

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI EXTENSION

Jefferson County

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

 **Extension**
University of Missouri
an equal opportunity/ADA institution

December 2024

Dear county commissioners; county executives; elected leaders and friends of MU Extension,

As we reflect on the past year, I want to express my deep gratitude for your support of MU Extension and for your partnership in enhancing the lives of Missourians.

Your support for MU Extension fuels Missouri's agriculture, strengthens families, prepares our youth and promotes the health, well-being and vitality of our communities. Over the past year, our programs have focused on addressing key needs throughout the state:

- **Expanding access to 4-H:** To make 4-H more accessible, we've introduced more in-school and after-school clubs, reducing barriers and creating opportunities for young Missourians to develop essential skills and leadership abilities.
- **Promoting economic development:** MU Extension is helping to create economic opportunities by working with individuals, supporting businesses in their growth and collaborating with communities to enhance local vibrancy. Through these efforts, we help bring new jobs, skills and possibilities to Missourians across the state.
- **Advancing health initiatives:** Our team of community health field specialists, covering every region of the state, works directly with local leaders to assess health needs and bring UM System resources and expertise to these communities, supporting healthier lives and stronger communities.
- **Supporting agriculture:** We're addressing critical challenges such as expanding access to fresh, locally grown food, supporting community and rooftop gardens, and teaching sustainable gardening practices. These efforts empower residents to connect with agriculture, improve food security, and contribute to greener, healthier neighborhoods.
- **Providing essential training:** Our continuing education programs prepare Missouri's firefighters and health care workers to meet the demands of their roles with the latest skills and knowledge, ensuring they are well-prepared to serve our communities.

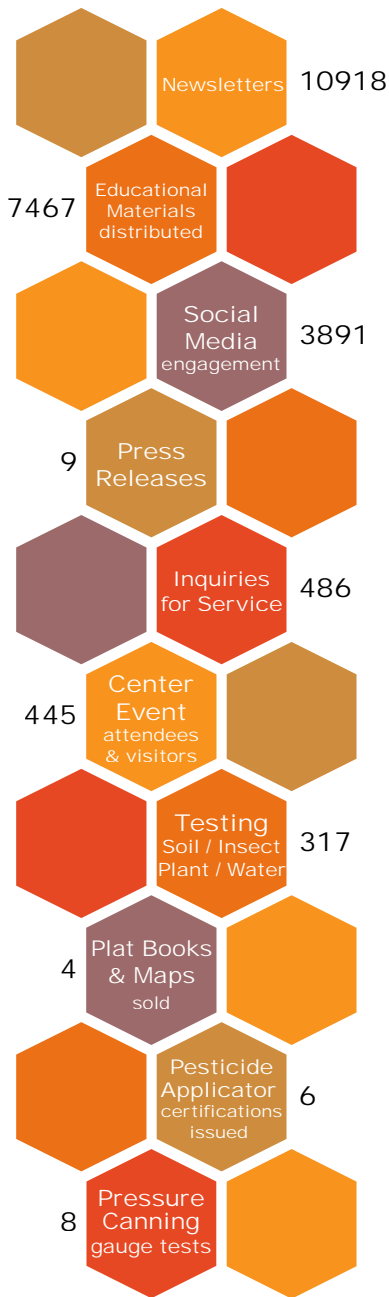
As you read through this annual report, I hope you feel as proud as I do of the accomplishments we've achieved together. The dedication and professionalism of MU Extension's faculty and staff are inspiring, and I am grateful to work alongside them—and each of you—as we make Missouri a stronger, healthier and more vibrant place. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are serving Missouri by delivering the University *for* Missouri.

