



Missouri

The Midwestern Higher Education Compact brings together leaders from 12 Midwestern states to strengthen postsecondary education and promote regional economic vitality.



MHEC leverages the knowledge and expertise of postsecondary leaders to generate collaborative solutions to challenges in higher education.



MHEC's contracts and programs save colleges, universities, and students in its member states valuable time and millions of dollars annually.



MHEC research and policy initiatives support workforce readiness and improve the quality, accessibility, and affordability of postsecondary education.

About the Compact



MHEC was established in the early 1990s through the enactment of legislation recommended by the Midwestern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments. MHEC is funded by member state commitments, program income, and foundation grants. Member states are Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. Missouri enacted authorizing legislation in 1990 to join MHEC.

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How MHEC Benefits Missouri

Missouri received a 128-fold return on its MHEC membership commitment of \$115,000 in 2024-2025.

Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA) for distance education savings	\$11,900,526
Technology savings	\$2,679,508
Master Property Program dividends	\$168,622
Capacity building support (state grants, convenings, scholarships and travel grants)	\$17,717
TOTAL	\$14,766,373

New Upcoming Savings & Financial Opportunities

Each member state is eligible for a Strategic Impact and Innovation Grant of up to \$250,000 over two years from MHEC to advance innovative ideas and solutions in higher education.

Additional Savings for Missouri Students & Families

The Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) has helped students and families save millions of dollars by making it more affordable for non-resident students to attend out-of-state colleges and universities. This program is currently being reviewed in response to changes in tuition reciprocity practices across the region.



Missouri Engagement with MHEC Policy Initiatives & Capacity-Building Opportunities

Open Educational Resources (OER)	MHEC provided a \$10,000 grant for MOBIUS OER Commons Hub for OER workshop stipends and certification support to expand in-state OER experts and build a pipeline for future leadership in the Missouri OER landscape.
Dual Enrollment	Seven Missouri higher education leaders participated in MHEC's July State Policy Workshop to advance dual enrollment efforts in the state. MHEC is also supporting creation of a new state advisory group to reconstitute state dual credit policy after the previous policy was eliminated in 2022.
Access & Affordability	Leaders from numerous Missouri state agencies, colleges and universities, philanthropy, and more attended MHEC's FAFSA Summit and other webinars to address issues and opportunities related to college access and affordability.
Technologies Community	Albert Stadler from Crowder College serves on the Technologies Executive Committee. Four additional technology leaders at Missouri postsecondary institutions participated in MHEC's Technologies Community.

Research Requests

MHEC's policy and research team provided detailed reports in response to requests from Missouri legislators on the topics of:

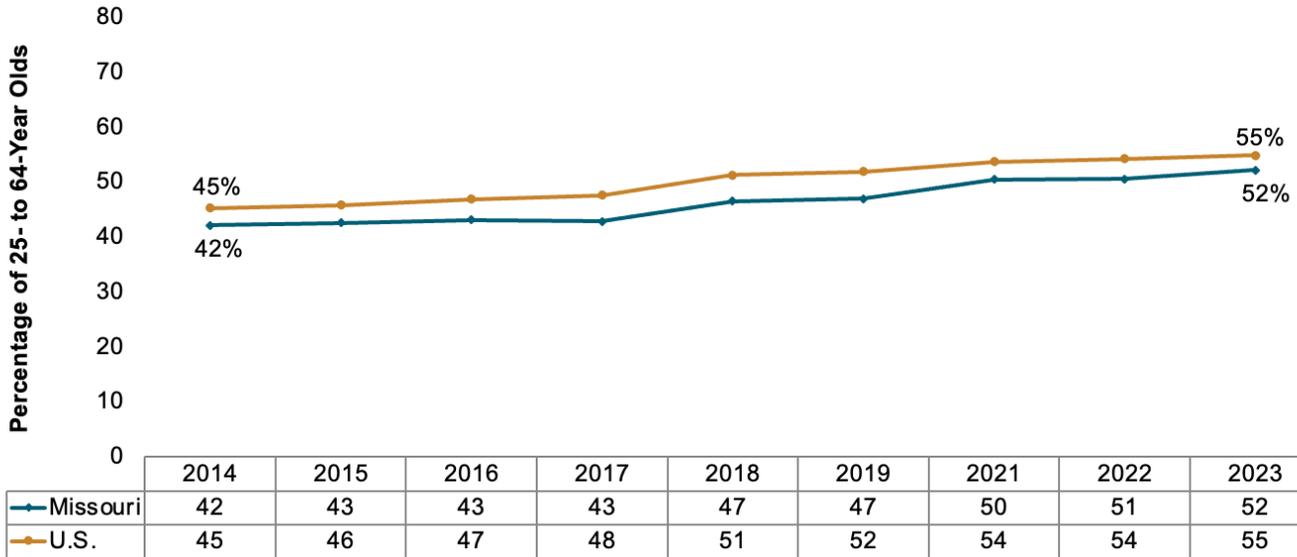
- Public institutions per capita in the Midwest
- Midwest states teacher pay rankings and local effort contributions



