

VC: Driving Innovation in Missouri

481

Startups received
venture funding
(2020-2024)

\$4.4B

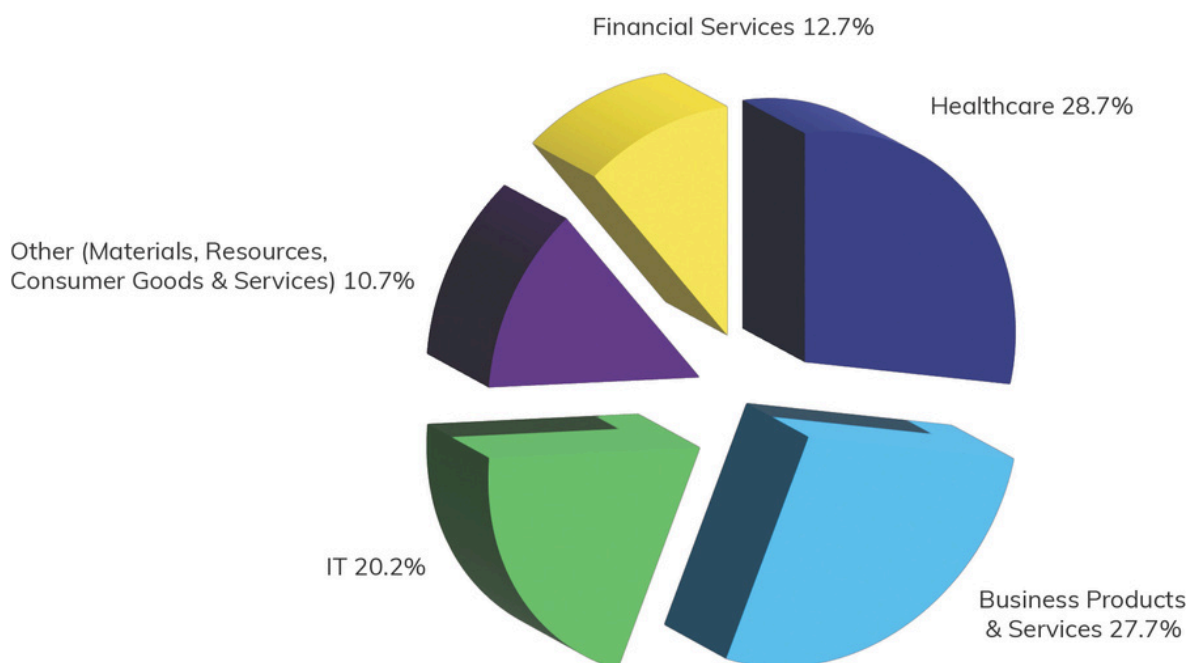
In VC investment
in startups
(2020-2024)

58K

People employed
by VC backed
startups in 2022

A broad range of Missouri-based pension funds, university endowments, and nonprofits invest in and benefit from venture. This includes PSRS/PEERS, which covers the retirement of 237,000 public school teachers in the state.

2024 VC Investment by Sector in MO



2024 Pitchbook Data

VCs Funding MO Startups Include:



BioGenerator, based in St. Louis, is an early-stage investment firm focused on life sciences startups in the St. Louis region. They have invested in more than 50 biotech, healthcare, and agtech companies, offering capital, lab space, and expert guidance to help these startups grow.