Warm regards,



Chad Higgins, PhD
Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement
Chief Engagement Officer, UM System

2024 numbers



University of Missouri Extension

University of Missouri Extension (*MU Extension*) helps citizens across the state gain practical knowledge, understand and adapt to change, solve problems and make informed decisions. Using University research-based knowledge, *MU Extension* addresses a wide range of needs that fall into three grand



challenges for the state of Missouri: economic opportunity, educational excellence and healthy futures. Every year, more than **one million**

Missourians turn to MU Extension for education and support specifically designed to respond to current needs, including agriculture and the environment; business and community development; family and youth development; health and safety.

Services & Support

Our distinct land-grant mission is to improve lives, communities and economies by producing relevant, reliable and responsive educational strategies that enhance access to the resources and research of the University of Missouri. The University of Missouri (MU) is a land-grant university, meaning it is a part of a federally mandated mission to carry the benefits of university research beyond campus. Federal legislation in the 1800's provided for the donation of public land to individual states. Missourians chose to apply their land grants to the existing Columbia campus.

This created two universities in one — a land-grant institution leading in research for all citizens of the state, across the nation and around the world, and an intellectual center to advance liberal arts education. Today, through statewide offices, publications and web-based services, extension faculty in every county of Missouri continue to carry the benefits of MU research throughout the entire state.

Extension has Something for Everyone in Jefferson County

- 4-H Youth Development
- Strategic Doing
- Dining with Diabetes
- Walk with Ease
- Soil & Water Testing
- Food Preservation training
- Neighborhood Leadership Academy
- Stay Strong/Stay Healthy, Levels I & II
- Woodlands Management
- MU Extension Master Gardeners
- Family Nutrition Education Program
- Jefferson County Agricultural Conference

Who we are



Your one-stop source
for **PRACTICAL EDUCATION**
on almost anything.

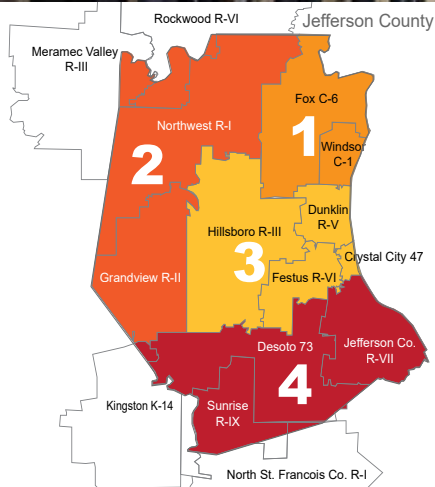


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MU Extension Council-Jefferson County

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| Chris Borgerson , Vice-Chair | District III |
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| Greg Shuster | District II |
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As of December 31, 2024, there are vacant seats in Districts I, II, and City of Festus



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Missouri Century Farms

In 2024, a Jefferson County farm was newly designated as a **Missouri Century Farm**, a program of MU Extension, *UM College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources*, and the *Missouri Farm Bureau*.



Stuckmeyer Family Partnership, LLC
 Since 1915
Henry Huckie, Founder and Great-Grandfather of Lisa Stuckmeyer

Neighborhood Leadership Academy

Communities throughout the county continue to benefit from work done by local folks who have taken the **MU Extension Neighborhood Leadership Academy**. This 10-week class allows participants to develop their leadership skills and take a neighborhood and community project idea to action, earning a *Chancellor's Certificate* from the **University of Missouri-St. Louis**. The *Jefferson County MU Extension Council* supports a local scholarship for a county participant of this state-wide class. *Mistti Ritter*, Jefferson County's *MU Extension Community Development Field Specialist* provides instruction and year-round support.



Youth Development

Fox 4-H Club has completed construction of an experimental greenhouse. The student design will test methods to reduce energy needs during winter production. The students will provide tours for school groups and organizations.

Jefferson County 4-H are 1,873 youth building life skills, contributing to their community, and becoming college/career ready.

5,349 youth were impacted with other programs, such as Embryology.



Pro-Farmers 4-H Club member, **Anna Crosby**, showed at the **2024 Missouri State Fair**



Missouri Good Neighbor Week 2024

The *Jefferson County MU Extension Council*, MU faculty specialists, educators and support staff participated in **Missouri Good Neighbor Week 2024** by hosting a food drive for *Jefferson College's Vikings Vault Food Pantry*. Over 750 student-focused food items were collected for the Vault.

