



“Kansas is known throughout the world for our commitment to animal agriculture and for our communities which offer an exceptional place for companies of this quality to find a talented workforce in a business-friendly environment.”

— Gov. Sam Brownback on September 5th, commenting on Tyson Foods’ plans to build a processing plant in Leavenworth County that will employ approximately 1,600 people

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Kansas

Pop. (2017): 2,970,523
Median household income: \$54,741
Credit Rating: AA-/Negative

Pop. growth 2017-2022: 0.50%
Median age: 37.0
Right-to-work state: Yes



Legislative Update

- SB 55 revises the Kansas Fairness in Public Construction Contract Act by requiring a contractor involved in a P3 agreement with a public entity to furnish the following bonds: a performance bond, which is equal to the full contract amount; and a payment bond, which is equal to the full contract amount for the protection of claimants supplying labor or materials to the contractor or subcontractors in the performance of work. The bill applies to P3 contracts valued at more than \$100,000. The bonds must allow for the recovery of attorney fees and related expenses.
- HB 2095 authorizes the Secretary of Transportation (Secretary) to issue an annual overweight divisible load operating permit for a truck-tractor semitrailer combination vehicle or a truck-tractor semitrailer, trailer combination vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of more than 85,500 pounds but not more than 90,000 pounds transporting divisible loads on 6 or more axles.



23rd
Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2017-2018: -3



30th
Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure: **\$560,385**



25th
Number of NCRCs: **27,737** | Percent Improvement 2017-2018: **18%**



30th
ITIF Score: **57.5**



30th
Lowest Electric Power Cost (cents/kWh): **7.60**



32nd

Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2017

COMPANY	CITY	COUNTY	TYPE	NEW/ EXPANDED	PRODUCT	INVESTMENT (US\$ M)	EMP
Tyson Foods	Tonganoxie	Leavenworth	MF	N	Meat Products	320	1,600
ICM	Colwich	Sedgwick	MF	N	Petroleum Refineries	175	
Dold Foods	Wichita	Sedgwick	MF	E	Meat Products	132	384
Cargill	Wichita	Sedgwick	MF	N	Petroleum Refineries	90	35
Kubota Corp.	Edgerton	Johnson	DW	N	Machinery	87	150
Reser's Fine Foods	Topeka	Shawnee	MF	N	Food	86	180
Himoinsa Power Systems	Olathe	Johnson	MF/HQ	N	Electrical Equipment	24	40
Mars Chocolate North America	Topeka	Shawnee	MF	E	Confectionery Products	4.9	
Siemens Energy	Hutchinson	Reno	DW	N	Machinery	4	
Globe Engineering Co.	Wichita	Sedgwick	MF	N	Aircraft Parts	3.8	12
Polymeric Labels	Lawrence	Douglas	MF	N	Printing	1.7	
Horizon Global Corp.	Edgerton	Johnson	DW	N	Transportation Equipment		120
Spectrum Brands	Edgerton	Johnson	DW	N	Electrical Equipment		315

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

Did You Know?

There are nearly 2,600 manufacturers in Kansas, employing 11.5 percent of the state's workforce and producing more than \$22 billion annually in output.

Spirit AeroSystems in Wichita is the state's largest private-sector employer. The maker of complex aerostructures for the world's premier commercial and defense aircraft employs nearly 11,000 Kansans. The state's aerospace cluster also includes Cessna Aircraft (6,200 employees), Bombardier Aerospace (2,855), Honeywell Aerospace (2,500) and Hawker Beechcraft (2,000).

With a population of 580,159, the Greater Kansas City community of Johnson County, Kansas, is the state's most populous, accounting for nearly 20 percent of the state population.

In a January 2017 bipartisan Blue Ribbon Study Panel, Tom Daschle, former U.S. Senate majority leader, referred to the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan as “the Silicon Valley for biodefense.”



FIND IT ALL IN #TOPCITY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>11:00 - Brunch at the Topeka Civic Theatre</p> <p>4:45 - Volunteer at Kansas Children's Discovery Center</p>	<p>7:35 - 7:50 Bike to work</p> <p>4:30 - Help with BackSnack program at Harvesters</p>	<p>9:30 - Coffee downtown w/ Kristen & Nick</p> <p>6:00 - Kayak on the Kansas River</p>	<p>7:35 - 7:50 Bike to work</p> <p>12:00 - Lunch w/ Erin on the Capitol lawn</p> <p>5:00 - Young Professionals Pub Club</p>	<p>10:00 - Private Tour of Evel Knievel Museum</p> <p>3:00 - Yoga on the rooftop downtown with Molly</p>	<p>7:35 - 7:50 Bike to work</p> <p>12:30 - Lunch w/ Josh at the Wheel Barrel</p> <p>6:00 - First Friday Brewery Tasting in NOTO Arts District</p>	<p>11:00 - Capital City Food Truck Festival with family</p> <p>7:00 - Meet friends at the Burger Stand College Hill</p>

How was your week? Find out how to make your week more awesome at www.gotopeka.com/qualityoflife.

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