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

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.

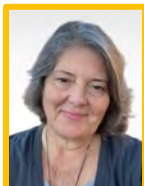
As you read through this annual report, I hope you feel as proud as I do of the accomplishments we've achieved together. The dedication and professionalism of MU Extension's faculty and staff are inspiring, and I am grateful to work alongside them—and each of you—as we make Missouri a stronger, healthier 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

Who we are

Faculty and staff



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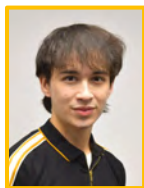
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Tom Nagle
Hank Hedges
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Sandy Hershey
Gary Wester
Matt Medina
Fred Banks
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Gabriele Griffiths
Mary Horner
Steve Martin

Appointed Members

Linda Ragsdale
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Dr. Gregg Sartorius
Samantha Huber
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Emily Kassebaum
Katie Lyons
Joe Walker
Mark Johnson
Amy Lewis

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James Cummings
Joe Walker
Stephen Thompson
Roy Zirges
Nancy Fulton
Kaycie Hollrah

County Office Support Staff

County Office Support Staff connects visitors and callers with resources. Bookkeeper Brenda Doll handles Quickbook operations. Media Coordinator Brandon Yn produces communications such as newsletters, social media campaigns, and annual reports to promote and highlight Extension work. Office support staff also collect, catalog, and ship soil samples.

Budget and more

Appropriations budget

Income

County Appropriations	100,000
One-time appropriation for maintenance	15,000
Total Income	115,000

Expenses

Salaries/Benefits	70,078
Payroll Expenses	12,598
Travel	3,897
Telephone/Postage	4,696
Office Supplies/Service	13,657
Utilities	7,980
Contract Services	14,700
Insurance	9,694
Miscellaneous	2,063
Capital Repairs	15,690
Furniture/Equipment	768
Total Expenses	155,821

St. Charles County Executives

Steve Ehlmann County Executive

Joann Leykam Director of Administration

John Greifzu Assistant Director of Administration

Bryan Ludwig Assistant Director of Administration

Bob Schnur Intermittent Assistant Director of Administration

St. Charles County Council

Matt Swanson Council District 1

Joe Brazil Council District 2

Mike Elam Council District 3

Dave Hammond Council District 4

Terry Hollander Council District 5

Nancy Schneider Council District 6

Tim Baker Council District 7

MU Extension is a unique funding partnership.

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 staff salaries, training costs, computers and communication equipment. County funds support the local office, secretarial and youth assistant salaries, staff mileage and council expenses.

The St. Charles County Extension Council, faculty and staff would like to express our appreciation to the St. Charles County Government for their continued support of extension programs.



Local Support

Did you know you can donate directly to St. Charles County Extension with a gift to be used immediately, or as an endowment contribution for long term efforts? Monies put into the endowment are left forever to earn interest with the county office benefiting each year. You can also direct your donation towards college scholarships, faculty/professional development, or to a specific program such as 4-H or Master Gardeners.

Visit extension.missouri.edu/counties/st-charles/donate

St. Charles County



UM System Footprint in the county in 2024



FY24 county students

6,951 students

- 6,110 Undergraduates
- 841 Graduate and professional students
- 4,282 Full-time students
- 2,669 Part-time students
- 809 Pell grant recipients (aid year 2024)



County employees and retirees

575 people employed by UM

- 485 Campuses
- 81 MU Health Care (includes additional employees gained via the recent integration of Capital Region Medical Center)
- 9 UM System

187 UM retirees and beneficiaries

UM salary and retirement income: \$26.6 million

UM state tax revenue: \$803,687

UM federal tax revenue: \$4.0 million



County alumni

Selected school alumni

- 256 Medicine
- 2,088 Nursing
- 1,109 Health Professions
- 122 Dentistry
- 81 Pharmacy
- 65 Optometry
- 136 Veterinary Medicine
- 1,519 Agriculture
- 4,668 Engineering
- 329 Law

Alumni teaching K-12

- 1,271 teachers
- 28.6% of all district teachers
- 93 principals and administrators
- 39.6% of all district principals and administrators



County breakdown

MU

- 2,750 students
- 12,583 alumni
- 152 employees

UMKC

- 224 students
- 791 alumni
- 11 employees

Missouri S&T

- 788 students
- 3,863 alumni
- 24 employees

UMSL

- 3,189 students
- 17,399 alumni
- 298 employees



County population: 409,830



County services provided

Health care (FY24)

- 1,486 in-state patients seen at MU Health Care, with \$279,385 of uncompensated care
- 191 in-state patients seen at UMSL Center for Eye Care with a statewide average of \$32.18 per patient in uncompensated care
- 27 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 255 visits to 110 patients having ZIP codes associated with the county

Extension (2023)

- 5,502 Total educational contacts from MU Extension to residents of the county, including:
- 651 contacts related to productive farming, better gardening, and managing natural resources
- 2,215 contacts related to healthy eating and aging, strengthening families, personal finance, or youth development
- 1,780 contacts related to starting businesses, developing community leaders, or renewing the local economy



Construction projects

- \$594,340 remitted to 10 county vendors, for 17 projects



County properties and offices

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UM System Statewide Footprint

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, to improve access to medical and health related services, MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network's Show-Me ECHO program provided 16,687 hrs of case-based instruction to 3,113 learners located in 105 of 114 Missouri counties and the city of St. Louis.

Education and Training Provided



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 Highlights

FY24 Financial Aid Awards

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

MU		UMKC	
28,608	\$583.6M	11,518	\$228.5M
students receiving financial aid	financial aid awarded	students receiving financial aid	financial aid awarded
Missouri S&T		UMSL	
6,720	\$127.7M	8,256	\$107.8M
students receiving financial aid	financial aid awarded	students receiving financial aid	financial aid awarded



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 134 public libraries (serving nearly 3 million Missourians) in 2023.

- UM System awarded 50.5% of the 31,689 Bachelor's or higher degrees awarded by 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.
- 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.

