



CITY OF
TOPEKA



CENSUS PROFILE 2020 TOPEKA, KS

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Introduction: This report analyzes and compares demographic information found in the 2020 Census for demographics of population, household, and housing unit counts in and around Topeka by using information from the 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2020 Decennial Censuses and American Community Survey (2016-2020) five year dataset, which should be useful for government, business, and the general public. The 2020 Decennial Census did not include specific demographic information, and the five-year American Community Survey (ACS) dataset was used to complement the 2020 Decennial Census.

The first section of this report - “How We Compare?” - presents a snapshot of Topeka in comparison to several selected Kansas Cities. Lawrence, Manhattan, Olathe, Overland Park, Wichita, and Wyandotte County were selected because they are the primary population centers in Kansas and useful for comparison purposes to Topeka. Select comparisons are also made with the State of Kansas and the United States.

Population Highlights:

- Total Population within incorporated Topeka has grown by 5.6% since 1990, from 119,866 to 126,587 in 2020. Over this time, Topeka has experienced a slowing population growth, with 1990 to 2000 seeing a growth of 2.1%, 2000 to 2010 seeing a 4.2% growth, and 2010 to 2020 experiencing a contraction in population of -0.7%. Overall, Topeka has experienced an annual growth rate of 0.19 since 1990. *Page 4*
- The City of Topeka continues to see a decline in its share of population, as a percent of Shawnee County. However, this trend has slowed since 2000, with a share loss of 1.2% (72% v 70.8%) over 20 years as opposed to a 10.1% share loss from 1960 to 1990 (84.6% v 74.5%). *Page 5*
- The fastest growing age cohort within the City of Topeka was the 65+ age cohort, which grew by 25.5% from 2010 to 2020. All other cohorts, 0-4 (preschool), 5-19 (school age), and 2-64 (workforce), saw a decrease. *Page 6*
- Several demographic groups grew within the City of Topeka. Specifically, those identifying as two or more races (139%), Hispanic or Latino (22%), Asian alone (21%), and some other race alone (65%). The White, Black, and American Indian and Alaska Native alone demographic groups all experienced a decrease in population. While some of these changes may be due to the large increase in the population of two or more races, this does not account for the total population losses in those demographic groups. *Page 7*

Household Highlights:

- The average household size in the City of Topeka decreased to 2.24 from 2.29 in 2020. Household size has been in decline since 1990 when it was 2.39. *Page 9*
- 35.8% of all Topeka’s family households with children under 18 were headed by one parent. This is a larger percent than the State (29.2%) and the U.S. (31.7%). Wichita (37.4%) and Wyandotte County (41.2%) were the only peers with a greater percent. *Page 9*

Housing Highlights:

- Homeownership rates remained nearly identical from 2010 to 2020 with owner occupancy raising from 58.3% to 58.6%. *Page 10*
- Housing unit counts show that while the total housing units increased by 0.8%, it was at a much slower pace than previous decades (5.3% from 2000 to 2010 and 3.2% from 1990 to 2000). From 2010 to 2020, nearly the same number of units were vacant as were added to the housing inventory. *Page 10*

Poverty and Income Highlights:

- From 2010 to 2020 the percent of persons in poverty dropped in Topeka from 18.8% to 13.9%. *Page 12*
- 2020 data shows Topeka being roughly 2.5 to 2.8 percentage points higher in poverty rate than Shawnee County and the State of Kansas. *Page 12*
- Per capita income and median household income show Topeka still lags behind peer cities, Shawnee County, and the State of Kansas. *Page 11*

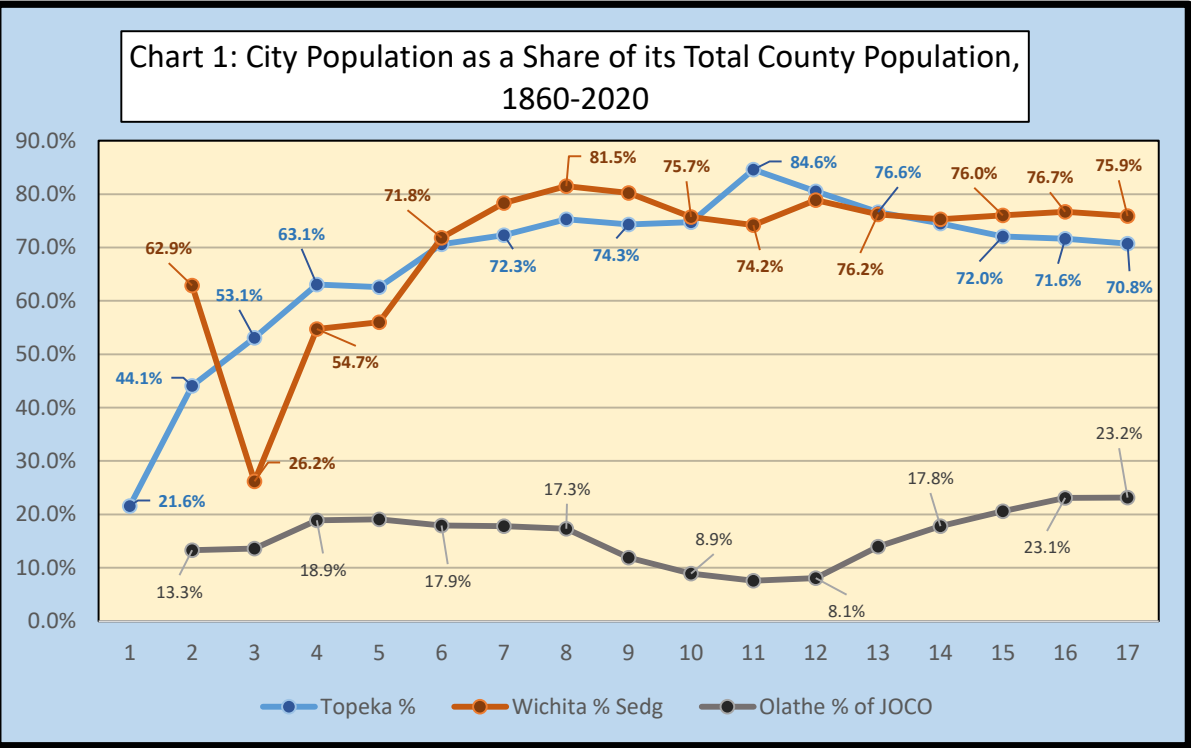
How We Compare

Table 1: Total Population					
	Total Population (2020)	As a % of KS Population (2020)	2010 Total Population	AS a % of KS Population (2010)	Annual Growth Rate (2010-2020)
United States	331,449,281	-	308,745,538	-	0.7%
Kansas	2,937,880	-	2,853,118	-	0.3%
Shawnee County	178,909	6.1%	177,934	6.2%	0.1%
Wyandotte	169,245	5.8%	145,786	5.1%	1.6%
Lawrence	94,934	3.2%	87,643	3.1%	0.8%
Olathe	141,290	4.8%	125,872	4.4%	1.2%
Overland Park	197,238	6.7%	173,372	6.1%	1.4%
Topeka	126,587	4.3%	127,473	4.5%	-0.1%
Wichita	397,532	13.5%	382,368	13.4%	0.4%
Source: 2020 Decennial Census					

