Wyandotte County, Kansas
Geographic Fact Sheet

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<th>Abbreviation:</th>
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<td>Name Origin:</td>
<td>After Wyandot Indians</td>
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<td>Founded:</td>
<td>1859, in Kansas Territory</td>
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<td>County Seat:</td>
<td>Kansas City</td>
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<td>Population:</td>
<td>159,129</td>
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<td>Time Zone:</td>
<td>Central Time Zone</td>
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<td>Government:</td>
<td>Consolidated City-County</td>
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Kansas 105 Counties Ranking

| Population: | 4th Largest |
| Size:       | Smallest |

Area

- Total: 155.7 sq mi (99,648 acres)
- Land: 151.4 sq mi (96,896 acres)
- Water: 4.3 sq mi

Dimensions

- East-West: 17.13 mi
- North-South: 14.7 mi

Elevation

- Highest: 1,063 ft above sea level
- Lowest: 727 ft above sea level

Coordinates

- Longitude: 94°45'51" W
- Latitude: 39°6'52" N

History

Kansa Indians inhabited this area when the earliest white explorers and settlers arrived, and were followed by the Shawnee and Delaware tribes. Explorers Lewis and Clark camped here in 1804 near the confluence of Kansas and Missouri rivers.

The Wyandot tribe was relocated and founded the village of Wyandot, which eventually became present-day Kansas City, KS.

County was founded in 1859 in what was then Kansas Territory (statehood in 1861). In 1856 Moses Grinter, first white settler, operated the first ferry crossing of Kansas River. Kansas City (KS) Town Company was formed in 1868, and in 1886 Kansas City, KS was incorporated. In 1800's-early 1900's stockyards, railroads, and meat packing plant industries flourished in young town of KC, KS.

In 1976 the governments of Wyandotte County, KS and Kansas City, KS were consolidated into one jurisdiction—the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, KS.

Topography

Wyandotte County is part of the glaciated physiographic region of NE Kansas, and is situated between the Missouri and Kansas Rivers at their confluence.Expansive floodplains are found along the rivers, while central uplands between the rivers form a ‘backbone’ of rolling hills dissected by streams draining to the rivers. Loess bluffs are found along Missouri River.

Economy

Wyandotte County is a transportation, medical, and manufacturing center. Primary industrial activities include auto manufacturing, railroads, meat processing, and bakery products.

Water Features

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<th>Major Watercourses (Creeks in Alphabetical Order)</th>
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<td>Kansas (Kaw) River</td>
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<td>Honey Creek</td>
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<td>Marshall Creek</td>
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<td>Missouri River</td>
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<th>Major Lakes (By Size in Acres)</th>
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<td>Wyandotte Co.-345.4 acres</td>
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<td>Lake of Forest-114.4 acres</td>
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Climate

Humid Continental climate. Summers are hot and humid with mild nights; falls are mild with cool nights; winters are cold. Spring can bring frequent weather changes with severe storms possible.

Average Temperatures

- January Low 16.7°F; July High 88.7°F; annual average high 54.6°F; annual average low 42.5°F

Average Annual Precipitation:

- Rainfall 34.14 inches; Snow 20 inches

Transportation

Wyandotte County is served by five Interstate highways: I-70, I-35, I-670, I-635, and I-435; and five designated US federal highway routes: 24, 40, 69, 73, and 169. Three Kansas State highway routes traverse the county: K-5, K-7, and K-32. There is a total of over 1,300 miles of federal, state, and local roads in the county.

Three major railroads—Burlington Northern-Santa Fe, Union Pacific, and Southern Pacific—operate on a total of about 285 miles of tracks (including all rail yards and main lines).

Cities

Census 2010 Estimate:

- Kansas City: 401,438
- Independence: 118,841
- Lee’s Summit: 67,537
- Blue Springs: 65,232
- Lee's Summit: 28,048
- Shawnee: 25,297
- Kansas City, KS: 159,129

Well-Known Place Names

- Armourdale *
- Armstrong *
- Argentine *
- Bethel
- Brenner Heights
- Camp Naish
- Central Industrial Dist.
- Coronado
- Conner City
- Delaware
- Fairfax
- Grinner Heights
- Grove Center
- Huron Cem.
- Kaw Point
- Kensington
- Lake of Forest
- Loring
- Maple Hill
- Maywood
- Morris *
- Muncie
- Nearman
- Piper
- Pomeroay
- Prescott
- Quindaro
- Quivira
- Riverview
- Rosedale *
- St Peters
- Santa Fe
- Shawnee Heights
- Stony Point
- Strawberry Hill
- Tiblew
- Turner
- Vance
- Victory Hills
- Victory Junction
- Village West
- Wallula
- Welborn
- Westheight
- White Church
- Whitefeather Spring
- Wolcott
- Woodlands

* Denotes former incorporated town absorbed by Kansas City, KS