Extension Council Chair *Kevin Politte* collaborated with *MU Extension Nutrition & Engagement Faculty* to identify the *Vikings Vault* as an important resource in support-

ing continuing education in Jefferson County. Food insecurity is a cause for students to discontinue their education, most prevalent among college students who are over age 24, single parents, or with a physical or mental disability.

The food drive was a successful service activity for Extension Center support staff during **Missouri Good Neighbor Week**, passed by the state legislature and enacted by Governor Mike Parsons in 2022. *MU Extension County Councils* across the state participated in acts of neighboring, with 68 councils reporting over 14,200 acts of neighboring, tripling last year's level of participation!



Learn more about the Vikings Vault at www.JeffCo.edu/Vikings-Vault

Nutrition

Jefferson County's *MU Extension Nutrition Associates* served a variety of schools, neighborhoods, farmers markets, food pantries and community gardeners throughout the county, like *Food preparation demonstrations* at the *Hillsboro Farmers Market* and *Garden Topics* at *Jefferson College's* community garden. A garden grant provided approximately \$17,000 in equipment to several local community gardens at *DeSoto Farmers Market*, *Jefferson College Community Garden*, and *Buren-Douglas Neighborhood Center* with storage sheds, raised beds, tillers, and other tools.



- Show Me Nutrition
- Yummy
- Fuel for Life
- High School Life Skills
- Healthy Plants/Health Bodies
- Eat Smart/Be Active
- Eat Smart/Live Strong
- Get Healthy Thru Gardening

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed) brought \$11,145,237 in federal funds to Missouri. The funds support engagement, such as **SNAP Outreach** at *Viking Vault-Jefferson College's Food Pantry* and *Ozark Food Pantry* in Festus. This year 160,956 contacts were made in Jefferson County through newsletters, health fairs, food pantries, and the *Show Me Nutrition* helpline. **SNAP-Ed** participants learn the importance of healthier choices and are more likely to contribute to a healthy labor force, reducing healthcare costs and saving taxpayer money.

Farm Family

The **Reando Family Farm** of DeSoto was selected as the **2024 Jefferson County Farm Family** by *MU Extension* in Jefferson County and the local *Farm Bureau*.

Missouri Farm Family is sponsored by: the *Missouri Farm Bureau*, the *Missouri Department of Agriculture*, the *Missouri State Fair Commissioners*, the *MU College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources*, and *MU Extension and Engagement*.



From left to right: (back row) *Jerald Andrews*, Missouri State Commissioner; *Chris Daubert*, MU Vice Chancellor & Dean College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; **Jeremy Reando**; *Garrett Hawkins*, President, Missouri Farm Bureau; *Chad Higgins*, Vice Chancellor for MU Extension & Engagement, & Chief Engagement Officer, UM System; *Kevin Roberts*, Chairman, Missouri State Fair Commissioner. (Middle row) *Claire Walker*, Missouri State Fair Queen; **Cate Reando**; **Lonnie Reando**; *Kaithlyn McGinnitey*; *Christine Chinn*, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture. (Front row): **Eve Reando**, **Blane Reando**, **Jordan Reando**. (not pictured, **Emily (Reando) & Tyler Allen**, **Wyatt Allen**, **Bella Allen**)



Jefferson County Agriculture Conference

200 participants attended the 100th Annual Jefferson County Agriculture Conference on Feb 24, 2024 at Hillsboro High School, a partnership of MU Extension in Jefferson County and Jefferson County Soil & Water Conservation District

offering eight educational sessions, vendors, exhibits, and a keynote on the 100 years of Agriculture in Jefferson County. Dean Wilson Farm Family was recognized as the 2023 Farm Family, and *Debi Kelly*, MU Extension Horticulture Specialist was presented a proclamation for supporting the conference and the county.