- The 2020 Census indicates that 40.2% of Kansas's population is located within the major cities of Lawrence, Manhattan, Olathe, Overland Park, Wichita, Topeka, and Wyandotte County. The 2010 Census indicated that 38.4% of the State's population was centered here in these same cities.
- With a total population of 126,587, Topeka is ranked 5th in population.
- Topeka comprised 4.5% of the State's total population in 2010 and 4.3% in 2020, showing a slight decline.
- Topeka's Annual Growth Rate from 2010-2020 was -0.1%, which was lower than comparable cities and the state Annual Growth Average.

City/County Share of Population - The percentage of Shawnee County residents living within the City of Topeka corporate limits peaked at 84.6% in 1960, as demonstrated below. Since that time, this percentage has steadily declined. By the 2020 census, the lowest percentage (70.8%) of residents lived **inside** the corporate limits of the City since 1910 (70.6%). Much of this is attributed to the population moving outside of Topeka’s core into the fringe areas of the City. It should be noted that the decline in Topeka’s share of Shawnee County has been slowing since 2000, with the City Share shrinking by less than one percent per decade since 2000. (See Graphic Below)

Annual Growth Rates - Table 2 below shows historical growth rates in Shawnee County, Topeka, and the balance of Shawnee County. The annual growth rate for the balance of Shawnee County (excluding City of Topeka) was 0.37% from 2010 to 2020, while the annual growth rate for the City of Topeka from 2010 to 2020 was –0.07%. This helps to explain why Topeka’s population as a percent of the County’s has been steadily declining since 1960 because the unincorporated parts of the County have been growing faster than the City of Topeka’s population since 1970. Although incorporated Topeka had been growing faster in recent decades, it was not growing at the same pace as other areas of the County. While the population dropped according to the 2020 Census, the subsequent decades had experienced a doubling of growth rates from the previous decline in 1980.



Year	City of Topeka	Shawnee County	SNCO exc City of Topeka
1860			
1870	66.28%	27.35%	16.62%
1880	16.69%	12.17%	8.61%
1890	10.07%	6.90%	3.32%
1900	0.84%	0.93%	1.08%
1910	3.00%	1.52%	-0.96%
1920	1.45%	1.18%	0.52%
1930	2.82%	2.32%	1.02%
1940	0.58%	0.71%	1.11%
1950	1.62%	1.55%	1.37%
1960	5.16%	3.40%	-1.81%
1970	0.46%	0.99%	3.90%
1980	-0.51%	-0.03%	1.95%
1990	0.10%	0.39%	1.34%
2000	0.21%	0.55%	1.56%
2010	0.42%	0.47%	0.62%
2020	-0.07%	0.05%	0.37%

Source: 2020 Decennial Census

Age Characteristic of Population

Table 3 shows that only one age cohort within the City of Topeka grew from 2010 to 2020, the 65 and over group, which grew 25.49%. The school age cohort (5 to 19) experienced the smallest decline of 3.93%. The preschool cohort experienced the largest percent decline (14.64%), while having the second largest actual change. The workforce cohort experienced the largest decrease in actual population (-3,919), but makes up the largest segment of Topeka's population and accounted for a 5.23% decrease. Topeka's current age population distribution shows that there are more females than males by total population, but this number exclusively comes from the cohorts of 20 to 64 and 65 & over (Chart 3).

- In 2020, Topeka had a higher proportion of senior citizens (65 & over) than the national, state, and comparable cities proportions. (Chart 2)
- Topeka had the lowest percent of 20 to 64 year olds of comparable cities within Kansas. (Chart 2)
- Topeka has a lower proportion of 5 to 19 and 20 to 64 year olds than the national, state, and comparable cities within Kansas. (Chart 2)

Chart 2: Age as a % of 2020 Total Population

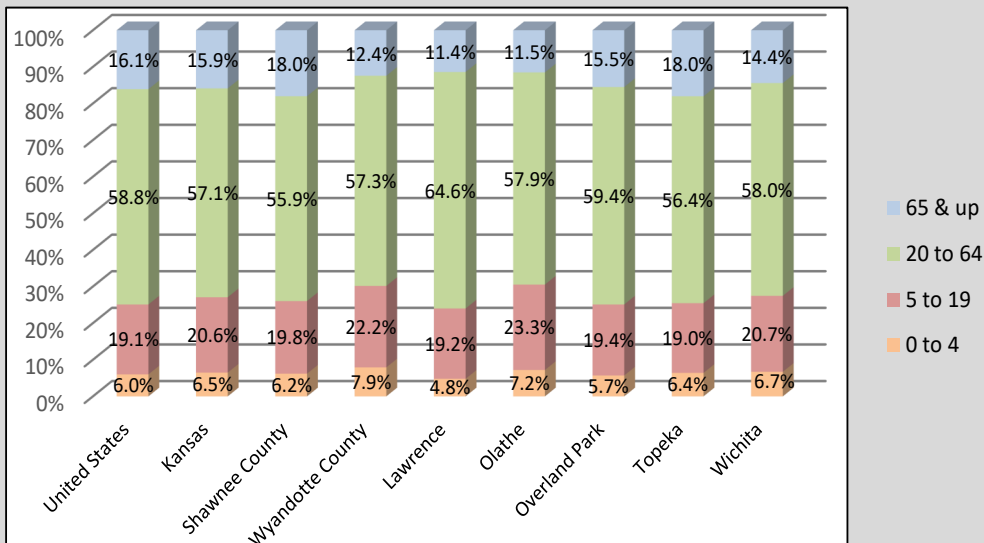
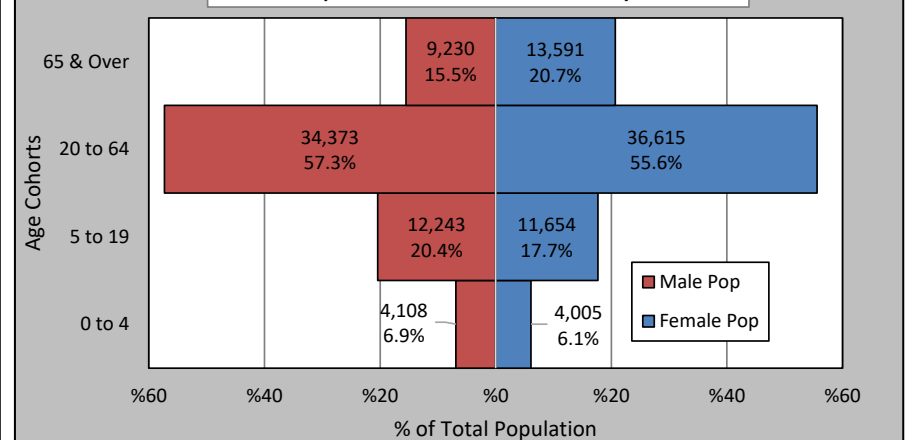


