

St. Charles County, Missouri

Talent Pipelines and Resources



St. Charles County boasts the lowest unemployment rate in the region, and its well-educated and skilled workforce is highly sought-after throughout the St. Louis metro area. The County is home to a wide variety of organizations and programs that can help companies recruit and train team members, sometimes at no cost.



STATE & LOCAL RESOURCES

Missouri Job Center of St. Charles County

Providing workforce services to connect employers with workers and workers with jobs and career training. Programs include apprenticeships, on-the-job training funds, youth employment, veterans workforce programs, and more. sccmo.org/workforce

BCI Skills Center

This first-of-its-kind vocational training facility for individuals with disabilities places students into competitive employment with area business partners. Vocational training programs include manufacturing, hospitality, health care, social services, and warehouse. boonecenter.com/skills-center

Missouri One Start

Offered through the Missouri Department of Economic Development, One Start provides no-cost, tailored workforce strategies including pre-employment services, workforce recruitment, and customized training. missourionestart.com



TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

Ranken Technical College West

One of the region's premier technical schools, Ranken's Wentzville campus offers hands-on technical training and general education in areas such as automotive maintenance, diesel technology, building systems engineering, electrical automation, information technology, application, and web development, and applied management. ranken.edu/west/

St. Charles Community College

In addition to its already impressive offerings, St. Charles Community College is working on plans to build a \$50 million technical training and workforce center along I-70 in Wentzville. stchas.edu





HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS & RECRUITMENT EVENTS

St. Charles County School districts still emphasize skills once taught in Shop and Industrial Arts classes. Now known as Career Technical Education (CTE), these courses teach skills such as metalworking, woodworking, computer drafting, and more. Thousands of students take these classes each year, resulting in a robust pipeline of trades talent.



Build My Future STL

Nearly 2,300 students from over 50 school districts and over 70 businesses and organizations participated in this annual trades-focused career fair in 2023. buildmyfuturestl.com

Lewis and Clark Career Center*

The Lewis & Clark Career Center offers half-day technical training in 15 program areas for local high school juniors and seniors. Students explore their career interests while earning industry certification and (in many cases) college credit. stcharlessd.org/lewisandclarkcareercenter

Manufacturing Day

Celebrated in early October, Manufacturing Day connects students and manufacturers via facility tours and special events held throughout the community. facebook.com/GrowManufacturingSCC/

St. Charles County CAPS program*

CAPS is a national program that gives high school students behind-the-scenes experiences with local businesses. Current strands include IT, global business/entrepreneurship, and healthcare. stcharlescountycaps.yourcapsnetworking.org

St. Charles County Job Fair & Career Expo*

Each spring, this career fair connects employers to graduating high school seniors and their parents. sites.google.com/wsdr4.org/iamfutureready/home

Zumwalt Apprenticeship Program

This Department of Labor-certified apprenticeship program exposes students to skilled trade careers and provides paid, on-the-job training with local manufacturers. Students can also receive credit hours towards a Skilled Trades Associate of Arts degree. sites.google.com/fz.k12.mo.us/apprenticeship/home/



TWO AND FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES

Lindenwood University

A private university with an enrollment of nearly 7,000 students, Lindenwood offers 120+ liberal arts degree programs. The NCAA Division 1 school connects students with local businesses through its workforce development efforts including job fairs, internships, and other programs. lindenwood.edu



St. Charles Community College

This public, two-year institution offers associate degrees and certificate programs in business, science, and arts fields. The college also partners with local employers on internships, apprenticeships, curriculum development, workforce development, and career placement services. stchas.edu

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