Key Indicators for Higher Education in Missouri

ATTAINMENT: Missouri’s postsecondary attainment rate has increased over the past decade. About 52% of Missourians have a postsecondary certificate or higher, compared to 55% nationally.

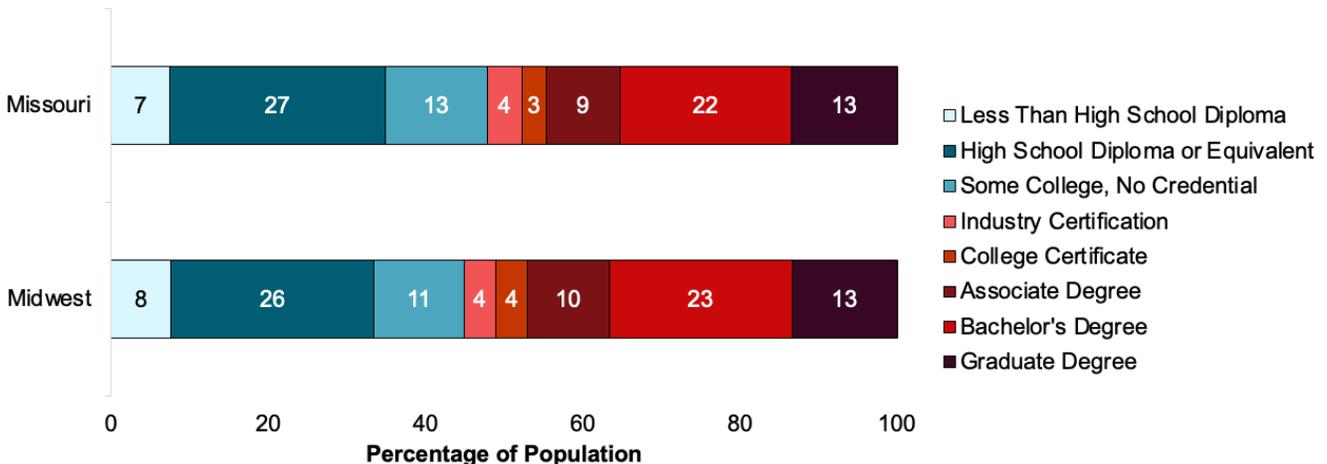
Percentage of 25- to 64-Year-Olds in Missouri Who Have Attained a Postsecondary Credential



Source. Lumina Foundation. (2025). *A Stronger Nation*. Note. The attainment estimates include postsecondary certificates. Since 2018, the attainment estimate includes industry-recognized certifications. 2020 estimates are not available due to sampling problems that occurred during the 2020 administration of the American Community Survey. Explore more on the [MHEC Interactive Dashboard](#).

ATTAINMENT: Missouri residents have attained various types of postsecondary credentials, ranging from industry certifications and college certificates to bachelor’s and graduate degrees; 48% of residents do not have a credential beyond high school.

