

# Missouri Connections: Brazil

## Companies

### Largest Brazilian-owned companies in Missouri

Ioche-Maxion S/A.

Maxion Wheels (*Sedalia*)

Metalúrgica Gerdau S/A.

Gerdau Ameristeel  
(*Independence, Kansas City, O'Fallon*)

Motomco Group of Brazil

Missouri Moisture Analyzers (*Maryville*)

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Adknowledge, Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Belden Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Build-A-Bear Workshop, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Cerner Corporation (*Kansas City*)

CSI Leasing, Inc. (CSI) (*St. Louis*)

Emerson Electric Company (*St. Louis*)

Energizer Holdings Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Enterprise Holdings, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

ESCO Technologies Inc. (*St. Louis*)

H&R Block Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Leggett & Platt Incorporated (*Carthage*)

Lockton, Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Monsanto Company (*St. Louis*)

Sunedison (*St. Peters*)

World Wide Technology Inc. (WWT)  
(*St. Louis*)

## Population

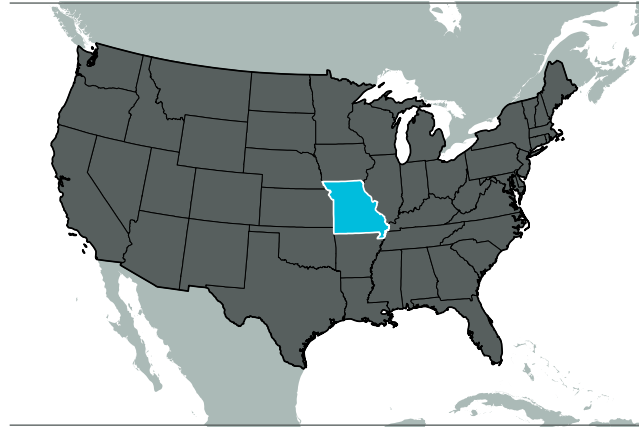
### Missourians born in Brazil

1,787

### Missourians who speak Portuguese

3,222

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2014 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates



## Exports & Imports

### Missouri exports to Brazil in 2015

\$295,059,009

### Top export commodities

Chemicals  
Transportation equipment  
Machinery, except electrical  
Plastics & rubber products  
Computer and electronic products

### Missouri imports from Brazil in 2015

\$112,907,057

### Top import commodities

Chemicals  
Nonmetallic mineral products  
Machinery, except electrical  
Transportation equipment  
Textiles & fabrics

Source: International Trade Administration

## Trade Agreements

Missouri has a \$320 million trade agreement with Brazil to facilitate the expansion of bilateral trade and investment in key industries including Advanced Manufacturing, Animal Health, and agtech.

## Education

### **Meramec Community College**

Courses in Portuguese (in collaboration with Viva Brasil St. Louis and St. Louis Community College)

### **Missouri State University (Springfield)**

Courses in Portuguese

### **Saint Louis University**

BA in Latin American Studies

### **University of Missouri (Columbia)**

Portuguese/Brazilian Studies Minor

Latin American Studies Minor

Bachelor of Arts in International Studies w/a concentration in Latin American Studies

### **Washington University in St. Louis**

Courses in Portuguese

BA in Latin American Studies

## Culture

### **Brazilian associations in Missouri**

Brazilian Community in KC (*Kansas City*):  
[facebook.com/pages/Brazilian-Community-in-KC/154071934679052?sk=info](https://facebook.com/pages/Brazilian-Community-in-KC/154071934679052?sk=info)

Viva Brasil St. Louis: [e.vivabrasilstl.org/about](http://e.vivabrasilstl.org/about)