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St. Francois County

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Annual Report

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Dear county commissioners and friends of MU Extension and Engagement,

Thank you for your important partnership with the University of Missouri Extension this past year.

I want to highlight three areas that address needs you helped us identify.

You may recall that the FY 23 state budget provided a one-time \$5 million infusion to MU Extension for growth. Of that, we allocated about \$3 million for field faculty in the areas of agriculture, 4-H, health/human development and business and community development.

Through a dedicated hiring effort, and thanks to that allocation, we have hired 168 new employees since November 2022. That includes 72 academic/faculty members, most of whom are field specialists in a priority area noted above, and 96 staff members (e.g., office administrators, youth and food and nutrition associates, etc.).

We also returned more faculty to local program delivery that best serves your county's needs, while preserving the partnership and relationship building work you value. Our extension and engagement specialists focus full-time on that work as they serve their assigned multi-county groups. Currently, 19 have been hired, with two more in the pipeline.

Finally, we are prioritizing our work with county extension councils. In the new role of partnership and council development director, Lorin Fahrmeier focuses on strengthening council representation and governance. This role will build stronger links with regional, educational and campus leadership to better identify and address local priorities.

At the UM System level, our engagement work across four universities and with leaders across the state makes a difference in areas of greatest need: broadband, workforce development, health access, food security and healthy futures for our youth.

Your county annual report shows what we are accomplishing together as we Serve Missouri and Deliver Mizzou. We look forward to strengthening that partnership with county commissioners and community stakeholders in the coming year.

Sincerely,

Chad Higgins, PhD
Interim Vice Chancellor, MU Extension and Engagement
Chief Engagement Officer, UM System

Who we are

Faculty and staff

Kendra Graham
Field Specialist in Livestock/
Extension Engagement Specialist

Janet Braun
Field Specialist in 4-H Youth Development

Kayce Amsden
4-H Youth Program Associate

Alyssa Bowyer
Nutrition Program Associate

Jane Epstein
County Office Support Staff

Other faculty serving St. Francois County

Brianna L. Anderson
Field Specialist in Human Development and
Family Science

Gatlin Bunton
Field Specialist in Agronomy

Estrella Carmona
Field Specialist in Nutrition and Health

Charlie Ellis
Field Specialist in Agricultural Engineering

Rachel Hopkins
Field Specialist in Agriculture and
Environment/Ag Business

Kate Kammler
Field Specialist in Horticulture

Matt Herring
East Central Regional Director

Council members

Jim Howard, Chairman, District 1

Matt Pigg, Vice-chairman, Appointed-Farm Bureau

Jay Scruggs, Secretary, District 1

Ryan Aubuchon, Treasurer, District 2

Misty Castleberry, District 1

Eric Davis, District 1

Harold Gallaher, Appointed-County Commission

Dolores Howard, District 1

Savannah Newhouse, Appointed-MFA

Isabelle Owens, Youth Member

Nathan Peterson, District 2

Keith Schweigert, District 1

Chris Spurgin, District 2

Amanda Stegall, District 2

Peggy Trousdale, Appointed-4-H



County commissioners

Harold Gallaher, Presiding Commissioner

Kary Buckley, District 1

David Kater, District 2

Budget and more

Appropriations budget

Income	
County Appropriations	\$ 84,390.00
Council Funds	\$ 4,422.96
Total Income	\$ 88,812.96
Expenses	
Salaries/Benefits	\$ 71,061.55
Non-Payroll Salaries	\$3826.80
Travel	\$5366.00
Postage	\$1780.77
Advertising	\$440.00
Office Supplies/Service	\$2138.63
Insurance	\$1840.00
Miscellaneous	\$95.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$1095.89
Election	\$1168.32
Total Expenses	\$88,812.96



