

# Missouri Connections: Japan

## Exports & Imports

### Total exports to Japan in 2015

\$507,647,035

### Top export commodities

Food manufactures

Chemicals

Transportation equipment

Fabricated metal products

Computer and electronic products

### Total imports from Japan in 2015

\$287,187,957

### Top import commodities

Chemicals

Fabricated metal products

Machinery, except electrical

Transportation equipment

Electrical equipment, appliances & components

*Source: International Trade Administration*

## Population

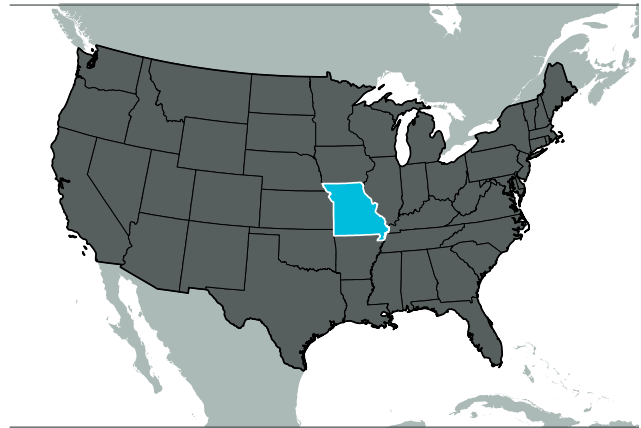
### Missourians born in Japan

2,124

### Missourians who speak Japanese

2,797

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



## Education

### Missouri State University (Springfield)

Offers an Asian Studies minor

### Truman University (Kirksville)

Asian Studies minor

### University of Missouri (Columbia)

East Asian Studies minor, BA in International Studies with East Asian Emphasis, and BA in International Business with East Asian area emphasis

### Washington University in St. Louis

BA, MA, PhD in Japanese

### University of Missouri Asian Affairs Center

The AAC builds upon MU's substantial Asian programs and connections through the university and alumni to benefit citizens, government entities, and businesses in Missouri and in the region: [asia.missouri.edu](http://asia.missouri.edu)

### St. Louis Language Immersion Schools

[sllis.org](http://sllis.org)

## Culture

### Japanese societies in Missouri

Japanese Council of Greater Kansas City:  
[japancouncil.org](http://japancouncil.org)

Japan America Society of St. Louis:  
[jasstl.wordpress.com](http://jasstl.wordpress.com)

Heart of America Japan-America Society:  
[kcjas.org](http://kcjas.org)

### Sister Cities

Missouri's sister state in Japan is the Nagano Prefecture, and it has several sister cities as well:

Columbia / Hakusan City

Grandview / Haruna

Independence / Higashimurayama

Kansas City / Kurashiki

Lee's Summit / Aizuwakamatsu

Springfield / Isesaki

St. Louis / Suwa

## Companies

### Largest Japanese-owned in Missouri

Ajinomoto Co Inc: Ajinomoto Windsor (*Carthage, Piedmont*)

Daikin Industries, Ltd.: American Air Filter (*Columbia*)

Hitachi, Ltd.: Hitachi Data Systems Corp (*St. Louis, Kansas City*); Mechanical Dynamics & Analysis, Ltd. (*St. Louis*)

Itochu Corporation: Master Halco Inc. (*Kansas City, St. Charles*); Primesource Building Products, Inc. (*Kansas City, Springfield*); CGB Enterprises (Part Owner) (*Scott City, Charleston, East Prarie, Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville*)

Japan Pulp And Paper Company Limited: Western-Brw Paper Co., Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Jeol Ltd.: Jeol Usa, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd.: Kawasaki Motors Manufacturing Corp., U.S.A. (*Maryville*)

Kawasaki Kisen Kaisha, Ltd.: K Line America, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Keyence Corporation: Keyence Corp Of America (*St. Louis*)

Kitz Corporation: Kitz Corporation Of America (*St. Louis*)

Kyowa Hakko Kirin: Biokyowa Inc. (*Cape Girardeau*)

Marubeni Corporation: Gavilon (*Alexandria, Cape Girardeau, Scott City, New Franklin, St. Joseph, Rock Port, Kansas City*); Helena Chemical Company (*Wyaconda, Clarkton, Hayti, Dudley, Matthews, New Madrid, Canton, Chillicothe, Edina*); Mac Trailer Leasing L.L.C. (*St. Louis*)