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



Missouri Grand Challenges: Local Solutions



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Knowing Missouri's Needs

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

We heard that feedback and 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 now share MU's knowledge, research and engagement, targeting programs, information and assistance in:

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

For each grand challenge, MU Extension and Engagement targets a specific gain by 2023:



Economic opportunity

Increase MU Extension and Engagement's economic impact to the State of Missouri from \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion overall, and from \$88 billion to \$100 billion in agriculture, the top economic sector



Educational access and excellence

Increase participation in postsecondary education from 66% to 70%



Health and well-being

Improve Missouri's health ranking from 40th to 35th in the nation

Knowing Local Challenges



CHALLENGE 1: Economic Opportunity: *Business Dynamics*

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 1,023 businesses between 2011 and 2021. There were 9,238 establishment "births" and 8,215 "deaths" contributing to the change. The rate of change was 14.17% over the ten year period, which is higher than the state average of 9.32%.

Establishment Net Change Rate

14.17%

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Missouri 9.32%

Data Source: US Census Bureau, [US Census Business Dynamics Statistics](#). 2011-2022.

Largest Job Sectors

Understanding the local economy is vital to describing a community. In this region, the largest sector by employment size is Retail trade, which employs 26,862 people. The average wage for the industry is \$35,502. Health care and social assistance and Accommodation and food services are the next largest sectors, and they employ 21,694 and 19,941 workers, respectively.

Job Sector	Total Employment	Average Wage
Retail trade	26,862	\$35,502
Health care and social assistance	21,694	\$58,323
Accommodation and food services	19,941	\$30,172

Data Source: US Department of Commerce, [US Bureau of Economic Analysis](#). 2022.



CHALLENGE 2: Educational Access and Excellence: *Early Childhood Education*

Access to Early Childhood Education

Head Start is an early childhood education program for at-risk children through age 5. Families utilizing Head Start have better success meeting developmental goals and achieving economic stability. In 2018, there were 4 Head Start programs in the report area, or 1.73 per 10,000 population. Access to head start is lower in this area than in the state.

Head Start Programs, Rate (Per 10,000 Children Under Age 5)

1.73

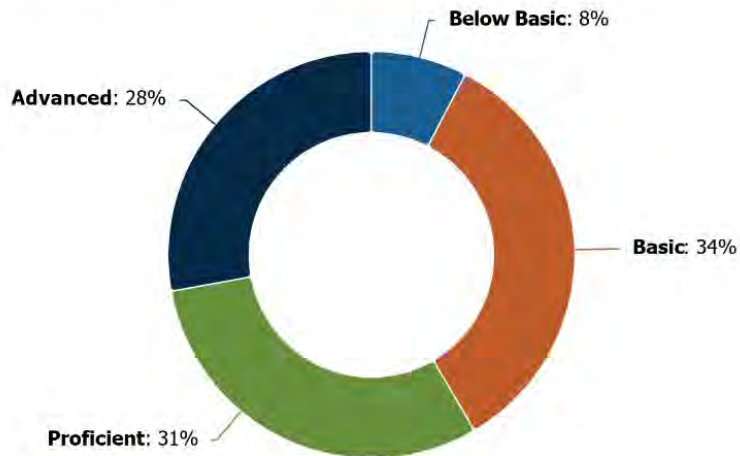
Missouri 13.13

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Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, [HRSA - Administration for Children and Families](#), 2024.

English Language Arts Proficiency

Starting in the 4th grade, public schools emphasize proficiency in reading and reading comprehension. The ability to comprehend becomes the foundation to find and process information in later years and it is important to prevent children from falling behind. Of the 4,156.00 fourth graders tested in 2018, the known total number of students who had a basic level of English Language Arts was 1,394.00. The number tested as below basic was 314.00, basic was 1,394.00, proficient was 1,257.00, and advanced was 1,145.00.



Data Source: [Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education](#), 2022.



CHALLENGE 3: Healthy Futures: *Access to Care*

Mental Health Care Providers

Mental health is a critical public health issue worldwide. Access to mental health services is a challenge across Missouri, which ranks 46 out of 51 states in provider access. In the trio there are approximately 918 credentialed professionals providing mental health care to serve the area's 405,262 residents. The patient-provider ratio in the report area is 441 to 1, which means there is 1 provider for every 441 persons. The ratio of persons to providers in the report area is higher than the state average of 346:1, which means there are fewer providers per person in this area.

Ratio (Population to Providers)

441:1

Missouri 346:1

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Data Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, [CMS - National Plan and Provider Enumeration System \(NPPES\)](#), December 2024.

Primary Care Providers

Older adults make up a historically large percentage of the U.S. population and meeting the healthcare needs of an aging population can be challenging. In the report area, there are approximately 192 primary care physicians (MDs and DOs) to serve the area's 67,683 residents over the age of 65. The patient-provider ratio in the report area is 353:1, which means there is 1 provider for every 353 older adults. The ratio of adults to providers in the report area is higher than the state average of 250:1, which means there are fewer providers per person in this area.

Rate per 100,000 Seniors

283.70

Missouri 399.40

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Data Source: US Department of Health & Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, [HRSA - Area Health Resource File](#), 2021.



CHALLENGE 4: Agricultural Growth & Stewardship: *Food Security & Access*

The ability to access healthy and affordable food can be a challenge in Missouri's rural and urban communities alike — with negative impacts on people's health and food security status. Food insecurity is the lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life. It is associated with many adverse social and health outcomes. Missouri's overall food insecurity rate is 11.8% — and 12.8% for children under age 18. More than half of Missouri's 114 counties and the City of St. Louis report food insecure populations of 12.6% or higher. Multiple interventions that address the root causes of food insecurity can impact this critical public health issue. Learn more at the [Food Security Story Map](#).

Population Living in a Food Desert

0.48%

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17.69%

Data Source: US Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, [USDA - Food Access Research Atlas](#). 2019.

Her story is a testament to the power of youth voice.



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Missouri 4-H

About 4-H

As America's largest youth development program, 4-H gives youth, families, and adult volunteers a place to **engage, grow, and serve**.

Members participate in clubs, camps, contests, conferences, and more. Youth make new friends, create memories, and cultivate their passions while preparing to be future leaders.

4-H is part of the University of Missouri Extension and is publicly supported by county, state, and federal governments as well as private resources.

Youth In Action



Meet Kaycie, an inspiring young leader who was awarded as a 2025 National 4-H Youth in Action Winner. Through her passion and dedication, Kaycie has made a lasting impact by creating the St. Charles County Extension Youth Council. Kaycie's journey exemplifies how 4-H nurtures leadership, teamwork, and civic engagement.