St. Francois County partners

Natural Resources Conservation Services
St. Francois County United Way
Parkland Beekeepers
Habitat for Humanity
Parkland Master Gardeners
Farmington and Park Hills Senior Centers
Missouri Forage and Grasslands Councils
Farmington Head Start
Farmington Community Garden
St. Francois County Women, Infants, and Children
Farmington Public Library
Local Food Banks
St. Francois County Farm Bureau
East Central Cattlemen Association
Community Partnership
Mizzou Alumni Association
Shared Blessings Homeless Shelter
Bonne Terre Chamber of Commerce
Desloge Chamber of Commerce
Farmington Chamber of Commerce
Park Hills - Leadington Chamber of Commerce
East Missouri Action Agency
Convoy of HOPE

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



Local Support

Did you know you can donate directly to St. Francois 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 to a specific program such as 4-H or Master Gardeners.

UM System County Impacts

Leaders Honor Roll

Each year, St. Francois County Extension select individuals to honor in recognition of their contribution of time and service to the county extension program. These individuals are listed on a permanent Honor Roll maintained by the county extension office and the University of Missouri.

2023 Recipient: Patrick Cronin, 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator. Patrick has been instrumental in the continued success and growth of the St. Francois County Shooting Sports program. Patrick's enthusiasm and ability to include others has had a contagious effect on those around him. We greatly appreciate the knowledge he brings to the program as well as the partnerships he has created in the community.



Richard & Karen Worley Farm

Established 1922



The 80-acre **Richard & Karen Worley Century Farm** was established in 1922. The farm located on Busiek Road south of Farmington was purchased by Albert Worley, Richard Worley's grandfather.

Century Farm

The Missouri Century Farm program, administered by University of Missouri Extension, awards certificates to persons owning farms that have been in the same family for 100 years or more. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces or nephews, including through marriage or adoption. The present farm shall consist of no less than 40 acres of the original land and shall make a financial contribution to the overall farm income.

Schweigert Family chosen as the St. Francois County State Fair Farm Family

Keith, Nicole, Jaden & Livia Schweigert of Park Hills were among the families honored during the 66th annual Missouri Farm Family Day, Aug. 14 at the Missouri State Fair.

The Schweigert family was selected as the St. Francois County Missouri Farm Family by University of Missouri Extension in St. Francois County and the local Farm Bureau.

Each year, the fair sets aside a day to recognize farm families from across the state that are active in their communities, involved in agriculture, and/or participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H or FFA.

The Schweigert family operates a 125-acre farm, including cattle & horses under the name Sweigy Farms. Jaden & Livia are both active in Bear Creek Kidz 4-H club & enjoy showing cattle at the county fair.



St. Francois County State Fair Farm Family
front row: Keith, Nicole, Livia and Jaden Schweigert



4-H Youth St. Francois County

A community of 408 youth building life skills, contributing to their community, and becoming college and career ready.

Local Impact

4-H programs are grounded in the belief that youth learn best by doing. St. Francois County served youth through six community clubs, SPIN Clubs, and After-school 4-H Clubs offering long-term educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking, and working with others.

- 4% of St. Francois County youth under the age of eighteen participated in a MU Extension 4-H Youth Development program in 2023.
- Over 98% 4-H members were engaged in science related projects and experiences.
- Collectively youth participated in 1683 hours of community club work in St. Francois County.
- Over 500 hours of community service projects were completed by 4-H members and volunteers during the 2022-2023 4-H Year.

4-H members have demonstrated learning through the following activities:

- 350 building exhibits, 300 animals, and 89 cured meats at the 2023 St. Francois County Fair from 200 4-H members and FFA members, who are also supported through youth programming. The livestock sale held during the fair brought in \$196,869 for the local youth.
- St. Francois County youth also exhibited exhibits in the 4-H Building and livestock shows of the Missouri State Fair.
- 2 youth from St. Francois County participated in the State Shooting Sports event.
- 1 youth participated in MOVE Across Missouri, where youth and adults are encouraged to track their physical activity and fitness in their daily life, learning about healthy lifestyles.