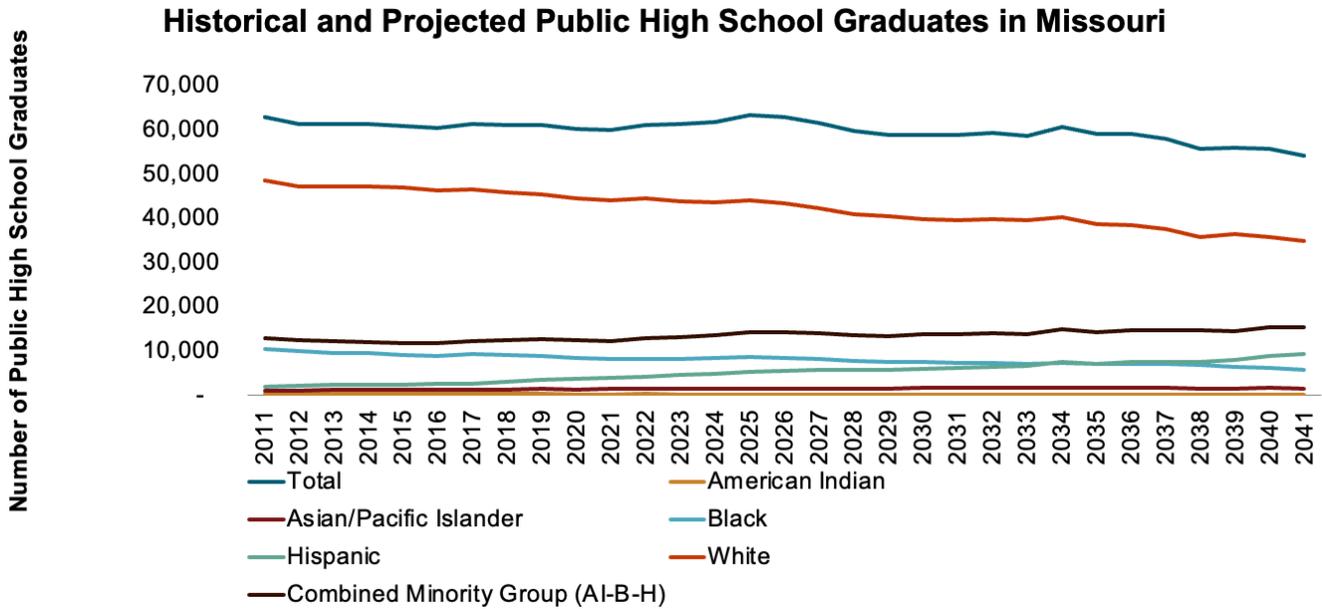
Educational Attainment Distribution of Missouri Residents Ages 25-64, 2023



Source. Lumina Foundation. (2025). *A Stronger Nation*. Explore more on the [MHEC Interactive Dashboard](#).

