

“Our focus should be on creating new jobs that help our states and the region grow, not on providing opportunities for businesses that routinely cross the border to access economic incentives.”

— Gov. Sam Brownback, April 15, 2016, on directing state commerce officials to reduce the use of incentives that have contributed to the “Border War” with Missouri, effective on the date Missouri enacts legislation amending its Missouri Works program to mirror his provisions

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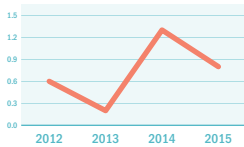
Pop. (2016): 2,960,265
Median household income: \$52,890
Credit Rating: AA-/Stable

Pop. growth 2016–2021: 0.57%
Median age: 36.7
Right-to-work state: Yes

Legislative Update

- Gov. Brownback in June called for a special legislative session to address “threats by the Kansas Supreme Court to close Kansas schools.” He signed into law a substitute measure later that month that ensured the schools remained open for the 2016-17 school year.
- That same month, the legislature overrode Brownback’s veto of a taxpayer due process bill that clarified a 2014 taxpayer rights law by making it clear that aggrieved taxpayers can appeal to district court an adverse ruling by the Board of Tax Appeals and receive a full evidentiary hearing.

GDP
31st



2015 GDP
(in millions of current US\$)
\$149,641



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Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2016-2017: -1



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Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure: \$562,254



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Number of NCRCs: **22,623** | Percent Improvement 2016-2017: **88%**



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College Attainment Percent: **49.3%**



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Lowest Electric Power Cost (cents/kWh): **7.32**



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Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2015

COMPANY	CITY	COUNTY	TYPE	NEW/ EXPANDED	PRODUCT	INVESTMENT (US\$ M)	EMP
United Parcel Service	Lenexa	Johnson	DW	E	Couriers	\$163	100
Intervet Inc./Merck Animal Health	De Soto	Johnson	RD	E	Pharmaceuticals	\$60	10
Cargill	Wichita	Sedgwick	MF	E	Canola Oil	\$52	
Kyodo Yushi Manufacturing America	Wichita	Sedgwick	MF	N	Petroleum Oil	\$36	5
Futamura USA	Tecumseh	Shawnee	MF	N	Chemicals	\$30	200
D.H. Pace Co.	Olathe	Johnson	HQ	E	Home Centers	\$3	150
Leasecorp Aviation	Wichita	Sedgwick	OF	E	Airport Operations	\$3	
Amazon.com	Edgerton	Johnson	DW	N	Retail Merchandise		1,000

DT = Data Center | MF = Manufacturing | OF = Office | HQ = Headquarters | RD = Research & Development | DW = Distribution/Warehouse

Did You Know?

The Contributions of Immigrants in Kansas, an August 2016 report that’s part of the Reason for Reform campaign from the Partnership for a New American Economy, showed that immigrants make up 7 percent of the state’s population and contributed \$1.4 billion in taxes, or close to 7 percent of the total share, in 2014. That same year, immigrants earned \$5.2 billion, or 6.7 percent of all income earned by Kansans in 2014.

The annual Kansas Chamber Business Leaders Poll, released in January 2016, found that 75 percent of Kansas business owners said lowering the tax burden and managing the cost of healthcare are two of the most important things government can do to help profitability and investment. “Although only 28 percent of respondents would consider leaving Kansas, taxes are the top reason a business would consider moving elsewhere,” said the Chamber.

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