- As responsible citizens, we promote generosity and community strengthening through service. 15,142 meals were donated in St. Francois County through the 4-H Feeding Missouri Initiative in 2023. Our county's participation ranked 7th out of the state.
- 25 4-H members participated in the annual **Day of Service**. As part of this event, the youth assembled 200 gift bags that were distributed to First Responders in St. Francois County as well as surrounding counties in remembrance of September 11.



4-H Youth St. Francois County

4-H Clubs offer in-depth educational experiences in which members learn life skills such as decision making, public speaking, and working with others.

Local Impact

St. Francois County members enrolled in a combined total of 70 project areas in 2023. The top project areas included: Cured Meats, Beef, Swine, Arts and Crafts, Shooting Sports, Small Animals, Outdoor Skills, Wood Working, Foods/Gardening, & Welding.

4-H Volunteers

- St. Francois County 4-H members were supported by 61 enrolled, screened, and oriented adult volunteers supporting the development of youth in 2023.
- Volunteers contributed 6100 hours to the St. Francois County 4-H program valued at \$193,980.

Adult volunteers serve as mentors for our youth, helping them transition into caring, healthy adults who contribute back to their communities, which is priceless.



Impacts of Programming

Students practice life skills including decision making and responsibility, helping them to develop qualities that will shape their development into adults. Students are provided with the opportunity for a practical experience that connects with the core subjects of communication arts, math, science, and health. Youth with hands-on experience with science are more likely to pursue science-related careers, which are critical to our county, state, national, and global economy.



4-H School Enrichment - Embryology

- There were 15 students who participated in the Hatching Chicks in the Classroom program in 2023.
- Students participated in over 15 hours of learning with the “Chick It Out” program.

During the Embryology program, students learn about the 21-day development occurring within a fertilized, incubated egg that can result in the hatching of a chick. Students identify the parts of an egg and discover what each part provides for the developing chick. Students learn how to tell if an egg is raw or boiled and explore the strength of the egg’s shell providing protection to the developing chicks. Students review the necessity of hand washing due to potential contamination caused by salmonella in poultry and poultry products. Students often gain experience with death and disabilities. Throughout the experience, students are charged with rotating the eggs three times a day and are responsible for checking to make sure the incubator has water and is maintaining the correct temperature. Once the chicks hatch, the students care for them, providing feed, water, warmth, and a calm environment.

4-H Youth St. Francois County

Local Impact

4-H SNAC Clubs

4-H Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC) clubs are offered in a variety of settings including before school, during school, afterschool, and in other community settings helping youth build knowledge about nutrition and fitness. Youth participate in a leadership project where they are encouraged to become an ambassador of Healthy Living in their communities by designing and implementing a leadership project that will improve education and the fitness of others. Across the state, youth have developed creative ways to advocate for healthy living. In 2023, there were 91 SNAC Clubs across Missouri with 2,577 youth participating and reaching 4,300+ youth through the leadership projects.

In St. Francois County, SNAC efforts reached **46** youth and leadership projects completed included a parade float promoting healthy eating and donating the produce they raised to a local senior center.

In 2023, the Missouri 4-H Foundation collaborated with Healthy Blue to offer mini grants of up to \$500 per county to help support 4-H SNAC Clubs across the State of Missouri to implement their leadership projects. 36 counties were awarded a total of \$18,000 through this mini grant. In St. Francois County, mini grant funds were applied for and used to purchase garden supplies, plants, a garden sign and shirts for the youth.



4-H After-School Enrichment – STEM

There were **20** 5th and 6th grade students in St. Francois County who participated in the after-school STEM program which was partnered with the Boy Scouts.

Youth Futures

St. Francois County 4-H received a grant from the Missouri 4-H Foundation to facilitate a Youth Futures program. 18 juniors and seniors with the local homeschool co-op participated in 10 sessions covering college and career readiness. Activities included an in-depth tour of Mineral Area College, career day speakers and creating the Real Game of Life for younger students.



