



MISSOURI LAGERS

Living in Jefferson City

Welcome to Jefferson City, the heart of Missouri and the state's vibrant capital. Situated along the scenic Missouri River, our city offers a unique blend of historic charm, natural beauty, and modern amenities—making it an ideal place to live, work, and thrive.

Jefferson City blends the charm of a small town with the benefits of a much larger city. Recognized by Business Insider as the second-best city to live in after the pandemic and honored by Rand McNally as "America's Most Beautiful Small Town," Jefferson City stands out for its affordability, convenience, and natural beauty. Residents enjoy short commutes, a low cost of living, and easy access to major amenities.



High Quality of Life

JCMO's cost of living is approximately 16% lower than the national average, with housing expenses 34% below the national median. Residents benefit from short commute times averaging 14 minutes. JCMO has easy access to major amenities, including healthcare, education, and recreation.



Central Location

The Columbia Regional Airport, just 25 minutes away, provides free parking and daily flights to major international hubs. For a quick weekend getaway or day trip, both Kansas City and St. Louis are within a 2.5-hour drive or train ride, offering professional sports, top-tier museums, and renowned dining scenes. Just 40 minutes away, the Lake of the Ozarks—Missouri's most popular vacation spot—boasts more shoreline than the California coast.



Family Friendly

Jefferson City is a close-knit community with a strong focus on education. The public school district includes two high schools, two middle schools, and 11 elementary schools. Families also have access to five private elementary schools and three private high schools.



America's **Most Beautiful Small Town**



Katy Trail State Park

The Katy Trail contains 240 miles of the longest developed rail-trail in the country. Whether you are a bicyclist, walker, equestrian, nature lover or history buff, the trail offers opportunities for recreation and a place to enjoy nature.

Historic Sites

Explore the Missouri State Capitol and museum, take a history or ghost tour at the Missouri State Penitentiary (the oldest prison west of the Mississippi), or tour the Governor's Mansion.

Food and Culture

Eat at The Grand Cafe for a casual fine dining experience; relax with a beverage at Last Flight Brewing Company; see a movie at the independent Capital City Cinema, an independent theater; or attend a show by Capital City Productions & Little Theatre.

About JCMO

Jefferson City offers a wealth of recreational opportunities that cater to a variety of interests and age groups. The city's parks system encompasses over 1,400 acres, featuring 20 parks, 40 miles of trails, 13 playgrounds, 15 ball fields, two swimming pools, a public golf course, and an indoor ice arena. Binder Park, one of the city's largest parks, includes a 155-acre fishing lake, 15 miles of mountain biking and hiking trails, a ropes course, RV camping, and championship-level disc golf courses.

In the summer, enjoy the Ellis-Porter Riverside Pool and the Memorial Park Family Aquatic Center, both offering family-friendly amenities. Additionally, the Capital Region MU Health Care Amphitheater hosts concerts and events throughout the summer, adding to the city's vibrant recreational scene. For fans of colder weather, the Washington Park Ice Arena provides year-round ice skating, hockey, and figure skating programs.

Beyond the city limits, Jefferson City is conveniently located near several state parks and conservation areas, such as the Runge Conservation Nature Center and Binder Lake, offering opportunities for hiking, fishing, and wildlife observation.