4-H in St. Charles County

In 2024, St. Charles County 4-H had **2286** youth engaged in 4-H activities. Members participated in the following project areas: entrepreneurship, public speaking, community service, photography, shooting sports, arts and crafts, horsemanship, livestock management, embryology, camps, SNAC, and more! These programs were made possible by our 147 adult volunteers.



- In the 4-H embryology project, 4-H specialists trained teachers to conduct lessons on human and chicken development. Using incubators, children took care of eggs that hatched into chicks. Brittney Bird, Youth Program Associate, enhanced the 4-H Embryology Program, helping it reach **30** new classrooms and **1874** youth
- In May 2024, Bird taught a SNAC (Student Nutrition Advisory Council) class at Francis Howell North High School. Missouri 4-H's SNAC Initiative creates 4-H clubs that teach nutrition, leadership and citizenship skills, reach new youth and families.

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Missouri 4-H

4-H At The Fair

At the 2024 St. Charles County Fair, 4-H members showcased projects they spent the program year working on. These projects were in the areas of Engineering and Technology; Environmental Science and Natural Resources; Plant and Animal Science; Leadership and Personal Development; and Expressive Arts; Healthy Living; and Shooting Sports.

Congratulations to St. Charles County 4-H's Best of Show Winners at the Missouri State Fair:

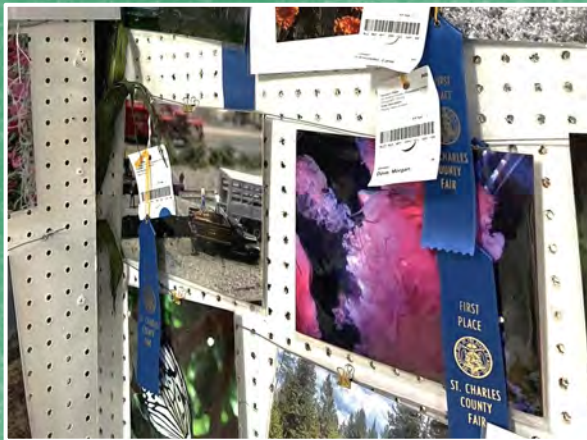
Griffin Harlin-Sailors, Engineering & Technology

David Vehige, Engineering & Technology

Autumn Groeteke, Healthy Living

Emily Smith, Plant and Animal Science

Additional congratulations to Emily Smith for doing a working demonstration at the State Fair.



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- Youth Development Specialist Victoria Bernard presented about 4-H at the **Extension Leadership Conference, Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, and National Extension Association of 4-H Youth Development Professionals Conference**
- Bernard was elected president-elect of Missouri Extension Association of 4-H Youth Development Professionals.



2024 Farm Family Day



Congratulations to St. Charles County’s 2024 Farm Family: the Boscherts. Ross and Kate Boschert are pictured left with their sons, Colby and Brantley. Ross is a grain farmer in Orchard Farm specializing in soybeans and corn. He and Kate are “honored to be recognized for our farm’s legacy and our commitment to supporting and contributing to our local community.” The Boscherts were recognized alongside other Missouri farm families at the Missouri State Fair on August 12, 2024.

Pictured left to right: *Jerald Andrews, Missouri State Commissioner; Claire Walker, Missouri State Fair Queen; Chris Daubert, MU Vice Chancellor & Dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; Ross and Kate Boschert and sons Brantley and Colby, St. Charles County 2024 Farm Family; Garrett Hawkins, President, Missouri Farm Bureau; Christine Chinn, Director, Missouri Department of Agriculture; Chad Higgins, Vice Chancellor for MU Extension & Engagement & Chief Engagement Officer, UM System; Kevin Roberts, Chairman, Missouri State Fair Commissioner*

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Business and Community

Local Impact

MU Extension's Community Development Programs help Missourians tap into collective strengths to build and maintain thriving communities. Extension Engagement Specialist Deana Dothage is available to speak in-depth about Extension at local programs and events.

Engaged Neighbor Program

The Engaged Neighbor Program arms people with the tools to improve relationships with their neighbors and foster a better sense of community. In 2024, EES Dothage delivered seven engaged neighbor presentations at organization meetings and conferences.

Missouri Extension Leadership Development (MELD)

The Missouri Extension Leadership Development program (MELD) is an intensive leadership development program designed to develop the future leaders of MU Extension and Engagement. Participants attended four sessions throughout 2024 to grow their leadership capacity and build a robust state-wide network of Extension colleagues. They engaged in self-awareness assessments, workshops, experiential & project-based learning activities, guest lectures, and networking events to strengthen and refine their leadership skills.

EES Deana Dothage completed MELD 2024 in November.

Neighborhood Art Week

EES Dothage was on the MU Extension team that coordinated the first Show Me Neighborhood Art Week. This program encourages Missourians to beautify their neighborhoods with homemade artwork. 73 participants from all corners of Missouri created murals, yard displays, painted stones, and tree decorations, then registered their addresses to be displayed on the MU Extension website.

Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities (CEC)

The Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities conference helps Missouri communities boost economic growth. CEC 2024 was held in Fulton, MO. Attendees shared best practices, learned from successes and failures, and exchanged ideas. EES Deana Dothage is a member of the CEC state planning team. CEC 2025 will be in Excelsior Springs, MO



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Business and Community

Local Impact

Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA)

NLA is a hands-on leadership training program that teaches residents community building principles, management practices, and personal and organizational leadership skills. In 2024, EES Dothage led a cohort of eight from the Urban East region, and co-facilitated three of ten sessions.

Small Business Development Center

The Missouri Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers an extensive range of personalized services that small businesses can consult to aid their success. For over 20 years, the SBDC has partnered with the Economic Development Center in St. Charles County to host an on-site Business Counselor, providing invaluable support to local entrepreneurs at every stage of their business' journey.

The SBDC is a collaborative initiative between the U.S. Small Business Administration and MU Extension, dedicated to empowering businesses statewide.



Strategic Doing

Strategic Doing is a community focused method of helping areas capitalize on their resources, use them in a way that may be unfamiliar to them and leave the session with a plan for making changes to the status quo. EES Dothage completed formal Strategic Doing training in 2024. As part of her training, Dothage assisted with multiple statewide Strategic Doing workshops.

