

# MISSOURI'S DATA CENTER INDUSTRY

Safe. Secure. Built for growth.

Missouri's robust data center ecosystem is expanding rapidly, offering the infrastructure, talent, and reliability companies need to scale with confidence.

Missouri pairs solar-powered campuses with unique and secure underground facilities to give data center operators new ways to store and protect the world's information.

With power rich greenfield sites and extensive cave systems, companies gain inherent physical security and stable year round temperatures. In Missouri, your data stays protected—and your capacity can grow without compromise.

**MISSOURI**  
PARTNERSHIP®





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## RECENT INVESTMENTS

**TierPoint** announced plans to open a new data center in downtown St. Louis in 2024, making an estimated investment of \$150 million. In 2022, the company completed construction of another \$20 million data center in Maryland Heights, with World Wide Technology as the anchor tenant.

**Edged Data Centers** celebrated the grand opening of a new \$143 million state-of-the-art sustainable data center in Kansas City in 2024. The world-class facility is designed for high-density AI workloads, delivering 26MW of critical capacity to the region.

**Lambda** announced plans in 2025 to open an AI factory in Kansas City. The site is expected to launch in early 2026 with 24MW of capacity and 10,000 NVIDIA GPUs.

In 2024, **Google** announced plans to locate its first Missouri data center in Kansas City, investing \$1 billion and supporting up to 1,300 jobs. The company is partnering with Ranger Power and D. E. Shaw Renewable Investments (DESRI) to provide 400 megawatts of new, carbon-free energy to support the data center's operations.

**Meta** recently opened a \$1 billion data center in Kansas City, creating 100 jobs. Meta's Kansas City data center is LEED Gold certified, and its electricity use is matched with 100% clean and renewable energy.

## DATA CENTERS IN MISSOURI



## WORKFORCE

6<sup>TH</sup>

### MOST COMPUTER SCIENCE DEGREES GRANTED

- Colleges offering degree programs: **21**  
*Lightcast and NCES, 2023*

Missouri computer science degrees granted in 2023:

**3,216**

U.S. average:

**1,420**

**156,802**

### NET TECH EMPLOYMENT IN MISSOURI

- Tech employment accounts for **5.1%** of the private sector workforce
- Technical workers employed at tech firms: **101,770**
- Technical workers employed in traditional non-tech industries: **93,468**
- Tech business establishments: **13,380**  
*CompTIA, State of the Tech Workforce, 2025*

## TOP 10 STATE

### FOR TOTAL TECH INDUSTRY DIVERSITY

*Technology 3030 Report by Economic Leadership, LLC*

## MISSOURI EMPLOYMENT

Description	Missouri Jobs	Missouri Avg. Annual Earnings	U.S. Avg. Annual Earnings
General and Operations Managers	107,735	\$100,981	\$132,754
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General	35,255	\$102,097	\$114,206
Security Guards	20,139	\$148,477	\$187,355
Business Operations Specialists, All Other	19,293	\$89,449	\$92,197
Software Developers	18,241	\$94,896	\$112,411
Electricians	14,408	\$107,126	\$127,609
Computer Occupations, All Other	14,243	\$125,923	\$152,318
Computer and Information Systems Managers	9,496	\$71,695	\$80,330
Computer Systems Analysts	7,497	\$114,488	\$135,645
Network and Computer Systems Administrators	5,478	\$94,918	\$107,134

*BLS and Lightcast, 2024*

## TRANSPORTATION

70+

NON-STOP DESTINATIONS FROM MISSOURI

## GREEN POWER

Missouri utilities plan to add more than 3,300 MW of wind and 4,300 MW of solar power over the next 10 years.

