



“Kansas continues to perform as an economy of opportunity as small job creators’ income growth is faster than the national rate and exceeds that of our neighboring states Colorado, Missouri and Nebraska.”

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— Gov. Sam Brownback, Oct. 12, 2015

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Kansas

Pop. (2014): 2,922,110
Median household income: \$53,444
Credit Rating: AA/Negative

Pop. growth 2013–2018: 2.5%
Median age: 36.2
Right-to-work state: Yes

Legislative Update

- Small business tax cuts passed in 2012 that eliminated income taxes on non-wage business income were preserved by the Kansas legislature during the 2015 session, despite a \$340-million budget shortfall. Instead the legislature focused on increasing revenue through consumption taxes; raising the state’s sales tax to 6.5 percent and taxes on a pack of cigarettes an additional 79 cents to \$1.29 per pack.
- The Kansas legislature moved the state from an arrayed system of unemployment insurance, where the contribution rate tables reset every year, to a fixed system where contribution rates are placed in statute. The new fixed system taxes employers based on their experience rather than an arbitrary formula of what the fund needs.
- The state’s renewable energy mandate has been replaced with a voluntary goal of 20 percent renewable energy by 2020. Property tax exemptions for new wind projects will be limited to 10 years rather than the previous lifetime exemption.

Rankings that Matter

Business Tax Climate	22
Legal Climate	19
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure	30 (547,813)
ACT Career Readiness Certificates . . .	33 (2,716)
Lowest Energy Cost	30 (10.31)
Fiscal Solvency	24
College Attainment	19 (41.8%)



Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2015

Company	City	County	Type	New/ Expansion	Product	Investment (\$ millions)	Employment
Active Telesource, Inc.	Kansas City	Wyandotte	MF	E	Candy	100	70
Mars Chocolate North America	Topeka	Shawnee	MF	E	Candy	78	70
Dairy Farmers of America, Inc.	Kansas City	Wyandotte	MF/OF	N	Dairy Products	32	400
Tyson Fresh Meats	Holcomb	Finney	MF	E	Meat Products	32	
National Cooperative Refinery Association	McPherson	McPherson	OF	E	Refinery	28	35
Figeac Aero North America	Wichita	Sedgwick	MF	N	Aerospace	23	200
Gates Corp.	Iola	Allen	MF	E	Auto Parts	23	56
Excel Industries, Inc.	Edgerton	Johnson	MF	N	Machinery	22	200
JCB Laboratories, LLC	Wichita	Sedgwick	DW/HQ/MF/OF	N	Pharmaceuticals	15	80
Wireco Worldgroup Inc.	Prairie Village	Johnson	OF	N	Fabricated Metal	14	167

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

Did You Know?

The 150-acre Wichita State University Innovation Campus (WSUIC), currently under construction, will provide a venue for researchers and technologists from private enterprise to work closely with faculty and students from WSU to create and deploy globally competitive technologies in critical areas including aerospace, bio-medical engineering, software and software engineering, and human factors psychology. European aerospace giant Airbus is moving its North American engineering headquarters to the WSUIC.

The state’s public high school graduation rate and percentage of the population with a bachelor’s degree are above the national average. In Johnson County (Kansas City metropolitan area), more than 50 percent of adults 25 and older have a college degree.

Sizewise Worldwide, a global medical equipment manufacturer, moved its headquarters to Lenexa in November 2015. The company has three locations in the state and employs 238 workers. One of its largest manufacturing facilities is located in Hays.



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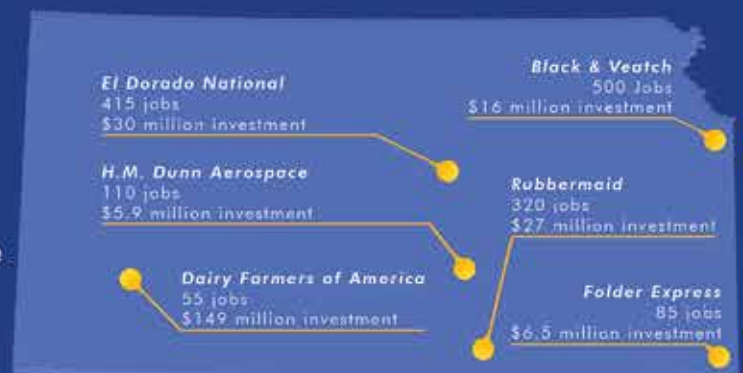
Kansas is the 5th best Pro-Business state in the nation, according to the 12th annual study by Pollina Corporate Real Estate, Inc., and the American Economic Development Institute (AEDI).

“A” for small business friendliness

Thumbtack has announced that Kansas received an overall grade of an “A” for small business friendliness in its annual survey of business owners.

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- A highly educated, productive workforce
- A business-friendly government
- A right-to-work environment
- Outstanding highway and rail infrastructure
- Diverse group of industries
- Low operating costs
- Excellent system of educational and research institutions
- Generous sales tax exemptions & no property tax on equipment
- Targeted incentives to assist new and expanding businesses



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