Table 3: City of Topeka Age Distribution	1990	2000	2010	2020	% Change (10-20)	Actual Change (10-20)
0 to 4	8,864	8,615	9,505	8,113	-14.64%	-1,392
5 to 19	23,603	24,460	24,875	23,897	-3.93%	-978
20 to 64	69,735	70,884	74,907	70,988	-5.23%	-3,919
65 and Over	17,681	18,418	18,186	22,821	25.49%	4,635

Source: 2016-2015 Five Year ACS table S0101

Chart 3: City of Topeka 2020 Population Distribution by Gender



Racial and Ethnic Composition of Population

Table 4: Population by Race and Ethnicity (May included Hispanic/Latino Origin)	United States	%	Kansas	%	Shawnee County	%	Wyandotte County	%	Lawrence	%	Olathe	%	Overland Park	%	Topeka	%	Wichita	%
Total:	331,449,281		2,937,880		178,909		169,245		94,934		141,290		197,238		126,587		397,532	
Population of one race:	297,600,338	89.8%	2,657,373	90.5%	159,926	89.4%	143,962	85.1%	86,139	90.7%	126,784	89.7%	181,267	91.9%	111,516	88.1%	350,981	88.3%
White alone	204,277,273	61.6%	2,222,462	75.6%	132,398	74.0%	73,721	43.6%	71,500	75.3%	104,405	73.9%	147,999	75.0%	86,642	68.4%	251,997	63.4%
Black or African American alone	41,104,200	12.4%	168,809	5.7%	14,211	7.9%	34,589	20.4%	5,052	5.3%	8,444	6.0%	9,068	4.6%	13,218	10.4%	43,537	11.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	3,727,135	1.1%	30,995	1.1%	2,213	1.2%	1,917	1.1%	2,688	2.8%	735	0.5%	694	0.4%	1,723	1.4%	5,296	1.3%
Asian alone	19,886,049	6.0%	86,273	2.9%	2,521	1.4%	7,705	4.6%	4,532	4.8%	6,336	4.5%	18,368	9.3%	2,073	1.6%	20,225	5.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	689,966	0.2%	3,412	0.1%	180	0.1%	387	0.2%	67	0.1%	125	0.1%	101	0.1%	153	0.1%	482	0.1%
Some Other Race alone	27,915,715	8.4%	145,422	4.9%	8,403	4.7%	25,643	15.2%	2,300	2.4%	6,739	4.8%	5,037	2.6%	7,707	6.1%	29,444	7.4%
Population of two or more races:	33,848,943	10.2%	280,507	9.5%	18,983	10.6%	25,283	14.9%	8,795	9.3%	14,506	10.3%	15,971	8.1%	15,071	11.9%	46,551	11.7%
Population of two races:	31,890,339	9.6%	265,719	9.0%	17,702	9.9%	24,236	14.3%	8,139	8.6%	13,865	9.8%	15,098	7.7%	13,992	11.1%	43,618	11.0%

Source: 2020 Decennial Census

- “White alone” comprised 68.4% of the total population of Topeka, which is higher than the United States (61.6%) and lower than the State of Kansas (75.6%).
- “Black alone” comprised 10.4% of the population of Topeka, which is lower than the United States (12.4%) and higher than the State of Kansas (5.7%).
- Topeka had one of the higher rates of the population classifying themselves as “Two or more races” at (11.9%) of the select comparable cities, Wyandotte County was the only one with a higher percent (14.9%). This was higher than both the State of Kansas (9.5%) and the United States (10.2%).

Definitions:

White – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa.

Black or African American – A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

American Indian or Alaska Native – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America) and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment.

Asian – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam.

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – A person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.

Hispanic and Latino Population

Table 5: Hispanic/Latino Population by Race	United States	%	Kansas	%	Shawnee County	%	Wyandotte County	%	Lawrence	%	Olathe	%	Overland Park	%	Topeka	%	Wichita	%
Total:	331,449,281		2,937,880		178,909		169,245		94,934		141,290		197,238		126,587		397,532	
Hispanic or Latino	62,080,044	18.7%	382,603	13.0%	23,861	13.3%	55,814	33.0%	7,329	7.7%	17,485	12.4%	15,423	7.8%	20,749	16.4%	72,786	18.3%
White alone	12,579,626	3.8%	99,887	3.4%	6,525	3.6%	10,642	6.3%	2,086	2.2%	3,714	2.6%	3,636	1.8%	5,399	4.3%	18,294	4.6%
Black or African American alone	1,163,862	0.4%	5,457	0.2%	680	0.4%	644	0.4%	184	0.2%	182	0.1%	214	0.1%	644	0.5%	1,309	0.3%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	1,475,436	0.4%	9,074	0.3%	638	0.4%	1,192	0.7%	342	0.4%	321	0.2%	268	0.1%	554	0.4%	1,896	0.5%
Asian alone	267,330	0.1%	1,048	0.0%	41	0.0%	84	0.0%	26	0.0%	43	0.0%	57	0.0%	30	0.0%	234	0.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	67,948	0.0%	297	0.0%	18	0.0%	23	0.0%	2	0.0%	10	0.0%	14	0.0%	18	0.0%	53	0.0%
Some Other Race alone	26,225,882	7.9%	135,358	4.6%	7,806	4.4%	25,070	14.8%	1,879	2.0%	6,119	4.3%	4,212	2.1%	7,249	5.7%	27,859	7.0%
Population of two or more races:	20,299,960	6.1%	131,482	4.5%	8,153	4.6%	18,159	10.7%	2,810	3.0%	7,096	5.0%	7,022	3.6%	6,855	5.4%	23,141	5.8%