Livestock St. Francois County

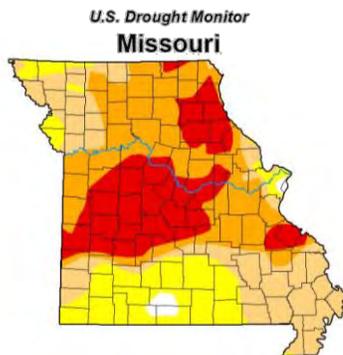
Agriculture and Environment

Local Impact

Drought affected the entire state of Missouri in 2023

Emergency issues like drought bring out the best in MU Extension and demonstrates how essential and effective we are to the communities.

- 93 participants attended a meeting in Ste. Genevieve, Franklin or Lincoln Counties focusing on managing cattle through the drought.
- 32 quick nitrate tests were performed, and 8 feed rations formulated to help producers feed their animals through the drought.
- 43 producers were helped through consultations, phone calls and farm visits related to the drought.



Raising a Small Flock for Egg Production

program reached 108 participants across Missouri. 35% of the participants were beginning poultry flock owners. Returned surveys indicated 100% of respondents learned something from the program and can use the information on their operation.

The Show-Me-Select Replacement Heifer program

, created in 1998, focuses on educating beef cattle farmers about best management practices related to heifer development. Local veterinarians and MU Extension livestock specialists work with producers to create a reliable source of replacement heifers in terms of genetics and management.

- Two sales were held in St. Francois County in 2023 reaching 135 producers from 17 counties in Missouri and 2 adjoining states.
- Gross revenue for the Farmington Show-Me-Select sales were \$583,000 in 2023.



Horticulture St. Francois County

Agriculture and Environment

Local Impact

2023 AT A GLANCE

- 3689 direct contacts through programming where participants are actively engaged in the learning process. Programs included home vegetable gardening, commercial organic specialty crop production, Garden Hour with MU Extension, bug bingo, plant diseases, pumpkin production, weed control, and many more.
- 757 requests for horticulture information through calls, emails, walk-ins or site visits from 28 counties and 6 states.
- 2200+ subscribers to the monthly Garden Spade newsletter with a 15% increase in subscriptions during 2023. Topics include insects, weeds, landscape plants, trees, fruit, vegetables and much more.
- 6,200+ view of horticulture MU IPM YouTube video for commercial producers.



Bug Bingo with high school students to learn insect identification, pests vs. beneficial insects.



Desk top hydroponic units in my office, growing tomatoes, lettuce, kale, and bok choy. Hands-on learning about hydroponics allows me to better help clients.

KEY SUCCESSES

- Commercial Pesticide recertification provides participants with knowledge on pesticide handling, safety, restricted use, disposal, contamination, labels, and guides.
- Clients learned how to follow the fruit tree spray guide, resulting in a bumper crop of apples to share with the neighbors.
- Garden Myths program dispelled numerous myths so gardeners can have better gardens.
- Participants in Weed Warfare program learned that weed identification is the key to successful control measures.
- Many soil tests results have excess phosphorus and potassium. Results provide clients education on “loving” their plants to death—saving clients money and the environment by not over applying fertilizers, manures, composts, and organic matter.

Ag Business St. Francois County

Agriculture and Environment

Local Impact

Field Specialist in Agriculture Business, Rachel Hopkins

During 2023, phone calls, emails, walk-ins and farm visits were conducted serving citizens in 15 counties in the topics covering general agriculture and agricultural business.

These counties included Cape Girardeau, Crawford, Dent, Franklin, Gasconade, Iron, Maries, Miller, Montgomery, Osage, Reynolds, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Washington and Webster.

Extension Tax Schools

University of Missouri Extension ag economics department and ag business specialists worked together to coordinate one summer and three fall tax schools. The summer school was in person and live online. Fall schools were in Columbia and Springfield and in addition one was online. The schools were designed for those who prepare taxes including enrolled agents, tax preparers, CPAs, individuals, and attorneys.

