

Why the St. Louis Region?

The St. Louis region ranks among the top 25 metro areas in the United States for chemical exports, with significant sub-sector clusters in pharmaceutical, soap and cleaning compounds, petroleum and coal products, and fertilizer and agricultural chemicals. The regional chemical industry benefits from a skilled workforce that can support manufacturing and research and development, with the presence of established chemical companies and research facilities fostering continued innovation, investment, and growth.

Key Existing Sub-Sectors

Pharmaceutical & Medicine



- Our region is home to major international corporations such as **Pfizer** and **GlaxoSmithKline** and other U.S. corporations like **Mallinckrodt**.
- **Procter & Gamble** invested **\$180 million** to expand its North St. Louis facility, a major project completed in 2024 that will bring in an estimated **100 new jobs** and **retain 530 existing jobs**.
- **MilliporeSigma**, the U.S./Canada biotech and life sciences business of **Merck**, announced in 2024 that it will invest **\$76 million** and create **170 new jobs**, which will **triple its manufacturing capacity** for antibody drug conjugates for cancer treatment at the Bioconjugation Center of Excellence facility in St. Louis.

Soap & Cleaning Compounds



- The region has over **3x more** soap and cleaning compound manufacturing jobs than other similar-sized markets and has seen **12.3% growth** in the industry's jobs over the past five years, supported by major employers in the sector such as **Dial/Henkel**, **Procter & Gamble**, and **Phillips 66 Wood River Refinery**.

Basic Chemical

Petroleum & Coal Products

Pesticide, Fertilizer, & Other Agricultural Chemicals

Our Advantages

Skilled Workforce

- **1st in the nation** for on-the-job training programs
- **3rd in the nation** for completed internships
- The region is home to **21,200 professionals** specializing in chemistry, pharmacology, plastics, soap and cleaning compounds, and other chemical-related sectors.

Innovation Ecosystem

- Regional bioscience companies have received **\$1.5 billion** in venture capital since 2015.
- Ranked among the **Top 25** metro areas in the United States for chemical exports
- Organizations like **BioSTL** and proximity to top-tier universities foster collaboration, access to cutting-edge research, and ensure a steady pipeline of talent and technologies.

In Good Company



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6 Class I Railroads

Union Pacific, Burlington Northern Santa Fe, CSX Transportation, Norfolk Southern, Canadian National, and CPKCS



5 Regional Airports and 2 International Cargo Airports

St. Louis Lambert International Airport ranks among the top cargo airports in North America. In 2023, the airport moved **160,000 million pounds** of cargo for dedicated freighters such as UPS, FedEx, Amazon, DHL and more as well as belly cargo moved from passenger airlines.



4 Ice-free Ports on the Mississippi River

- **#1 most efficient** inland port in the nation
- Home to the Ag Coast of America, having the highest level of grain handling capacity along the Mississippi River
- 3 ports with container on barge capabilities
- Northernmost lock and ice-free port on the Mississippi River



4 Major Interstates

- I-44 (St. Louis, Tulsa, Oklahoma City)
- I-55 (Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans)
- I-64 (Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia)
- I-70 (Denver, Kansas City, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Columbus, Baltimore)

Transportation that Transforms



Investments & Impact

- The St. Louis Regional Freightway is helping to advance more than **\$8 Billion** in planned infrastructure investments (\$2.8 Billion already funded).
- 5 Regional Airports deliver an economic impact of more than **\$10 Billion**.
- **7,000 Acres** of Foreign Trade Zone Sites
- **Top 2** in the nation for mineral & ore exports
- **Top 17** for processed food exports
- **Top 25** for chemical exports

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