

# KANSAS



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## MAJOR CITIES:

Central Kansas	Salina
North Kansas	Topeka, Kansas City
West Kansas	Garden City, Dodge City
Southeast Kansas	Wichita

## KANSAS – CLIMATE

According to the Köppen climate classification the climate of Kansas can be characterized in terms of three types: it has humid continental, semi-arid steppe, and humid subtropical. The eastern two-thirds of the state (especially the northeastern portion) has a humid continental climate, with cool to cold winters and hot, often humid summers. Most of the precipitation falls in the summer and spring. The western third of the state – from roughly the U.S. Route 281 corridor westward – has a semiarid steppe climate.

Summers are hot, often very hot, and generally less humid. Winters are highly changeable between warm and very cold. The western region receives an average of about 16 inches (410 mm) of precipitation per year. Chinook winds in the winter can warm western Kansas all the way into the 80 °F (27 °C) range.

The far south-central and southeastern reaches of the state have a humid subtropical climate with hot, humid summers, milder winters and more precipitation than elsewhere in Kansas. Although not strictly falling in all of the zones, some features of all three climates can be found in most of the state, with droughts and changeable weather between dry and humid not uncommon, and both warm and cold spells in the winter.

Precipitation ranges from about 47 inches (1,200 mm) annually in the southeast corner of the state, to about 16 inches (410 mm) in the southwest. Snowfall ranges from around 5 inches (130 mm) in the fringes of the south, to 35 inches (890 mm) in the far northwest. Frost-free days range from more than 200 days in the south, to 130 days in the northwest. Thus, Kansas is the ninth or tenth sunniest state in the country, depending on the source. Western Kansas is as sunny as California and Arizona.

Kansas is prone to severe weather, especially in the spring and early summer. Despite the frequent sunshine throughout much of the state, due to its location at a climatic boundary prone to intrusions of multiple air masses, the state is vulnerable to strong and severe thunderstorms. Some of these storms become supercell thunderstorms; these can spawn tornadoes, occasionally of EF3 strength or higher. According to statistics from the National Climatic Data Center, Kansas has reported more tornadoes (for the period January 1, 1950 through October 31, 2006) than any state except for Texas – marginally even more than Oklahoma.<sup>[citation needed]</sup> Kansas averages over 50 tornadoes annually.<sup>[17]</sup> Severe thunderstorms sometimes drop very large hail over Kansas as well as bringing flash flooding and damaging straight line winds.

**CULTURAL ACTIVITIES** <http://www.travelks.com/> Click on this site for more cultural activity ideas

- [1856 Valentin Gerth Cabin](#)

32553 NE Hwy 169, c/o Dorothy Lickteig  
Greeley, KS 66033  
Phone: (785) 867-2966

[Visit Website](#)

See first hand Anderson County's ties with the Civil War. Eleven slaves freed Dec. 28, 1858 by John Brown and his men from Vernon County, MO, were known to have been hidden in the Greeley area

- [Amelia Earhart Birthplace Museum](#)

223 N Terrace St  
Atchison, KS 66002  
Phone: (913) 367-4217

[Visit Website](#)

Restored home where internationally-famous aviatrix was born July 24, 1897. Contains family heirlooms, displays, and photographs. Gift shop with Earhart souvenirs.

- [Atchison County Historical Society Museum and Santa Fe Depot](#)

200 S 10th St  
Santa Fe Depot  
Atchison, KS 66002  
Phone: (913) 367-6238

[Visit Website](#)

1880s Santa Fe Depot features History Museum with exhibits on Native American, Amelia Earhart, Lewis & Clark, & extensive Military weapon collection.

- [Boot Hill Museum](#)

Front St  
Dodge City, KS 67801  
Phone: (620) 227-8188

[Visit Website](#)

Boot Hill is located on the original site of Boot Hill Cemetery in Dodge City. Exhibits, programs and colorful entertainers tell the story of Dodge City's Wild and Wicked beginnings.

- [Chisholm Trail Museum](#)

502 North Washington  
Wellington, KS 67152  
Phone: (620) 326-3820

[Visit Website](#)

Museum contains 40+ rooms, 200,000+ artifacts. The Chisholm Trail Museum is a complete three-story building full of educational information and artifacts about the cattle trail.

