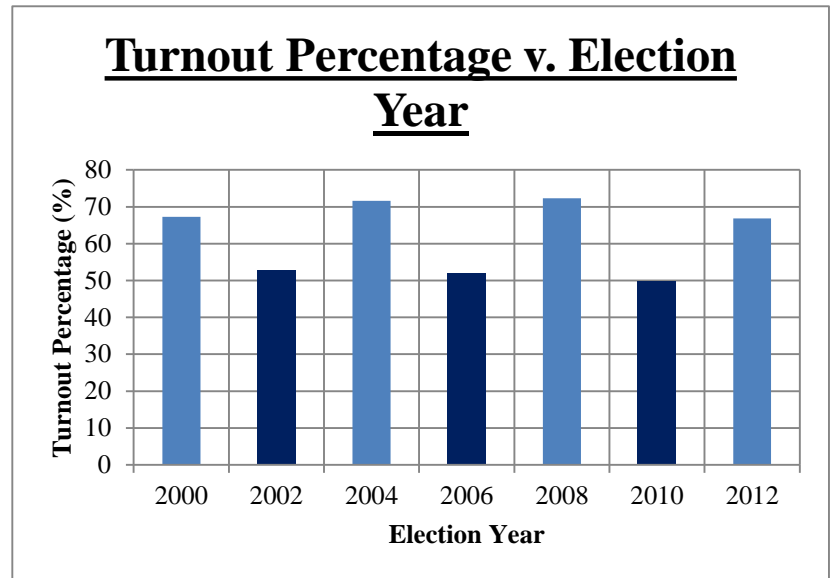


Year / Election	Total Turnout Percentage ^[1]
2000 / General	67.3
2002 / General	52.7
2004 / General	71.6
2006 / General	51.96
2008 / General	72.3
2010 / General	49.7
2012 / General	66.8

Note: 2014 primary election data is used to represent most recent data collection.



Looking at the 2002, 2006, and 2010 elections (**darkened**), it is readily apparent that voter turnout in Kansas is consistent with that of the nation: lower in midterm elections than in presidential years. Curiously, even though Kansas holds elections for statewide executive officials (governor, attorney general, etc.) exclusively in midterm years^[2], this is not enough motivation to offset the reduced turnout. The same failure can be attributed to the most recent senate election, occurring in 2010, in which Jerry Moran replaced retiring incumbent Sam Brownback.

Additional updates - unrelated to this specific topic:

Following the Kansas Supreme Court ruling, Huffington Post ran an article discussing a bump for Greg Orman in head-to-head polling, even declaring an 11% chance that he could decide the majority party.^[3] While nothing is set in stone, the national GOP has definitely reacted strongly, eager to paint the Independent as a Democrat-in-hiding. Calling in major conservative names and icons^[4], ranging from former presidential candidate and Kansas Senator Bob Dole to former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, their concern for what was once a safe seat is evident.

Exacerbating the issue, the state's high court sent the decision regarding replacing Chad Taylor back down to a lower court; Washington Post says that this order works in Orman's favor, lessening the chance of a new Democratic name on the ballot.^[5] In response, Secretary of State Kobach - who is an ardent supporter of Senator Roberts, sitting on his reelection campaign committee - included a disclaimer^[6] within the absentee ballots that he could not legally refrain from sending. Rather than violate federal law, Kansas overseas ballots were instead sent out with the following message:

“You may vote using the ballot accompanying this letter as soon as you receive it, or you may wait to vote until you’ve received further notification from us... If a replacement ballot is sent to you, and you have already returned the ballot that accompanies this letter, only your replacement ballot will be counted.”

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