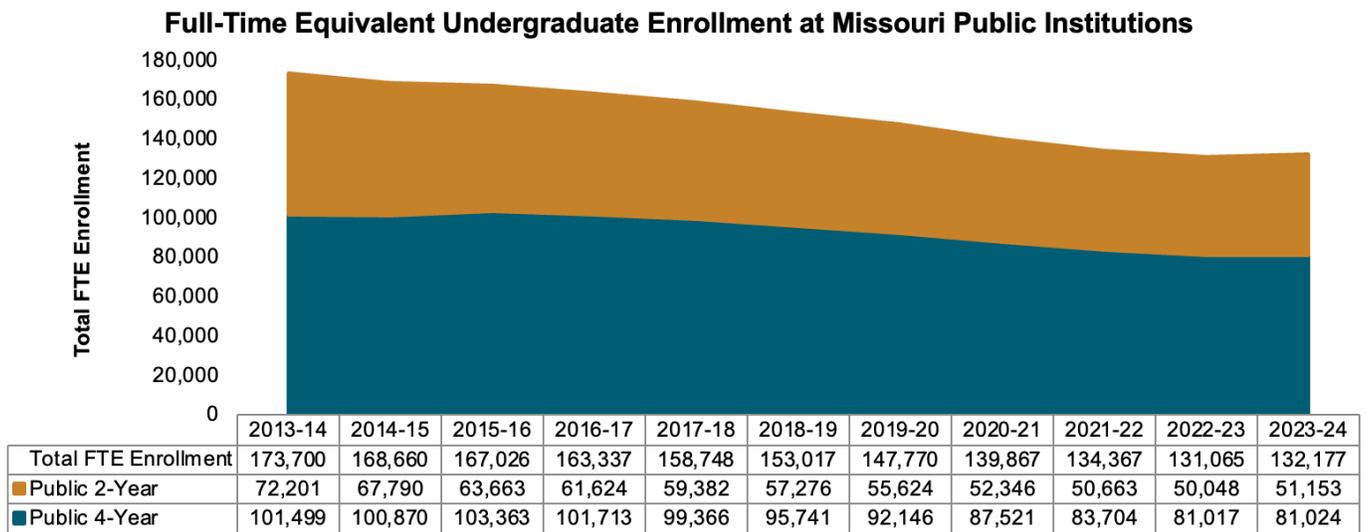


ENROLLMENT POOL: High school graduates are projected to decrease in Missouri over the coming decade, driven by a decrease among White graduates, while the number of graduates in the combined minority group is expected to remain stable.



Source. WICHE. (2024). *Knocking at the College Door*. The combined minority group (AI-B-H) comprises American Indians, Blacks, and Hispanics. The estimates exclude home-schooled students. Explore more on the [MHEC Interactive Dashboard](#).

ENROLLMENT: Undergraduate enrollment has declined at public two- and four-year colleges over much of the past decade but started to increase in 2023-24.

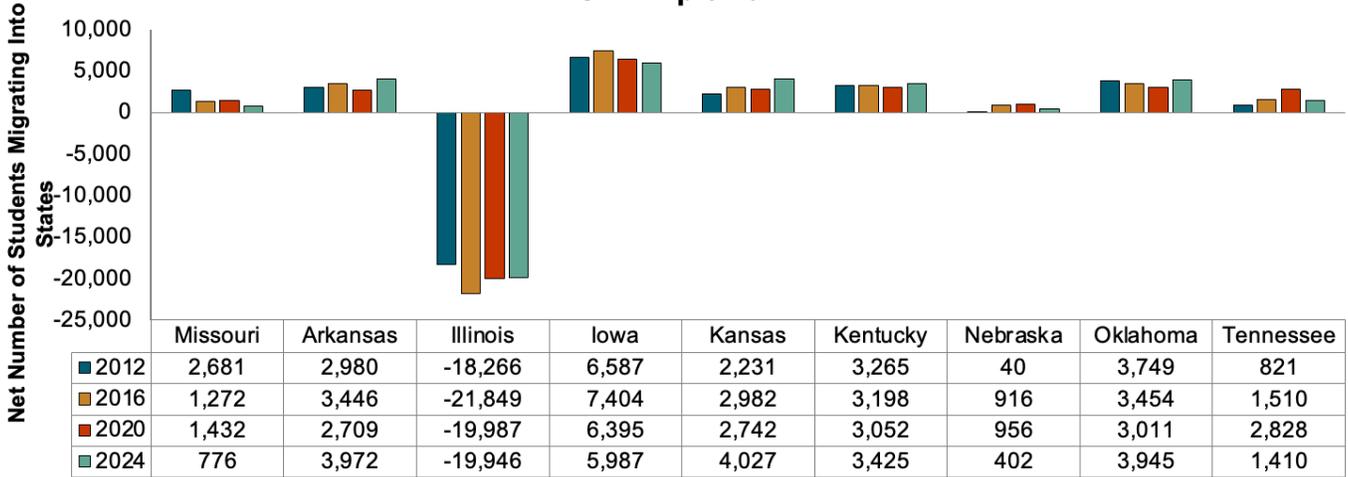


Source. NCES IPEDS. (2024). *12-month enrollment*. Enrollment estimates include on- and off-campus students, dual enrollment students, and students taking distance or online courses. Carnegie Classification was used to classify institutions. Institutions with mixed categories were classified according to their distribution of associate and bachelor's degrees awarded. Tribal colleges and universities are excluded. Categorizations may change over time. Explore more on the [MHEC Interactive Dashboard](#).



MIGRATION: More students migrate into Missouri than migrate out.

