



Missouri Needs French

It has already been established that foreign language study in Missouri is essential to its economic present and future, and it has been effectively argued that the study of foreign languages cultures should be a core educational experience in Missouri schools. But what about French in particular? This site provides demographic and economic data to demonstrate that our connection to the French-speaking world is vital and dynamic, with institutional, governmental, historical and economic dimensions. French teachers, students and Francophiles should use these facts to illustrate the importance of an education including French language and Francophone cultures. Included are the addresses of some who support the advancement of French language and culture, and of course, links to members of the Missouri state legislature.

MISSOURI'S ROLE IN GLOBAL BUSINESS

Missouri News: International Trade

<http://www.einnews.com/missouri/newsfeed-MissouriInternationalTrade>

World Trade Center - St. Louis

<http://www.worldtradecenter-stl.com>

2009 exports among Missouri's top 25 trading partners:

Canada	\$3,227,900,000
Belgium	\$ 231,900,000
France	\$ 134,031,000

State exports to France have increased over the last 5 years by \$49,964,809, a change of 59.43%. State exports to Africa (primarily Francophone countries) have increased over the last 5 years by \$62,003,810, an increase of 58.59%. This growth underscores the need for a labor force that speaks French and is in tune with the cultures of these countries.

Trade between Canada and Missouri:

<http://www.canadianembassy.org/statetrade/mo-en.asp>

- Exports to Canada: \$4.3 billion
- Imports from Canada: \$3.0 billion
- Bilateral trade: \$7.3 billion
- Transportation goods accounted for \$1.785 billion of all Missouri exports to Canada.
- 144,750 Missouri jobs are supported by Canada–U.S. trade
- Canadians made more than 128,400 visits to Missouri, spending \$51 million
- Missouri residents made 113,300 visits to Canada, spending \$74 million
- Canada remains Missouri's largest export market, purchasing 34% of all shipments from the state.

Our bilingual neighbor to the north remains our top trading partner, with over \$7.3 billion worth of goods exchanged during 2008. In fact, Missouri sold more goods to its northern ally than to its next top 14 export destinations combined—\$4.3 billion worth of merchandise goods. Canada returned the favor, selling \$3.0 billion in goods to Missouri.

Missouri Trade overseas

- European Union Investment of over \$10 billion supports an estimated 58,300 jobs in **Missouri**.
- Switzerland accounts for 24% of foreign direct investment projects in **Missouri**.
- France, Belgium, and Switzerland are among the top 15 countries importing goods to **Missouri**.

In addition to international trade, foreign-owned companies contribute to our economy with job creation and tax revenue. Missouri's total annual foreign direct investment was \$169.54 million for 2007 alone. These companies seek employees who speak French and can bridge the cultural gap both here and abroad.

Foreign-based companies that conduct business in Missouri:

ABB Inc: Switzerland

Bio Merieux Inc.: France

Cook Composites and Polymers: France

Nestlé Purina Petcare Co: Switzerland

Polytainers, Inc.: Canada

Sanofi-Aventis: France

These are just a few of the Missouri-based companies that conduct business in France:

AMC Entertainment Inc.

Amdocs Limited

Anheuser-Bush InBev

Bayer

Belden, Inc.

Cerner Corporation

Emerson Electric Corp.

Energizer Holdings, Inc.

Fleishman-Hillard International Communications

Friskies Pet Care/Nestle

Garmin, Inc.

General Medventures International

Hallmark

Harley-Davidson Motor Company

Husmann Corporation

Monsanto Company

Novus International, Inc.

Positronic Industries Inc.

Premium Standard Farms, Inc.

Sara Lee Bakery Group

Sprint Nextel Corp.

Synergy Int'l Inc.

Wire Rope Corporation of America, Inc.

All of this data shows that the need is there. How can we participate?

Missourians can learn French in their public and private schools and colleges, their International Baccalaureate programs, and the Alliance Française. Certainly, French is one of several solid choices for International business, the powerful motor, driving Missouri's economic recovery. Not supporting the study of foreign languages and cultures is a disengagement from the forces forging that recovery, and an attitude not in solidarity with Missouri's economic interests. The following pages provide resources for education, immigration, and advocacy with Missouri government officials.

FRANCOPHONE GOVERNMENT ADDRESSES

Belgian Consular Representative - Missouri

Ms. Lena Van Leuven - CANDRIES, Honorary Consul

J.W. Lemmens Inc.