Source: 2020 Decennial Census

Hispanic or Latino by Origin	United States	%	Kansas	%	Shawnee County	%	Wyandotte County	%	Lawrence	%	Olathe	%	Overland Park	%	Topeka	%	Wichita	%
Total:	326,569,308		2,912,619		177,293		165,447		97,348		139,216		193,412		125,819		390,566	
Hispanic or Latino:	59,361,020	18.2%	351,602	12.07%	22,414	12.6%	48,333	29.2%	6,546	6.7%	15,497	11.1%	13,815	7.1%	19,225	15.3%	67,895	17.4%
Mexican	36,537,028	11.2%	285,350	9.80%	19,264	10.9%	40,172	24.3%	4,597	4.7%	12,846	9.2%	9,400	4.9%	17,013	13.5%	57,543	14.7%
Puerto Rican	5,699,150	1.7%	12,694	0.44%	1,160	0.7%	929	0.6%	547	0.6%	781	0.6%	502	0.3%	988	0.8%	1,529	0.4%
Cuban	2,332,584	0.7%	4,517	0.16%	227	0.1%	742	0.4%	38	0.0%	53	0.0%	325	0.2%	226	0.2%	653	0.2%
Dominican (Dominican Republic)	2,042,360	0.6%	1,255	0.04%	-	0.0%	130	0.1%	80	0.1%	23	0.0%	86	0.0%	0	0.0%	57	0.0%
Central American:	5,497,573	1.7%	23,399	0.80%	678	0.4%	5,108	3.1%	364	0.4%	1,211	0.9%	973	0.5%	175	0.1%	3,022	0.8%
South American:	3,819,508	1.2%	8,972	0.31%	217	0.1%	400	0.2%	486	0.5%	377	0.3%	1,234	0.6%	171	0.1%	1,837	0.5%
Other Hispanic or Latino:	3,432,817	1.1%	15,415	0.53%	868	0.5%	852	0.5%	434	0.4%	206	0.1%	1,295	0.7%	652	0.5%	3,254	0.8%

Source: 2016 to 2020 Five Year ACS B03001

- 18.7% of the total U.S. population is of Hispanic or Latino origin. In the State of Kansas, this percent drops to 13%. In Topeka, this percentage is 16.4% of the total population.
- “White”, “Some Other Race Alone”, and “Two or More Races” represent 94% of the Hispanic or Latino population in Topeka.
- “White” Hispanic or Latino comprise 4.3% of Topeka’s population , as compared to 3.8% nationwide.
- 88.5% of the Hispanic/Latino population in Topeka are of Mexican origin compared to 61.5% in the U.S. and 81.1% in Kansas.

Definitions:

Hispanic/Latino Origin - A person of Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South/Central American, or other Spanish descent regardless of their race.

Households

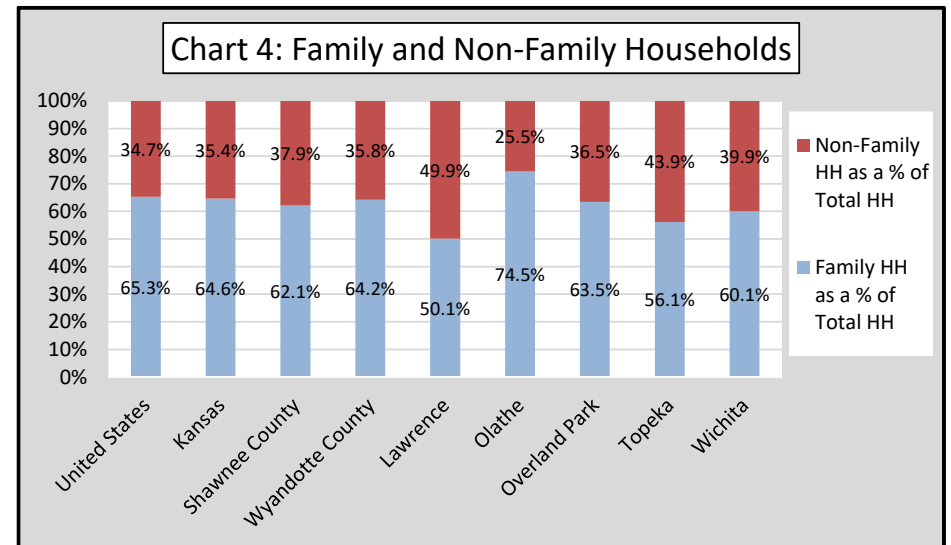
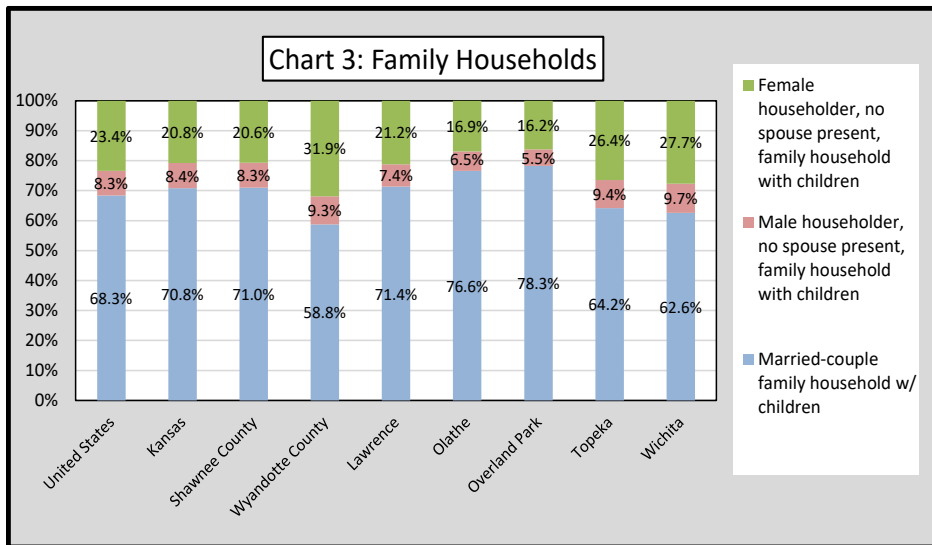