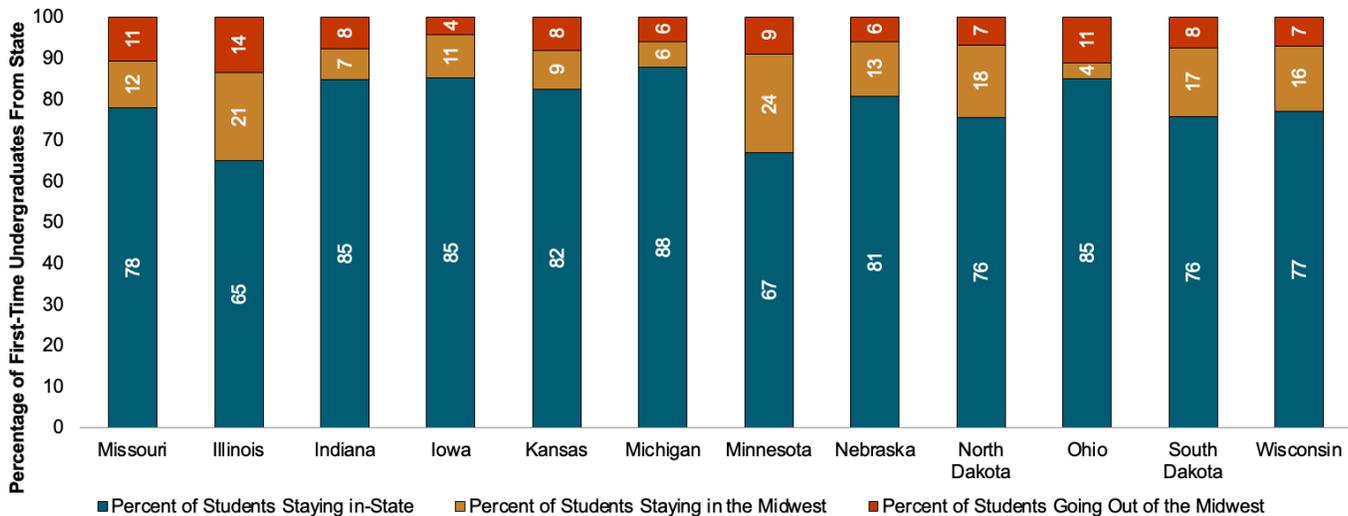
Net In-Migration of High School Graduates Who Enrolled in a Postsecondary Institution Within 12 Months of Graduating From High School or Receiving a GED Diploma



Source. NCES IPEDS. (2024). *Fall enrollment*. Estimates include enrollment at any Title IV-participating postsecondary institution. Students with unknown residence and those entering from outlying territories and foreign countries are excluded. Explore more on the [MHEC Interactive Dashboard](#).

ENROLLMENT LOCATION: Of first-time college students from Missouri, 78 percent enrolled in state, 12 percent enrolled elsewhere in the Midwest, and 11 percent enrolled outside the Midwest.

Regional Migration of High School Graduates Who Enrolled in a Postsecondary Institution In Fall 2024 Immediately Following High School Completion