2024 Health Needs Assessment

Community Voices Survey: Priorities are accessible healthcare, mental health support, substance abuse service and the need for community-based resources promoting healthy lifestyles.

Chronic Disease: Heart disease remains a leading cause of death, exceeding state and national averages. Key factors include poor nutrition, lack of physical activity, unmanaged stress, and high prevalence of diabetes, obesity, and hypertension.

Cancer Prevention: Lung cancer is the leading cancer type in the county, followed by breast cancer. Key risk prevention include smoking cessation, radon awareness, and improving access to

early detection services, particularly for rural and underserved populations.

Mental Health: A significant concern in Jefferson County with a much higher rate of deaths of despair (*attributed to suicide/drug/alcohol, a rate of 86.5 per 100,000 population*) and overdose deaths were also higher (*a rate of 50.5 per 100,000 population*) than the state and national averages.

Key actions taken by MU Extension Community Health in Jefferson County included:

- Working with organizations like the American Heart Association and Empower Missouri to create a statewide Extension initiative addressing heart disease.
- Free radon test kit distributed to county libraries.
- Conducted 7 WeCanPROSPER Resiliency trainings

Digital Ambassadors

Mistti Ritter, MU Extension's Extension and Engagement Specialist was featured on an episode of the podcast, *Show Me MO Success*, to discuss the MU Extension Digital Ambassador Program program. *Nearly 80% of Missourians* are near populations most acutely impacted by the digital divide; *33% of Missourians* lack a computer or tablet, and *18% of Missourians* are completely disconnected from the internet. The Missouri digital divide impacts economic and social development.



Modeled after the *Master Gardener* program, the *Digital Ambassador Program* recruits and trains local volunteers to aid others in accessing broadband applications and engage local partners and businesses in affordability and accessibility. Jefferson County piloted the *MU Extension Digital Ambassador Program*, certifying volunteers to help others improve their lives through online access to education, economic opportunities and telehealth.

Master Gardeners of Jefferson County

• State Master Gardener Conference hosted by Missouri State Master Gardener Association.

9,008
volunteer hours
valued* at
\$301,667

*Independent Sector, 2024 values
volunteer time at \$33.49 per hour.

- Commercial Aquaponics
- Breeding & Care, Greater St. Louis Daffodil Society
- Digital Ambassadors
- Native Grasses and Bison Farming
- Hügelkultur European High Carbon Raised Beds

• Volunteer opportunities at *Pony Bird*, Mapaville; *Jefferson College*; *Kress Farm Garden Preserve*, Hillsboro; *Kade's Playground Native Landscaping*, Herculaneum; and *Northwest Sports Complex*, House Springs.

The Jefferson County Master Gardener Chapter would like to thank *Jefferson College* for hosting regular chapter meetings in the Viking Room.



Learn more by contacting jcmoemg@gmail.com

Become a Digital Ambassador and share your expertise.



2024 Jefferson County Master Gardener Chapter

President – Al Macri Secretary – Tony Williams
Vice-President – Aaron Adams Treasurer – Barb Williams



Master Gardeners Chapter celebrates 20 years in County



Missouri Grand Challenges




Knowing Missouri's Needs

MU Extension asked Missourians to share the greatest challenges they and their communities face.

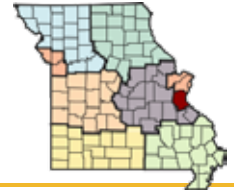
- agriculture and environment
- business and community
- youth and family
- health and safety

We made big changes in the way we work with council and local partners to improve lives. Locally, a network of county engagement and subject matter specialists share MU's knowledge, research and engagement, targeting programs, information and assistance in:

For each grand challenge, MU Extension and Engagement targets a specific gain:

-  Increase MU Extension economic impact from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion overall and from \$88 billion to \$100 billion in agriculture
-  Increase participation in postsecondary education from 66% to 70%
-  Improve Missouri's health ranking from 40th to 35th in nation

