

Community Profile

They say home is where the heart is, and the heart of America lies in Missouri. While that quality doesn't automatically make this state the perfect place to put down roots, growing families gravitate toward Missouri for many reasons. Combining Midwestern sensibility with Southern charm, Missouri balances urban and rural traits well with its richly diverse culture, economy and landscape. Two major U.S. cities, Kansas City and St. Louis, border the eastern and western sides of the state, while a popular tourist destination, the mountainous Ozark region, dominates its southern half. The plains to the north are perhaps what many outsiders imagine when Missouri comes to mind. But each of these areas serves an important role and contributes heavily to the state's strong economy.

Missouri boasts the [15th lowest](#) unemployment in the U.S., while [personal-income growth](#) remains healthy. And with the [fourth lowest cost of living](#) in the U.S., affordability in Missouri puts more money back in parents' pockets — perhaps to save for a [comfortable retirement in the state](#) or invest in long-term educational goals for their children. Missouri is home to several of the [best and cheapest colleges and universities](#) in the Midwest. Missouri is a great place to live and has something for everyone. Cities, rural areas, culture, nature, sports, great food and so much more.

Our church lies between the two towns of Nixa and Ozark. They are thriving and experiencing rapid growth in both residential and commercial areas. Christian County is the fastest growing county in the state of Missouri. Our area is the gateway to a vast resort, retirement and recreation area known as the Ozarks. This hilly area has numerous large man-made lakes, rivers, caverns, local and state parks, national forests and a host of special attractions. The four-season climate, clean air, clean water, and minimal pollution tend to attract tourists and retirees alike.





