



**“Right to Work is wrong for Missouri, it’s wrong for the middle-class ... and it must never become the law of the Show-Me State.”**

— Gov. Jay Nixon, June 4, 2015, signing his veto of HB 116

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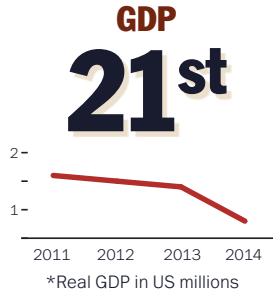
# Missouri

**Pop. (2014):** 6,092,320  
**Median household income:** \$56,630  
**Credit Rating:** AAA/Stable

**Pop. growth 2013–2018:** 2%  
**Median age:** 38.5  
**Right-to-work state:** No

## Legislative Update

- In addition to freezing tuition at the state’s public two- and four-year institutions, the 2017 fiscal year budget included a record \$985 million in higher education funding. At least \$9.2 million of the \$55.7-million increase in higher education funding will go to programs related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields. An additional \$84 million has been set aside for K-12 education.
- There were 1,293 more businesses created in Missouri in 2013 (the most recent year for which data is available) than in 2012, an increase of more than 16 percent, according to data from the US Census Bureau. Missouri was ranked as a top 10 state for startup funding in fiscal year 2015 for the first time, according to Forbes. The 2016 budget includes \$18.3 million for the Missouri Technology Corporation, a public-private partnership promoting entrepreneurship.



## Rankings that Matter

<b>Business Tax Climate</b> . . . . .	<b>17</b>
<b>Legal Climate</b> . . . . .	<b>42</b>
<b>Higher Ed. R&amp;D Expenditure</b> . . . . .	<b>21 (1,050,665)</b>
<b>ACT Career Readiness Certificates</b> . . . . .	<b>20 (64,544)</b>
<b>Lowest Energy Cost</b> . . . . .	<b>34 (10.77)</b>
<b>Fiscal Solvency</b> . . . . .	<b>14</b>
<b>College Attainment</b> . . . . .	<b>32 (37.6%)</b>