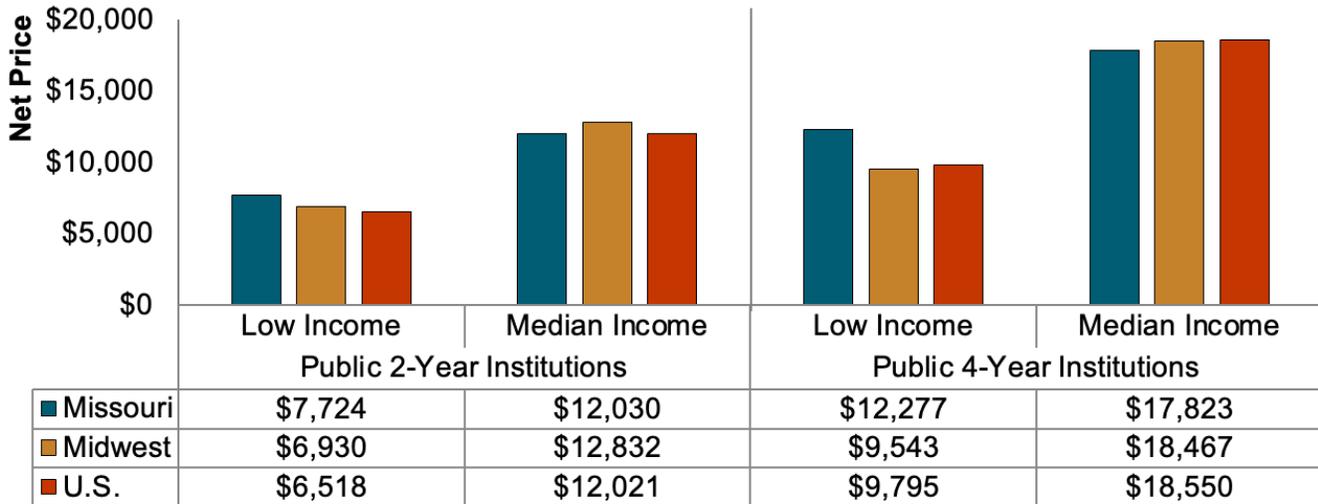


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COLLEGE PRICE: Average net price for low-income students at Missouri public two- and four-year institutions is higher than the Midwest and national averages, while the net price for median-income students in Missouri is lower than the Midwest average.

Average Net Price of One Year of Full-Time Enrollment by Family Income and Sector



Source. NCES IPEDS. (2024). *Net price*. U.S. Census Bureau. (2024). *American Community Survey one-year estimates, Table B19125: Median family income in the past 12 months by presence of own children under 18 years*. Estimates are weighted by income group of first-time/full-time students. Total price of attendance includes in-state tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation, and other designated costs. Carnegie Classification was used to classify institutions. Institutions with mixed categories were classified according to their distribution of associate and bachelor's degrees awarded. Tribal colleges and universities are excluded. The net price of attendance for a median-income family represents the amount a family with an income of \$101,277 must pay for college. The net price of attendance for a low-income family represents the amount a family with an income of \$30,000 or less must pay for college. Explore more on the [MHEC Interactive Dashboard](#).

Missouri Technology Contract Usage



Total savings for institutions in Missouri = \$2,679,508

Higher Education

Central Methodist University	Missouri State University – Procurement Services
College of the Ozarks	Missouri State University-Springfield
Columbia College	Missouri Western State University
Columbia College – Technology Services	Northwest Missouri State University
Concorde Career Colleges	Saint Charles Community College
Concordia Seminary	Saint Louis University
Cottey College	Southeast Missouri State University
Crowder College	Southwest Baptist University
Drury University	St. Louis Community College
East Central College	State Fair Community College
Evangel University	Stephens College
Harris-Stowe State University	The Board of Governors of Missouri State University
Jefferson College	Three Rivers Community College
Kansas City University	Truman State University
Lincoln University	University of Central Missouri
Maryville University	University of Missouri-Columbia
Metropolitan Community College – Blue River	University of Missouri-Kansas City
Metropolitan Community College – Longview	University of Missouri-St. Louis
Metropolitan Community College – Penn Valley	Washington University in St Louis
Missouri Baptist University	Webster University
Missouri Southern State University	William Woods University
Missouri State University	

K-12

Arcadia Valley R-II School District	Jefferson City Public Schools
Avery Elementary	Joplin High School
Boonville High School	Joplin Schools - Administration Building
Calvary Lutheran School	Kearney High School
Carr Lane Visual and Performing Arts Middle School	Kearney School District R-1
Central Visual and Performing Arts High School	Kirkwood School District R-7
Clayton School District	Knob Noster R-VIII School District
Clinton School District	Laclede Elementary School
Clyde Miller Career Academy High School	Lebanon R-III School District
Collegiate School of Medicine and Bioscience	Lee's Summit High School
Columbia Elementary School	Lee's Summit North High School
Columbia Public Schools	Lee's Summit R7 - Nutrition Services
De La Salle Education Center	Lee's Summit R7 - Purchasing and Distribution
Excelsior Springs School District	Lee's Summit School District
Festus R-VI School District	Lee's Summit West High School
Forsyth School	Mason Elementary School
Francis Howell School District	McKinley Classical Leadership Academy
Frontier Schools	McKinley Middle School
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis - High	Meda P. Washington Education Center
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis - Middle	Miller Park Center
Gateway Science Academy of Saint Louis - South	Missouri Alliance for Children
George Washington Carver Academy	Monroe Elementary School
Grandview C-4 School District	Mound City R2- School District
Hancock Place School District	Mullanphy Elementary School
Hazelwood School District	North Wood R-IV School
Hickman Mills C-1 School District	Osage R-3 School District
Hixson Middle School	Ozark R-VI School District
Hollister R-V Schools	Pamoja Preparatory Academy
Humboldt Academy of Higher Learning	Parkway School District



