

Famous Missourians

Robert Altman, film director, Kansas City

Maya Angelou, poet and author, St. Louis

John Ashcroft, politician and lawyer, Springfield

Burt Bacharach, songwriter, Kansas City

Josephine Baker, entertainer and human rights pioneer, St. Louis

Scott Bakula, actor, St. Louis

Wallace Beery, actor, Kansas City

James “Cool Papa” Bell, baseball player, St. Louis

William Bent, fur trader, pioneer, St. Louis

Robert Russell Bennett, composer, Kansas City

Yogi Berra, baseball player, St. Louis

Thomas Hart Benton, painter, Neosho

Chuck Berry, singer/guitar player, St. Louis

George Caleb Bingham, artist, Franklin/Arrow Rock

Susan Elizabeth Blow, educator, St. Louis

Daniel Boone, pioneer, near Boonville

Bill Bradley, basketball player, politician, Crystal City

Omar Nelson Bradley, five-star general, Clark

Joe Buck, sports broadcaster, St. Louis

Grace Bumbry, soprano, St. Louis

William Burroughs, writer, St. Louis

Sarah Caldwell, opera director, conductor, Maryville

Martha Jane Cannary (Calamity Jane), frontierswoman, Princeton

Harry Caray, sports broadcaster, St. Louis

Dale Carnegie, teacher of public speaking, Maryville

George Washington Carver, educator, agricultural chemist, Diamond Grove

William Clark, U.S. soldier and explorer, St. Louis?

Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain), author, Florida

Andy Cohen, talk show host and producer, Clayton

Bert Convy, actor, St. Louis

Misty Copeland, ballerina, Kansas City

Bob Costas, sports announcer, St. Louis

Walter Cronkite, TV newscaster, St. Joseph

Sheryl Crow, musician, Kennett

Robert Cummings, actor, Joplin

John Danforth, senator and United Nations Ambassador, St. Louis

Jane Darwell, actor, Palmyra

Walt Disney, animator, visionary, Kansas City

Jack Dorsey, social media pioneer and tech guru, St. Louis

Charles Stark Draper, inventor, Windsor

James Buchanan Eads, architect, St. Louis

Jeanne Eagels, actor, Kansas City

Carl Edwards, NASCAR driver, Columbia

T. S. Eliot, poet, St. Louis

Mary Engelbreit, artist/entrepreneur, St. Louis

Sara Evans, country music singer, Boonville

Ella Ewing, The Missouri Giantess, Gorin/Lewis County

James Fergason, inventor, Wakenda

Eugene Field, author, poet, St. Louis

Redd Foxx (John Elroy Sanford), actor comedian, St. Louis

James W. Fulbright, senator, Sumner

Joe Garagiola, baseball player and broadcaster, St. Louis

John Goodman, actor, Affton

Lucas Grabeel, actor, Springfield

Betty Grable, actor, St. Louis

Trent Green, football player, St. Louis

Dick Gregory, comic, activist, St. Louis

Charles Leiper Grigg, soft drink inventor, Montgomery City/St. Louis

Robert Guillaume, actor, St. Louis

Jon Hamm, actor, St. Louis

Jean Harlow, actor, Kansas City

George and Phoebe Apperson Hearst, American industrialists and tycoons,
Franklin County/St. Clair

Edwin Hubble, astronomer, Marshfield

James Langston Hughes, poet, Joplin

John Huston, film director, Nevada

Jesse James, outlaw, Centerville

Don Johnson, actor, Flat Creek

Scott Joplin, musician, Sedalia

Ewing Marion Kauffman, entrepreneur and K.C. Royals owner, Garden City

Emmett Kelly, clown, Kansas City

Jack S. Kilby, inventor, Jefferson City

Kevin Kline, actor, Clayton

Cedric “The Entertainer” Kyles, actor/comedian/gameshow host, Jefferson City/St. Louis

Albert Bond Lambert, industrialist and aviation pioneer, St. Louis

William Lear, aviation inventor, Hannibal

Rush Limbaugh, communicator, Cape Girardeau

Charles Lindbergh, aviator, St. Louis

Michael McDonald, singer/songwriter/musician, Ferguson

Jamie McMurray, NASCAR driver, Joplin

Bernarr MacFadden, physical culturist, Mill Springs

Mary Margaret McBride, TV hostess, Paris

Robert D. Maurer, inventor, St. Louis

Marianne Moore, poet, St. Louis

Johnny Morris, outdoor sports icon, Springfield

Stan Musial, baseball player, legend, St. Louis

Kevin Nealon, comedian, St. Louis

Nelly (Cornell Iral Haynes Jr.), rapper/musician, St. Louis

Rose O'Neil, artist, activist, the Ozarks

Geraldine Page, actor, Kirksville

Anthony Peeler, basketball player, Kansas City

Carlos PenaVega Jr., actor and singer, Columbia

James C. Penney, merchant, Hamilton

Marlin Perkins, TV host, zoo director, Carthage

John J. Pershing, army leader, Pershing rifles, Linn County

Brad Pitt, actor, Springfield

Vincent Price, actor, St. Louis

Albert Pujols, baseball player, Independence

Ginger Rogers, dancer/actor, Independence

Charles M. Russell, painter, artist, St. Louis

Nellie Tayloe Ross, first woman elected governor of a state, St. Joseph

David Sanborn, musician, Kirkwood

Max Scherzer, baseball player, St. Louis

Mike Shannon, baseball player and broadcaster, St. Louis

Ted Shawn, dancer, choreographer, Kansas City

Horton Smith, professional golfer, Springfield

Kate Spade, designer, Kansas City

Leon Spinks, boxer, St. Louis

Casey Stengel, baseball player, Kansas City

Norm Stewart, basketball player and coach, Leonard

Payne Stewart, golfer, Springfield

Gladys Swarthout, soprano, Deepwater

Sara Teasdale, poet, St. Louis

Virgil Thomson, composer, Kansas City

Harry S. Truman, U.S. president, Kansas City

Kathleen Turner, actor, Springfield

Dick Van Dyke, actor, West Plains

Jack Wagner, actor/musician, Washington

Porter Wagoner, country music singer, West Plains

Rusty Wallace, NASCAR driver, Fenton

Sam Walton, entrepreneur and richest man in the world, Shelbina/Columbia

Dennis Weaver, actor, Joplin

Frank White, baseball player, Kansas City

Pearl White, actor, Greenridge

Mary Wickes, actor, St. Louis

Dianne Wiest, actor, Kansas City

Grant Wistrom, football player, Web City

Laura Ingalls Wilder, author, Mansfield

Roy Wilkins, civil rights leader, St. Louis

Tennessee Williams, playwright/author, St. Louis

Walter Williams, journalism pioneer, Boonville

Shelley Winters, actor, St. Louis

