

Missouri Economic Research Brief
Metropolitan Export Report
Springfield, MO

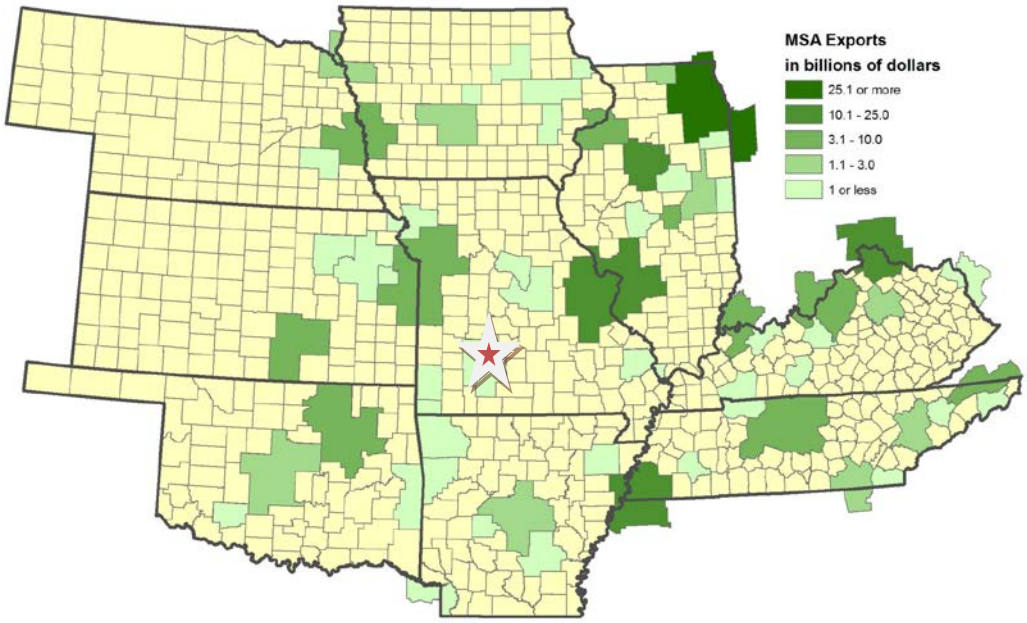
This report examines metropolitan exports as collected from the U.S. Census through 2013. The data originates from shipper's export declarations and represents an origin of movement (OM) series. The OM series is designed to track movements of merchandise out of the country and does not necessarily indicate the area of production.

In 2013 the Springfield metro area exported over $437 million, ranking 4th overall within the state and 35th among metro areas in the nine state region. Springfield outpaced Columbia, MO in total export dollars and fell just short of Jackson, TN in ranking.

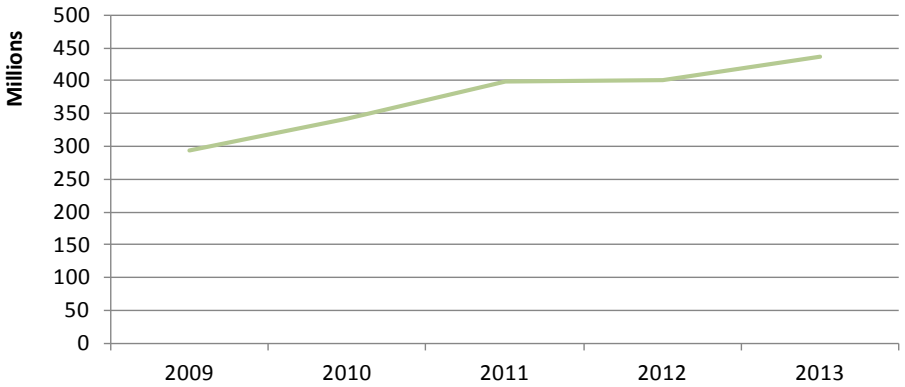
From 2009 to 2013, the Springfield metro area has exported over $2.2 billion in goods and services over the five years.

