



**“Kansans elected me in part because they were tired of far-reaching fiscal irresponsibility in the past several years, which included inaction on the border war, one that saw hundreds of millions of dollars spent in incentives by both states in the past decade to move businesses a matter of blocks, with no economic gain to the region as a whole.”**

— Gov. Laura Kelly, August 13, 2019, at the Governors Summit with Missouri Governor Mike Parson, where a truce to the “border war” was reached

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# Kansas

Pop. (2019): 2,966,501

Median household income (2019): \$56,331

Credit Rating: AA-/Stable

Pop. growth 2019–2024: 0.32%

Median age (2019): 37

Right-to-work state: Yes

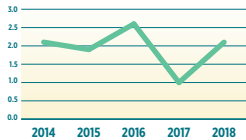
## Legislative Update

House Bill 2167 establishes the Commercial Industrial Hemp Program.

Senate Substitute for House Bill 2167 requires the Kansas Department of Agriculture (KDA), in consultation with the governor and attorney general, to submit a plan to the United States Department of Agriculture outlining how the state will monitor and regulate the commercial production of industrial hemp in Kansas, in accordance with federal law. The commercial growing program will replace the existing research program once it is finalized and approved by USDA.

A set of recommendations from the Governor’s Council on Education submitted to Gov. Kelly in December focused on greater collaboration among businesses, workforce training programs and educators, along with enhanced access to a high-quality education for Kansans of all ages. Among them was the establishment of the Advantage Kansas Coalition, charged with implementing a robust cross-agency strategic plan, intentionally focused on aligning education and training with the workforce/talent needs of business, industry and human services in the state’s top eight sectors.

GDP  
**32<sup>nd</sup>**



**2018 GDP**  
(in millions of current US\$)  
**\$154,582.7**



**34<sup>th</sup>**

Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2019–2020: -7



**30<sup>th</sup>**

Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure in \$000s: **640,735**



**21<sup>st</sup>**

Number of NCRCs: **48,954** | Percent Improvement 2019–2020: **40.47%**



**6<sup>th</sup>**

2019 Workers' Comp Index Rate: **1.15**



**21<sup>st</sup>**

Industrial power cost per kWh: **\$7.28**



**34<sup>th</sup>**

Total Revenue as Share of Total Expenses, FY 2004–2018: **101.6%**

## Selected Corporate Facility Projects 2019

COMPANY	CITY	COUNTY	TYPE	NEW/ EXPANDED	PRODUCT	INVESTMENT (US\$ M)	EMP
Simmons Pet Food	Emporia	Lyon	MF	E	Animal Food	60	100
Park Aerospace Technologies Corp.	Newton	Harvey	MF	E	Aircraft Parts	19	60
Cobalt Boats	Neodesha	Wilson	MF	E	Boats	7	
Hostess Brands	Edgerton	Johnson	DW/HQ/RD	N	Food	2	
King of Freight	Wichita	Sedgwick	DW	N	Logistics		400
Carmax	Olathe	Johnson	CC	N	Automobiles		300

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

## Did You Know?

Aviation accounts for more than \$5 billion of Kansas GDP, or nearly 3.5%, far surpassing the national average of 0.07%.

Kansas State University earned seven Top 10 rankings in the Princeton Review’s “The Best 385 Colleges” in August 2019. Rankings were based on opinions of 140,000 students nationwide and rankings in 62 categories.

Kansas was ranked No. 2 in the U.S. for having the best roads in the nation in the Reason Foundation’s 23rd Annual Highway Report.

An October 2019 update by the Kansas Department of Agriculture found that the economic contribution of Kansas agriculture amounts to a total direct output of \$46.9 billion supporting 134,057 jobs.

Kansas is part of the Kansas City Animal Health Corridor, which is home to one-third of the world’s animal health industry.



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