

Missouri Economic Research Brief
Metropolitan Export Report
St. Joseph, MO

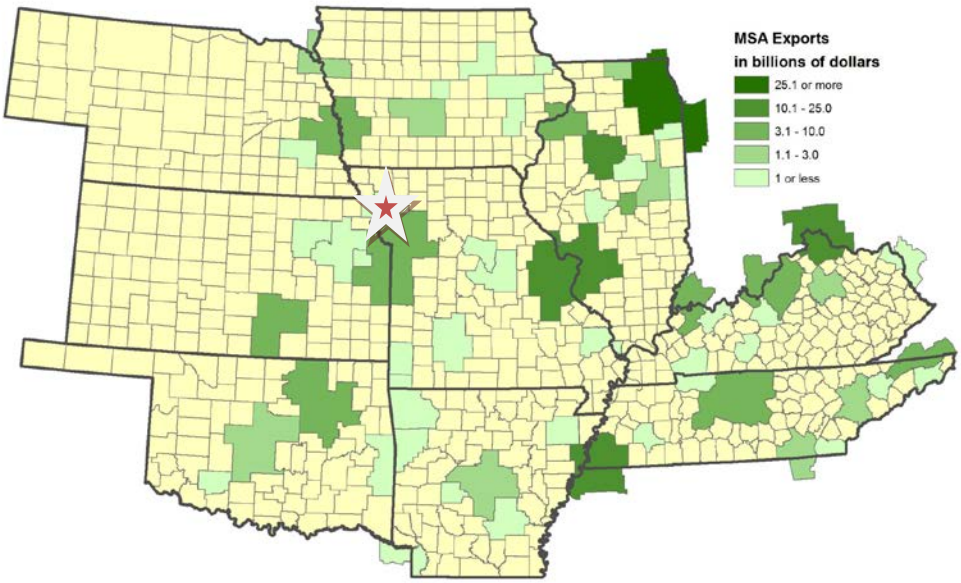
This report examines metropolitan exports as collected from the U.S. Census through 2013. The data originates from shipper's export declarations and represents an origin of movement (OM) series. The OM series is designed to track movements of merchandise out of the country and does not necessarily indicate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

In 2013 the St. Joseph metro area exported a total of $867 million ranking the area 3rd overall within the state and 27th among metro areas in the nine state region. St. Joseph outpaced Lincoln, NE in total exports and fell just short of Cedar Rapids, IA in rank.

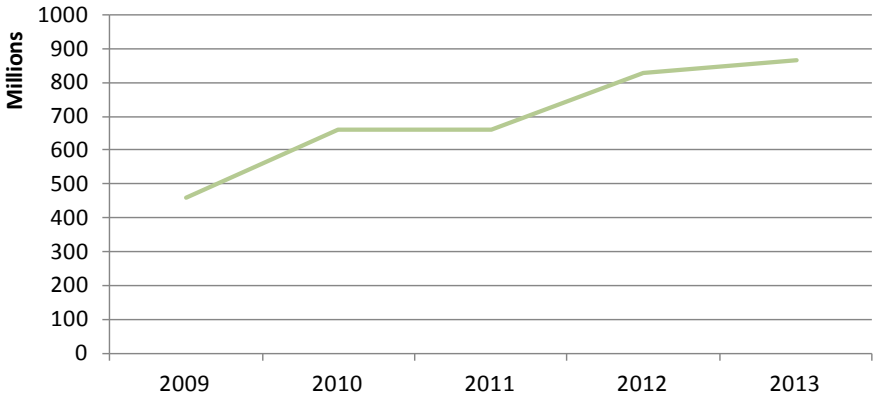
St. Joseph metro area exports increased from 2009 to 2013 exporting over $4.3 billion in goods and services over the five years.