Table 6: Households	Total Households	Family Households	Family HH as a % of Total HH	Non-Family Households	Non-Family HH as a % of Total HH	Average Family Size	Average Household Size
United States	122,354,219	79,849,830	65.3%	42,504,389	34.7%	3.21	2.6
Kansas	1,141,985	737,611	64.6%	404,374	35.4%	3.08	2.48
Shawnee County	72,962	45,339	62.1%	27,623	37.9%	3	2.36
Wyandotte County	60,400	38,806	64.2%	21,594	35.8%	3.42	2.36
Lawrence	39,422	19,750	50.1%	19,672	49.9%	2.88	2.28
Olathe	48,919	36,446	74.5%	12,473	25.5%	3.26	2.81
Overland Park	79,894	50,713	63.5%	29,181	36.5%	3.04	2.41
Topeka	54,092	30,361	56.1%	23,731	43.9%	2.97	2.24
Wichita	154,683	92,969	60.1%	61,714	39.9%	3.21	1.26

Source: 2016 to 2020 Five Year ACS S1101

- 56.1% of all Topeka households were families compared to 64.6% in Kansas and 65.3% in the U.S.
- Average family and household size were smaller than both Kansas and the U. S.
- 35.8% of all Topeka family households containing children under the age of 18 were headed by a single parent, a decrease of 8.2% since 2010. 26.4% of these families were female head of household only. 29.8% of all Kansas family households containing children were single parent headed, with 20.8% being female lead.

Definitions:

Household - Includes all people who occupy a housing unit. One person is designated the householder or head. All households are either “family” or “non-family”.

Family Household - Consists of the household and one or more persons living in the household who are related to the householder by birth, marriage or adoption. May also contain individuals not related to the householder.

Non-family households - Consists of a householder living alone or with nonrelatives only. (i.e. roommate or unmarried partner)

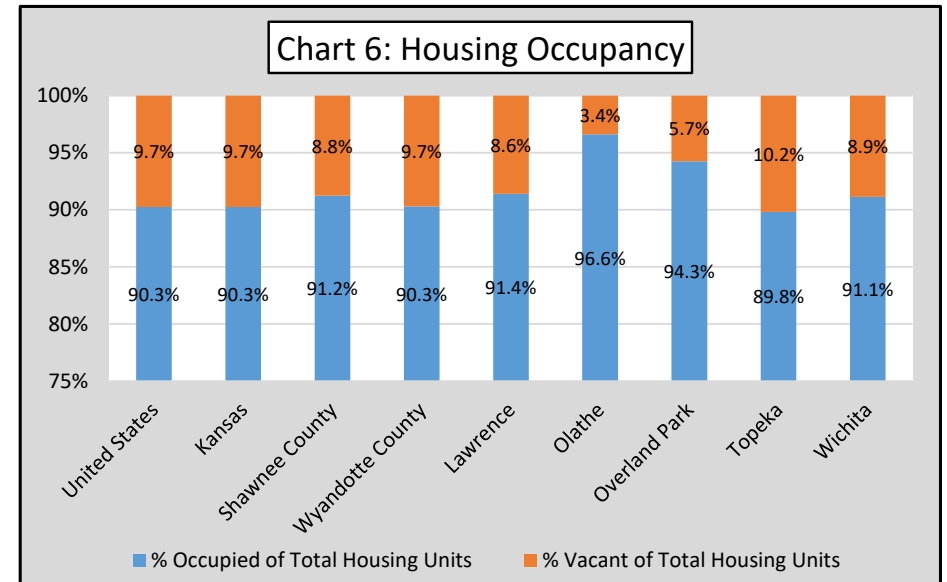
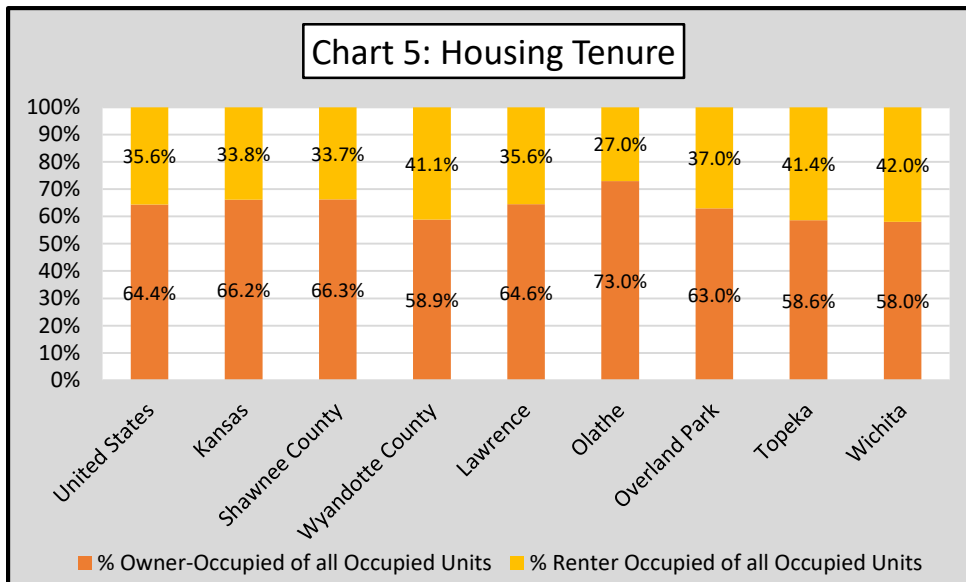
Husband-wife household - the householder and his or her spouse of the opposite sex are members of the same household. “Same sex spousal households” may either be classified “family” or “non-family” depending on the presence of another person related to the householder.

