

MISSOURI2030

ANNUAL REPORT



2016 – 2024 PROGRESS

A PLAN TO MOVE MISSOURI FORWARD

Since the launch of [Missouri 2030: An Agenda to Lead](#), the Missouri Chamber Foundation has been on a mission to unite the business community behind a statewide, data-driven, solutions-oriented strategy of policy and program recommendations to reposition our state as a global economic leader. For too long, lawmakers were choosing politics over smart policy decisions when it came to our economy... and our rankings among states in key economic metrics continued to trend down.

But Missouri 2030 is changing that direction.

Missouri rankings 2015

job creation

42nd

GDP per capita

43rd

per capita income

39th

Missouri rankings TODAY

job creation

28th

GDP per capita

19th

per capita income

18th

Missouri 2030 is proving that providing leadership, direction and a long-range economic development plan for the state of Missouri can change our economic trajectory.

Missouri 2030 puts Missouri's business community in charge of the economic fate of our state by driving collaboration around policy that transcends political cycles and sets transparent metrics and benchmarks that will hold leaders accountable for progress.

The focus is working. **Missouri 2030** has provided a sense of urgency to the business community and policymakers. The plan has sparked action to enact long-overdue change in economic policy. More important, because **Missouri 2030** was written with an eye toward long-term, statewide improvement, the plan will continue to fuel positive change for years to come.



HERE IS A SNAPSHOT OF OUR SUCCESS:

UNITING THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY

- Brought together the Missouri Chamber Federation, 200+ local chambers of commerce joining together to promote a united economic agenda. This network brings our reach of **more than 75,000 Missouri employers**.
- Established relationships with hundreds of diverse interest groups — from the Missouri Association of Realtors to the Missouri AFL-CIO — to collaborate on transformational policy change.

COMPETING FOR JOBS

- Created one of the lowest corporate tax rates in the nation through years of common-sense tax reforms.
- Stabilized Missouri's bankrupt UI Trust Fund, which in part allowed the growth of a **\$1 billion reserve** to protect displaced Missouri workers in crisis and was a critical lifeline during the COVID pandemic.
- Leveled the playing field for employers in court by rebalancing Missouri's employment law statutes.
- Through the formation of the Missouri Technology Alliance, we have created a statewide voice for tech policy change.

CONNECTING THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE

- Released the report **Transportation2030** and ran a successful campaign to secure **\$500 million investment** in roads and bridges.
- Secured **\$2.8 billion** in funding to expand I-70.
- Secured **\$577 million** in funding to expand I-44.
- Ensured our state will meet the current and future energy needs of businesses and residents through positive policy change and authorization of **\$1 billion in energy grid updates**.
- Expanded broadband with **millions in new investment by the state**.

PREPARING THE WORKFORCE

- Released the report **Workforce2030**, which dramatically changed the way policymakers approached workforce development.
- Advocated for the establishment of the state's Fast Track program, which is designed to provide scholarships to annually **upskill 17,000 adults** in high-demand fields.
- Secured **\$450,000 appropriation annually** in the state budget to train Missouri educators to teach computer science courses.
- Advocated for legislation that allowed **skilled professionals who are already licensed** in another state to come to Missouri and enter the workforce.
- Secured **\$6 million in funding** from the Department of Labor to train **5,000 technology apprentices**.
- Secured **\$4.35 million in funding** to train **1,600 health care apprentices**.
- Launched a statewide web portal that brings together employers and students seeking internship and apprenticeship opportunities.
- Successfully advocated for **\$3 million in funding** for upskill credential grant program for employers.
- Engaged with **more than 10,000 teachers** and students through our workforce programs that promote high-demand jobs and narrow the skills gap for Missourians.

IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY

- Released the report, **Safer Missouri, Stronger Missouri**, which has **elevated the need among policymakers** to address Missouri's shocking crime crisis.
- Advocated for legislation that will hold prosecutors accountable.
- Advocated for legislation that will help thousands of returning citizens get quality jobs and stay out of prison.
- Secured millions to expand law enforcement training sites and recruit minority police officers.



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