# BUSINESS CLIMATE

## 3<sup>RD</sup> MOST

### NEW APPRENTICES

*U.S. Dept. of Labor, FY 2025*

## 4<sup>TH</sup> BEST

### CORPORATE TAX CLIMATE

*Business Facilities, 2025*

## 4<sup>TH</sup> BEST

### FOR TAXPAYER ROI

*Wallethub, 2025*

## 5<sup>TH</sup> BEST

### UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TAX INDEX

*Tax Foundation, 2025*

**60+**

### INDUSTRIAL SITES OF 50+ ACRES

Available for purchase

*LOIS, 2025*

**\$5.90**

### AVERAGE MARKET RENT/SQ. FT. FOR INDUSTRIAL SPACE

*Costar, 2025*

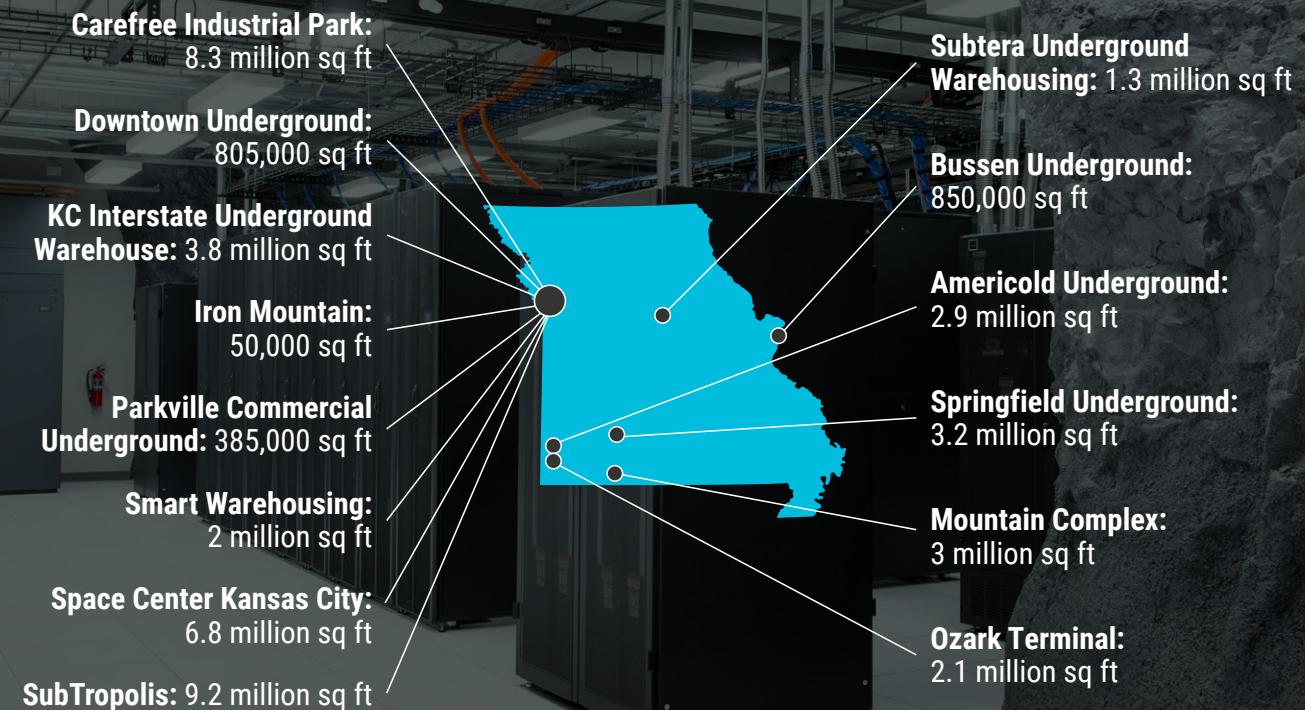
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### INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS OF 100,000+ SQ. FT.

Available for lease or purchase

*LocationOne, 2025*

## UNIQUE UNDERGROUND FACILITIES



## INCENTIVES

Companies can expect a creative, customized, and competitive incentive package, as well as the necessary support to help them succeed.

### DATA CENTER SALES TAX EXEMPTION:

This program incentivizes the location and expansion of data centers in the state of Missouri by providing an exemption of the sales and utility taxes associated with a variety of activities necessary to build a new facility or expand an existing facility. Benefits of the program include state and local sales tax exemption on construction or rehab materials, machinery and equipment purchases (including equipment refresh), and utility costs. The benefit period and minimum qualification thresholds depend on if the facility is new to Missouri or an existing facility expanding in the state.