Housing Units

Table 7: Housing Units	Total Housing Units	Occupied	% Occupied of Total Housing Units	Owner-Occupied	% Owner-Occupied of all Occupied Units	Renter-Occupied	% Renter Occupied of all Occupied Units	Vacant	% Vacant of Total Housing Units
United States	140,498,736	126,817,580	90.3%	81,670,522	64.4%	45,147,058	35.6%	13,681,156	9.7%
Kansas	1,275,689	1,151,360	90.3%	762,200	66.2%	389,160	33.8%	124,329	9.7%
Shawnee County	80,512	73,453	91.2%	48,699	66.3%	24,754	33.7%	7,059	8.8%
Wyandotte County	68,475	61,835	90.3%	36,421	58.9%	25,414	41.1%	6,640	9.7%
Lawrence	43,421	39,688	91.4%	25,559	64.6%	14,129	35.6%	3,733	8.6%
Olathe	51,820	50,070	96.6%	36,551	73.0%	13,519	27.0%	1,750	3.4%
Overland Park	86,539	81,567	94.3%	51,387	63.0%	30,180	37.0%	4,972	5.7%
Topeka	60,054	53,938	89.8%	31,608	58.6%	22,330	41.4%	6,116	10.2%
Wichita	174,295	158,851	91.1%	92,134	58.0%	66,717	42.0%	15,444	8.9%

Source: 2020 Decennial Census & 2016-2020 Five Year ACS S1101

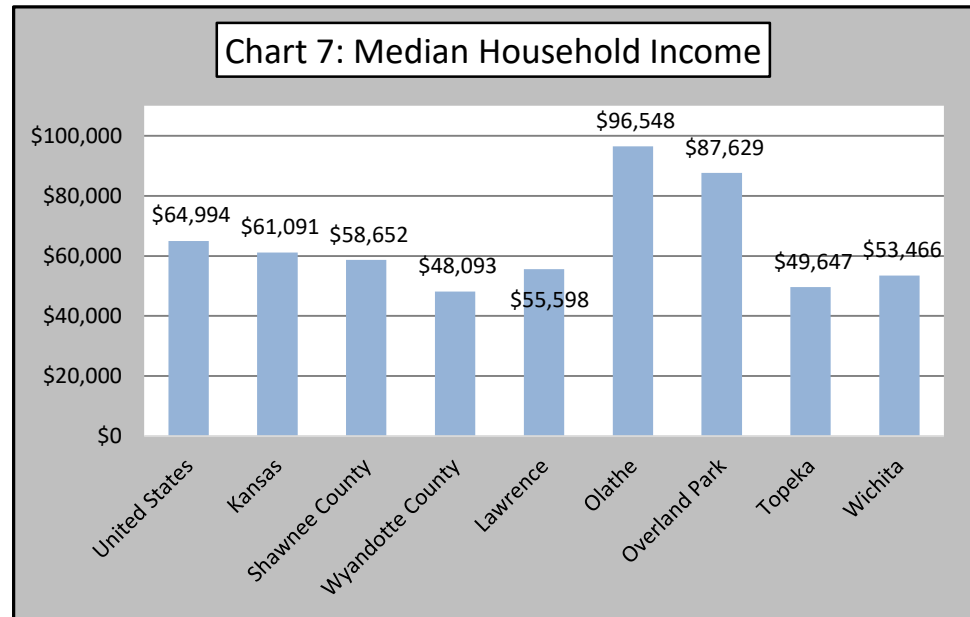
- 10.2% of Topeka housing units were vacant as indicated by the 2020 Census, which is higher rate than our peer cities, state, and national averages. (Table 7) This represents an increase of 0.7% from 2010.
- 58.6% of housing units were owner-occupied in 2020, which represents an increase of 0.3% since 2010. Topeka had a lower rate of owner-occupancy than the State and Nation, but was had a similar rate to Wyandotte County and Wichita. (Chart 5)



Poverty and Income

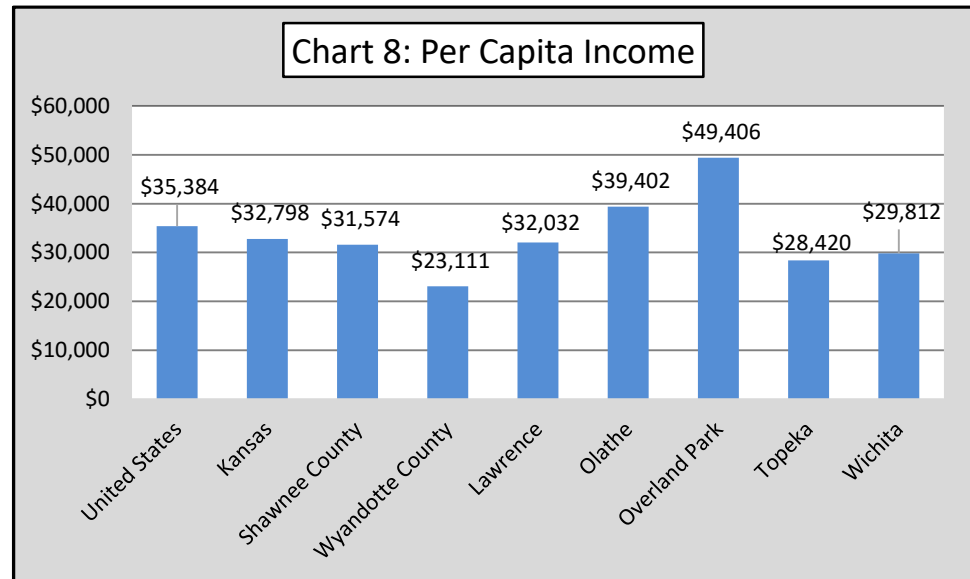
	2010	2020	% Change 2010 to 2020
United States	\$ 51,914	\$ 64,994	25.2%
Kansas	\$ 49,424	\$ 61,091	23.6%
Shawnee County	\$ 47,464	\$ 58,652	23.6%
Wyandotte County	\$ 37,295	\$ 48,093	29.0%
Lawrence	\$ 41,290	\$ 55,598	34.7%
Olathe	\$ 75,228	\$ 96,548	28.3%
Overland Park	\$ 71,513	\$ 87,629	22.5%
Topeka	\$ 40,342	\$ 49,647	23.1%
Wichita	\$ 42,694	\$ 53,466	25.2%

Source: 2016-2020 Five Year ACS S1901



	2010	2020	% Change 2010 to 2020
United States	\$ 27,334	\$ 35,384	29.5%
Kansas	\$ 25,907	\$ 32,798	26.6%
Shawnee County	\$ 25,705	\$ 31,574	22.8%
Wyandotte County	\$ 18,435	\$ 23,111	25.4%
Lawrence	\$ 23,666	\$ 32,032	35.4%
Olathe	\$ 30,966	\$ 39,402	27.2%
Overland Park	\$ 39,319	\$ 49,406	25.7%
Topeka	\$ 23,524	\$ 28,420	20.8%
Wichita	\$ 23,339	\$ 29,812	27.7%