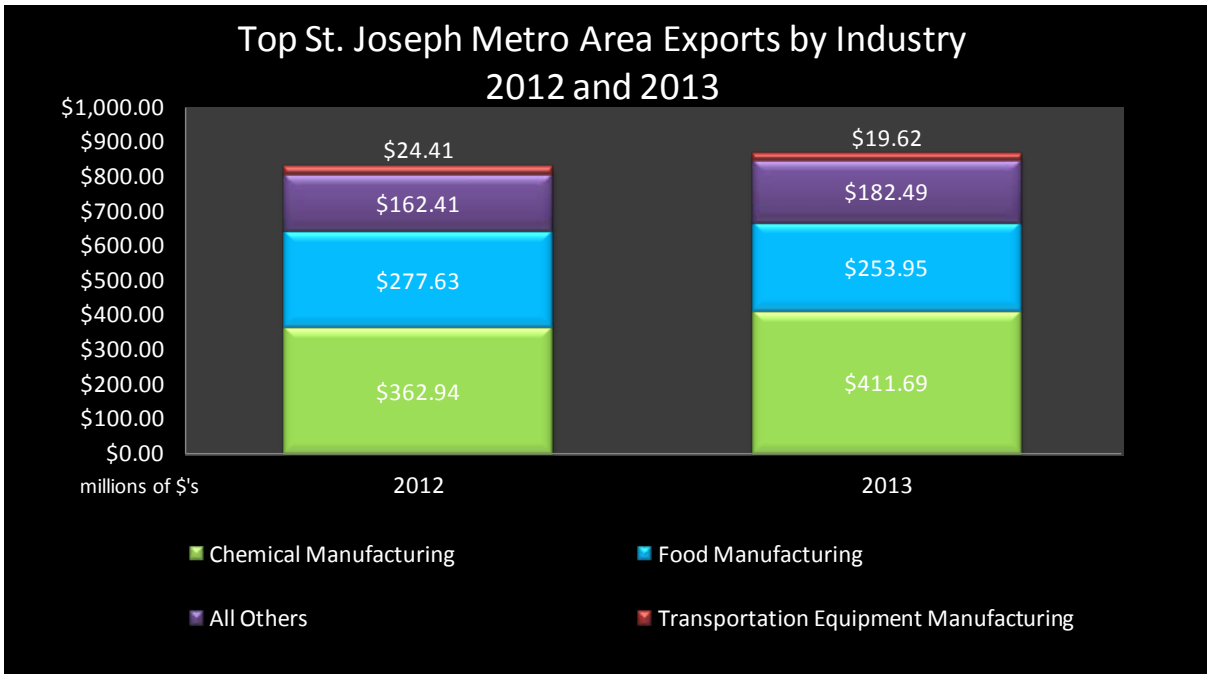
Exports increased in the St. Joseph metro area 88.8% from 2009 to 2013.

Missouri & Surrounding State Metropolitan Areas by Total Export Dollars 2013

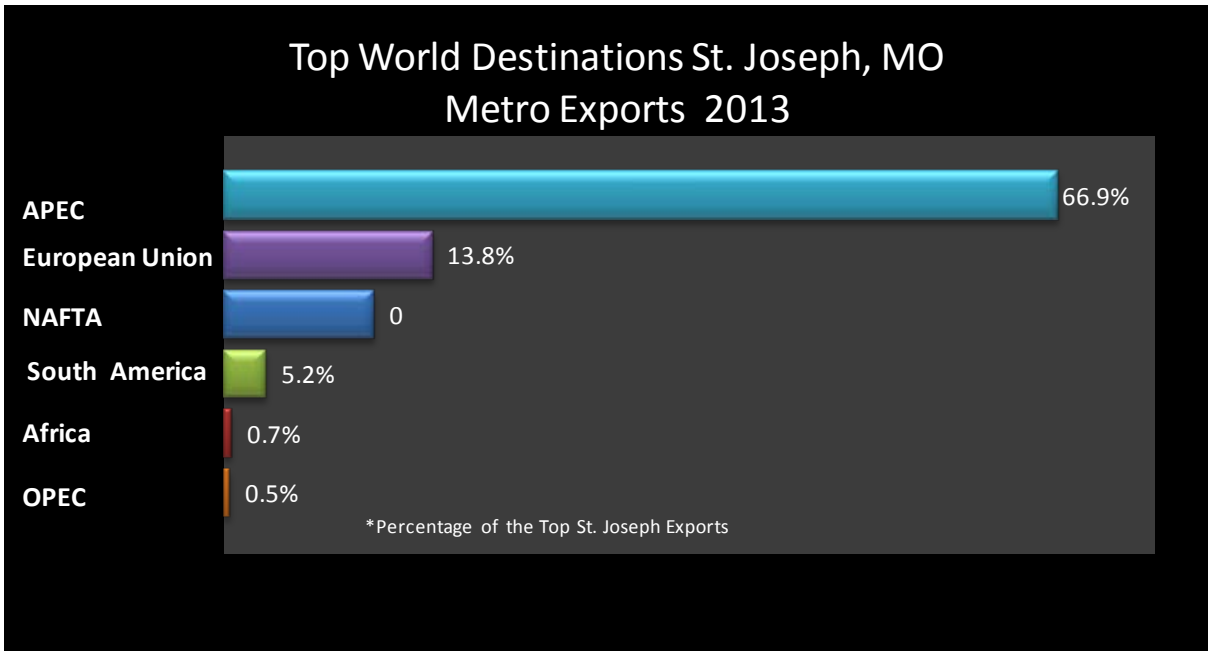


St. Joseph, Mo Exports 2009 to 2013





The St. Joseph metro area exported over $827 million in commodities in 2012 and surpassed $867 million for 2013. The over-the-year trend showed increases in Chemical Manufacturing (13.4%) and All Others (12.4%).



*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.