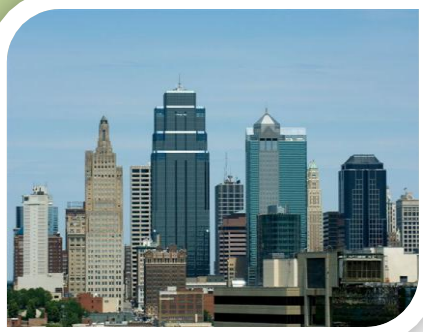


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Metropolitan Export Report
Kansas City, MO

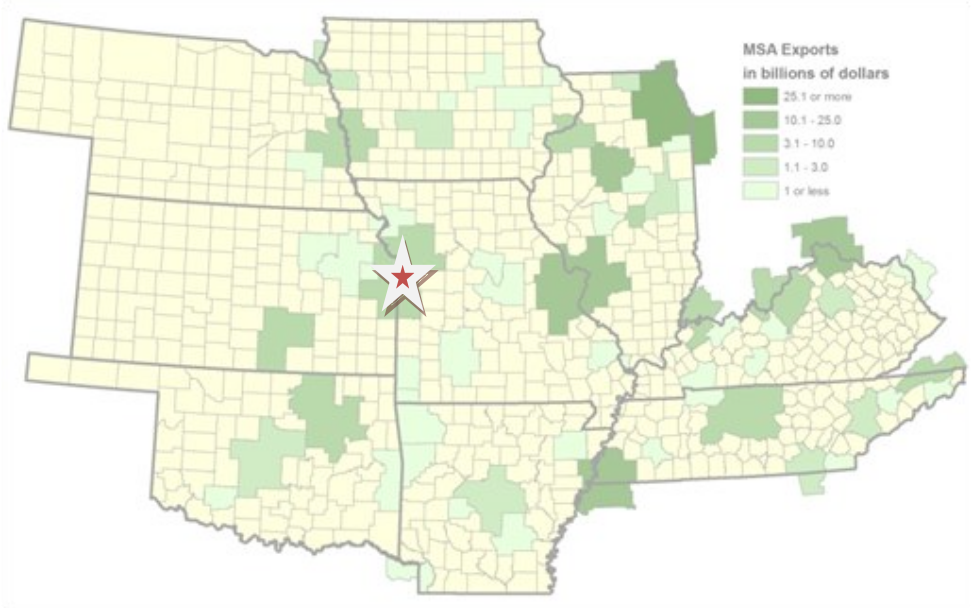
This report examines metropolitan exports as collected from the U.S. Census through 2012. The data originates from shipper's export declarations and represents an origin of movement (OM) series. The OM series is designed to track movements of merchandise out of the country and does not necessarily indicate the area of production.

In 2012 the Kansas City metro area exported over $7.9 billion ranking 7th overall within the nine state region and 2nd in Missouri. This puts the metro ahead of Louisville KY – Johnson County, IN in total exports and just behind Davenport, IA-Moline, IL.

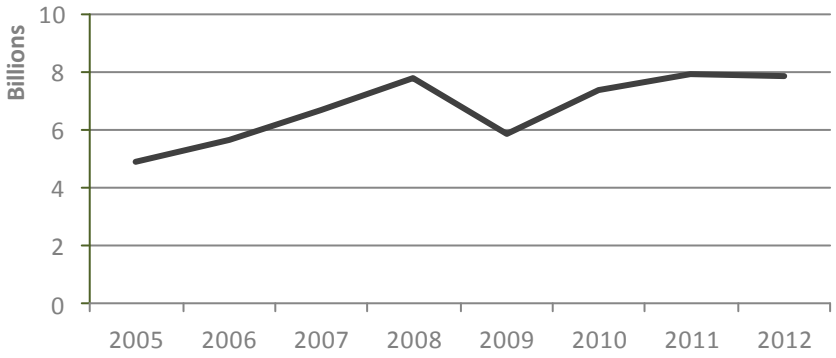
From 2005 to 2012 the Kansas City metro area has exported over $54 billion in goods and services over the six years.

