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[real people, real opportunity]

“Growing up in Shelby County instilled a solid foundation of commitment to myself and others to dream big and work hard to achieve your goals.”

-Basketball Hall of Famer & Shelby County native, Norm Stewart



Shelby County, in Northeast Missouri, is located on the four-lane US 36/C-KC Expressway linking Kansas City to Chicago. Shelby County is an area rich in heritage with award winning schools, easy access by roadway or rail, and an educated workforce ready and willing to work. The County is made up of several rural communities: Bethel, Clarence, Emden, Heartland, Hunnewell, Lentner, Leonard, Lakenan, Shelbina, and Shelbyville.

Accessibility

Roadways US 36/C-KC Expressway, and Missouri Routes 15, 151, and 168. Shelby County residents are so dedicated to making their area accessible to new business, they taxed themselves to make the four-laning of US 36 a reality.

Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad also runs through the county.

A number of regional airports are only an hour away, all providing shuttle service to the larger airports in the state, Kansas City International Airport (KCI) or Lambert-St. Louis International Airport.

Education

Education is a priority in Shelby County. The South Shelby Middle School is a Missouri Gold Star School, and North Shelby High School was designated as a National Blue Ribbon School. The North Shelby School District and the Shelby County R-IV school districts have repeatedly been awarded "Distinction in Performance." Clarence Accelerated Elementary School commits itself to improving student achievement and increasing parent and community involvement. Heartland Christian Academy, a private K-12 school, provides quality, affordable Christian education.

In addition to our local schools, residents of Shelby County are within an hour's drive of quality colleges and universities: Truman State University, A.T. Still University (the founding school of Osteopathic medicine), The University of Missouri-Columbia, and Stephens College. Many smaller area colleges provide access for higher education, both on campus and via satellite or online courses.

Worship

Residents of Shelby County also have the availability of over 30 places of worship in the county which include: Methodist, Baptist, Christian, Catholic, Lutheran, Mennonite, and non-denominational faiths.

Recreation

Whether it's the Bethel Fiddle Fest or the County Fair there is always something to do with your family and friends in Shelby County. For a complete listing of all events please check out our Local Events Calendar at shelbycountymo.com/calendar.html

Shelby County residents also have a variety of cultural, athletic, recreational, and historical venues for their enjoyment. These include: golf course, theater, museums, and three public lakes.

Population 6313*

Median Income \$32,289*

Enhanced Enterprise Zone
County Wide

Land Area 500.93 sq. miles

Cost of Living Index 77**

Access C-KC, US 36,
MO HWY 15, MO RTE 168,
MO RTE 151, BNSF railroad

* www.missourieconomy.org
** www.city-data.com
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