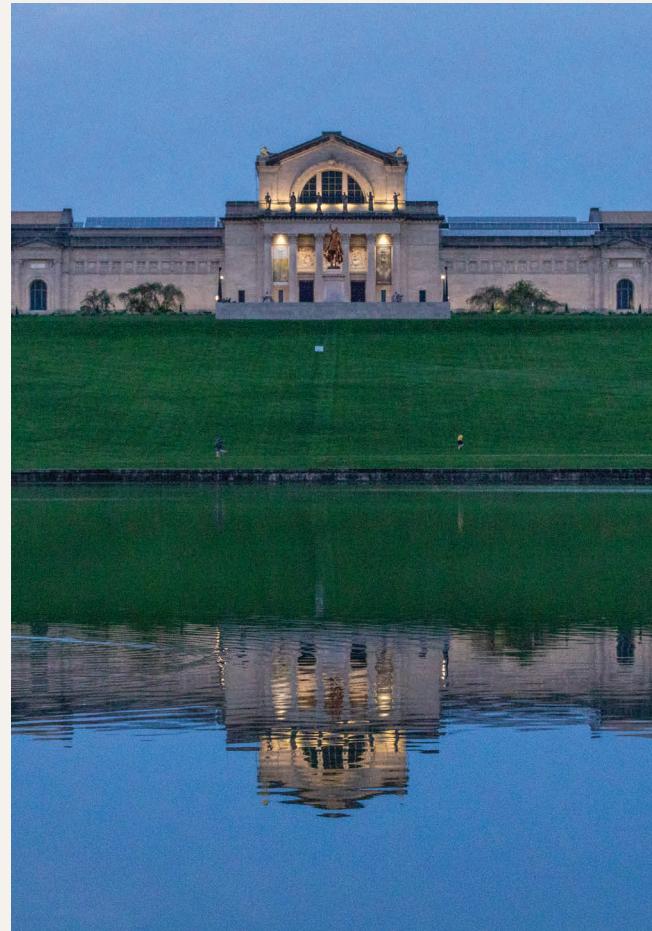


## Affordable and beautiful

St. Louis is a patchwork of eclectic, vibrant and affordable neighborhoods. In fact, our cost of living is below the national average, allowing you to buy property or rent roomy spaces — and still afford to explore the food, culture and other big-city and small-town perks St. Louis has to offer.

*"For me to be able to live in a place, have a really nice apartment that's also incredibly affordable, was really important to me. Everything from groceries to going out ... it's just a completely different pricing scale that's a lot more comfortable for me as a graduate student."*

-JENNIFER BERRIAN, MD CLASS OF 2022



A collage of images from a hot air balloon festival. At the top, a colorful hot air balloon is shown against a blue sky. Below it, a QR code is displayed with the text "Discover more of what's great about St. Louis" and "... or better yet, come experience it for yourself! medicine.washu.edu/stl". The main image shows several hot air balloons of various colors (red, blue, yellow, and white) floating over a park with trees and buildings in the background. A large crowd of people is gathered on the grass, some under umbrellas, watching the balloons. One balloon has "St. Louis MAGAZINE" printed on its side.

A photograph of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri. The arch is a prominent feature against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, the calm water of the Mississippi River is visible, with a small portion of a bridge structure on the right. The background shows a line of trees and a clear sky.

## WHY ST. LOUIS?

### We are front and center

The world is looking to WashU Medicine for answers because we are proudly located in the heart of America, strategically surrounded by patients of every background. Their diverse experiences shape inclusive solutions that make a difference for people everywhere.

### Buzzing metro for recreation, culture and entertainment

From unforgettable attractions and award-winning restaurants to beloved professional sports teams, there's no shortage of fun to be had in The Lou. Our crown jewel, Forest Park, is frequently named the nation's favorite city park and is home to a world-class art museum, zoo, science center, miles of multi-use trails and other free attractions. The best part? It's our next door neighbor.



### Epicenter of health and medical innovation

A hub for bioscience and innovation, St. Louis is the ideal place to excel in medicine and research. With a track record of transforming scientific breakthroughs into new therapeutics, cures and exceptional clinical care, WashU Medicine is at the center of it all — both literally and figuratively — anchoring the Cortex Innovation District, our region's premiere biotech hub.



*"Forest Park is, in my opinion, the best amenity that comes with living in St. Louis. If you are like me and require a daily dose of the outdoors when you're living in the city, Forest Park will be your best friend. It's literally right across the street from the medical school and is full of beautiful landscaping and free things to do."*

**—SOPHIA D., MEDICAL STUDENT**



### Don't just take our word for it

Visitors and locals alike praise St. Louis as a great place to live and work — and we've got the accolades to prove it.

**Best U.S. cities for new grads to start a career**  
— CNBC (2022)

**St. Louis Is the Burgeoning Midwestern Destination You Need to Visit**  
— Thrillist (2024)

**The Best Food Neighborhoods in the USA**  
— AFAR (2024)

**America's Most Exciting Emerging Arts District Is In St. Louis**  
— Forbes (2023)

**Best City Park in the U.S.**  
— USA TODAY 10Best (2023, 2022)