- [Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home](#)

200 SE Fourth Street  
Abilene, KS 67410  
Phone: (785) 263-6700

[Visit Website](#)

Do you still like Ike? Not sure who Ike is? Either way, it's time for you to plan a trip to the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and Boyhood Home in Abilene, Kansas!

- [Emmett Kelly Museum](#)

N Douglas and E Main  
Sedan, KS 67361  
Phone: (620) 725-3470

[Visit Website](#)

Take a trip back in time and visit the the world of Emmett Kelly and Ringling Bros. Circus.

## **GROCERY SHOPPING**

Food Lion Hy-Vee Save-A-Lot Whole Foods Market	Piggly Wiggly Sam's Club The Kroger Company ALDI Grocery Stores
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[http://kansas.localguides.com/ypcyellow/grocery\\_stores.html?a1=1&a2=7458645709&a3=22633743229&a4=b&qclid=CLC48YvOi74CFYMcOgodWj8AAQ](http://kansas.localguides.com/ypcyellow/grocery_stores.html?a1=1&a2=7458645709&a3=22633743229&a4=b&qclid=CLC48YvOi74CFYMcOgodWj8AAQ) Click on this site for more grocery stores in Kansas.

# SHOPPING

Area	City	Mall
Central Kansas	Salina KS	<a href="#">Central Mall Salina</a>
Kansas City Area	Kansas City KS	<a href="#">The Legends Outlets Kansas City</a>
Kansas City Area	Leawood KS	<a href="#">Town Center Plaza</a>
Kansas City Area	Olathe KS	<a href="#">The Great Mall of the Great Plains</a>
Kansas City Area	Overland Park KS	<a href="#">Oak Park Mall</a>
Kansas City Area	Overland Park KS	<a href="#">Prairiefire</a>
Kansas City Area	Prairie Village KS	<a href="#">The Village</a>
Topeka area	Manhattan KS	<a href="#">Manhattan Town Center</a>
Topeka area	Topeka KS	<a href="#">West Ridge Mall</a>
Wichita area	Newton KS	<a href="#">Chisholm Trail Shopping Center and Outlet Mall</a>
Wichita area	Wichita KS	<a href="#">Towne East Square</a>
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<http://www.mallseeker.com/kansasmalls.aspx>

Click the link for more information on malls in Kansas

# PHARMACIES

Walgreens

CVS Pharmacy

Target

Kroger

Rite Aid

Wal-Mart

<http://yellowpages.superpages.com/listings.jsp?C=pharmacies+in+kansas&OO=1&STYPE=S&F=1&EG=2&paging=1&mp=true&nam=true&MCBP=true&PI=0&adPI&np=true>

click here for locating other pharmacies in Kansas.

# POST OFFICES/SHIPPING



<http://www.postofficehours.net/state/KS.html>

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<http://local.fedex.com/ks/kansas-city/>

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[https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en\\_US](https://www.ups.com/dropoff?loc=en_US)

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## **TIME ZONES**

### **Kansas Time Zone – Kansas Current Local Time - Daylight Saving Time**

Kansas is in the Central Time Zone

[http://localtimes.info/north\\_America/](http://localtimes.info/north_America/)

click here for more information

## **COST OF LIVING IN KANSAS**

<b>Cost of Living</b>	<b>Kansas, KS</b>	<b>United States</b>
<b><u>Overall</u></b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Grocery</u></b>	<b>91.7</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Health</u></b>	<b>91</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b>76</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Utilities</u></b>	<b>88</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Transportation</u></b>	<b>95</b>	<b>100</b>
<b><u>Miscellaneous</u></b>	<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Our cost of living indices are based on a US average of 100. An amount below 100 means Kansas, KS is cheaper than the US average. A cost of living index above 100 means Kansas, KS is more expensive.

Overall, Kansas, KS cost of living is 88.80.

[http://www.bestplaces.net/cost\\_of\\_living/state/kansas](http://www.bestplaces.net/cost_of_living/state/kansas)

click here for more information

## **MINIMUM WAGE**

State	2016 Minimum Wage	2016 Tipped Wage
KS	\$7.25	\$2.13

<http://www.minimumwage.com/in-your-state/kansas/> click here for more information

## **WORKMAN'S COMPENSATION**

<http://www.dol.ks.gov/workcomp/>  
Click here for more information

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

Kansas City Area Transportation Authority  
Salina – CityGo Transit System  
Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority  
Wichita Transit Authority

<http://kstransit.org/links> click here for more information