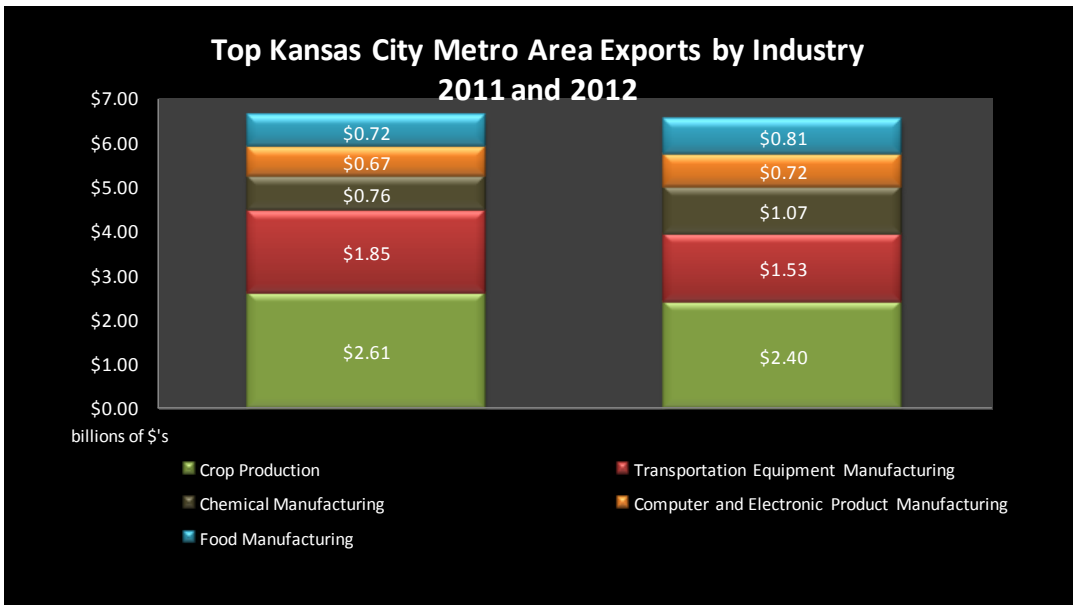
Exports increased 60.3 percent in the Kansas City metro area from

Missouri & Surrounding State Metropolitan Areas by Total Export Dollars 2012

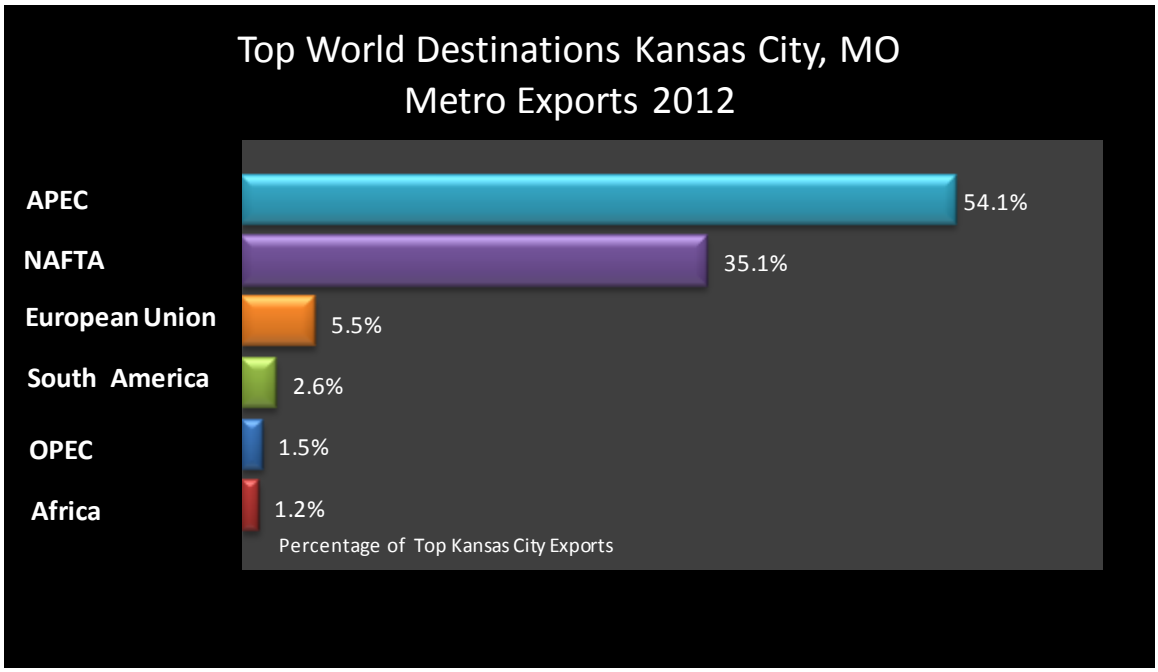


Kansas City, Mo Exports 2005 to 2012





The Kansas City metro area exported over $7.9 billion in commodities in 2011 and just under $7.9 billion for 2012. The over-the-year trend from 2011 to 2012 shows increases in exports Chemical Manufacturing (41.2%), Food Manufacturing (12.3%), and Computer & Electronic Products (8.3%).



*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, OPEC is an abbreviation for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.