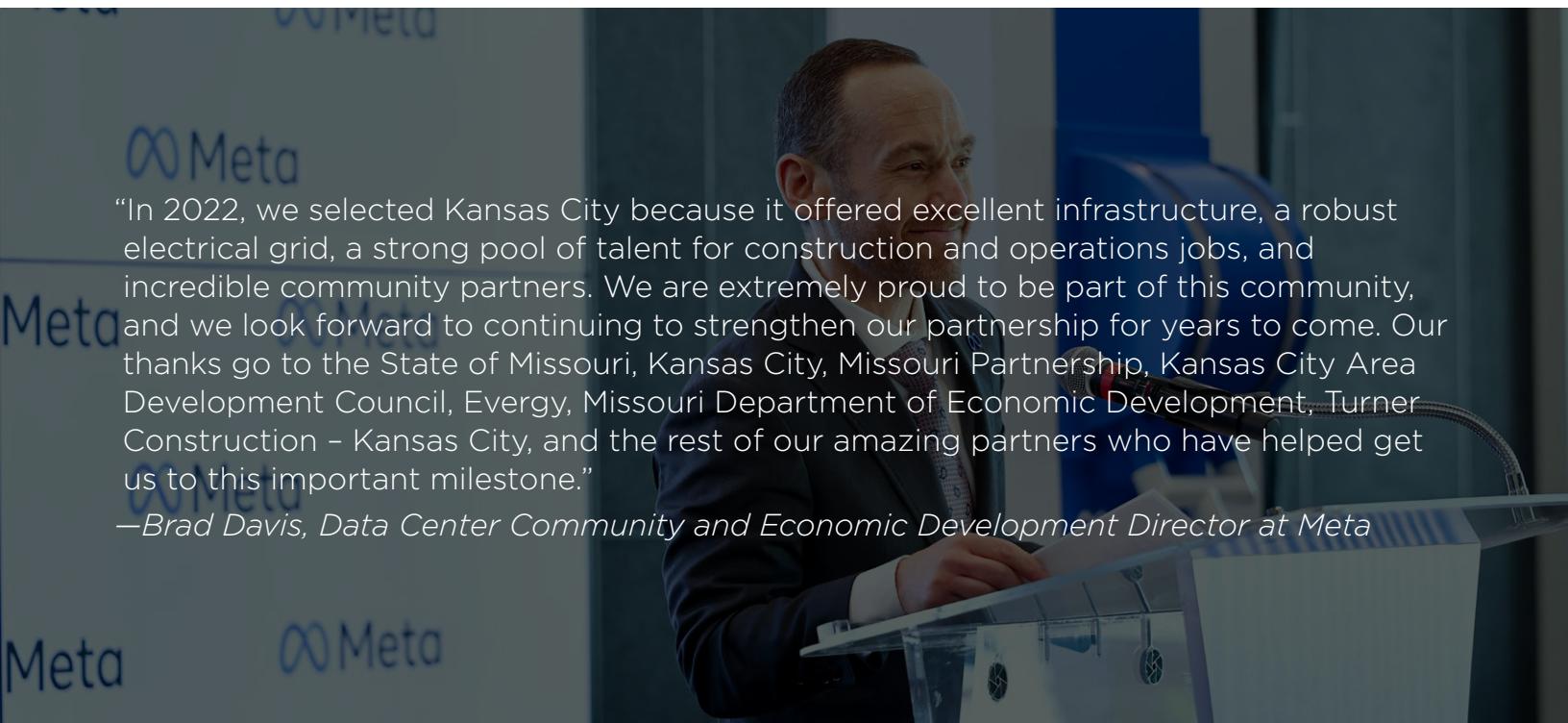
**MISSOURI WORKS:** Missouri Works is an economic development program designed to support companies considering Missouri as a place to locate and/or grow their business. The program offers a mix of automatic and discretionary benefits in the form of 100% retention of state withholding tax, and/or refundable, transferable, sellable tax credits for qualified companies that choose Missouri as a place to invest and create jobs.

**MISSOURI ONE START:** Missouri One Start is the state's premier workforce recruitment and training division. It helps eligible businesses of all sizes stay competitive by providing customized recruitment assistance and resources to train and upskill new and existing employees. Its recruitment strategies and training programs are tailored to the specific workforce needs of the businesses it serves, and training can take place on the job, at a company facility, or in a training center, depending on company needs. Qualified companies may also be eligible to receive relocation reimbursement for full-time employees relocating to Missouri for a new job.

**CHAPTER 100 PROGRAM:** Chapter 100 authorizes cities and counties to issue industrial development bonds to finance a wide variety of commercial facilities and equipment, and to offer real and/or personal property tax abatement, sales tax exemption on construction materials and/or sales tax exemption on tangible personal property. The terms and abatement percentages are typically determined at the local level.

“In 2022, we selected Kansas City because it offered excellent infrastructure, a robust electrical grid, a strong pool of talent for construction and operations jobs, and incredible community partners. We are extremely proud to be part of this community, and we look forward to continuing to strengthen our partnership for years to come. Our thanks go to the State of Missouri, Kansas City, Missouri Partnership, Kansas City Area Development Council, Evergy, Missouri Department of Economic Development, Turner Construction – Kansas City, and the rest of our amazing partners who have helped get us to this important milestone.”

—Brad Davis, Data Center Community and Economic Development Director at Meta



# LIVING IN MISSOURI



## 4<sup>TH</sup> LOWEST COST OF LIVING

CNBC, 2025



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### PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TEAMS

Home of the 2023 and 2024 Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs, World Series-winning Kansas City Royals and St. Louis Cardinals, NHL's St. Louis Blues, MLS' St. Louis City SC, and NWSL's Kansas City Current

**24.1 MIN**  
**AVERAGE COMMUTE  
TIME IN MISSOURI**

2024 American Community Survey, 1-year estimates

**10 MILLION**  
**ANNUAL VISITORS TO  
BRANSON**

The “Live Music Capital of the World”



**350+**

### WINERIES, BREWERIES, AND DISTILLERIES

Including scenic wine trails, a thriving craft beer industry, and the HQ of Anheuser-Busch

**1,100+**  
**MILES OF LAKE  
COASTLINE**

Including the nationally recognized Lake of the Ozarks

**93**  
**STATE PARKS AND  
HISTORIC SITES**

Covering nearly 160,000 acres

*Missouri Partnership is a public-private economic development organization focused on attracting new jobs and investment to the state and promoting Missouri's business strengths. We work in partnership with Hawthorn Foundation, the Missouri Department of Economic Development, the State of Missouri, and economic development agencies across the state.*

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