Labor Education Program

This program works with organization members and leaders to develop skills that will make them effective contributors to their workplace and active participants in their community.



Missouri APEX Accelerator

The Missouri APEX Accelerator's procurement specialists help businesses (including small, disadvantaged, veteran, and women-owned firms) obtain federal, state, and local government contracts.

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Local Impact

SNAP-Ed

Offered through the USDA, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Education or SNAP-Ed) brought \$11,145,237 in federal funds to Missouri. The funds support engagement with 74,864 SNAP recipients and eligible Missourians who learned about staying active and eating healthy on a budget. This year, SNAP had 1,164,143 indirect educational contacts through newsletters, health fairs, food pantries, and the Show Me Nutrition helpline. 6,059 direct and indirect contacts were made in St. Charles County.

Participants in SNAP-Ed:

- Learn the importance of making healthier meal and snack choices
- Eat breakfast more often
- Are more willing to try new foods, increase their physical activity, and make healthier food choices

Those who practice healthy eating and are physically active are more likely to contribute to a healthy labor force and enjoy a higher quality of life.

This vital programming effort also reduces healthcare costs over the participant's lifetime, saving taxpayer money in reduced public healthcare benefits and insurance premiums.

Nutrition and Health Programs

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) brought \$1,624,777 federal funds to Missouri. These funds were used to enroll 559 limited-resource families in nutrition education and meal preparation classes, representing 2,068 family members. Additionally, 2,864 youth were enrolled in EFNEP classes.

15 of these youth and adult participants reside in St. Charles County.

Participants in EFNEP learn the importance of making healthier meals and snack choices, eating breakfast more often, trying new foods, increasing their physical activity, and making healthier food choices. Those who practice healthy eating and are physically active are more likely to contribute to a healthy labor force and enjoy a high quality of life throughout the lifespan.

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Home Food Preservation



MU Extension in St. Charles County offered two home food preservation classes in 2024. 22 people attended. Topics included water bath canning, making sweet spreads, canning tomatoes, and pressure canning low acid foods.

Using research-based methods for home food preservation is critically important. Outdated or unsafe methods can result in serious illness. After attending the classes in St. Charles County, participants noted they plan on taking the following actions after the program:

- **Preserve food as a result of the session they attended**
- **Use tested recipes from reliable sources**
- **Share food preservation information with other people**
- **Plan to buy or update their equipment**

“Cassidy was excellent; a wealth of information. I am so glad I took the class.”

–Anonymous Participant

Program Highlights

-Nutrition and Health Field Specialist Cassidy Palmer provided a Dining With Diabetes program through Horizon Housing Foundation that reached 15 individuals.

“I learned how carefully I need to read food labels. They are tricky!”

–Anonymous Participant

-Palmer enrolled over 200 seniors in the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program, helping low-income seniors access locally-grown produce

-Two in-person **Stay Strong, Stay Healthy** strength training programs for older adults (and five collaborative in-person and virtual programs) made a total of **738** contacts.

-Stay Strong, Stay Healthy programs at the St. Charles Senior Center reached **62** older adults

-15 4-H campers were taught about nutrition and each participant made their own yogurt parfait

-Palmer was invited by MU Extension Community Development Coordinator Bill McKelvey to join the Food Systems Network Planning Committee. This group works to build strong and resilient community-based food systems statewide to increase food security for all Missourians.

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Local Impact

Regional Health Needs



Janelle Azmy, Community Health Specialist for the Urban East region, spearheaded the creation of the Urban East Regional Needs Assessment, a detailed 110-page report blending quantitative data with community survey insights to uncover public health challenges.

This Extension-led initiative showcased St. Charles County's strong health indicators, including the highest life expectancy in the region and comparatively lower rates of cancer and heart disease, while also addressing pressing concerns such as mental health, chronic disease, and environmental hazards.

Building on this foundation, Extension has broadened its impact by actively supporting the St. Charles County Public Health Department in its ongoing Community Health Assessment, with Janelle serving as a member of the steering committee for this 2-year process.

Key actions Azmy has taken:

- Working with organizations like the American Heart Association and Empower Missouri to develop a statewide Extension initiative addressing heart disease.
- Partnering with Ellis Fischel Cancer Center to distribute free radon test kits to local libraries across the region.
- Assisted in the St. Charles Sequential Intercept Mapping process to identify community needs and form work groups to address them. Continued work on the Resources work group.
- Conducted seven WeCanPROSPER Resiliency trainings in partnership with organizations like Sana Lake Recovery Center.
- Serving on the St. Charles Health Department Steering Committee for the Community Health Assessment.



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Agriculture and Environment

Local Impact

MU Extension's **horticulture** programs provide informational support and hands-on resources to budding and experienced gardeners alike

Heroes to Hives



The Heroes to Hives program improves veterans' financial and personal wellness by teaching them the science of beekeeping.

In 2024, horticulture specialist Eli Isele and his team opened an apiary in the St. Louis metro area in collaboration with UMSL. This was the first urban Heroes to Hives site, drawing visitors from all around Missouri's Urban East region.

During the 2024 MU Extension Dean's Tour, Isele and his colleagues discussed the new apiary and how beekeeping can be therapeutic for veterans. Some tour attendees were veterans and took interest in learning more about the program.

Apple Grafting

30 people participated in an apple grafting workshop facilitated by Eli Isele. It included a hands-on demonstration with rootstocks, scions, supplies, and tools for attendees to graft two apple trees.

Master Gardener Training

The 2024 St. Charles County Master Gardener Core Training Program graduated 36 participants. The class is facilitated by various speakers selected by Eli Isele and the St. Charles County Master Gardeners. The 2025 Core Training began on January 16 with 44 registrants.

Soil Testing

A soil test through the University of Missouri's Soil and Plant Testing Laboratory reveals specific needs in clients' soil(s). In 2024, the St. Charles County Extension Office processed 340 samples.

Pesticide Applicator Training

20 participants attended the St. Charles County Private Pesticide Applicator training facilitated by Rusty Lee, MU Extension Agronomy Specialist. Farmers are trained in up-to-date, safe, and environmentally friendly pesticide use methods.

