

Kansas

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“Over the past 30 years, there have been multiple good-will missions and exchanges between Kansas and our sister province in Henan, but signing this MOU is a major step forward in further solidifying that partnership and opening up the doors to economic growth potential to benefit both Kansas and Henan.”

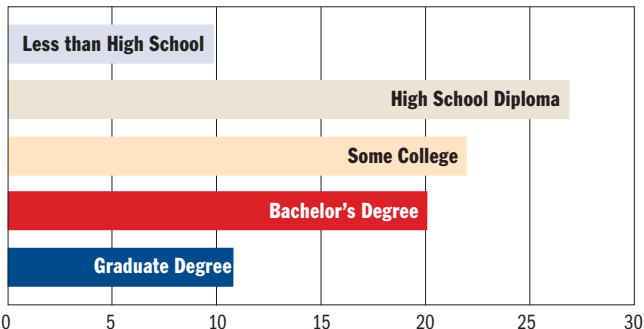
— Gov. Sam Brownback, July 22, 2013, during a trade mission to China

Governor: Sam Brownback (R) kansascommerce.com

Right-to-work state: Yes

Population 2013: 2,895,752 Population growth forecast 2013 thru 2018: 3.44% Median household income: \$55,549 Median age: 35.8

Work Force Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP	31 (\$118,523*)
Business Tax Climate	20
Small Business Policy	23
Career Readiness Certificates	35 (1,042)
High School Graduation	12
Health	27

* Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

A summary from the legislative research department of the Kansas Legislature reports 2013 measures included reforms to unemployment insurance and workers' compensation systems, adjudication and administration.

- Tax measures included reduced individual income tax rates beginning in 2014 and expansion of the Rural Opportunity Zone program to 73 counties. The pro-

gram offers individuals who relocate from outside of the state to qualifying counties a full state income tax exemption through tax year 2016 and the opportunity to receive student loan repayments from those qualifying counties that also have chosen to participate in a special repayment-matching program with the state.