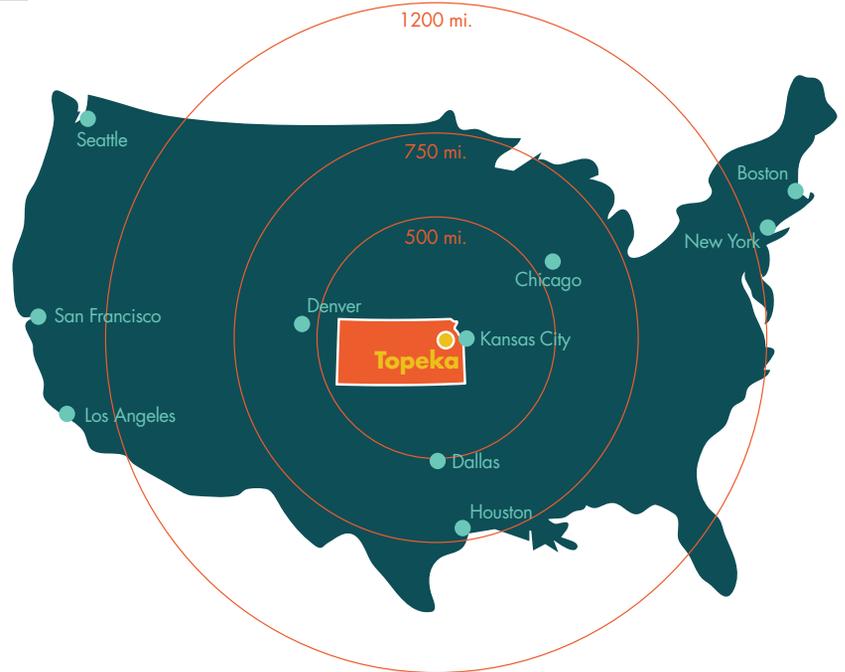


COMMUNITY PROFILE

TOPEKA & SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS



POPULATION

MSA* (5 counties)	232,733
City of Topeka	126,587
Shawnee County	177,942
State of Kansas	2,981,090

Source: 2025 data.census.gov

*Metropolitan Statistical Area: Shawnee, Jackson, Jefferson, Wabaunsee and Osage Counties

SHAWNEE COUNTY ETHNIC POPULATION DISTRIBUTION

White	71.4%
Black/African-American	7.5%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	.88%
Asian	1.5%
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	.13%
Two or more races (non-Hispanic)	3.89%

Source: 2025 data.census.gov

Note: People of Hispanic or Latino origins represent 14.5% of the population which is included in each of the above racial distributions. Hispanics may be of any race.

TOPEKA/SHAWNEE COUNTY MSA POPULATION BY AGE GROUP

Age	Shawnee	Jackson	Jefferson	Osage	Wabaunsee	Totals
0 to 9 years	20,440	1,879	1,982	1,731	887	26,919
10 to 19 years	23,608	1,836	2,233	2,085	938	30,700
20 to 44 years	55,004	3,789	5,046	4,308	1,939	70,086
45 to 64 years	41,843	3,313	4,967	4,043	1,742	55,908
65+ years	36,987	2,812	4,039	3,593	1,689	489,120
Totals	177,883	13,629	18,267	15,759	7,195	232,385
Median Age	39.6	41.2	44.2	42.9	43.3	42.2

Source: 2025 data.census.gov

LOCATION DATA

ELEVATION

The elevation ranges from 876 feet above sea level in the valley to 971 feet in the southwest part of the city.

AVERAGE DAILY TEMPERATURES

Month	High	Low
January	47°	22°
February	47°	18°
March	62°	34°
April	72°	42°
May	80°	54°
June	91°	65°
July	93°	68°
August	93°	67°
September	89°	58°
October	76°	46°
November	61°	31°
December	53°	28°

Source: US News & World Report Real Estate - National Climate Data Center

LAND AREA

City of Topeka	58 sq. miles
Shawnee County	552 sq. miles

PRECIPITATION

2025 Rainfall	31.31"
2025 Snowfall	30.5"

Source: w2.weather.gov/climate Climatological Report (Annual)

DISTANCE

Kansas City	60 miles
Omaha	170 miles
St. Louis	315 miles
Dallas	505 miles
Chicago	550 miles
Denver	560 miles
Houston	740 miles

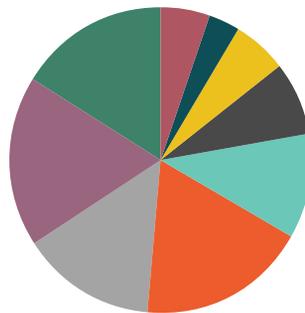
INCOME

COST OF LIVING

The Greater Topeka Partnership participates in the ACCRA Cost of Living Study three times a year. The study measures differences between areas in the cost of consumer goods and services, excluding taxes and non-consumer expenditures for professional and managerial households in the top income quintile. Generally about 300 communities participate with the average ranking being 100. Topeka consistently ranks 6 - 8 points below average.

