

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

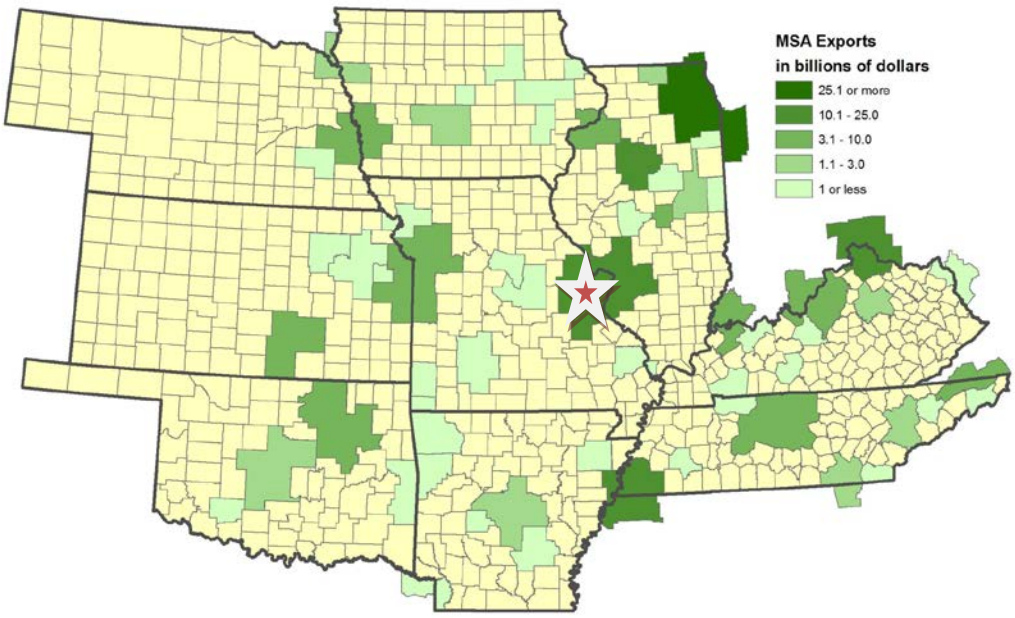
This report examines metropolitan exports as collected from the U.S. Census through 2013. The data originates from shipper's export declarations and represents an origin of movement (OM) series. The OM series is designed to track movements of merchandise out of the country and does not necessarily indicate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

In 2013 the St. Louis metro area exported a total of $12.4 billion ranking it 1st in the Missouri metro areas and 3rd overall within the nine state region. St. Louis export totals were above those of Peoria, IL and below those of Cincinnatti-Middletown, OH-KY-IN.

The St. Louis metro area exports increased from 2009 to 2013 exporting over $74 billion in goods and services over the five years.

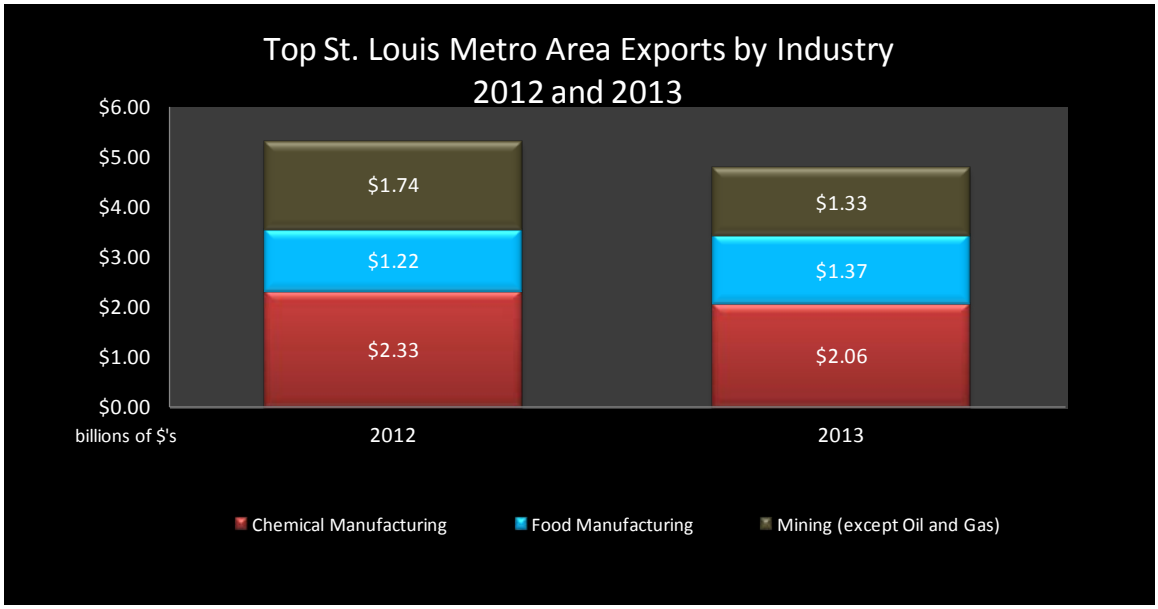
Exports increased in the St. Louis metro area by 37.3% from 2009 to 2013.