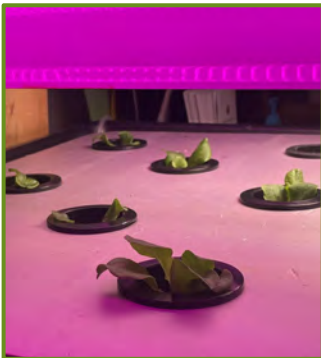
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Hydroponics

Hydroponics is a soil-less method of growing plants. Horticulturists Eli Isele, Justin Keay, and a series of experts led a day long class teaching hydroponics to 29 attendees.



Value-Added Production

The Missouri Agriculture, Food and Forestry Innovation Center (MAFFIC) held an educational networking conference at MU Extension in St. Charles County: *Success in Value-Added Production*. The program was tailored for people operating farm or food businesses and had 32 registrants.

Educational Video Award

Eli Isele, St. Charles County Horticulture Specialist, was recognized for an educational video he produced with his colleagues. “Liz Graznak, Happy Hollow Family Farms” is a video aimed at anyone interested in becoming a Missouri Beginning Farmer or Rancher.

After being posted on February 5, 2024, the video garnered 4,000 views in 29 days on MU Extension and Integrated Pest Management social media pages. The National Association of County Agricultural Agents (NACAA) honored Isele and his colleagues as regional winners in the *Educational Video Recordings* category at their 2024 Annual Meeting.

This and related informational videos can be found on the MU Extension Integrated Pest Management Youtube Channel @MUIPM.





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Master Gardeners

Master Gardeners are trained by the University of Missouri to spread research-based gardening knowledge. Through demonstration projects, workshops, and our office's HortLine, these volunteers are dedicated to "helping others learn to grow."

After training, Master Gardeners serve as a resource with MU Extension to give county residents research-based answers to their gardening questions. The primary purpose of a Master Gardener is to volunteer. Members also rate camaraderie and learning opportunities as important reasons for participating.

HortLine



Our HortLine is the Master Gardeners' help desk. Volunteers research the public's gardening questions and provide reliable answers via phone or email. Visitors are welcome from March until October. During winter months, the desk is staffed remotely. In 2024, HortLine volunteers assisted a total of 407 callers!

Demonstration Gardens

The Demonstration Gardens at MU Extension in St. Charles County are where the Master Gardeners learn, work, and teach. The gardens are used to educate and instruct the public on planting, growing, harvesting, and storing, plus pest and disease treatment and prevention. They are open to the public from dawn until dusk.

2024 Milestones



- The Master Gardeners donated a total of 3,030 lbs of produce to the Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service Food Pantry. 1695 lbs were harvested from the Pantry Garden.
- 770 plants and 150 bulbs were donated to St. Charles County Parks.
- Retired FOX 2 Investigative Reporter Elliott Davis live streamed a garden tour in September to promote MU Extension in St. Charles County. Master Gardeners Kevin Minard and Cindy Platzer conducted the tour.



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At their 2024 spring plant sale, the master gardeners sold 7,182 plants.



“In The Garden” Seminars

“In The Garden” was the Master Gardeners’ 2024 winter education program. The three sessions had 88 registrants in total. 2025 classes began January 11.

Participants learned basic gardening techniques to prepare for spring, including garden design, tool selection and care, soil amendment, and building raised beds.



Bee Bar, Moon Garden, Chocolate Garden

The Master Gardeners unveiled themed gardens that began development in 2023. The Bee Bar has plants that attract bees, the chocolate bar has plants that look and smell like chocolate, and the moon garden has plants that thrive at night.



76 people attended free tours of our gardens, learning about our area’s diverse plant and wildlife.

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Missouri Master Naturalists

The Missouri Master Naturalist program promotes the stewardship of Missouri's natural resources by training volunteers in environmental preservation.

The Confluence Chapter is St. Charles County's local Master Naturalist group. In 2024 they completed a total of 4679 volunteer hours, including 1300 in St. Charles County Parks.



The Master Naturalists' 2024 conservation projects in St. Charles county included:

- Monarch Madness Pollinator Festival at the Weldon Spring Site Interpretive Center (the 2025 event has begun its planning stage)
- Quail Ridge County Park Native Garden
- Stream Team monitoring
- Bluebird monitoring and fledging; 268 bluebirds fledged from 60 boxes at 4 parks
- Collaboration with Master Gardeners at St. Charles Main Street Native Garden
- O'Fallon Public Works Native Garden
- Hosting dozens of children from local elementary schools at the Native Explore Classroom in Towne Park

Bluebird Conservation

the Confluence Chapter's Broemmelsiek Bluebird Trail Team presented on bluebird conservation at the Missouri Bluebird Society (MoBS) Conference. They were presented with the MoBS Bluebird Conservation Award, accepted by Master Naturalist Leslie Limberg (pictured below right).



Youth Naturalists

A youth naturalist program was initiated through a grant from UMSL and the Neighborhood Leadership Academy. Four program scholarships were awarded to middle and high school students who participated in bluebird monitoring, Monarch Madness, and the Low Ropes Obstacle Course



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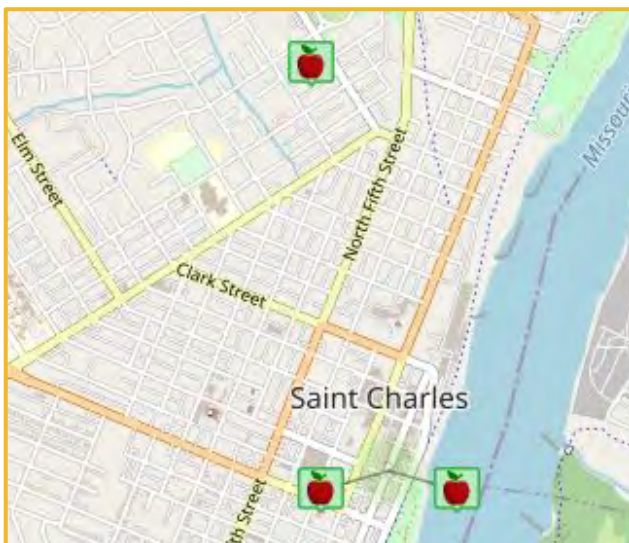
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MU Extension Resources

MU C.A.R.E.S.

MU's Center for Applied Research (C.A.R.E.S.) makes maps, develops new data visualizations, and helps individuals and organizations figure out ways to do their work better.

