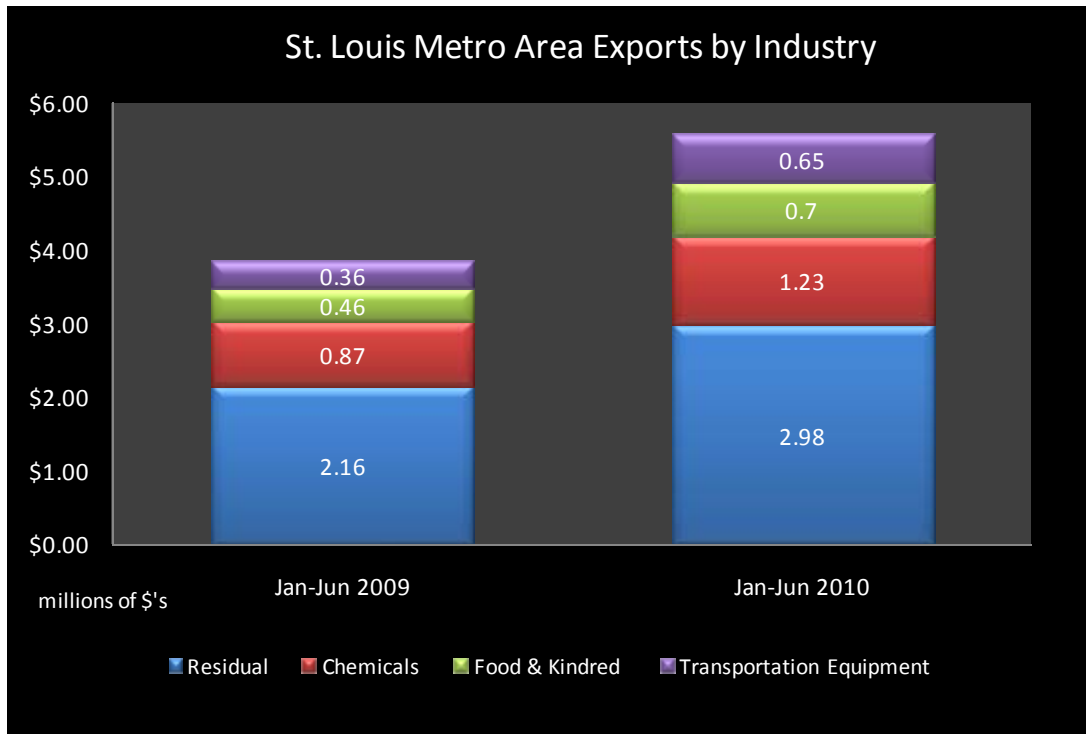
### Missouri & Surrounding State Metropolitan Areas by Total Export Dollars Jan 2009-June 2010



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

(billions of \$'s)

<b>1 St. Louis; MO-IL</b>	<b>\$14.59</b>
2 Kansas City; MO-KS	\$9.41
3 St. Joseph; MO-KS	\$0.78
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



St. Louis metro area exports were on the rise through the first half of 2010 as compared to 2009. Total exports increased 44%. Three of its major export categories all underwent significant gains during this period. Chemicals were up 41%, Food Manufacturing was up 52%, and Transportation Equipment was up 81%. Residual exports also increased 38% through first half 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.