Missouri & Surrounding State Metropolitan Areas by Total Export Dollars 2013

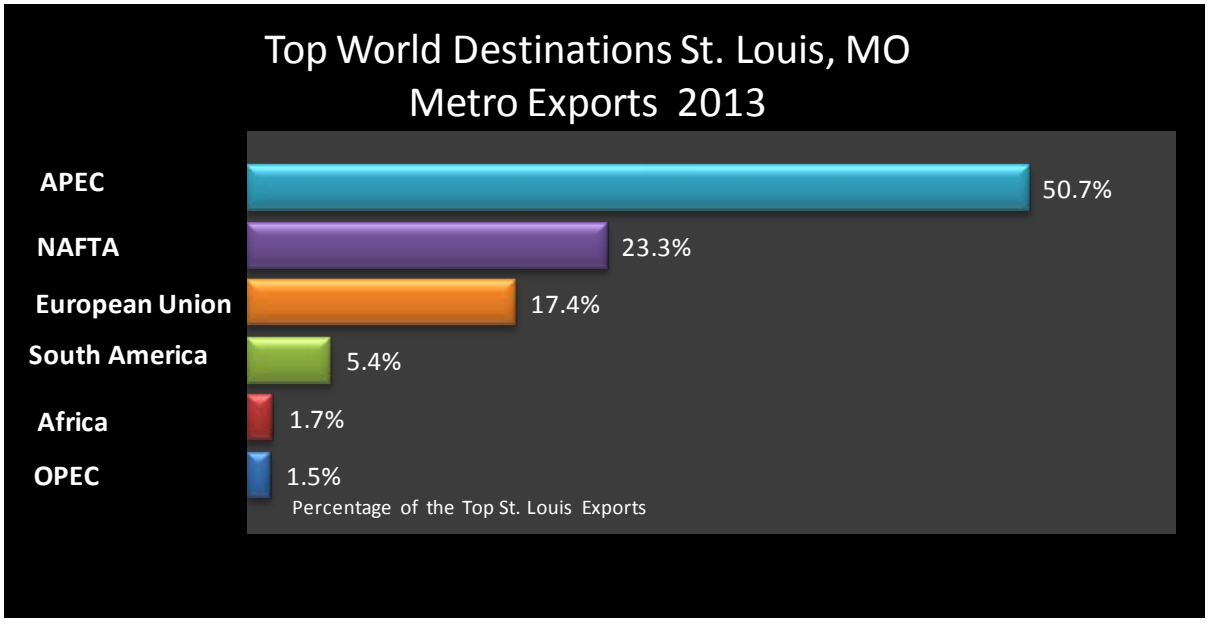


St. Louis, MO-IL Exporting Counties 2013

County	Exports
St. Louis County	$7.3 billion
St. Louis City	$1.9 billion
St. Charles County	$1.6 billion
Madison County	$758 million
St. Clair County	$447 million
Franklin County	$159 million
Jefferson County	$85 million
Bond County	$47 million
Warren County	$27 million
Lincoln County	$19 million



The St. Louis metro area exported over $14.6 billion in commodities in 2012 and surpassed $12.3 billion for 2013. The over-the-year trend shows increases in exports for Food Manufacturing (12.7%).



*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.