Since 1992, the organization has collected, analyzed, and visualized data related to population health, the environment, agriculture, safety, education, and the economy.



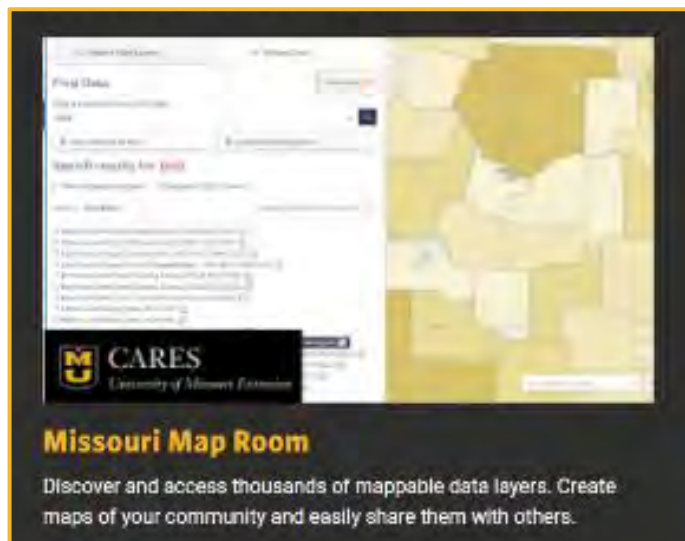
C.A.R.E.S.' projects include:

- **Missouri Food Finder** - Connecting Missouri consumers with people growing and selling food in their region
- **COVID-19 tools and resources** - Real-time and secondary source data to highlight COVID-19's impact
- **All Things Missouri**

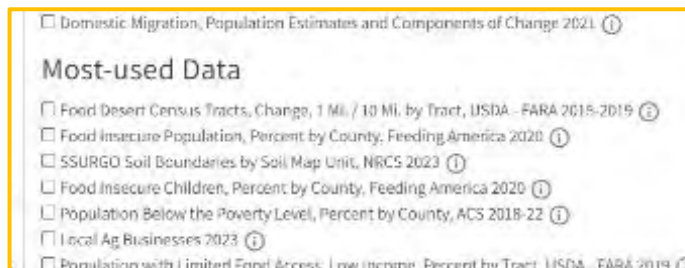
All Things Missouri

Created and maintained by MU C.A.R.E.S., All Things Missouri is an interactive tool for mapping, reporting, and gaining insight into issues facing Missourians.

The free online platform provides up-to-date data helping local governments, nonprofits, businesses, and other sectors across the state make better, more data-informed decisions. It can be accessed at allthingsmissouri.org



The Missouri Map Room hosts **over 33,000** mappable data layers from national, state, and local sources. Map topics include education, economy, environment, agriculture, health, and demographics.



Office Highlights

2024 Annual Meeting

The University of Missouri Extension in St. Charles County highlighted its community impact and future plans at the 2024 Annual Meeting. Local government leaders, Extension council members, faculty, and staff were in attendance.



Row 1: Len Pagano, Mayor of St. Peters; Katie Lyons, Extension Council; John Griesenauer, Extension Council; Laura Steimel, Community Partner and Master Gardener; Joyce Pagano, Mayor Pagano's wife; Mark Johnson, Dardenne Prairie Alderman; Jody Squires, Urban East Regional Director; Deana Dothage, EES | **Row 2:** Bill McKelvey, MU Extension Program Support Coordinator; Dr. Gregg Sartorius, Extension Council; Christina Thompson and husband Stephen Thompson, Community Partner; Mayor Len Pagano | **Row 3:** Terri Violet, State Representative; Dave Kuppler, St. Peters Alderman; Mark Johnson, Dardenne Prairie Alderman; Amanda Templer, Missouri Master Naturalist and Master Gardener

The keynote speaker at the Annual meeting was Bill McKelvey, MU Extension Project Coordinator. He presented about food insecurity in St. Charles County and greater Missouri.

Nutrition and Health Field Specialist Cassidy Palmer and 4-H Youth Development Specialist Victoria Bernard both presented updates on their local programming.

Extension Expo 2024

The Extension Expo invited the public to tour local resources provided or endorsed by the St. Charles County Extension Office. This open house was tabled by county horticulture, 4-H, nutrition, and community development specialists. Additional resources were the St. Charles County Master Gardeners, Confluence Chapter Master Naturalists, St. Charles County Extension Council, Extension Education Foundation, All Things Missouri, Three Rivers Beekeepers, and the O'Fallon Farmers and Artisans Market.



St. Charles County Highlights

2024 Dean's Tour

St. Charles County was one stop on MU Extension's 2024 Dean's Tour. University of Missouri deans and administrators watched MU Extension faculty and volunteers showcase their outreach and engagement work. There were community development, 4-H, and healthy eating presentations, and a tour of the campus gardens.



Row 1: Kaycie Hollrah, 4-H Youth Ambassador; Phebe Martin, Master Gardener | **Row 2:** Fred Banks, St. Charles County Extension Council; Phebe Martin, Master Gardener
Row 3: Deana Dothage, EES

Volunteer Blitz

Deana Dothage shared Extension volunteer opportunities at St. Charles County Government Parks' First Annual Volunteer Blitz at Quail Ridge Lodge.

Three Rivers Beekeepers

The Three Rivers Beekeepers is a beekeeping club in St. Charles County that regularly meets at MU Extension in St. Charles County. Volunteers serve the community by educating school classrooms, garden clubs, scouts, and other local organizations about bees and beekeeping. They also perform bee swarm removal services.

Extension Marketing

In January 2024, County Councilman Mike Elam interviewed Deana Dothage on KMOX Radio, giving her an opportunity to share Extension program information. Dothage is available to talk with media outlets about MU Extension programs and services.

Good Neighbor Week Proclamation

On September 26, 2024, the City of St. Peters presented the Missouri Good Neighbor Week Proclamation to Deana Dothage, Extension Engagement Specialist and John Goings, Extension Council Chair. Missouri Good Neighbor Week encourages Missourians to actively connect with their neighbors and document acts of good neighboring. MU Extension is one of Missouri Good Neighbor Week's statewide partners.