The training included updates on legislation, rulings and cases, individual taxpayer issues, agricultural and natural resources topics, ethics, trusts and estates, agriculture and natural resource tax issues, business tax issues, business entity tax issues, IRS issues, penalties and defenses, form 4797 sales of property, retirement tax issues, like-kind exchange issues. The schools were approved for 8 and 16 hours of continuing education credit by the IRS, Missouri Bar and for CFP continuing education. Total continuing education hours reported to IRS for the schools was 3,336 hours. The teaching teams included a CPA and former IRS stakeholder liaison, an IRS certified retired ag economics professor, an attorney, Missouri Department of Revenue and extension ag business specialists.

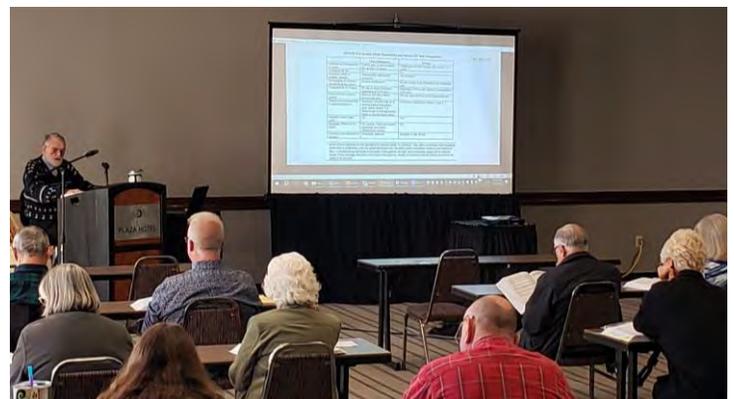
Topics ranged from:

- how to add value to thin cows
- rental rate questions and inquiries
- written lease documents
- hay pricing
- how to take a hay sample
- cow culling strategies
- cost share programs
- different types of business entities

The trainings received positive evaluations and planning is underway to offer trainings in 2024. Local county residents benefit when local tax preparers have the opportunity to gain knowledge, which benefits their clients and communities. The tax schools are a program of the ag business and policy program of MU Extension, coordinated by Mary Sobba with help from a team of ag business specialists throughout the state.

The resources for the schools included the IRS, the National Income Tax Workbook from the Land Grant University Tax Education Foundation, and materials written by the instructors.

The 2023 school attendance totaled three hundred twenty-seven people. The participants were from throughout Missouri.



Nutrition St. Francois County

Health and Human Sciences

Local Impact

The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) brought \$1,626,730 federal funds to Missouri. These funds were used to enroll 526 limited-resource families in nutrition education and meal preparation classes, representing 1,926 family members. Additionally, 1,980 youth were enrolled in EFNEP classes.

47 of these youth and adult participants reside in St. Francois County.

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Education or SNAP-Ed) brought \$10,874,798 in federal funds to Missouri. During FY2023, Missouri's SNAP-Ed program reached over 78,000 Missourians through direct classroom education. Each person participated in an average of 6 hours of education totaling over 15,000 hours. In addition, an additional 760,135 persons participated in indirect education. Direct and indirect education resulted in over 1.8 million total contacts with Missourians.

Participants in EFNEP and SNAP-Ed learn the importance of making healthier meals and snack choices, eating 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 high quality of life throughout their lifespan.

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

A total of **1572** Direct Education participants were from St Francois County.

Our Nutrition Program Associates (NPAs) are also continuing to provide information about the SNAP benefits program and offer assistance with SNAP benefits applications.

In addition to the numbers, **Alyssa Bowyer** shared this success story demonstrating local impact: *I taught Eating from the Garden to a group of students at the Farmington Community Garden. We met for 10 weeks. During that time we took care of 8 raised garden beds, 10 smaller garden plots, and 5 mineral tubs. During the class, the students experienced the hard work and importance of cleaning out the garden, pulling weeds, prepping soil, planting, and garden maintenance. After weeks of work and maintenance, we finally got our first harvest: radishes, various lettuces, and spinach. As a student was filling her bag with her harvest, she looked at me and said,*

"This is so fun! This is the BEST part of gardening!"