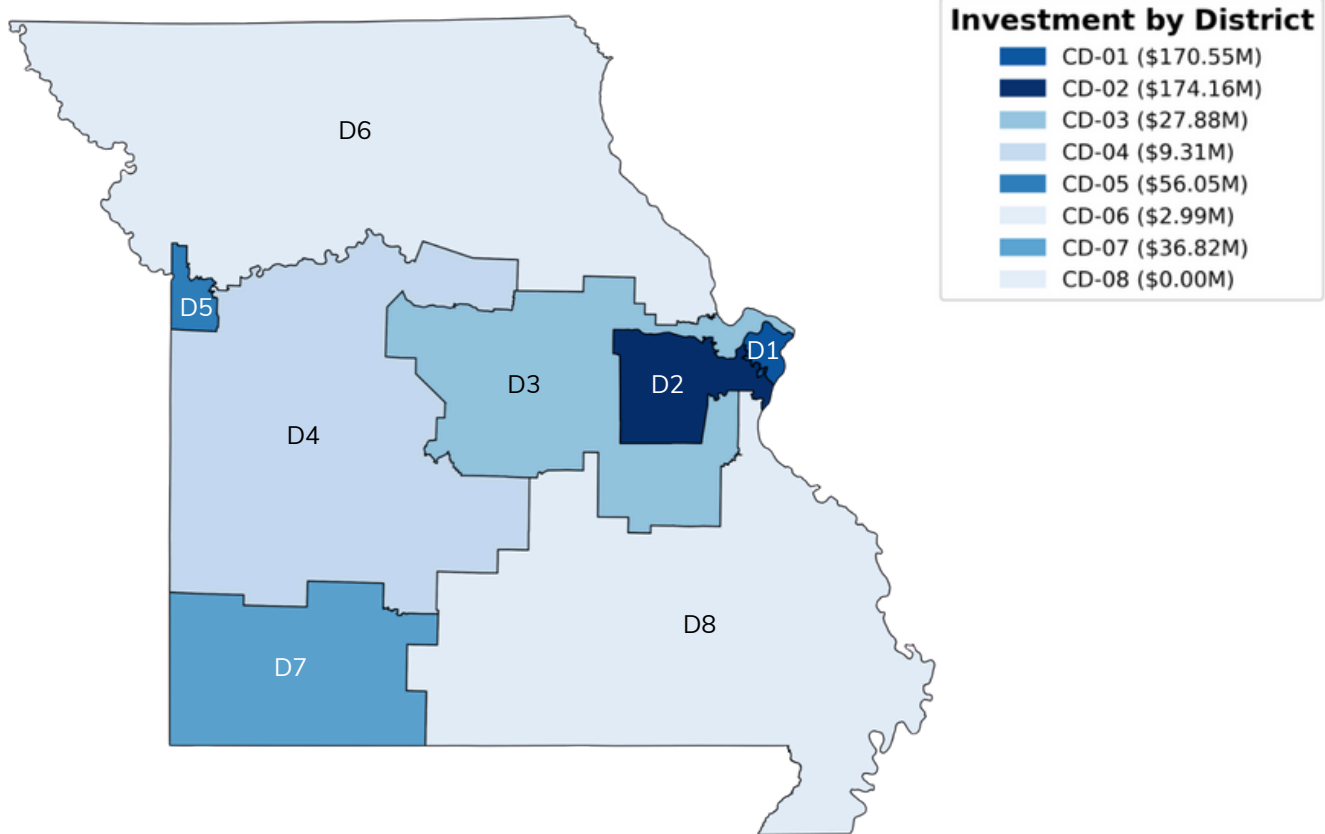


Cultivation Capital has a fund dedicated to Missouri- and Midwest-based start-ups across technology, life sciences, and agtech. They provide capital and strategic support to help these companies grow and succeed. Most of their 140 investments have been during the Seed or Series A phase, across a total of 27 states and countries.



RiverVest Venture Partners is a venture capital firm headquartered in St. Louis that specializes in early-stage life sciences investments. They focus on backing innovative companies in the biotech, medical device, and healthcare sectors, providing both capital and strategic guidance to help them succeed. Their portfolio companies have delivered more than 30 different products that are currently helping patients.

2024 State Funding Breakdown



2024 Pitchbook Data

VC Investment Helps MO's Startups Thrive:



More than 50,000 people will die from colorectal cancer in the U.S. this year. Geneoscopy, headquartered in St. Louis, was co-founded by siblings Erica and Andrew Barnell. Drawing on Erica's medical expertise and Andrew's business acumen, they developed a unique RNA biomarker platform that enables early detection and monitoring of colorectal cancer and other GI diseases through stool samples.



Hungry Planet of St. Louis is dedicated to revolutionizing the global food system by creating a wide range of chef-crafted, plant-based meats that are easy to swap for conventional meat in any recipe. Hungry Planet offers a diverse selection of nutritionally superior plant-based proteins available in thousands of venues across the U.S.



Solis Agrosiences is an agtech research services provider that helps plant science companies tackle global challenges in climate, nutrition, and sustainability. Their state-of-the-art facility in St. Louis offers gene editing, plant transformation, and phenotype testing, making advanced biotechnology tools and expertise accessible to both startups and established companies.