

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS  
COMMUNITY STATISTICS**

**FORM OF GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES PROVIDED**

**FORM**

Mayor/Chief Executive, Commission, Administrator  
Established October 1, 1997

**STRUCTURE**

Eleven member Governing Body, including ten Commissioners and Mayor/Chief Executive. Unified Government elections are held every odd-numbered year with staggered terms of four years. The County Administrator is appointed and serves at the pleasure of the Mayor/CEO and the Commission.

**DATE OF INCORPORATION**

Wyandotte County -1859; Kansas City, Kansas -1886

**MAJOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT**

- Public Safety
- Medical Transport
- Detention Services
- Emergency 9-1-1 Service
- Elderly Services
- Public Health
- Public Transportation
- Snow Removal
- Recreation, Parks and Golf
- Residential Garbage Collection
- Clearance and Demolition Services
- Primary and Secondary Sewer Treatment
- Street and Bridge Construction and Maintenance
- Community Development Programs

**SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS**

Electricity and Water:	Board of Public Utilities (Municipally Owned)
Public Housing:	Kansas City, Kansas Housing Authority
Employment and Training Programs:	Kansas Department of Human Resources
Social Services:	Kansas Dept of Social and Rehabilitation Services
Education:	USD 500 (Kansas City)
	USD 202 (Turner Area)
	USD 203 (Piper Area)
	USD 204 (Bonner Springs)
	Bishop Ward High School
	Kansas City, Kansas Community College
	Donnelly College
	University of Kansas Medical Center

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**KANSAS CITY, KS SALES TAX RATES**

State of Kansas	5.30 percent
Kansas City, Kansas	1.25 percent
Wyandotte County	1.00 percent
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7.55 percent (as of October 1, 2004; does not include special districts)</b>

**FRANCHISE TAX RATES**

Natural Gas	
Domestic	5.0 percent
Industrial	3.0 percent
Cable Television	5.0 percent
Telephone	5.0 percent
Electricity, Water and Sewer	7.9 percent of gross revenues (Payment-in-lieu of taxes)

**COMPARISON OF COMMUNITY PROPERTY TAX RATES**

<b>TAXING ENTITY</b>	<b>2007 Certified Mill Levy for 2008 Budget</b>	<b>2008 Proposed Mill Levy for 2009 Budget</b>
City of Kansas City, Kansas	40.685	40.455
Wyandotte County	30.539	30.539
USD 500 (KCK)	63.351	n/a
USD 202 (Turner)	65.627	n/a
USD 203 (Piper)	48.876	n/a
USD 204 (Bonner Springs)	63.921	n/a
County Library	4.130	4.130
State of Kansas	1.500	1.500
Community College	19.524	n/a
Bonner Springs	30.456	n/a
Edwardsville	40.427	n/a

**2008 and 2009 Property Taxes Paid on a Home in USD 500  
with Market Value of \$100,000**

<b>Taxing Entity</b>	<b>2008 Budget (2007 Tax Rate)</b>	<b>2009 Budget (2008 Tax Rate)</b>
City of Kansas City, Kansas	\$467.88	\$465.23
Wyandotte County	\$351.20	\$351.20
KCK Community College	\$224.53	\$224.53*
USD 500	\$728.54	\$728.54*
County Library	Included in USD 500 Tax	Included in USD 500 Tax
State of Kansas	\$17.25	\$17.25
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY TAX BILL</b>	<b>\$1,743.39</b>	<b>\$1,740.74</b>

\*USD 500 and Community College mill levies have not yet been determined for 2009. Mill levies from 2008 used.

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**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT MILL LEVIES**

	<b>2008 Certified Budget</b>	<b>2009 Proposed Budget</b>
<b>KCK Mill Levy</b>		
KCK General Fund	26 356	26 126
KCK Bond and Interest	14 329	14 329
<b>TOTAL CITY LEVY</b>	<b>40.685</b>	<b>40.455</b>

	<b>2008 Certified Budget</b>	<b>2009 Proposed Budget</b>
<b>Wyandotte County Mill Levy</b>		
General Fund	22 208	23.174
General Fund-Consolidated Parks	0.000	2.145
Elections	0.846	0.846
Parks	2.145	0.000
Historical Museum	0.169	0.000
Appraiser	0.000	0.000
Extension Council	0.000	0.000
Soil Conservation	0.043	0.000
Fair Buildings	0.145	0.000
Aging	0.900	0.900
Arts	0.035	0.000
Health Department	1.510	1.510
Mental Health	0.460	0.460
Developmental Disabilities	0.478	0.478
Bond and Interest	0.000	1.026
CIFI*	1.600	0.000
<b>TOTAL COUNTY LEVY</b>	<b>30.539</b>	<b>30.539</b>