Health St. Francois County

Health and Human Sciences

Local Impact

Building Strong Families

In 2021, there was an average rate in Missouri of 3.0 substantiated child abuse/neglect cases per 1,000 children under 18. *The rate in St. Francois County exceeded the state average at 6.5 cases per 1,000 children.* According to the most recent data available from *Child Trends*, state spending on child welfare services and programs in FY20 totaled over \$566 million, approximately a 10% increase from FY18.

In January 2022, the University of Missouri Extension Human Development and Family Sciences Specialists were approved by the Missouri Division of Social Services to offer virtual parenting education to parents seeking to maintain or regain custody of their children. In 2023, our staff offered 5 multi-session Building Strong Families series throughout the year, serving 91 parents, including **23 St. Francois County residents**, and providing a total of 740 hours of parenting education. Participants were reached in 31% of counties across the state and the information provided has the potential to impact 181 Missouri children.

A Matter of Balance

According to the most recent data available from the CDC, 31.3% of adults ages 65 and older report a fall in Missouri, costing over \$830 million in direct medical expenses. Prevention of a fall is much cheaper than treatment and programs like A Matter of Balance can decrease unplanned medical costs contributing to health care savings for both older adults and their caregivers.

MU Extension Human Development Specialist Brianna Anderson and MU Extension Nutrition & Health Specialist Estrella Carmona partnered with First Baptist Church of Desloge to deliver this 8-week program to 7 participants. The group met weekly to learn about fall prevention, reduce fear of falling, and increase engagement in social and physical activity.



Participant Reflections

“If I get up early enough before mass, I do some of these exercises, especially if my hips hurt. And it does help. Just getting up and getting moving around.”

“I sure didn’t think I could do it [getting up from a fall]. My knee was hurting and I didn’t think I could, but I did.”

“I can already tell the difference in my range of motion in my arms. They [my elbows] couldn’t touch the first day but now they’re touching.”

Health St. Francois County

Health and Human Sciences

Local Profiles and Stories

In 2023, MU Extension Human Development and Family Sciences Specialist, Brianna Anderson, collaborated with the Our Community Our Health Project (OCOH) and Drs. Everett and McElroy of the Family and Community Medicine Department. The OCOH project is a multistate initiative, funded by CDC, to improve COVID-19 vaccination rates. One component of this initiative is asking community members about their perception of COVID-19 and getting vaccinated. From April through July, 12 extension faculty collected 1086 surveys and engaged in conversations about COVID-19 among our constituents. Brianna collected 148 surveys at 21 events from April to July 2023 and interacted with 211 community members (70.14% response rate). 8 residents of St. Francois County shared their opinions by completing the survey.



Mental Health First Aid equips people to recognize and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders.

The youth version of the program is designed to support adolescents ages 12-17 facing mental health or addiction challenges, while the adult version focuses on adults age 18 and older. Participants learn how to offer initial assistance and guide individuals toward the care they need.

**In Missouri, approximately
1 MILLION ADULTS and 72,000 ADOLESCENTS
suffer from MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.***

*Missouri Department of Mental Health 2020 Status Report

In 2023, over 100 residents participated in stress management and mental health education provided by MU Extension Human Development Specialist, Brianna Anderson. Parents and staff at Farmington 1 and Farmington 2 Head Start locations participated in a stress management workshop. Teachers at the Farmington School District Annual Wellness Day received mental health and stress management resources. Additionally, two St. Francois residents participated in virtual Mental Health First Aid training.



