

## Snapshot of the Urban League and the convention

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### **The National Urban League**

**Established:** 1910 (St. Louis affiliate founded in 1918)

**Mission:** Enable all Americans — with an emphasis on African-Americans and other minorities — to secure economic self-reliance, parity, power and civil rights.

**Headquarters:** New York City

**Today:** The National Urban League includes 100 local affiliates in 35 states and the District of Columbia, providing direct services to more than 2 million people nationwide through programs, advocacy and research.

### **The 97th annual conference**

**When:** Wednesday through Saturday

**Where:** America's Center, downtown St. Louis.

**Attendance:** 10,000 people expected.

**About the event:** The convention is billed as "the premier networking, recruiting and issues conference for African-American professionals nationwide," featuring 80 speakers, 18 workshops and a career fair with more than 100 Fortune 500 companies and recruiters.

**Featured guests include:** New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Democratic Party strategist Donna Brazile, GOP strategist the Rev. Joe Watkins, the Revs. Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton, four Democratic presidential candidates and two Republican hopefuls.