3466 Bridgeland Drive, Suite 211

Bridgeton, MO 63044-2606

Phone (314) 770-2200

Fax (314) 770-2262

E-mail: SaintLouis@diplobel.org

Belgian Consular Representative - Kansas

Mr. David L. BARBER, Honorary Consul

1001 East 101st Terrace, Suite 170

Kansas City, Missouri 64131

Phone 816-898-5147 or 913-362-5039

Fax (816) 942 0006

E-mail: kansascity@diplobel.org

Canadian Consulate General - Chicago

<http://www.canadainternational.gc.ca/chicago//>

Two Prudential Plaza

180 North Stetson Avenue, Suite 2400

Chicago, IL 60601

Tel: (312) 616-1860
Fax: (312) 616-1878
E-mail: chcgo@international.gc.ca

Québec Government Office in Chicago

444. N. Michigan Av., Suite 1900
Chicago, IL 60611
Tel: (312) 645-0392
Fax: (312) 645-0542
E-mail: qc.chicago@mri.gouv.qc.ca

Consulat Général de France - Chicago

<http://www.consulfrance-chicago.org/>
205 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3700
Chicago, IL 60601
Tel: 312/327-5200
Fax: 312/327-5201
E-mail: contact@consulfrance-chicago.org

Le Consul honoraire de France – Kansas

M. Arthur ELMAN, c/o Radiation Oncologists, pc
Box 30064
Kansas City, MO 64112
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Le Consul honoraire de France - Missouri

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The Midvale Bldg., 112 S. Hanley Road
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Tél : (314) 726-2800 (314) 726-2800

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Le Consul honoraire du Luxembourg

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Liberty , MO 64068-1169

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Le Consul honoraire du Maroc

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Fax: (913) 648-1145

mclearco@mindspring.co

Consulat Général de Suisse

737 North Michigan Avenue

Suite 2301

Chicago, IL 60611

Tél : 312 915 4500 312 915 0061

Fax : 312 915 0388

EDUCATION AND CULTURE-RELATED ADDRESSES

American Association of Teachers of French Chapters in Missouri

Greater Kansas City Chapter

Guyline Thévenot, Secretary-Treasurer

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Greater St. Louis Chapter

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Anna Amelung, President

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Alliances Françaises

Alliance Française de Kansas City

<http://www.afkc.org/>

Ann Sunderland

P.O. Box 5947

KANSAS CITY, MO 64111

Tel. (816) 221-2049

Fax. (816) 512-5099

afkc@afck.org

Alliance Française de Saint Joseph

<http://www.missouriwestern.edu/orgs/alliance/index.html>

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SAINT JOSEPH, MO 64507

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Alliance Française de Saint Louis

<http://www.alliancestl.com/>

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Foreign Language Association of Missouri

<http://www.flamnet.org/>

President, Carrol Lund

clund43@mchsi.com

French Heritage Society

Ste. Genevieve Chapter

Dr. William C. Charron, Chairman

Box 182, Ste Genevieve, MO 63670

Tél. 314 863-6550

The Chouteau Society

Fourth Floor, Two Crown Center 2420 Pershing Road

Kansas City, MO 64108-2537

L'Ecole Culinaire (St. Louis) <http://www.lecoleculinaire.com>

A "Friendship in Education" sister cities relationship between
St. Louis, Missouri and St. Louis, Sénégal. <http://www.sister-cities.org>

Kansas City Sister City-Metz, France <http://www.kcsistercities.org/france.htm>

French Language School

Académie Lafayette K-8 French Immersion Charter School

6903 Oak

Kansas City, Missouri 64113

Tel: 816 361-7735

Fax: 816 361-5788

<http://www.academielifayette.org/>

International Baccalaureate Programs in Missouri:

Camdenton High School

119 Service Road, Camdenton

Tel. 573 346-9213

Fax 573 346-9211

Central High School

2602 Edmond Street

St. Joseph

Tel. 816 671-4080

Fax 816 671-4474

Central High School, Springfield

423 East Central

Springfield, MO 65802

Tel. 417 523-9605

Fax 417 523-9609

Lee's Summit High School
400 Blue Parkway
Lee's Summit, MO 64063
<http://www.leesummit.k12.mo.us>

Lee's Summit North High School
101 NE Douglas
Lee's Summit, MO 64086
Tel. 816 986 3000
Fax 816 986 3171
<http://www.leesummit.k12.mo.us/lshs/>

Lee's Summit West High School
2600 SW Ward Road, Lee's Summit

Lincoln College Preparatory Academy
2111 Woodland Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64108
Tel. 816 418 3014
Fax 816 418 3015

Lindbergh High School
4900 South Lindbergh, St. Louis
St Louis, MO 63126
Tel. 314 729 2410
Fax 314 729 2412

Metro Academic & Classical High School
4015 McPherson Avenue, St. Louis

North Kansas City High School
620 East 23rd Avenue

North Kansas City. MO 64116

Tel. 816 413 6030

Fax 816 413 5905

<http://www.nkcsd.k12.mo.us>

FRANCOPHONE DEMOGRAPHY IN MISSOURI

About 20,000 Missouri residents are native speakers of French, French Creole or Cajun French. http://www.mla.org/map_single

Ste. Genevieve, the first European settlement in Missouri, boasts significant French heritage. <http://www.greatriverroad.com/SteGenHome.htm>

Old Mines, a French-speaking community founded in 1723, is still in existence today. http://www.carrollscorner.net/SitesWashCo_OldMines.htm

FRENCH-LANGUAGE MEDIA IN MISSOURI

Television:

Warrensburg, KMOS: <http://kmos.org/>

St Louis, Charter Cable: <http://charter.com>

TV5 Monde: www.TV5.org

DIRECT ADVOCACY ADDRESSES

Contacting Congress

<http://www.contactingthecongress.org/>

Missouri General Assembly

www.moga.mo.gov/

Missouri Legislators

http://www.flamnet.org/flam_legislators.html

HISTORY & CULTURE ON THE WEB

St. Joseph—the French Connection

<http://www.stjomo.com/History.aspx>

St. Louis French Heritage Day Trips

http://www.explorestlouis.com/daytrips/dt_french.asp

St. Louis, a French Colony

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mo/county/stlouis/colonial.htm#St.%20Louis,%20A%20French%20Colony>

St. Louis' French Connection

<http://www.stlouisaccueil.org/>

French Exploration and Settlement (Missouri State History)

<http://www.factmonster.com/ce6/us/A0859686.html>

Three Flags Day

<http://www.usgennet.org/usa/mo/county/stlouis/colonial.htm#%a0%22La%20Marseil%20laise%22>

FRENCH MOMENTS IN MISSOURI HISTORY

1673 - St. Louis area visited by Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Jolliet

1673-1764 - Missouri visited by French fur traders

1682 - Explorer Robert Cavalier, Sieur de La Salle traveled past Missouri on the Mississippi

1700 - Missionaries established St. Francis Xavier, the first white settlement of Missouri

1719 - Marc Antoine de La Loere Des Ursins, with the Compagnie des Indes, with a crew of workmen, began digging for lead and silver in the Mine La Motte area.

1720 - Frenchman Phillippe Francois Renault brought the first black slaves (from Haiti) to Missouri

1724 - Fort Orleans built on the north bank of the Missouri River by Etienne de Bourgmont

1728 - Fort Orleans was abandoned and Bourgmont traveled with a native-American woman, Ouaconisen, and members of her tribe to France

1735 - Trade on the Mississippi prompted the founding of Ste. Genevieve as a trading post

1750 - Founding of Ste. Genevieve as a city

1762 - France secretly ceded the territory west of the Mississippi to Spain.

1763 - Pierre Laclede and his stepson, Auguste Chouteau, founded Saint Louis as a trading post

1764 - The establishment of St. Louis as a city

1769 - City of St. Charles was established by Louis Blanchette as a trading post

1773 - Mine au Breton (later Potosi) founded.

1793 - Louis Lorimer received trading privileges and authority to establish a post at Cape Girardeau

1800 - Spain returned the Louisiana Territory to France, Oct. 30 (in a secret treaty of San Il defenso)

1803 - Missouri is part of the Louisiana Purchase from France

1808 - Incorporation of the city of Ste. Genevieve

1828 - French Fur Traders established a trading post at the mouth of Locust Creek.

1927 - Charles Lindberg, flew "The Spirit of St. Louis" to Paris.

Chapter 4 Life in French Missouri

<http://www.ecarter.k12.mo.us/dept/elementary/fourthgrade/ccrites/thenandnow.html#Chapter%204>

Life In French Missouri Words

<http://www.quia.com/jw/40898.html>

The French In Missouri Games

<http://www.quia.com/jg/230666.html>

Chouteau, Auguste. *Fragment of Col. Auguste Chouteau's narrative of the settlement of St. Louis*. St. Louis, G. Knapp & Co. 1858. <http://www.americanjourneys.org/aj-126/summary/index.asp>

A literal translation from the original French ms. in possession of the St. Louis mercantile library association. Fiche: 13212-13213.

<http://microformguides.gale.com/Data/Download/3156000F.pdf>

MISSOURI'S FRANCOPHONE PLACE NAMES:

Cape Girardeau, St. Louis, Ste. Geneviève, St. Charles, Bourbeuse River, Crève Coeur, Mine La Motte, Bonnets Mill, Bonne Terre, Florissant, St. François County, Valle Mines, Mine Renault, Osage, Alma, Belgique, Belle, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Bellerive, Bourbon, Chamois, Champ, Dardenne Prairie, Des Pères, Des Arc, Desloge, Laclede, La Due, Florissant, Frontenac, Ladue, La Grange, Noël, Olivette, Peruque, French Villiage, Terre Du Lac, Rocheport, Maries County, Maries, Portage des Sioux, Labadie, Cuvier River, Gasconade County, Loutre River, Arcadia, Beauford, Belle Center, Belleview, Bois d'Arc, Fayette, La Belle, La Grage, La Monte, Ladue, Lacede, Ozark, Latour, Mine La Motte, Nobel, Normandy, Paris, Portage des Sioux. Racine, Rives, Saint Anne, Saint Clair, Vichy, Versailles, Labadie, Loutre River, St. François, Rocheport, Cuiver River, Bonnets Mill, Bourbeuse River, Weaubleau.

Those interested in a wider and more general set of reasons why knowing French and being familiar with French-speaking cultures is important, should consult the following web site:

French Advocacy Wiki

<https://frenchadvocacy.wikispaces.com>

On the Importance of Knowing French

<http://www.utm.edu/~globeg/profren.shtml>