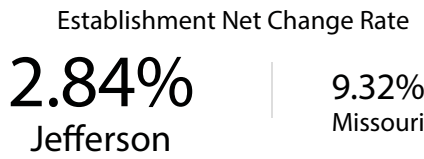
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GRAND CHALLENGE 1 Economic Opportunity

Business Growth/Change

The rate of business change reflects the net gain or loss in total establishments. The report area saw a net gain of 99 businesses between 2011 and 2022. There were 4,313 establishment "births" and 4,214 "deaths" contributing to the change. The rate of change was 2.84% over the ten year period, which is lower than the state average of 9.32%.



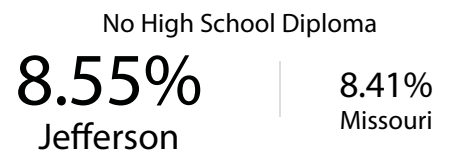
Data Source: US Census Bureau, US Census Business Dynamics Statistics. 2011- 2022.



GRAND CHALLENGE 2 Educational Access and Excellence

Adult Educational Attainment

Educational attainment shows the distribution of the highest level of education achieved in the report area, and helps schools and businesses understand the needs of adults, whether it be workforce training or the ability to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics opportunities. Educational attainment is calculated for persons over 25 and is an estimated average for the period from 2017 to 2021.



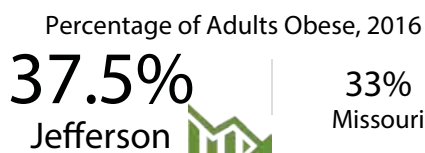
Data Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey. 2019-23.



GRAND CHALLENGE 3 Healthy Futures

Obesity (Adult)

This indicator reports the number and percentage of adults aged 20 and older self-report having a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 30.0 (obese). Respondents were considered obese if their Body Mass Index (BMI) was 30 or greater. Body mass index (weight [kg]/height [m]²) was derived from self-report of height and weight. Excess weight may indicate an unhealthy lifestyle and puts individuals at risk for further health issues.



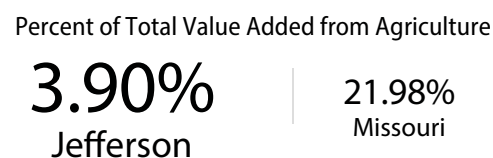
Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. 2021.



GRAND CHALLENGE 4 Agricultural Growth & Stewardship

Value Added

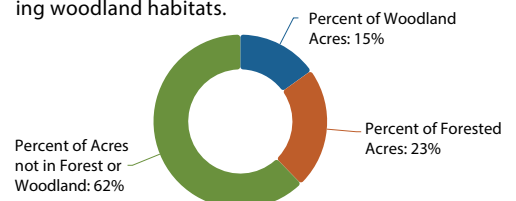
Value-added agriculture refers to production, manufacturing, marketing or other services that increase the value of primary agricultural commodities. In 2021, the total value-added derived from agriculture, forestry and related economic activity was an estimated \$34.9 billion. Meat processing, food processing, animal and pet food manufacturing, and crop production and related industries are Missouri's top value-added products: \$9.5 billion and 155,425 jobs from livestock production and related industries alone.



Data Source: Missouri Department of Agriculture, Missouri Agricultural and Small Business Development Authority. 2021.2019-23.

Forested, Woodland & Non-forested Acres

Sustainable management of forests and woodlands and harvesting of mature trees support the state's \$10.3 billion forest products industries. Forests have a closed canopy (>80% cover) permitting little light to penetrate to the ground below. They consist of several overlapping layers of trees, with a mid-story and understorey comprising a variety of shade-tolerant shrubs and a sparse layer of soft-stemmed plants. Woodlands have a more open canopy (30- 80% cover), and their sparse, woody mid-story allows more sunlight to reach the ground. This light permits the growth of a dense ground cover containing a variety of wildflowers, grasses and sedges. Fire plays a large role in maintaining woodland habitats.