Topeka, KS Metro	80
Kansas City, MO-KS Metro	88.4
Wichita, KS Metro	82.8
Lawrence, KS Metro	93
Denver, CO	127.6
Dallas, TX	100.2

SHAWNEE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD INCOME



Less than \$10,000	5.4%
\$10,000-\$14,999	3.3%
\$15,000-\$24,999	6%
\$25,000-\$34,999	7.8%
\$35,000-\$49,999	10.9%
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.3%
\$75,000-\$99,999	14.3%
\$100,000-\$149,999	18%
\$150,000 or more	16.1%

Source: Bestplaces.net

INCOME

	Shawnee County	Topeka
Median Household Income	\$71,634	\$61,030
Mean Household Income	\$90,654	\$77,636

Source: data.census.gov

TAXES

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX

Residential property tax is determined by taking 11.5 percent of the appraised value to determine the assessed value; vacant lots are 12 percent of the appraised value. The yearly determined mill levy is applied to determine the property tax. (Mill levies are computed annually and may vary because of location of property and/or additional special assessments.)

TRANSIENT GUEST TAX

There is a 7% tax added to hotel/motel room bills for stays up to 28 days. Excluding special assessments.

MILL LEVY

Within Shawnee County property taxes are evaluated by mill levies. The current mill levy in Topeka begins at 151.174

Source: Kansas.gov

INCOME TAX RATE

Single, Head of Household, Married Filing Separately

Income	Rate
\$0 - \$23,000	5.2%
\$23,000 & Over	5.58%

Married Filing Jointly

Income	Rate
\$0 - \$46,000	5.2%
\$46,000 & Over	5.58%

SALES TAX RATES

State	6.50%
effective 2025 this excludes food	

County 1.35%

Topeka 1.50%

Total 9.35%

Source: www.ksrevenue.gov/salesratechanges.html

EMPLOYMENT



TOPEKA LABOR FORCE DRAWING POWER (FEB 2025)

County	Civillian Labor Force
Shawnee	94,519
Jackson	7,518
Jefferson	10,931
Osage	8,330
Wabaunsee	3,921
Pottawatomie	13,912
Douglas	67,207
Totals	206,336

Source: Kansas Dept. of Labor

TOPEKA & SHAWNEE COUNTY LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Topeka is home to national and international companies including Advisors Excel, Security Benefit, Zinnia, Evergy, BNSF.

Government

- City of Topeka
- Coast Guard
- Department of Veteran Affairs
- State of Kansas

Insurance/Financial

- Advisors Excel
- Capitol Federal
- CoreFirst
- FHLBank Topeka
- Gradient Financial
- Security Benefit
- Zinnia

Manufacturing & Distribution

- Ernest Spencer Metals
- Frito Lay
- Goodyear Tire & Rubber
- Hill's Pet Nutrition
- HME
- Home Depot DC
- MARS Chocolate NA
- Polo Custom Products
- PTMW

- Reser's Fine Foods

- JM Smucker Pet Foods
- Moore
- Target DC
- US Foods
- Wal-Mart Fulfillment Center

Transportation, Utility & Commn.

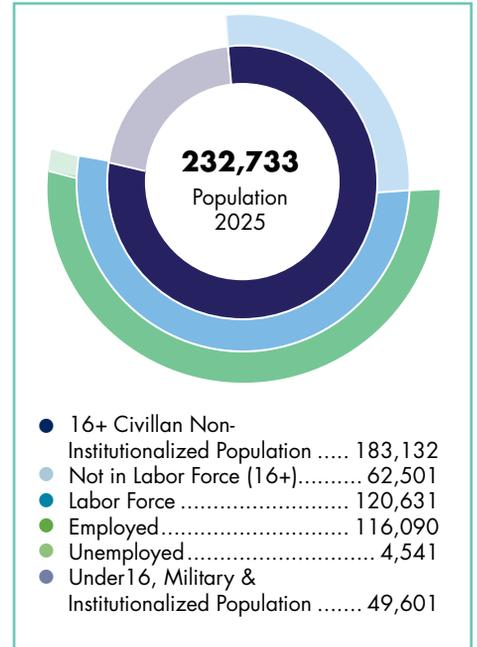
- AT&T
- BNSF Railway
- Evergy

Education

- Topeka Public Schools
- Washburn University

Medical/Health Services

- Blue Cross & Blue Shield
- Stormont Vail Health System
- University of Kansas Health Systems St. Francis Campus



