

WELCOME TO

Springfield, Missouri

LOCATED IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI,

the Springfield metropolitan area is comprised of five counties and has a population of more than 436,712 people. Springfield's area of economic influence reaches 27 counties and 987,402 people. Known as a great place to live and work, the area's average annual population growth has been 1.9 percent for the past 10 years. The Springfield metro workforce has grown more than 18 percent in the past 10 years and in 2004 accounted for more than one-third of Missouri's total job growth.

Forbes

Forbes Magazine lists Springfield as a top 50 Best Place for Business and Careers

Inc.
Handbook of the American Entrepreneur

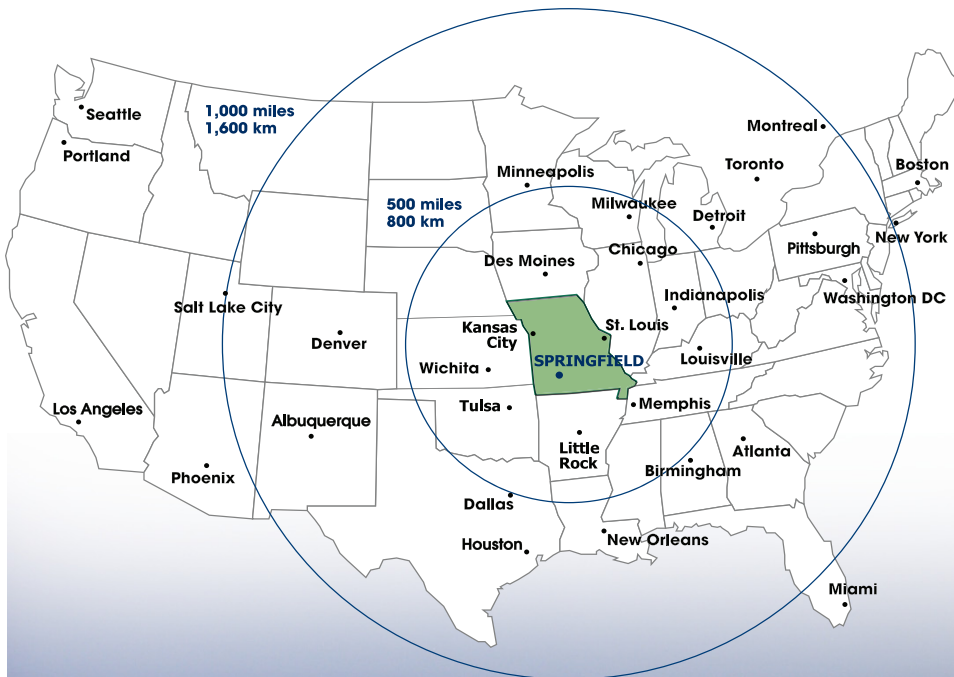
Inc. Magazine rates Springfield's economy as a Top 20 Mid-Sized City for Entrepreneurs

EXPANSION
MANAGEMENT

Springfield listed among top Mid-Sized Metros for Recruitment and Attraction

ONE OF SPRINGFIELD'S GREATEST ADVANTAGES

is its central location in the middle of the United States. The region's good transportation system of highways, railroads and an airport with national access makes it easy to ship products to and from Springfield and reach other parts of the U.S.



Located in the center of the United States, many people choose to live in Springfield rather than the larger cities on the East and West coasts because the cost of living is lower and pace of life is more favorable. We're also located in an area that has a beautiful natural environment, with numerous mountains, lakes and rivers in the Ozarks region.

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