Data Source: Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium, National Land Cover Database.



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UM System Footprint in 2024

Statewide

Economic and Community Development Highlights

- In FY23, Business Development Specialists worked with small businesses and entrepreneurs statewide to create or retain 98,527 jobs.

\$3.1 billion

- For every dollar invested from 2019 to 2021, the MU Extension Business Development Program has returned \$133 in economic impact for its clients by increasing sales more than \$1.6 billion. For a total impact of \$3.1 billion, the program has generated more than 37,000 jobs and attracted nearly \$451 million in capital investments and \$1.5 billion in government contracts.

- Between FY18 and FY23, UM System brought Missouri more than \$1.58 billion in federal and private research funds, funded primarily from outside the state, but spent within the state.



- In FY24, UM System was issued 29 patents and filed 69 new U.S. patent applications.

- In FY24, the UM System awarded 707 design and construction project contracts throughout Missouri, for a total investment of \$287.3 million in the state.



- In FY24, MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network Show-Me ECHO Program provided 16,687 hours of case-based instruction to 3,113 learners located in 105 of the 114 Missouri counties and the city of St. Louis.



40,542 police, fire fighters, and medical professionals attending continuing education (2023)



Agriculture and natural resource programs served 369,077 farmers and related businesses (2023)



210,577 youth and stakeholder educational contacts in 4-H clubs, schools, camps and other programs (2023)

Education and Training Provided

Education Highlights

- FY24 Financial Aid Awards

MU

28,608
students receiving financial aid

\$583.6M
financial aid awarded

UMKC

11,518
students receiving financial aid

\$228.5M
financial aid awarded

Missouri S&T

6,720
students receiving financial aid

\$127.7M
financial aid awarded

UMSL

8,256
students receiving financial aid

\$107.8M
financial aid awarded



- In FY24, 69.7% of the UM System's 79,014 students received financial aid totaling \$1.048 billion

- UM System's MOREnet (Missouri Research and Education Network) provides internet connectivity, access, support and training to 58 higher education institutions (230,000 students), 484 K-12 school districts (830,000 students) and 132 public libraries (serving nearly 3 million Missourians) in 2023.

- In 2024, over 12,400 Missourians accessed MOBroadband.org, part of the UM System Broadband Initiative which helped the statewide build-out of high-speed internet infrastructure.

- UM System awarded 50.5% of the 31,689 Bachelor's or higher degrees of Missouri four-year public institutions in 2023-24.

- UM System awarded 35.0% of the 1,776 research doctorates and 26.8% of the 3,796 professional doctorates awarded by Missouri public and not-for-profit private institutions in 2023-24.

- In FY24, UM System's \$30.7 million in National Science Foundation (NSF) grants represented 96.9% of all NSF grants made to Missouri public colleges and universities.

Supporting the University of Missouri is an investment in the future of Missouri.

The university advances Missouri citizens and communities through its mission of teaching, research, public service, and economic development across our four campuses and University of Missouri Extension.

Prepared in December 2024, based on the best available and most recent data. Data Sources include: Missouri Office of Administration • UM IR • MU Institute for Public Policy • Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems (CARES) • MU • UMKC • Missouri S&T • UMSL • UM System • UM Health Care • MU Extension • US Census Bureau • US Dept. of Health and Human Services • National Science Foundation



UM System Footprint in 2024

Jefferson County



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FY24 county students

2,138 students

- 1,887 Undergraduates
- 251 Graduate students
- 1,134 Full-time students
- 1,004 Part-time students
- 302 Pell grant recipients (aid year 2024)



County employees and retirees

143 people employed by UM

- 126 Campus
- 16 UM Health Care (includes employees via the recent integration of Capital Region Medical Center)
- 1 UM System
- 44 UM retirees/beneficiaries
- UM salary/retirement income: \$3.9 million
- UM state tax revenue: \$107,406
- UM federal tax revenue: \$527,527



