Missouri Connections: Brazil

Companies

Largest Brazilian-owned companies in Missouri
Iochpe-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)

Largest Missouri-owned companies in Brazil
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
Viva Brasil St. Louis: e.vivabrasilstl.org/about