

## Introduction

Northern Kansas contains the geographic center of the contiguous United States. The state has many nicknames including the Wheat State, Sunflower State, and Jayhawk State. In Kansas' early years, the economy relied heavily on farming its rich soil. Wheat production first came to the state in the late 1800s and remained at the core of the economy until the 1940s. Though agriculture is not the leading component of the economy anymore, Kansas remains the leading wheat producer in the nation. During World War II, Kansas witnessed a large increase in manufacturing activities as the federal government moved war industries away from coastal areas. The largest contributor to the Kansas economy is now transport manufacturing, especially the production of aircraft and aircraft parts.



**Abbreviation:** KS

**Capital:** Topeka

**Nick Name:** Sunflower State

**Time Zone-Standard:** GMT -6

**Time Zone-Daylight Saving:** GMT -5

**Sales Tax Rate:** 6.50%

**Motto:** Ad astra per aspera ("To the Stars Through Difficulty")

**Web Site:** <http://www.kansas.gov>

## Government

**Governor:** Laura Kelly (D)

**Senator:** Jerry Moran (R)

**Senator:** Pat Roberts (R)

**Entered Union:** January 29, 1861

## Statistics

Total GDP (Billions):	\$149,641.00 (2015)
Per Capita Real GDP:	\$46,132 (2015)
Population:	2,907,289 (2016)
% of People under Poverty Level:	12.90%
Per Capita Personal Income:	\$48,537
Unemployment Rate:	4.20% (2016)
% of Population with a Bachelor's Degree:	31.70%
Total Exports:	\$12,045,822,292.00 (2014)

## Top 5 Export Partner Countries

Country	Exports
Canada	\$2,610,412,263
China	\$1,664,136,184
Mexico	\$1,534,593,693
Japan	\$881,634,905
Brazil	\$675,940,291

## Top 5 Export Merchandise

Segment	Exports
Crop Production	\$2,585,624,294
Processed Foods	\$2,462,311,164
Transportation Equipment	\$2,162,501,591
Machinery Manufactures	\$1,324,415,912
Chemical Manufactures	\$1,028,099,908

## Major Cities

City	Population
Wichita	389,965
Overland Park	186,515
Kansas City	151,306

## Main Airports

Code	Name	City
GCK	Garden City Regional Airport	Garden City
ICT	Wichita Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport	Wichita
MHK	Manhattan Regional Airport	Manhattan

## Main Ports

### Corporations

Company	Fortune 1000 Rank	Revenue	City
Spirit AeroSystems Holdings	420	\$7,222,000,000	Wichita
Seaboard	455	\$6,583,000,000	Merriam
YRC Worldwide	537	\$5,092,000,000	Overland Park
Euronet Worldwide	849	\$2,536,600,000	Leawood
Ferrelgas Partners	967	\$2,073,100,000	Overland Park

**Corporate Marginal Income Tax Rate:** 4.0% > \$0 || 7.0% > \$50,000

**Individual Income Tax Rate:** 3.10% > \$0 || 5.25% > \$15,000 || 5.70% > \$30,000

## U.S. Commercial Service

**Web page:** <http://export.gov/kansas/>