Source: 2016-2020 Five Year ACS S1902

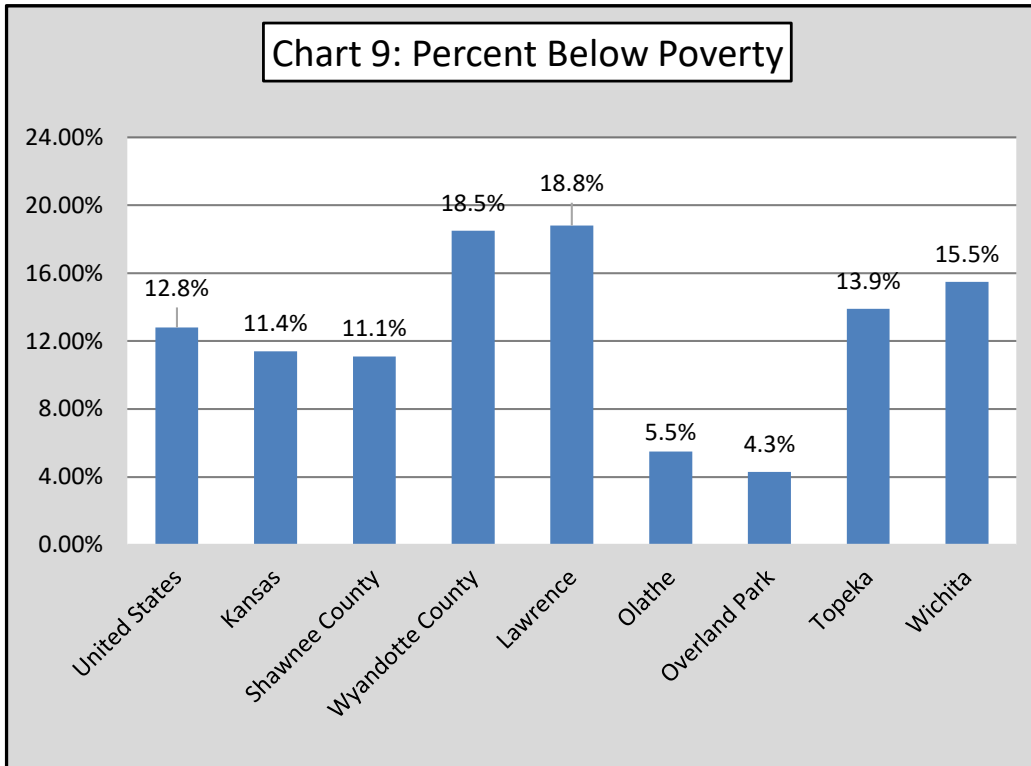


Persons in Poverty

	Total Population	Persons Below Poverty Level	Percent Below Poverty
United States	\$ 318,564,128	40,910,326	12.8%
Kansas	\$ 2,828,498	323,644	11.4%
Shawnee County	\$ 172,598	19,151	11.1%
Wyandotte County	\$ 163,600	30,235	18.5%
Lawrence	\$ 90,242	16,971	18.8%
Olathe	\$ 137,311	7,491	5.5%
Overland Park	\$ 192,085	8,279	4.3%
Topeka	\$ 121,612	16,903	13.9%
Wichita	\$ 384,731	59,812	15.5%

Source: 2016-2020 Five Year ACS S1701

- Topeka's Median Household income grew over \$9,000 since 2010, representing a 23.1% increase. This is consistent with the state who experienced a 23.6% change from 2010 and 2% less than the national increase of 25.2%. *Table 8; Page 11*
- While Topeka experienced nearly a \$5,000 increase in the per capita income, this represented only a 20.8% growth from 2010, which was the smallest increase compared to national, state, and peer cities. *Table 9; Page 11*
- 13.9% of Topeka's sampled population were classified as being below the poverty income threshold, as compared to 18.8% in 2010. Compared to the State (11.4%) and Nation (12.8%) Topeka has a higher rate of persons below poverty, but is below several peer cities. *Table 10*