Pattonsburg R2 School District
 Pattonville School District
 Raytown School District
 Reeds Spring School District
 Ritenour School District
 Rockwood School District
 Roosevelt High School
 Saint Joseph Academy
 Saint Joseph School District
 Saint Louis Abbey and Priory School
 Saint Louis Public Schools
 Saint Louis Public Schools Board of Education
 School District 58 - Center
 School District C-4 - Pilot Grove
 School District R-1 - Carl Junction
 School District R-1 - Ferguson Florissant
 School District R-1 - Fort Osage
 School District R-1 - North County
 School District R-1 - Northwest
 School District R-10 - Leeton
 School District R-10 - Santa Fe
 School District R-11 - Union
 School District R-2 - Brunswick
 School District R-2 - Fort Zumwalt
 School District R-2 - Marion County
 School District R-2 - Raymore-Peculiar

School District R-3 - Hillsboro
 School District R-3 - Platte County
 School District R-3 - Sparta
 School District R-3 - Warren County
 School District R-4 - Blue Springs
 School District R-4 - Winfield
 School District R-5 - Dunklin
 School District R-5 - Grain Valley
 School District R-6 - St Charles
 School District R-6 - Waynesville
 School District R-9 - Carthage
 St. Joseph School District - Troester Media Center
 Success School District
 Summit Tech Academy
 Sumner High School
 Taneyville School District
 Tri-County Christian School
 Trinity Lutheran School
 University Academy
 University City School District
 Valley Park School District
 Vashon High School
 Washington Public Schools
 Webster Groves School District
 West Platte High School
 Willow Springs School District

Government/Other

Buchanan County
 Camden County Library
 Cardinal Carberry Senior Living Center
 Cass County
 City of Blue Springs
 City of Boonville
 City of Brentwood
 City of Camdenton
 City of Chillicothe
 City of Clayton
 City of Columbia
 City of Creve Coeur
 City of Eureka
 City of Excelsior Springs
 City of Gainesville
 City of Grandview
 City of Higginsville
 City of Hillsboro
 City of Independence
 City of Jackson
 City of Ladue
 City of Lake Saint Louis
 City of Lee's Summit
 City of Liberty
 City of Maryland Heights
 City of Nixa
 City of Poplar Bluff
 City of Raytown
 City of Riverside
 City of Saint Charles - Housing Authority
 City of Saint Louis

 City of Saint Louis - Water Division
 City of Sedalia
 City of Sikeston

City of Springfield
 City of Thayer Police Department
 City of Town and Country
 City of Warrensburg
 City of Willow Springs
 Clay County
 Clay County Public Health Center
 County of Howell
 County of Howell - Sheriff's Office
 County of Oregon - Assessor's Office
 County of Oregon - Circuit Clerk
 County of Oregon - Prosecuting Attorney
 Dent County Jail
 Dunklin County
 East Missouri Action Agency
 Howell County
 Howell County - Assessor
 Howell County - Collector
 Howell County - County Clerks
 Howell County - Prosecutor
 Howell County - Recorder of Deeds
 Jackson County
 Joint Committee on Legislative Research
 Joint Committee on Legislative Research - Oversight
 Subcommittee
 Mid-America Regional Council
 Mid-Continent Public Library
 Missouri Board of Police Commissioners
 Missouri Department of Transportation & Missouri State
 Highway Patrol Employees' Retirement System
 (MPERS)
 Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System
 (LAGERS)
 Missouri Public School Retirement System
 Missouri State Public Defender System



Missouri State Senate
MOREnet
Oregon County
Oregon County – Clerk’s Office
Oregon County - Collector
Oregon County - Sheriff’s Department
Phelps County
Public School and Education Employee Retirement
Systems of Missouri (PSRS/PEERS)
Public Water Supply District 9
Raytown Police Department

Saint Charles County
Saint Louis - Police Department
St. Louis - Metropolitan Police Department
St. Louis Lambert International Airport
Tri-County Water Authority
Webster County 911
West Plains Housing Authority
Worth County Prosecuting Attorney
Wright County Emergency Services



Missouri Program Participation as of 12/10/25

When members identify the need for solutions to challenges in postsecondary education, MHEC explores whether a long-term, regional approach is beneficial. Programs born from this process offer enrolling institutions opportunities to save money, improve efficiency, and better serve their stakeholders.