APARTMENT RENTAL RANGES

1 Bedroom	\$710
2 Bedroom	\$940
3 Bedroom	\$1,200
4 Bedroom	\$1,400

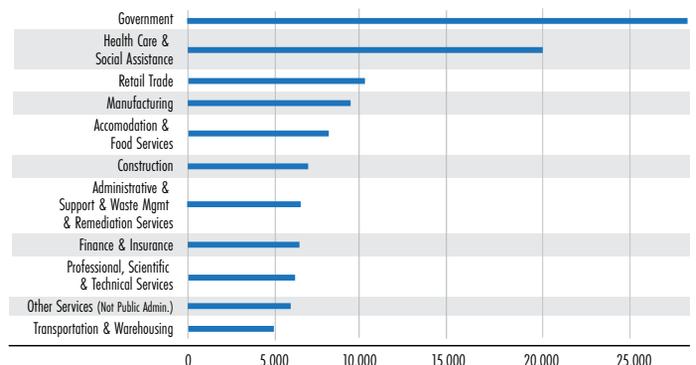
HOUSING

2025 COMPARABLE HOME PRICE INFORMATION

	Avg. Price	1-yr +/-
Topeka	185,926	0.60%
Kansas City, MO	240,055	0.80%
Little Rock, AR	210,865	0.80%
Wichita, KS	195,675	0.40%
Oklahoma City, OK	201,941	-0.60%
Des Moines, IA	203,387	1.10%
Springfield, MO	235,181	1.00%
Indianapolis, IN	224,192	1.00%
Houston, TX	260,121	-3.00%
Dallas, TX	300,462	-4.10%
Denver, CO	524,675	-4.20%

Source: Zillow Home Value Index

TOPEKA MSA EMPLOYMENT (5 COUNTIES)



EDUCATION

ACT SCORES IN SHAWNEE COUNTY

District	Enrollment (2025-26)	Average ACT Scores (2023-24)
Kaw Valley (USD 321)	1,119	19
Seaman (USD 345)	3,700	20
Silver Lake (USD 372)	710	20
Auburn Washburn (USD 437)	5,873	21
Shawnee Heights (USD 450)	3,647	19
Topeka Public (USD 501)	12,623	18

Source: nces.ed.gov; KSDE Data Central



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

AUBURN WASHBURN (USD 437)

785.339.4000
usd437.net



KAW VALLEY (USD 321)

785.437.2254
kawvalley.k12.ks.us

SEAMAN (USD 345)

785.575.8600
seamanschools.org

SHAWNEE HEIGHTS (USD 450)

785.379.5800
usd450.net

TOPEKA (USD 501)

785.295.3000
topekapublicschools.net

SILVER LAKE (USD 372)

785.582.4026
silverlakeschools.org



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

HAYDEN HIGH SCHOOL

785.272.5210
haydencatholic.org

PRIVATE SCHOOLS

CAIR PARAVEL LATIN SCHOOL

785.232.3878
cpls.org

HERITAGE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

785.286.0427
hcstopeka.org

TOPEKA ADVENTIST CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

785.272.9474
topekaks.adventist
schoolconnect.org

TOPEKA COLLEGIATE

785.228.0490
topekacollegiate.org

HOME SCHOOLING

CORNERSTONE FAMILY SCHOOLS

785.430.8333
cornerstonefamilyschools.org

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PROGRAMS

ORION EDUCATION & TRAINING

785.228.2336
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VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

TOPEKA ELECTRICAL JOINT APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING COMMITTEE

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topekaelectricaljatc.com

RASMUSSEN UNIVERSITY

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WASHBURN



Washburn University now offers Shawnee County residents free or reduced tuition rates! Learn more at <https://www.washburn.edu/admissions/paying-for-college/scholarships/shawnee-county-promise.html>

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY

With an enrollment of over 7,700 students across Washburn University and Washburn Tech, Washburn University offers more than 200 programs leading to certification, associate, bachelor, master, doctor of nursing practice and juris doctor degrees through the College of Arts and Sciences and the Schools of Applied Studies, Business, Law and Nursing. The university is annually ranked as one of the best colleges in the Midwest by U.S. News & World Report.

Washburn University claims an experienced faculty, with over 80 percent of its full-time faculty holding doctorates or the terminal degree offered within their field of study. As graduate teaching assistants do not teach courses, undergraduate students work directly with professors in any and all related classwork.

WASHBURN TECH & WASHBURN TECH EAST

Washburn University Institute of Technology is a nationally recognized innovator in career and technical education. Their unique affiliation with Washburn University provides the opportunity to start with technical courses and continue to advanced degrees while preparing for today's careers.

Dedicated faculty and staff serve adult and high school students as well as business and industry participants with career specific training in the following:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Business
- Computer & Networking Technology
- Construction
- Drafting & Design
- Health Care
- Hospitality & Human Services
- Transportation



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Washburn Tech East Campus

2014 SE Washington
Topeka, Kan. 66607
785.670.3380
www.washburntech.edu/about-us/washburn-tech-east.html

UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT

Universities within an Hour of Topeka (Academic Year 2025)

Washburn University & Tech	7,722
University of Kansas	29,082
Kansas State University	22,826
Emporia State University	5,846
Allen Community College	2,961
Highland Community College	3,599
Haskell Indian Nations	375*
Baker University	2,017*
Rasmussen College	690*

Source: Kansas Board of Regents 2025
*Last Available Data