



“One of my highest priorities as Governor is to help Kansans keep more of their hard-earned money so that they can spend it or reinvest in their businesses as they see fit. This legislation provides local authorities with the ability to lower mill levies and property taxes for their residents.”

—Gov. Sam Brownback, July 29, 2014, discussing recently passed legislation that includes property tax relief with businessowners and residents of Olathe and Topeka

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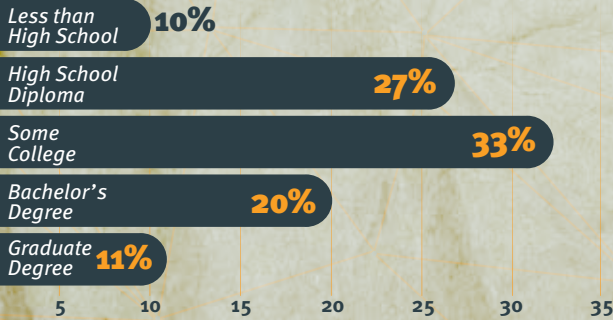
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Kansas

Pop. (2014): 2,902,162 Pop. growth 2014–2019: 3.16%
Median household income: \$58,547 Median age: 35.9
Right-to-work state: Yes

Workforce Education by Percentage



Rankings that Matter

GDP.....	34 (\$132,153*)
Business Tax Climate.....	22
Small Business Policy.....	22
ACT Career Readiness Certificates.....	34 (1,355)
High School Graduation.....	6 (89%)
Incentives Transparency Index.....	33

*Real GDP in US millions

Legislative Update

- Senate Bill 372 provides employers the flexibility to retain employees during fluctuations in demand for products or services.
- House Bill 2576 provides approximately 44,000 Kansas businesses with tax relief in the current tax year. It will provide an estimated \$42 million in relief from unemployment insurance taxes in the tax

year that began in January 2014.

- The Tax Foundation says Kansas is in the process of phasing out its income tax using a trigger mechanism that applies any additional general fund receipts over 2-percent growth from the previous year toward rate reduction.

DID YOU KNOW?

Three of the top five employers in Kansas are aerospace concerns. The top five are: SpiritAerosystems (13,000), Fort Riley (12,500), Sprint/Nextel (12,500), Cessna Aircraft (9,000) and Hawker/Beechcraft (6,700).

Kansas is fast becoming a wind-energy powerhouse and, with one of the largest deposits in the world, it is among the nation's leading producers of natural gas. The state's more than 45,000 oil wells accounted for 39.6 million barrels of production in 2008.

Kansas inventors include Almon Stowger of El Dorado who invented the dial telephone in 1889; William Purvis and Charles Wilson of Goodland who invented the helicopter in 1909; and Omar Knedlik of Coffeyville who invented the first frozen carbonated drink machine in 1961.

Smith County is the geographical center of the 48 contiguous states.

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2014

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Expansion	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Sunwind Energy Doyle North, LLC	Florence	Marion	MF	N	\$319	12
Intouch Solutions	Overland Park		OF	E	22	350
KMT Waterjet Systems, Inc.	Baxter Springs	Cherokee	MF	N	21	177
BATS Global Markets Holdings, Inc.	Lenexa		OF	E	20	134
Menu Foods Midwest	Emporia	Lyon	MF	E	20	50
Alliance Data Services	Lenexa		OF	E	18	531
Novation iQ	Leawood		MF	E	15	45
Amazon	Lenexa		DW	N	13	100
Mortgage Lenders of America, LLC	Overland Park		OF	E	13	305
Takako America Company, Inc	Hutchinson	Reno	MF	E	11	30
CTP Transportation Products, LLC	Fort Scott	Bourbon	MF	N	10	290
Inergy Automotive Systems, LLC	Fairfax		MF	N	10	50

MF = Manufacturing OF = Office DW = Distribution/Warehouse



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Kansas has made a \$32 million investment in your future workforce

1500
1200
900
600
300

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Growth in earned industry credentials

2011

2012

2013

2014



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