Midwestern-State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA) for distance education

A. T. Still University of Health Sciences	Missouri State University
Aquinas Institute of Theology	Missouri State University-West Plains
Augustine Institute	Missouri University of Science and Technology
Avila University	Missouri Valley College
Bolivar Technical College	Missouri Western State University
Brookes Bible College	Moberly Area Community College
Bryan University - Springfield	Nazarene Theological Seminary
Calvary University	North Central Missouri College
Carver Baptist Bible College Institute & Theological Seminary	Northwest Missouri State University
Central Christian College of the Bible	Ozark Christian College
Central Methodist University	Ozarks Technical Community College
City Vision College	Park University
College of the Ozarks	Pinnacle Career Institute
Columbia College, Columbia	Ranken Technical College
Concorde Career College - Kansas City	Rockbridge Seminary
Concordia Seminary	Rockhurst University
Cottey College	Saint Louis Community College
Covenant Theological Seminary	Saint Louis University-Main Campus
Cox College	Southeast Missouri Hospital College of Nursing
Crowder College	Southeast Missouri State University
Culver-Stockton College	Southwest Baptist University
Drury University	St Charles Community College
East Central College	St. Louis College of Health Careers - Metro
Eden Theological Seminary	State Fair Community College
Global University	Stephens College
Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College	Three Rivers College
Jefferson College	Truman State University
Kansas City University	University of Central Missouri
Lincoln University	University of Health Sciences and Pharmacy in St. Louis
Lindenwood University	University of Missouri - Columbia
Logan University	University of Missouri - Kansas City
Maryville University of Saint Louis	University of Missouri - St Louis
Metropolitan Community College	Urshan University
Midwest University	Washington University in St Louis
Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary	Webster University
Mineral Area College	Westminster College
Missouri Baptist University	William Jewell College
Missouri Southern State University	William Woods University

*Approved SARA Institutions in Missouri per <https://www.nc-sara.org/directory>



Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP)

Columbia College
Culver-Stockton College
East Central College
Harris-Stowe State University
Metropolitan Community College
Missouri State University
Missouri State University – West Plains
Missouri Western State University
Saint Louis University
St. Charles Community College

St. Louis Community College
State Fair Community College
Truman State University
University of Central Missouri
University of Missouri – Kansas City
University of Missouri – Saint Louis
Missouri Southern State University

**Access the most up-to-date list of participants at <https://msep.mhec.org>*

Stone Arch Sponsored Cell Captive Insurance Program

Contact Breanne Hegg to learn about participating in this program, which allows higher education institutions and systems to manage risk by using cells in MHEC's wholly owned captive insurance company: breanneh@mhec.org.

Student Health Programs – UnitedHealthCare StudentResources

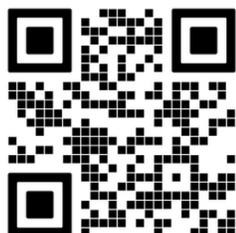
Contact Breanne Hegg, vice president of programs, contracts, and communications, to learn more about participation for your institution: breanneh@mhec.org.



MHEC Resources

Missouri member state page (with multiple downloadable documents)

<https://mhec.org/states/missouri> or scan the QR code below



MHEC website

<https://mhec.org/>

Interactive dashboard (offering key data to boost educational attainment)

<https://mhec.org/mhec-interactive-dashboard/>

MHEC contracts

<https://mhec.org/what-we-do/contracts/>

MHEC news

<https://mhec.org/news/>

MHEC strategic plan

<https://mhec.org/about/strategic-plan/>

MHEC committees

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MHEC commissioners

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Post-Secondary Employment Outcomes

<https://tinyurl.com/55nekm5j>

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