Maruka Machinery Co., Ltd.: Maruka U.S.A. Inc. (*Lees Summit*)

Mitsui & Co., Ltd.: Novus International, Inc. (*St. Charles*); Ventura Foods, LLC (*St. Joseph*)

Mizkan J Plus Holdings Co. Ltd.: Mizkan Americas Inc (*Kansas City*)

NEC Corporation: Nec Energy Solutions LLC (*Chesterfield*)

Nichiryo Co. Ltd.: Nichiryo America, Inc. (*Maryland Heights*)

Nidec Corporation: Nidec Motor Corp (*St. Louis*)

Nikken Foods Co.,Ltd.: Nikken Foods Co., Ltd (*St. Louis*)

Nippon Express Co., Ltd.: Nippon Express U.S.A., Inc. (*Hazelwood*)

Nishitetsu: NNR Global Logistics USA Inc. (*Maryland Heights*)

Nitto Denko Corporation: Nitto Denko Automotive, Missouri, Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Otsuka Koki Co.,Ltd.: Otscn, Inc. (*Columbia*)

Porite Corporation: Jefferson Porite Corporation (*Jefferson City*)

SMC Corporation: SMC Corporation Of America (*Earth City*)

Softbank Group Corp: Virgin Mobile (*Kansas City*)

Sojitz Corporation: Sojitz Aerospace America Corporation (*St. Louis*)

Starting Industrial Co., Ltd: Starting USA Corporation (*Poplar Bluff*)

Sumitomo Warehouse Co.,Ltd., The: Westwood Shipping Lines, Inc. (*Ballwin*)

Taiyo Nippon Sanso Corporation: Matheson Tri-Gas, Inc. (*Kansas City, Columbia, Joplin, St. Joseph*)

Takara Belmont Corp.: Koken Manufacturing Company, Inc. (*St. Louis*)



Tokio Marine Holdings, Inc.: Philadelphia Insurance Company (*St. Louis*); Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company (*St. Louis*); Safety National Casualty Corp (*St. Louis*)

Tomy Inc: Tomy International (*Kansas City*)

Toray Industries Inc.: Zoltek (*Bridgeton*)

Toyoda Gosei Co., Ltd.: TG Missouri Corporation (*Perryville*)

Toyota Industries Corporation: Heubel Material Handling, Inc. (*Kansas City, Earth City, Springfield*)

Toyota Motor Corporation: Bodine Aluminum, Inc. (*St. Louis, Troy*)

Toyota Tsusho: Toyota Tsusho America Inc. (*Troy*)

Trend Micro Incorporated: Mobile Armor, Inc. (*Chesterfield*)

U-Shin Ltd.: Yuhshin USA (*Kirksville*)

Yamaha Corporation: G3 Boats (*Lebanon*)

Yamazaki Mazak Trading Corporation: Mazak Corporation (*Maryland Heights*)

Zen-Noh Grain Corporation (Part Owner): CGB Enterprises (*Scott City, Charleston, East Prairie, Cape Girardeau, Caruthersville*)

### Largest Missouri-owned in Japan

Baldwin Technology Company, Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Belden Inc. (*St. Louis*)

Biomedical Systems Corporation (*Maryland Heights*)

Brewer Science, Inc. (*Rolla*)

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

Emerson (*St. Louis*)

Energizer Holdings Inc. (*St. Louis*)

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

ESCO Technologies Inc. (*St. Louis*)

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

Hallmark Cards Inc. (*Kansas City*)

Independent Stave Company, Inc. (*Lebanon*)

Monsanto Company (*St. Louis*)

Positronic Industries, Inc. (*Springfield*)

Reinsurance Group Of America, Inc. (*Chesterfield*)

Watlow Electric Mfg. Co. (*St. Louis*)

### Recent Investments

In 2013, Tokyo-based Toray Industries Inc. purchased St. Louis-based Zoltek Companies Inc. for \$584 million. Zoltek, which produces carbon fiber for various applications, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toray and operates as a separate business.

In the past four years, Bodine Aluminum, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Toyota Motor Corp. and a manufacturer of casting parts, announced investments of \$60 million to expand its Troy, Missouri facility, creating over 60 jobs.

In 2012, TG Missouri Corporation (Toyoda Gosei) announced an investment of nearly \$40 million to expand its Perryville facility, creating 200 jobs.