St. Charles County Highlights

First Impact

First Impact, a program of the University of Missouri School of Medicine and ThinkFirst Missouri, is a free 60-90 minute program for parents and guardians of young drivers with tools to monitor, coach, and support their teens to reduce accident risk. Seven First Impact programs were delivered in St. Charles County during 2024. MU Extension assists ThinkFirst Missouri health educators promote First Impact events throughout Missouri.

To find events throughout Missouri, visit medicine.missouri.edu/offices-programs/first-impact/first-impact-events

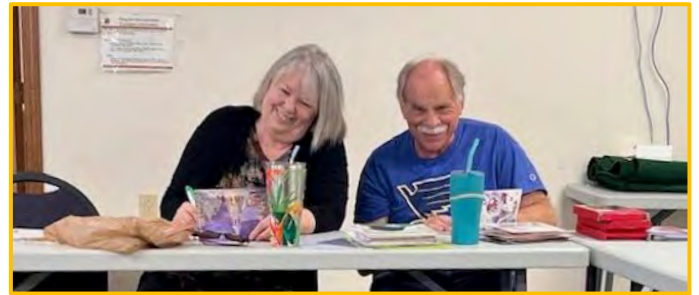


Sheriff's Presentation

Sheriff Scott Lewis delivered a program about the history of the St. Charles County Sheriff's Department during the May 9 Extension Council meeting.



Service Project: Christmas Cards For Soldiers



The St. Charles County Extension Office held service events for the community to write Christmas cards for soldiers serving overseas. **Over 5,000 cards were collected.** H.E.R.O.E.S. Care shipped cards to soldiers in time for the 2024 holiday season. The Extension Office is accepting card donations for Christmas 2025.

Pictured above: Jan and Gary Wester, Extension Council Treasurer

Spring Stormwater Seminar

Amanda Templer and Deana Dothage distributed Extension program information at the 2024 Spring Stormwater Seminar. This annual meeting discusses ways to mitigate stormwater pollution. To learn more about protecting our ecosystem by preventing stormwater pollution, visit:

sccmo.org/1617/



Extension Foundation

The Missouri Extension Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. As a donor, you receive the satisfaction of supporting Extension's efforts and the opportunity to claim your donation as a tax deduction. 100% of your gifts stays to support extension efforts within St. Charles County.

Extension Foundation Board

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Sharon Hedges – Vice Chairperson

Fay Aubuchon – Treasurer

Mary Medina – Secretary

Deana Dothage – Executive Director

Victoria Bernard

Fred Banks

Nancy Fulton

Melissa Knoll

Extension Foundation Brick Fundraiser for Scholarship and Professional Development



Commemorate a meaningful person, pet, or message of your choice with an engraved brick. The bricks will be installed in walkways throughout our garden. The brick path and surrounding gardens are open to the public from dawn to dusk.

Bricks are \$100 each. Proceeds will fund scholarships for county high school graduates furthering their education in Missouri. The scholarship recipient will be announced in early February 2025. Funds are also used for professional development of Extension faculty. The Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization, so your purchase will be tax-deductible.



To customize and pay for your brick, contact the Extension office:
636-970-3000
stcharlesco@missouri.edu

Or visit in person.

You may also send your payment online at this link:

extension.missouri.edu/counties/st-charles/education-foundation

Please comment that you are paying for a brick purchase. You will be contacted to submit the information you would like engraved on the brick.

St. Charles County, Missouri

Economic Data Update

November 2024

November 2024 Labor Force & Unemployment Rate

Preliminary and subject to change. Not seasonally adjusted. U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemp.	Unemp. Rate
St. Charles County	237,516	231,074	6,442	2.7%

Quick County Facts

2023 U.S. Census and Bureau of Economic Analysis



Population

416,659

Ranked 3rd in MO



Gross Domestic Product

\$24.9 Billion

Ranked 4th in MO

November 2024 Private Sector Industry Trends

Non-farm payroll employment. NA indicates "Not Available" due to no data or withheld to protect confidentiality. Location Quotient (LQ) describes how concentrated an industry is compared to the U.S. average; an LQ of 2.6 means the industry is twice as concentrated as the U.S. average. U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Industry	Total Establishments	Average Weekly Wage	June Employment	June Over-the-Year Net Change in Emp.	June Over-the-Year Percent Change in Emp.	June Emp. Location Quotient
10 - Total, all industries	10,820	\$1,101	146,816	856	0.6%	1.04
101 - Goods-producing	1,418	\$1,497	27,334	427	1.6%	1.12
1011 - Natural resources and mining	42	\$855	296	-11	-3.6%	0.14
1012 - Construction	1,085	\$1,442	9,969	-104	-1.0%	1.14
1013 - Manufacturing	291	\$1,540	17,069	542	-3.3%	1.26
102 - Service-providing	9,402	\$1,011	119,482	429	0.4%	1.02
1021 - Trade, transportation, and utilities	1,927	\$954	37,203	-272	-0.7%	1.23
1022 - Information	130	\$2,470	6,384	-29	-0.5%	2.07
1023 - Financial activities	1,102	\$1,382	9,290	-34	-0.4%	1.00
1024 - Professional and business services	1,862	\$1,263	15,300	-88	-0.6%	0.64
1025 - Education and health services	2,560	\$1,003	22,119	627	2.9%	0.83
1026 - Leisure and hospitality	1,062	\$462	24,093	257	1.1%	1.31
1027 - Other services	759	\$816	5,093	-32	-0.6%	1.02

Data Sources: Labor Force, unemployment rate, and industry employment from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and MERIC; Demographics from 2016-2020 5-year summary from the U.S. Census Bureau; 2020 Gross Domestic Product from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis.

MU Extension Services and Program Offerings:

-Starting and Sustaining a Farmers Market Webinar Series: February 4 – February 6, 2025

-The Garden Hour Q&A: Oct – Mar, every 3rd Wednesday / Apr – Sept, every Wednesday

-Hotline Help Desk (remote until March 2025): 636-875-7457, mgstcharles@gmail.com



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A Note From Our Council Chair



This past year has been nothing short of remarkable for the St. Charles County Extension Council. I was deeply honored to be elected Chairperson this past spring, and serving in this role has been a truly rewarding experience. Having been on the Council for two years now, it's been exciting to witness the strides we've made together.

