

State: Kansas (KS)

Capital City: Topeka

Major Cities: Wichita, Overland Park, Kansas City, Olathe, Lawrence, Shawnee, Manhattan, Lenexa, Salina

Major Companies: Spirit AeroSystems, Sprint Nextel, Cessna (Aviation), General Motors, United Parcel Service, Black & Veatch (Engineering Consulting), Koch Industries (Chemical Technologies)

Major Sectors/Economy:

- The two leading industries are the manufacture of transportation equipment and industrial and computer machinery
- Transportation equipment (light aircraft, military aircraft, missiles, aircraft parts, railroad freight and passenger cars, locomotives) is Kansas' primary manufactured product
- Kansas' largest crop is wheat. It accounts for about 12% of the state's total agricultural production
- Petroleum and natural gas are the most important mined products in the state
- Along with oil and petroleum, Kansas also is known for its non-fuel industrial minerals. According to the Kansas Geological Society, those minerals include “cement, clay and shale, crushed rock, dimension stone, gypsum, helium, salt, sand and gravel, sulfur, and volcanic ash.”
- The Bureau of Economic Analysis estimates that Kansas's total gross domestic product in 2014 was US\$140.964 billion.
- The Kansas economy is also heavily influenced by the aerospace industry. Several large aircraft corporations have manufacturing facilities in Wichita and Kansas City, including Spirit AeroSystems, Cessna, Learjet, and Hawker Beechcraft (formerly Raytheon)

Climate:

According to the climate classification the climate of Kansas can be characterized in terms of three types: it has humid continental, semi-arid steppe, and humid subtropical.

University Eligibility and Fee:

University	Bachelors Eligibility	Bachelors Fee Range/yr	Masters Eligibility	Masters Fee Range/yr
Kansas State University	GPA – 3.6 SAT– 950-1240 ACT – 22-28	\$24,879	GRE-310+ GPA – 3.5/75%+ TOEFL -90+/IELTS – 7.0	\$24,775
University of Kansas	GPA – 3.6 SAT– 950-1240 ACT – 22-28	\$26,302	GRE-310+ GPA – 3.5/75%+ TOEFL -90+/IELTS – 7.0	\$19,282
Pittsburgh State University	GPA – 3.4 SAT– NR ACT – NR	\$17,038	GRE-NR GPA – 3.0/65%+(B/L – 8 Max) ET - IELTS – 6.5 Technology - IELTS – 6.0	\$18,804

Wichita State University	GPA – 3.4 SAT– NR ACT – NR	\$15,890	GRE-NR GPA – 3.0/65%+ TOEFL -80/IELTS – 6.5	\$15,400
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University	Key Points
Kansas State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in 1863 • Nearly 24,000 total students • 250+ academic undergraduate majors and programs • 159+ graduate degrees and certificates • Kansas State University named the No. 12 university in the nation for improving students • In year 2015, KSU spent \$188.7 million on R&D • Student-faculty ratio is 18:1 • 22,795 enrollments for Fall 2017 • Kansas State University's ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is National Universities, 145
Pittsburgh State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in - 1903 • Students - 6907 in fall 2017 • Academic Staff - 301 • According to U.S. News & World Report, Pitt State is ranked #87 among Best Midwestern Universities – Master's category • student-to-faculty ratio - 19:1 • Ranking in the 2018 edition of Best Colleges is Regional Universities Midwest, 83 • student-faculty ratio- 17:1
Wichita State University	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Founded in -1895 • Students-15081 in fall 2017 • Academic staff-520 • Wichita State University offers more than 60 undergraduate degree programs in more than 200 areas of study in six colleges • Wichita State University was ranked the 52nd top college in the United States by the Social Mobility Index college rankings • The National Science Foundation ranked Wichita State University No. 4 among all U.S. universities in money spent on aerospace research and development in fiscal year 2013, with \$39 million in expenditures and No. 1 in industry-funded aerospace R&D • The WSU Alumni Association is the largest network of Shockers in the world.
University of Kansas Lawrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranking National by ARWU 70 U.S. News & World Report at 130 Washington Monthly at 183 • University of Kansas has 5 campuses, 13 academic schools • 350,000+ alumni worldwide, 112 countries represented

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17:1 student to faculty ratio with over 5,000 courses, More than 400 degree and certificate programs and 2,800 faculty members, many of them at the top of their fields • Additionally University has 200+ undergraduate field of study, 50+ Ranked Graduate programs • 325 Fulbright Scholars, 27 Rhodes Scholars, 12 MacArthur Fellows, 7 Pulitzer Prize winners, 4 NASA astronauts, 3 Nobel Prize laureates, 2 Fields Medal winners, 2 Hugo Award and Nebula Award winners, and an Academy Award winner have been affiliated with the university as students, researchers, or faculty members • University of Kansas has won thirteen National Championships: five in men's basketball (two Helms Foundation championships and three NCAA championships), three in men's indoor track and field, three in men's outdoor track and field, one in men's cross country and one in women's outdoor track and field. Notable non-varsity sports include rugby, men's hockey, and men's soccer. The rugby team owns its private facility and internationally tours every two years. • University of Kansas has had more teams (70) compete in the National Debate Tournament than any other university. Kansas has won the tournament 6 times and had 15 teams make it to the final four. Kansas trails only Northwestern (15) and Harvard (7) for most tournaments won.
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