UM System County Impacts

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St. Francois County

UM System Footprint in the county in 2023



FY23 county students

259 students

- 200 Undergraduates
- 59 Graduate and professional students
- 192 Full-time students
- 67 Part-time students
- 59 Pell grant recipients (aid year 2023)



County employees and retirees

24 people employed by UM

- 21 Campuses
- 3 MU Health Care

8 UM retirees and beneficiaries
UM salary and retirement income:
\$852,277

UM state tax revenue: \$22,707
UM federal tax revenue: \$105,749



County alumni

Selected school alumni

- 27 Medicine
- 96 Nursing
- 81 Health Professions
- 19 Dentistry
- 6 Pharmacy
- 8 Optometry
- 15 Veterinary Medicine
- 88 Agriculture
- 196 Engineering
- 28 Law

Alumni teaching K-12

- 62 teachers
- 8.4% of all district teachers
- 2 principals and administrators
- 5.6% of all district principals and administrators



County breakdown

MU

- 115 students
- 614 alumni
- 14 employees

UMKC

- 21 students
- 84 alumni
- 0 employees

Missouri S&T

- 56 students
- 211 alumni
- 0 employees

UMSL

- 67 students
- 511 alumni
- 7 employees



County properties and offices

MU Extension in: St. Francois County



County population: 67,168



County services provided

Health care (FY23)

- 135 in-state patients seen at MU Health Care, with \$86,478 of uncompensated care
- 2 in-state patients seen at UMSL Center for Eye Care with a statewide average of \$34.82 per patient in uncompensated care
- 2 in-state patients seen at UMKC School of Dentistry with a statewide average of \$43.61 per patient in uncompensated care
- MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network recorded 136 visits to 62 patients having ZIP codes associated with the county

Extension (2022)

- 3,910 Total educational contacts from MU Extension to residents of the county, including:
- 617 contacts related to productive farming, better gardening, and managing natural resources
- 3,293 contacts related to healthy eating and aging, strengthening families, personal finance, or youth development

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UM System Statewide Footprint

Economic and Community Development Highlights

- In 2022, Business Development Specialists worked with small businesses and entrepreneurs statewide to create or retain 81,645 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 FY17 and FY22, UM System brought Missouri more than \$1.46 billion in federal and private research funds, funded primarily from outside the state, but spent within the state.



In FY23, UM System was issued 33 patents and filed 61 new U.S. patent applications.

- In FY23, the UM System awarded 805 design and construction project contracts throughout Missouri, for a total investment of \$279.2 million in the state.



In FY23, to improve access to medical and health related services, MU Health Care's Missouri Telehealth Network's Show-Me ECHO program provided 18,381 hrs of case-based instruction to 2,938 learners located in 112 of 114 Missouri counties and the city of St. Louis.

Education and Training Provided



41,992 police, fire fighters, and medical professionals attending continuing education (2022)



Agriculture and natural resource programs served 174,692 farmers and related businesses (2022)



311,749 youth and stakeholder educational contacts in 4-H clubs, schools, camps and other programs (2022)

Education Highlights

FY23 Financial Aid Awards

In FY23, 67.3% of the UM System's 80,702 students received financial aid totaling \$973.7 million

MU

27,256

students receiving financial aid

\$536.0M

financial aid awarded

UMKC

11,859

students receiving financial aid

\$217.3M

financial aid awarded

Missouri S&T

6,748

students receiving financial aid

\$117.7M

financial aid awarded

UMSL

8,489

students receiving financial aid

\$102.8M

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), 485 K-12 school districts (832,000 students) and 132 public libraries (serving nearly 3 million Missourians) in 2022.

- UM System awarded 50.5% of the 32,098 Bachelor's or higher degrees awarded by Missouri four-year public institutions in 2022-23.
- UM System awarded 36.6% of the 1,935 research doctorates and 26.9% of the 3,593 professional doctorates awarded by Missouri public and not-for-profit private institutions in 2022-23.
- In FY23, UM System's \$37.9 million in National Science Foundation (NSF) grants represented 88.3% of all NSF grants made to Missouri public colleges and universities.
- In 2023, over 10,900 Missourians accessed mobroadband.org, part of the UM System Broadband Initiative which helped the statewide build-out of high-speed internet infrastructure. MU Extension also supported residents in making individual challenges to the FCC that resulted in \$810,000 in additional funding for the state of Missouri.

Supporting the University of Missouri is an investment in the future of Missouri.