One of our proudest achievements was being named a finalist for County Council of the Year—a recognition that highlights the dedication and impact of our Council's work. The Food Pantry Garden Project, which we run in collaboration with MU Extension faculty, the Extension Council, and the Master Gardeners was a wonderful program and it was great to be recognized. This initiative supplies over 3,000 pounds of fresh, nutritious produce annually to Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service, the largest food pantry serving St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren counties.

Our 4-H clubs continue to thrive and grow, and as a former 4-H member myself (though it has been quite a while!), I know firsthand the lifelong value these programs bring to our youth. The skills, education, and sense of community fostered through 4-H are truly invaluable, and we remain steadfast in our efforts to support and grow this vital part of our mission.

The Council's programming continues to enrich the lives of St. Charles County residents. From classes on nutrition, gardening, and soil testing to hands-on demonstrations, we're proud to offer a wide range of educational opportunities. Backed by the incredible support of the St. Charles County Council, our dedicated volunteers, passionate staff, and the University of Missouri, we are eager to build on this momentum and make the coming year even more impactful.

I warmly invite you to join us. Whether you attend one of our programs, participate in a Council meeting, or volunteer with us, there are countless ways to get involved. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in our community.

With gratitude,

John Goings

Council Chair

MU Extension in St. Charles County

Trulaske College of Business Collaboration

This semester, a group at Mizzou's Trulaske College of Business partnered with MU Extension Council in St. Charles County. They were tasked with drafting a strategic plan highlighting the organization's community impact.

The Trulaske Edge program is a unique program at Mizzou designed to enhance the educational experience of students by connecting classroom knowledge with practical application. Through the BA 3500 course, students engage in team-based projects with real business clients, providing a unique opportunity to apply their academic skills to solve actual business challenges.

Throughout the semester, students worked collaboratively in project teams, meeting weekly to conduct thorough research and develop a comprehensive report and presentation for MU Extension in St. Charles County. Guided by Dr. Lauren Bacon Brengarth and graduate student project manager Christian Hall, these students honed essential business skills like research, analytical thinking, problem-solving, and effective communication. Students included Christian Hall, Luke Shelton, Isaac Risse, Erik Christianson, Ayden Boss, Audrey Snyder, Aly Smith, and Ayaan Umar.

The project not only offered invaluable experience in leadership and teamwork but also positioned these students as contributors to the strategic direction of MU Extension, which serves a diverse population of over 405,000 residents in St. Charles County.

The goal of this partnership is to finalize a 5-year strategic plan that can be shared with county government officials, media, and the public. By collaborating with the Extension Council, the team aims to ensure that MU Extension continues to receive the necessary funding and support to sustain its operations.

This partnership highlights the Trulaske Edge's commitment to creating impactful connections between education and community needs, fostering a new generation of professionals equipped to make a difference.



Left: Deana Dothage (Extension), Luke Shelton, Isaac Risse, Erik Christianson, Ayden Boss, Audrey Snyder, Aly Smith, Fred Banks (Extension Council) | Right: Deana Dothage, Ayaan Umar

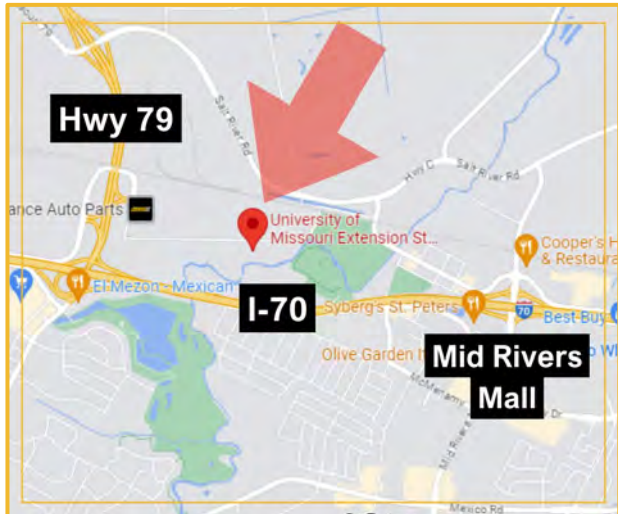
University of Missouri Extension in St. Charles County: Community Partners

We kindly thank these local organizations
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All St. Charles County Municipalities	Orchard Farm VFW Post 4219
Barnes-Jewish St. Peters Hospital	Salvation Army - O'Fallon
Boys and Girls Club of St. Charles County	Shaw Nature Reserve
City of St. Charles School District	St. Charles Community College
College for All Kids	St. Charles County Fair Board
Community Council of St. Charles County	St. Charles County Government
Connection to Success	St. Charles County Family Court, 11th Circuit
Forest ReLeaf of Missouri-St. Louis	St. Charles County Parks
Fort Zumwalt School District	St. Charles County Veterans Museum
Great Southern Bank	St. Charles County WIC
Habitat for Humanity of St. Charles County	St. Charles Crisis Nursery
Harvester Christian Church Food Pantry	St. Charles Parks and Recreation
Just 4 Us Childcare (O'Fallon, Raymond, Mid Rivers)	St. Louis Audubon Society
Keep Your Keys	St. Paul Knights of Columbus
Kids Helping Kids	St. Peters Stream Team Cleanup
Missouri Bluebird Society	Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service
Missouri Botanical Garden	ThinkFirst Missouri
Missouri Department of Agriculture	Three Rivers Beekeepers
Missouri Department of Conservation	Twin Oaks at Heritage Pointe
O'Fallon Public Works	USDA NRCS
Orchard Farm School District	Weldon Springs Interpretive Center
Orchard Farm SD Early Learning Center	Wentzville School District
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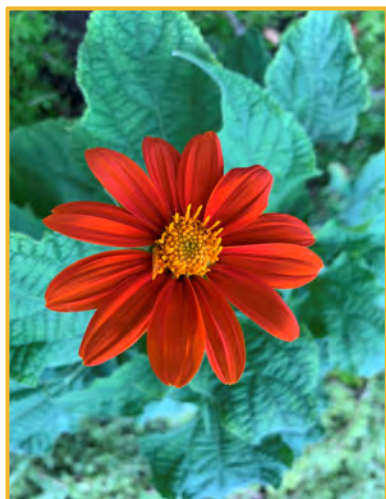
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Submissions to MU Extension in St. Charles County's 2024 Garden Photo Challenge.

Top Row: Carole Garrett, Sandy Hershey

Bottom Row: Becky Martin, Carole Garrett