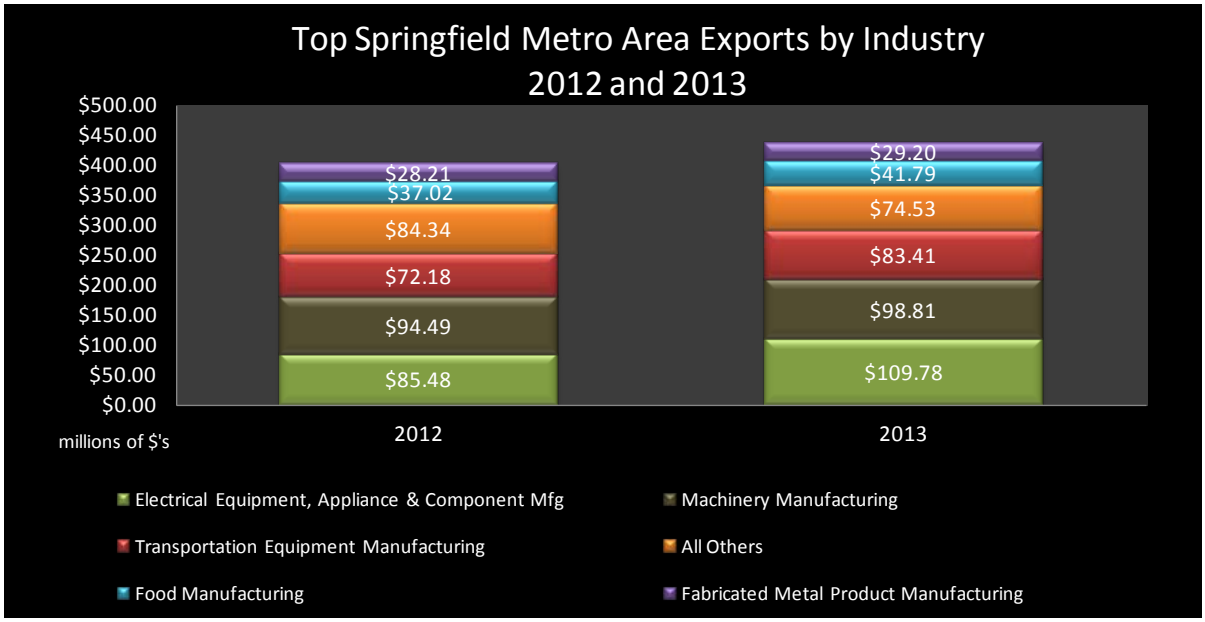
Exports increased 49.5 % from 2009 to 2013 in the Springfield metro area.

Missouri & Surrounding State Metropolitan Areas by Total Export Dollars 2013

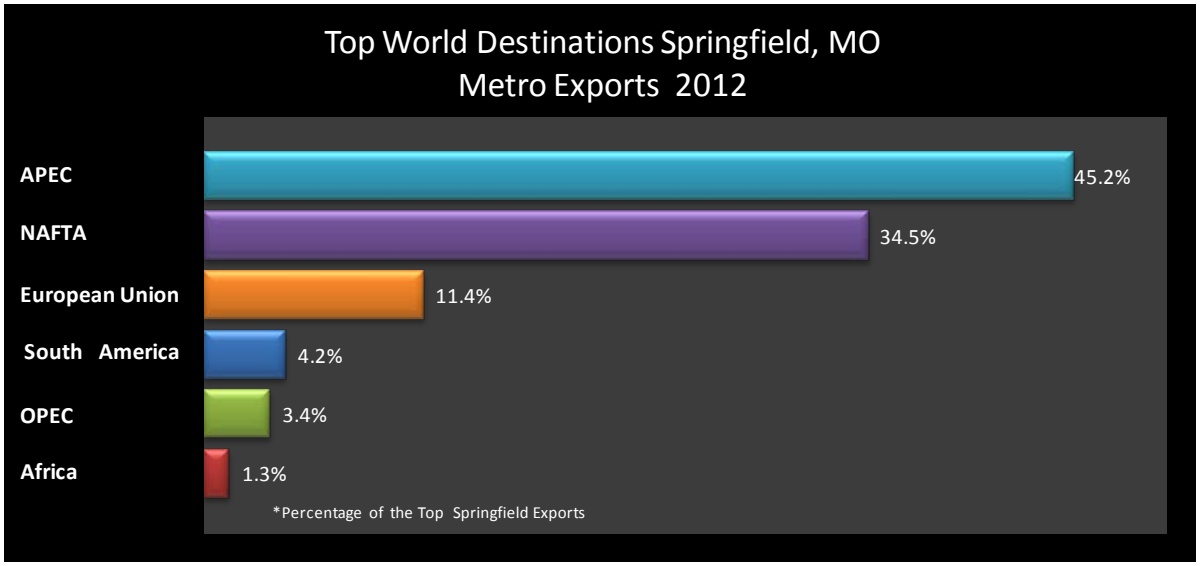


Springfield, Mo Exports 2009 to 2013





Springfield exported over $401 million in commodities in 2012 and surpassed $437 million for 2013. The over-the-year trend increases in exports include Electrical Equipment, Appliance & Component Manufacturing (28.4%), Transportation and Equipment (15.6%), Food Manufacturing (12.9%), Machinery Manufacturing (4.6%) and Fabricated Metal Manufacturing (3.5%) in the Springfield metro area.



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