



**“This investment by Hill’s Pet Nutrition is a testament to my administration’s success in creating a pro-business economy, including for the animal health industry. I’m delighted our unique Animal Health Corridor continues to expand, growing our economy and supporting communities like Tonganoxie.”**

— Gov. Laura Kelly, on October 16, 2023, at the groundbreaking of the company’s new \$450 million facility

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# Kansas

Pop. (2023): 2,952,421  
 Median household income (2023): \$65,296  
 Credit Rating: AA- / Positive

Pop. growth 2023–2028: 0.05%  
 Median age (2023): 37.9  
 Right-to-work state: Yes

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Senate Substitute for HB 2302 increases funding for the State Water Plan, including two funds for grants for water-related infrastructure projects.

House Bill 2292 creates a tax credit for certain employers who create apprenticeship programs to strengthen and expand the Kansas workforce. House Bill 2292 also creates new grant programs that will support apprentices pursuing careers in education and health care.

House Bill 2184 allocates funding through Fiscal Year 2025. The budget allows the state to continue its path of economic growth through targeted investments in workforce development, health care, and affordable housing. It provides over \$20 million in new funding for need-based scholarships, allowing more Kansas kids to affordably attend college. The Governor’s budget also makes historic investments in community colleges by appropriating \$14 million to advance technical education and grow partnerships between business and education.

### GDP

**33<sup>rd</sup>**

#### GDP Growth Rate Trend



**2022 GDP**  
 (in millions of current US\$)  
**\$174,795**



**26<sup>th</sup>**

Business Tax Climate Rank Change 2023–2024: -1



**29<sup>th</sup>**

Higher Ed. R&D Expenditure in \$000s: 883,795



**19<sup>th</sup>**

Number of NCRCs: 98,937 | Percent Improvement 2022–2023: 16.92%



**35<sup>th</sup>**

2023 Workers' Comp Index Rate: 1.02



**29<sup>th</sup>**

Industrial power cost per kWh: \$8.30



**29<sup>th</sup>**

Total Revenue as Share of Total Expenses, FY 2007–2021: 102.4%

## PROJECT WATCH



Photo courtesy of Kansas Dept. of Commerce

A ribbon-cutting ceremony in May 2023 marked the completion of Schwan’s Company’s pizza manufacturing facility expansion in Salina. The 400,000-sq.-ft. project adds 225 jobs to the company’s payroll.

“In 2020, we announced to the Salina community a bold new project that would enable us to continue to make delicious pizzas for millions of families for decades to come,” said Dimitrios Smyrnios, Schwan’s Company CEO, at the event. “In March of this year, we realized our dream, and our teams were making pizzas in our new facility.”

Schwan’s has operated the facility since April 1970, when it bought the Tony’s® pizza brand and plant from a local businessman. It still makes Tony’s® and Red Baron® pizzas. Since Schwan’s acquired it, the facility has grown from almost 20,000 sq. ft. to nearly 1 million. The company also is expanding its distribution center in Salina from 140,000 sq. ft. to 245,000 sq. ft.



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### INFRASTRUCTURE

Crossroads of several major highways. 90% of US reached by truck in 2 days.

### RETURN ON INVESTMENT

Cost of doing business in Topeka is 8% lower than the national average. (2021 Moody's)

### WORKFORCE

400,000 available workforce within 45-minute drive.

### INCENTIVES

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- Machinery/Equipment
- New Jobs
- Training

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