\*County Initiative for Funding Infrastructure Fund

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT ASSESSED VALUATION**

(July 1, 2008 Estimated Valuation)

Kansas City, Kansas	\$ 1,143,038,682
Wyandotte County, Kansas	\$ 1,268,500,640

**COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS**

**CLIMATE**

<b>Seasonal Average</b>	<b>Temperature</b>	<b>Precipitation</b>
Spring (March-May)	54.6	10.7"
Summer (June-August)	77.2	12.5"
Fall (Sept.-November)	57.5	9.3"
Winter (Dec.-February)	31.6	4.2"

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**WATERWAYS IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY**

Kansas River	15.5 miles
Missouri River	16.8 miles
Wyandotte County Lake	400 acres

**SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS**

**POPULATION (US Census Bureau)**

Year	Wyandotte County	Kansas City
1940	145,071	121,458
1950	165,318	129,553
1960	185,495	121,901
1970	186,845	168,213
1980	172,335	161,148
1990	162,026	149,767
2000	157,882	146,866
Estimates (July 2007)	153,956	142,320

**AGE DISTRIBUTION (2006 US Census Estimate)**

Age	Wyandotte County		Kansas City	
	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
0-19	48,852	31.4	44,465	31.3
20-64	90,340	58.1	82,637	58.0
65 and over	16,317	10.5	15,164	10.7

**POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY SEX (2006 US Census Estimate)**

	Wyandotte County	Kansas City
Female	51.0 %	51.1 %
Male	49.0 %	48.9 %

**DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION BY RACE**

Race	Wyandotte County (2006 Census Estimate)		Kansas City (2006 Census Estimate)	
	Total	Percentage	Total	Percentage
One Race	150,741	96.9	137,795	96.9
White	89,870	57.8	77,878	54.7
Black or African American	40,778	26.2	40,082	28.2
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,105	0.7	956	0.7
Asian	2,392	1.5	2,283	1.6
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Isldr.	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other Race	16,596	10.7	16,596	11.7
Two or More Races	4,768	3.1	4,471	3.1
Hispanic or Latino	34,677	22.3	34,318	24.1
Total	155,509	100.0	142,266	100.0

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**POPULATION DENSITY OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY**

1,042 persons per square mile

**INCOME**

Per Capita Income, 2006 (Bureau of Economic Analysis)  
Median Household Income (2005 U.S. Census Estimate)

**Wyandotte County**  
\$24,838  
\$36,660

**EMPLOYMENT IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY BY INDUSTRY**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Manufacturing	14,801	14,381	14,001	13,907	12,876	12,377	12,402	12,414	12,486	12,092
Agriculture, Mining	256	353	327	71	77	75	76	74	75	65
Construction	4,496	4,564	5,042	4,593	4,627	4,185	4,077	4,342	4,611	4,463
Transp/Commun	8,100	7,897	8,829	9,481	9,091	8,768	8,323	7,644	7,809	8,417
Wholesale Trade	7,997	8,051	7,778	5,738	5,984	5,217	5,205	4,886	4,977	5,009
Retail Trade	9,185	8,925	8,795	8,319	7,948	8,992	10,076	10,604	11,670	12,006
Finance	1,922	1,886	1,874	2,306	2,184	2,210	2,099	2,026	2,064	2,065
Services	14,478	14,843	15,433	17,724	16,815	18,778	19,014	19,947	20,664	21,343
Government	17,362	17,318	17,273	17,216	17,136	14,314	14,602	14,722	14,959	15,078
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>78,597</b>	<b>78,218</b>	<b>79,352</b>	<b>79,355</b>	<b>76,738</b>	<b>74,916</b>	<b>75,874</b>	<b>76,660</b>	<b>79,313</b>	<b>80,537</b>

Source: Kansas Department of Human Resources

- (a) Beginning in 2001, the State modified the procedure for classifying employees. Therefore 2001 employment total may not be directly comparable to prior years
- (b) Railroad employment and service employees not covered by unemployment insurance are not included in this total