County alumni

Selected school alumni

- 65 Medicine
- 541 Nursing
- 248 Health Professions
- 27 Dentistry
- 17 Pharmacy
- 29 Optometry
- 61 Veterinary Medicine
- 374 Agriculture
- 1,293 Engineering
- 85 Law

Alumni teaching K-12

- 568 teachers (24.3% of all district teachers)
- 25 principals / administrators (20.5% of all district principals & administrators)



County breakdown

MU

- 614 students
- 2,775 alumni
- 47 employees

UMSL

- 1,210 students
- 5,108 alumni
- 66 employees

Missouri S&T

- 270 students
- 1,196 alumni
- 11 employees

UMKC

- 44 students
- 218 alumni
- 2 employees



County population: 228,227



County offices

MU Extension in Jefferson County



Projects

- \$673,756 remitted to 3 county vendors for 7 projects



County services provided

Extension

- 13,540 Total educational contacts from MU Extension to residents of district counties, including:
- 3,283 contacts related to productive farming, better gardening, and managing natural resources
- 9,390 contacts related to healthy eating and aging, strengthening families, personal finance, or youth development
- 463 contacts related to starting businesses, developing community leaders, or renewing the local economy

Health care (FY24)

- 374 in-state patients seen at UM Health Care, with \$100,448 of uncompensated care
- 70 in-state patients seen at UMSL Center for Eye Care with a statewide average of \$32.18 per patient in uncompensated care
- 13 in-state patients seen at UMKC School of Dentistry with a statewide average of \$52.57 per patient in uncompensated care
- MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network recorded 195 visits to 115 patients with ZIP codes associated with Jefferson County

January 12, 2025

Dear County Council and Friends of MU Extension,

The MU Extension Center in Jefferson County provides a local window for county residents to access the resources and expertise of the University of Missouri System. MU Extension programs improve lives, businesses and community by focusing on solving Missouri's grand challenges around agriculture growth and stewardship, economic opportunity, educational access, and health and well-being.

The Jefferson County Extension Council wishes to express thanks to our publicly elected and appointed Extension Council members, MU Extension Faculty and Educators, office support staff along with program volunteers—all working to serve and support our thriving community.

I would like to thank our current members for revitalizing engagement with county-wide agriculture organizations, supporting meaningful growth in our 4-H youth program and activities, and improving our internal operations and capacity with updated bylaws and committee structures. In 2025, we look forward to working with incoming members to find new ways to demonstrate the value of MU Extension to our community and stakeholders and continue to grow in our commitment to the longevity of support 4-H youth programming through the newly established Jefferson County 4-H Endowment and other future investments.

Respectfully,



Kevin Politte, Chair
Jefferson County Extension Council



MISSOURI 4-H FOUNDATION

Jefferson County 4-H Endowment Fund

As of December 31, 2024 the **Jefferson County 4-H Endowment Fund** has a total of \$53,153.38, with a 2024 fiscal year dividend totaling \$1,385.30.

This Fund is managed by the University of Missouri 4-H Foundation in agreement with the *Jefferson County Extension Council*. "The use of income from the Fund will be recommended by the Council each year based on the specific needs of the *University of Missouri Extension 4-H Youth Development Program* in Jefferson County, and approved by the Foundation."*

Additional monies in the fund are from other outside donors, **Missouri 4-H Foundation** matching dollars, as well as investment interest currently at an average value of 5%.

A matched contribution from the *Jefferson County Extension Council* of \$5,800 was made in March 2024,

receiving a 1.39% matching ratio. Additionally, an inactive gift account hosted by the university totaling \$34.26 was closed and combined into this fund and matched.

The *Jefferson County Extension Council* would like to thank members of the community who also contributed to this fund during the *MU Day of Giving Campaign* in March and *Giving Tuesday* in November where these dollars continued to be multiplied by the generous **UM 4-H Foundation** matching programs. These timely and strategic donations and investments contributions are helping to create a reliable resource to support 4-H Youth Development in Jefferson County.

