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Kansas Population Forecast: Regional Growth

April 01, 2016

The state of Kansas population is projected to have an average annual

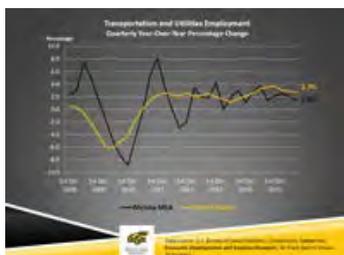
growth rate of 0.4 percent over the 50 years forecasted. This is projected to be slightly lower than Kansas' annual average population growth from 1960 to 2010, which was 0.5 percent. Over the forecasted period, Kansas' overall annual population growth rate is forecast to decline from 0.5 percent in 2019 to 0.3 percent in 2064.



[Read the complete article.](#)

► **Transportation** and Utilities: Industry Changes

March 30, 2016



During the fourth quarter of 2015, transportation and utilities employment in Wichita stood at 10,000. This is up 3.4 percent from the third quarter of 2015, and up 1.4 percent from the fourth quarter of 2014.

This graph displays the percentage change in transportation and utilities employment in Wichita compared to that of the U.S.

The Wichita Industry News and Developments report below contains more details regarding local business changes announced in the fourth quarter of 2015, as well as the notable expansion and construction taking place in Wichita's transportation, warehousing and utilities industries.

[See the full report.](#)

► **2015** Fourth Quarter Wichita Industry News and Developments

March 29, 2016

Review major industry announcements by industry sector from 2015 and an overview of statistical trends within each sector for the fourth quarter. Industry news is presented for industries such as mining and construction, manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade, transportation, information services, and leisure and hospitality, among others.

[Access the full report.](#)

[Access the industry employment slides.](#)

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> **Kansas** MSAs Saw Increase In Unemployment Rates

March 17, 2016

The unemployment rate for Kansas, as a whole, increased by 0.8 percentage points from December of 2015 to January of 2016. Topeka had the largest increase, raising by 1.1 percentage points, while Wichita followed with an increase of 0.9 percentage points, then Lawrence with an increase of just 0.8 percentage points, and finally Manhattan with an increase of 0.7 percentage points.

A slide presentation is available with additional employment and unemployment data for Kansas and its four metro areas.

[View the January slide presentation.](#)



> **Midwest** Annual Inflation Rates Decrease January 2016 to February 2016

March 15, 2016

The Consumer Price Index is used to calculate inflation, or the change in price of a basket of goods and services, as it impacts consumers; whereas, the Producer Price Index measures changes in selling prices, thereby expressing price changes from the perspective of the seller who produces a particular commodity.

A slide presentation updated with February 2016 data shows the Midwest inflation



rate decreased from January to February in urban metros and in non-metro areas.

The Producer Price Index data shows that prices in the United States have increased from February 2015 to February 2016 for aircraft (0.2 percent). During that same time period, the index decreased crude petroleum (-49.4 percent), natural gas (-21.4 percent), slaughter livestock (-12.1 percent), sorghum (-23.6 percent) and wheat (-23.9 percent).

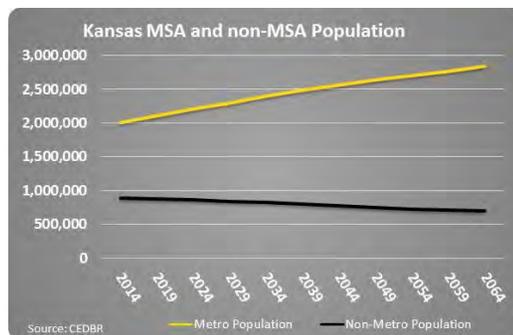
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▶ **Kansas** Population Forecast: Metropolitan Areas

March 01, 2016



In 2014, Kansas metropolitan areas had a population of 2,009,163, which comprised 69.1 percent of the total population of the state, while the non-metropolitan areas had a population of 895,158, which was 30.9 percent of the total population. Over the next 50 years, CEDBR projects that the metropolitan areas will continue to grow substantially in population and the non-metropolitan areas will experience population declines. In 2064, 80.2 percent of the total Kansas population is projected to reside in metropolitan areas, while 19.8 percent is projected to remain in rural areas.

[Read the complete article.](#)

▶ **Profile** of Unemployment Insurance Beneficiaries in Wichita, 4th Quarter 2015

February 29, 2016

There was an average of 12,760 unemployed people in the Wichita metropolitan area in the fourth quarter of 2015, approximately 64 percent of whom collected unemployment insurance benefits. In the fourth quarter of 2015 there were approximately 8,215 people, age 16 and over, who collected unemployment insurance benefits. That is an increase of approximately 33 percent from the third quarter of 2015.



[Read the full report on the demographic profile of Wichita unemployment insurance beneficiaries.](#)

In the fourth quarter of 2015, four industries accounted for 65.5 percent of unemployment insurance beneficiaries in the Wichita area; manufacturing, administrative and support and waste management and remediation services, wholesale trade, and construction. These four industries also have a proportionately high level of unemployment insurance, when compared to area employment. The increase in the number of unemployment insurance beneficiaries in this four industries can be mostly attributed to seasonal factors.

Across all subsectors of manufacturing, there is a significantly lower level of educational attainment in beneficiaries of unemployment insurance than in the general labor force. Sixty-three percent of these unemployment insurance beneficiaries have no more education than a high school diploma.

[Read the full report on the industry and geography profile of Wichita unemployment insurance beneficiaries.](#)

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In 2016, Wichita total nonfarm employment is expected to increase by 3,360 jobs, which implies the employment growth rate is anticipated to be 1.1 percent.

[Read the full Wichita employment forecast.](#)

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In 2016, Kansas total nonfarm employment is expected to increase by 19,958 jobs, which implies the employment growth rate is anticipated to be 1.4 percent.

[Read the full Kansas employment forecast.](#)