**UNEMPLOYMENT RATE**

	2005	2006	2007	2008 (thru April)
Wyandotte County	8.8%	7.5%	7.1	7.0
State of Kansas	5.1%	4.3%	4.1	4.1

Source: Kansas Department of Labor

**LABOR FORCE - WYANDOTTE COUNTY**

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Percentage
2000	74,337	69,663	4,674	6.3
2001	74,298	68,725	5,573	7.5
2002	74,057	67,003	7,054	9.5
2003	75,425	67,153	8,272	11.0
2004	73,923	67,008	6,915	9.4
2005	73,610	67,163	6,447	8.8
2006	71,931	66,515	5,416	7.5
2007	72,842	67,645	5,197	7.1
2008 (thru April)	72,881	67,747	5,135	7.0

Source: Kansas Department of Labor

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**RETAIL SALES**

**Retail Sales Subject to Sales Tax in Wyandotte County: 1998 - 2007**

Year	Sales
1998	\$1,166,790,979
1999	\$1,248,671,413
2000	\$1,282,423,516
2001	\$1,325,364,117
2002	\$1,363,160,064
2003	\$1,456,782,391
2004	\$1,536,269,249
2005	\$1,605,112,814
2006	\$1,773,632,549
2007	\$1,883,227,017

Source: Kansas Department of Revenue

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

**AREA IN SQUARE MILES (Includes land and water miles)**

City of Kansas City	127.81 sq. miles
City of Bonner Springs	15.52 sq. miles
City of Edwardsville	9.24 sq. miles
Delaware Township	2.76 sq. miles
Lake Quivira	0.36 sq. miles
<b>TOTAL WYANDOTTE COUNTY</b>	<b>155.69 sq. miles</b>

**HIGHWAY MILES**

Interstate	157.04 lane miles
Turnpike	40.02 lane miles
Kansas State Highways	191.39 lane miles

**CITY STREET MILES**

Residential Streets	1,418.47 lane miles
Principal Arterials	343.13 lane miles
Collectors	185.16 lane miles
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,942.80 lane miles</b>

**SEWER SYSTEMS**

Sanitary Sewers	868 miles
Storm Sewers	266 miles
Pumping Stations	84 locations
Flood Pumps	24 locations

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT**

5 plants

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<b>BRIDGES</b>	151 Bridges 207 Short span structures
<b>FIRE STATIONS</b>	18 Stations
<b>FIRE EQUIPMENT</b>	
Aerial Trucks	6 (3 Aerials, 3 Quints)
Fire Engines	16 Pumpers
Ambulances	12
<b>FIRE RESPONSE TIME</b>	3 minutes 25 seconds

**UNIFIED GOVERNMENT  
PUBLIC RECREATION FACILITIES  
(AS OF JUNE 12, 2008)**

**(Maintained by Parks and Recreation)**

**GOLF**

Sunflower Hills (Municipal)	18 holes, 180 acres
Junior Golf Course (at Sunflower Hills)	6 holes, 18 acres 3 courses

**SANDSTONE AMPHITHEATRE**

**RENAISSANCE FESTIVAL GROUNDS**

**DISC GOLF COURSES**

<b>LIGHTED BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELDS</b>	10 fields
<b>LIGHTED &amp; IRRIGATED SOCCER FACILITIES</b>	3 facilities
<b>LAKES</b>	4 lakes (total acres: 430)
<b>BOAT RAMPS ON KANSAS RIVER</b>	1 ramps

<b>PARKS</b>	51 parks, 2,729 acres
<b>SKATEBOARD PARKS</b>	3 parks

<b>PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS</b>	1 pool
<b>SPRAY PARKS</b>	3 parks

<b>RECREATION CENTERS/SOCIAL HALLS</b>	8 centers/halls
<b>SENIOR CENTERS</b>	1 center

<b>MODEL AIRPLANE FLYING FIELD</b>	1 field
<b>MARINA</b>	153 slips

<b>WALKING TRAILS</b>	12 – 22,000 linear ft
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<b>TENNIS COURTS</b>	
Lighted	24 courts
Unlighted	14 courts

**MEMORIAL HALL – (Maintained by Building and Logistics)**

**WYANDOTTE COUNTY MUSEUM – (Maintained by Public Works)**