

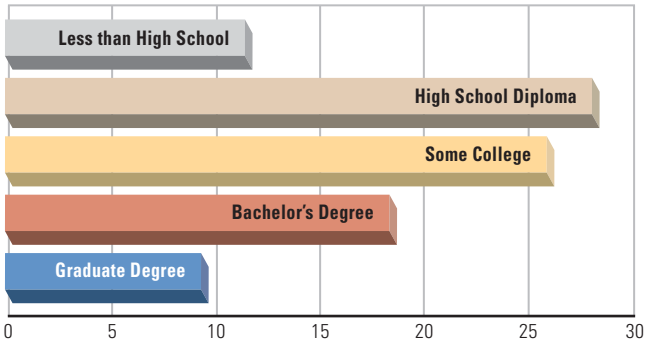


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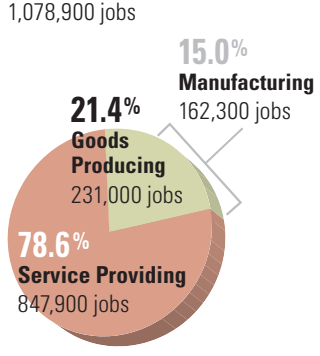
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Governor: Mark Parkinson (D) **thinkbigks.com**
Population 2009: 2,783,233 **Population growth forecast 2009-2013:** 2.35% **Median household income:** \$52,215

Work Force Education by Percentage



Private Sector Employment



Employment by Majority-Owned U.S. Affiliates of Foreign Firms in 2007: **52,800**
 Percent of Total State Employment: **4.6**

Median Hourly Wage for Production Occupations: **\$14.18**
 Right-to-work state? **YES**

U.S. Recovery Act Highlight: Kansas Dept. of Commerce **\$7.2 million**

Did You Know?

- Kansas ranks 12th in the nation for percent of adults, 25 years and over, with both a high school education and college degree.
- Kansas ranks third in the U.S. in the number of acres devoted to agriculture. The top five agricultural commodities are cattle, wheat, corn, soybeans and sorghum grain.
- Kansas ranks in the top 10 for business-friendly states in the nation, according to Pollina Corporate Real Estate.
- Kansas is ranked fifth lowest in the U.S. for average price of natural gas. The 4,800-square-mile Hugoton Gas Field makes the state a leading natural gas exporter.

Legislative Update

• The legislature passed a new law that gives the state of Kansas the authority to issue up to \$5 million in bond financing for eligible wind and solar energy manufacturers locating in Kansas. To qualify, a project must create at least 200 new full-time jobs within five years, pay at least a \$32,500 average salary and generate a minimum capital investment of \$30 million. The legislation defines an eligible wind and solar energy project as research, development, engineering or manufacturing of a business component or product for the wind or solar energy industries.

• Gov. Parkinson in July signed into law a measure requiring utilities to produce 20 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2020. The signing came on the heels of an agreement between the state and Sunflower Electric Power Corp. regarding a new 895-MW coal-fired power plant, with emissions mitigation measures, to be built in southwestern Kansas.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2009

Company	City	County	Type	N/E	Product	Investment (in millions)	Employment
Sara Lee Corp.	Kansas City	Wyandotte	MF	E	Sliced Meats	\$130	250
Tindall Corp.	Newton	Harvey	MF	N	Wind turbine bases	66	400
Black & Veatch	Overland Park	Johnson	HQ	E	Engineering	60	
Siemens AG	Hutchinson	Reno	MF/F	N	Nacelles	50	400
J.P Morgan Retirement Plan Services	Overland Park	Johnson	OF	N	Financial services	44	800
Home Depot	Topeka	Shawnee	DW	N	Building Supplies	25	
Ceva Biomune	Lenexa	Johnson	MF	N	Animal Vaccines	15	80
Exide Technologies	Kansas City	Wyandotte	MF	E	Lead-acid Batteries	7	
Park Aircraft Technologies Corp.	Newton	Harvey	MF/DW/OF	E	Aircraft Composite	5	

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office HQ = Headquarters RD = Research & Development CC = Contact Center DW = Distribution/Warehouse N = New E = Expanded



YES

Did we answer too soon?



In Topeka we have a habit of anticipating needs. Being proactive. And being responsive. We understand that looking for the right place to start or relocate a business is a difficult task. You want the whole package – a low cost of doing business, a smart and well-trained work force, a business-friendly community with aggressive incentives and land resources. You want to work with a group that will say yes to your grandest of plans and figure out how to make them happen. You want a place that sees no dream as too big. Is it too much to ask for? This is one of those rare occasions when we say, “No.”

Let us answer more of your questions. And ask us about our new 1,000-acre business park. Contact Steve Jenkins at 785.234.2644 or sjenkins@TopekaChamber.org.



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