For information about contributing, contact *Missouri 4-H Foundation* 573-882-2680.

* *Endowment Spending Policy approved by the Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees on October 2, 2020.*



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In Memoriam

The *Jefferson County Extension Council* would like to recognize **Joan Boxx**, a 2019 *Leaders Honor Roll* member, who passed away in April 2024.

Joan, along with her husband Jim Boxx, served and supported *MU Extension* in Jefferson County for nearly 44 years, a resident of Arnold for 53 years. In 2023, Joan served as Treasurer and helped establish the now well-known **Jefferson County 4-H Endowment**. Joan first joined the *MU Extension Council* in 1980 and had a strong interest in youth, education, and family vitality. She volunteered as a judge at the *Jefferson County Dream Workshop*, supporting youth entrepreneurial skills, and helped coordinate special events, such as the annual dinner. She also served as a judge supervisor for Jefferson County elections.

Joan earned a master's degree in education from *Southwest Baptist*. She taught science and math at the *Fox School District* and served as MSTA chapter president. The Council directed a memorial to the *First Baptist Church of Oakville* building fund.



MU Extension *...a unique funding partnership* Budget and more

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Extension funding is a three-way partnership of federal, state and county government. Federal and state money, through the University of Missouri system, pay professional faculty and educator salaries, training costs, computers and communication equipment. County funds support the local office, support staff, mileage and Extension Council expenses. The Jefferson County Extension Council, faculty and staff would like to express our appreciation to the Jefferson County Council and County Executive for their continued support of extension programs, including use of the Third Street Annex.

2024 income & expense

Income

County Appropriations	84,700.00
Program Fees	9,209.90
Investment	87.53
Gift/Grants/Contracts	17,334.73
Resales/Educ Services Fees	6,906.00
Other [†]	750.00

Total Income **118,988.16**

Expense

Personnel - Wages & Benefits	66,424.73
Programs	24,415.14
Soil Tests	4,025.50
Memberships	120.00
Investment [†]	5,834.26
Insurance	1,536.36
Advertising	2,022.09
Copy Services	814.04
Supplies/Services	5,447.67
Travel	5,604.87
Postage	2,444.01
Rent/Lease Equipment	2,795.73
Repairs/Maintenance	2,306.84

Total Expense **123,791.24**

Net Income for 2024 **-4,803.08**

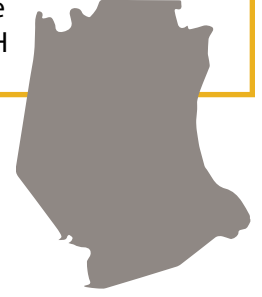
[†] includes the Equipment Reserve Fund

[‡] Jefferson County 4-H Endowment

[§] Includes appropriations payment

Local Support

Did you know you can donate to *MU Extension in Jefferson County* with a gift or planned giving. Monies in the Jefferson County 4-H Endowment earn annual dividends supporting local programs. Your donation may also be directed to a specific program such as 4-H or Master Gardeners.



Balance sheet as of Dec 31, 2024

<u>Assets</u>	
Checking	101,058.27
Savings	200.50
Change Fund	50.00
Total Assets	101,308.77
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accumulated Funds	106,111.85
Net Income [§]	-4,803.08
Total Liabilities	101,308.77

Notes to Financial Statements

By law, the Jefferson County MU Extension Council must annually publish its income & expense financial report for all accounts. Important to note is this financial overview includes monies from all educational engagements and program services at the MU Extension office in Jefferson County, which includes grants and restricted accounts, such as monies for our Extension Master Gardener Chapter, 4-H Clubs and 4-H Council. Most of these chapter, club, grant and project accounts are in restricted funds and can only be spent for their intended purposes, and do not generate profit toward the operation its office.

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