

MULTIMODAL LOGISTICS: CONNECTING ST. LOUIS TO THE WORLD



Strategically located near the population center of the U.S. and the convergence of several modes of transportation, St. Louis is an ideal location for companies seeking advantageous access to the rest of the country. St. Louis is within 500 miles of one-third of the U.S. population and has extensive infrastructure in the five major transportation modes: **road, river, rail, air** and **pipeline**. The St. Louis region offers seamless connections between the multiple transportation modes with a highly developed logistics infrastructure allowing global businesses in St. Louis to manufacture and distribute products throughout the U.S. and the world.

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The St. Louis region also has a significant supply of industrial real estate available for building and operating distribution centers with access to multiple modes of transportation. Multinational brands such as Hershey, Unilever and Procter & Gamble each have distribution facilities in excess of 1 million square feet in the region.



DISTRIBUTION

Leading supply chain consulting firm Institute St. Onge found, in a 2011 analysis, that St. Louis is an optimum location for companies with 1 or 3+ U.S. distribution centers. The St. Louis region has **extensive developable real estate and almost 250 million square feet of industrial space**, including 30 million square feet of modern bulk warehouses. St. Louis also has two large Foreign-Trade Zones with more than 10,000 acres of sites. **Wholesale distribution costs are up to 18 percent lower than the national average** according to a 2010 study by Modalgistics. They found that St. Louis is the sixth largest center for wholesale trade not located on a coastal port or international border crossing.

The 2014 KPMG Competitive Alternatives report ranked **St. Louis business costs the 9th least expensive of the U.S. large international metro areas** (more than 2 million in population). The St. Louis region has a plentiful source of **well-trained, productive labor**, and we are proud of our **low cost of living** and our **high quality of life**. St. Louis has a strategic central location at the intersection of key national transportation routes.

LOCATION ADVANTAGES



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INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS

The St. Louis region boasts **four interstates and the Avenue of the Saints connecting the area to locations north, east, south and west**, along with an interstate loop that provides easy travel around the region and connects to large distribution parks throughout the metro area. St. Louis has significantly less congestion among metro areas of similar size – in 2012, the region had the lowest travel time of the 25 largest U.S. metro areas.

The St. Louis region is home to two major airports that can handle the largest of cargo carriers, both with significant available acreage, interstate access and rail connectivity. **Lambert-St. Louis International Airport**, the St. Louis region’s major airport, is adjacent to I-70, has a Foreign-Trade Zone and U.S. Customs on site, and operates 24/7 with no operational restrictions or noise limitations. The region’s other major airport is **MidAmerica Airport**, which has two runways and serves cargo, passenger and military flights from Scott Air Force Base, home of the U.S.

Transportation Command. Other regional corporate airports include:

St. Louis Downtown Airport, St. Louis Regional Airport, and the Spirit of St. Louis Airport.



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AIRPORTS



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RIVERS

The St. Louis region, where the **Mississippi, Missouri and Illinois** rivers meet, is home to the nation’s third-largest inland water port by tonnage with more than 35 million tons of freight traffic in 2012. The Port of Metropolitan St. Louis is served by all major barge lines and offers more than 100 docks and terminal facilities with direct lock-free access to the Gulf of Mexico. America’s Central Port includes the River’s Edge Business Park, which offers 840 acres for distribution, warehousing and manufacturing.

The St. Louis region has the **third-largest rail hub in the U.S.**, served by six Class I Railroads (**Burlington Northern Santa Fe, Canadian National Railway, CSX, Kansas City Southern, Norfolk Southern and Union Pacific**) that connect to five local and short line railroads. St. Louis is one of the few gateway cities where rail traffic can transfer between and originate from both the eastern and western railroads.



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CLASS I RAILROADS

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