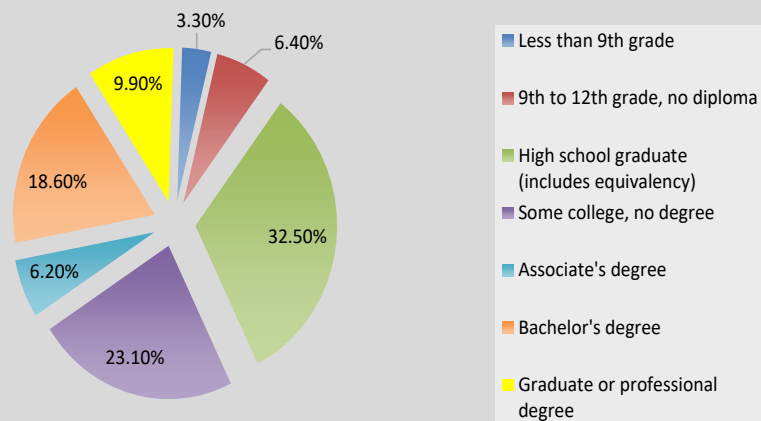


Educational Attainment

Table 11: Educational Attainment	United States	Percent	Kansas	Percent	Shawnee County	Percent	Wyandotte County	Percent	Lawrence	Percent	Olathe	Percent	Overland Park	Percent	Topeka	Percent	Wichita	Percent
Total Population 18 to 24 years	30,435,736		294,657		14,716		14,468		25,900		10,550		15,988		11,831		37,842	
Less than high school graduate	3,701,839	12.2%	33,765	11.5%	1,560	10.6%	3,071	21.2%	909	3.5%	1,166	11.1%	1,284	8.0%	1,184	10.0%	5,204	13.8%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	9,773,642	32.1%	87,525	29.7%	5,976	40.6%	5,039	34.8%	5,126	19.8%	3,539	33.5%	3,887	24.3%	4,666	39.4%	12,869	34.0%
Some college or associate's degree	13,368,543	43.9%	140,029	47.5%	5,664	38.5%	4,839	33.4%	15,903	61.4%	4,413	41.8%	6,772	42.4%	4,751	40.2%	15,847	41.9%
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,591,712	11.8%	33,338	11.3%	1,516	10.3%	1,519	10.5%	3,962	15.3%	1,432	13.6%	4,045	25.3%	1,230	10.4%	3,922	10.4%
Total Population 25 years and over	222,836,834		1,911,990		120,643		105,019		54,819		89,279		133,179		85,220		254,991	
Less than 9th grade	10,923,030	4.9%	66,244	3.5%	3,186	2.6%	9,310	8.9%	619	1.1%	2,373	2.7%	1,753	1.3%	2,837	3.3%	11,541	4.5%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	14,639,650	6.6%	99,129	5.2%	6,093	5.1%	11,382	10.8%	1,821	3.3%	3,036	3.4%	2,224	1.7%	5,424	6.4%	17,795	7.0%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	59,421,419	26.7%	494,226	25.8%	37,751	31.3%	34,206	32.6%	8,925	16.3%	14,429	16.2%	16,053	12.1%	27,724	32.5%	67,543	26.5%
Some college, no degree	45,242,162	20.3%	435,361	22.8%	27,329	22.7%	22,069	21.0%	9,823	17.9%	17,252	19.3%	22,874	17.2%	19,691	23.1%	59,579	23.4%
Associate's degree	19,254,254	8.6%	168,417	8.8%	8,478	7.0%	8,810	8.4%	3,555	6.5%	7,471	8.4%	8,672	6.5%	5,251	6.2%	20,253	7.9%
Bachelor's degree	45,034,610	20.2%	410,344	21.5%	24,384	20.2%	12,633	12.0%	16,078	29.3%	28,396	31.8%	49,206	36.9%	15,842	18.6%	49,889	19.6%
Graduate or professional degree	28,321,709	12.7%	238,269	12.5%	13,422	11.1%	6,609	6.3%	13,998	25.5%	16,322	18.3%	32,397	24.3%	8,451	9.9%	28,391	11.1%

Source: 2016-2020 Five Year ACS S1501

Chart 10: Educational Attainment of persons aged 25+:
Topeka

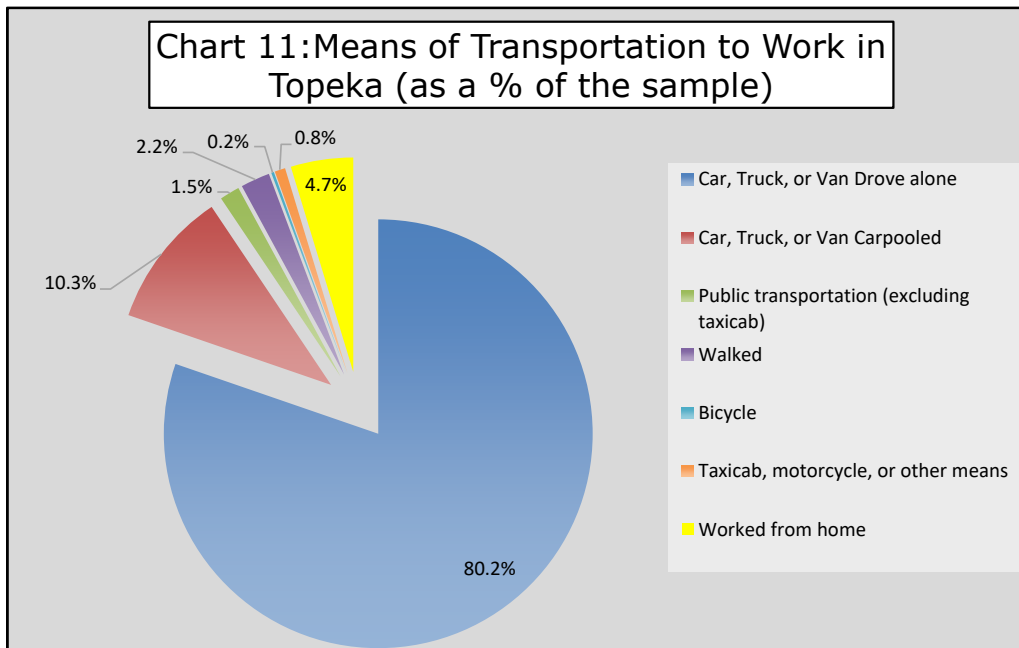


- Of Topeka's population aged 25+, 32.5% obtained a high school diploma or GED, which is higher than the State (25.8%) and National (26.7%) rate.
- 39.4% of Topeka's population aged 18 to 24 had obtained a high school diploma or GED, which is also higher than the State (29.7%) and National (32.1%) rate.
- Of the total population in Topeka, 31.2% had obtained some college or an Associate's degree. This is lower than the State (38.9%) rate, but higher than the National (30.7%).
- Of the total population in Topeka, 17.6% had obtained a Bachelor's degree. This is lower than the State (23.2%) and National (19.2%) rate.
- Of the total population in Topeka, 8.7% had obtained a graduate or professional degree. This is lower than the State (12.5%) and Nation (11.2%).

Means of Transportation to Work

Table 12: Means of Transportation to Work for Works 16 and Over	United States	%	Kansas	%	Shawnee County	%	Wyandotte County	%	Lawrence	%	Olathe	%	Overland Park	%	Topeka	%	Wichita	%
Total Population >16	153,665,654		1,436,563		83,809		75,482		54,982		74,465		105,930		58,331		188,723	
Car, truck, or van	128,771,818	83.8%	1,288,597	89.7%	76,350	91.1%	70,349	93.2%	45,415	82.6%	65,827	88.4%	91,418	86.3%	52,790	90.5%	174,380	92.4%
Drove alone	115,095,575	74.9%	1,159,306	80.7%	68,137	81.3%	60,084	79.6%	41,182	74.9%	59,721	80.2%	85,062	80.3%	46,781	80.2%	155,696	82.5%
Carpooled	13,676,243	8.9%	127,854	8.9%	8,213	9.8%	10,190	13.5%	4,234	7.7%	6,106	8.2%	6,356	6.0%	6,008	10.3%	18,684	9.9%
Workers per car, truck, or van		1.06		1.06		1.06		1.09		1.05		1.05		1.04		1.07		1.06
Public transportation (excluding taxicab)	7,068,620	4.6%	5,746	0.4%	922	1.1%	679	0.9%	1,320	2.4%	149	0.2%	424	0.4%	875	1.5%	1,132	0.6%
Walked	3,995,307	2.6%	31,604	2.2%	1,509	1.8%	906	1.2%	3,024	5.5%	596	0.8%	953	0.9%	1,283	2.2%	2,453	1.3%
Bicycle	768,328	0.5%	4,310	0.3%	84	0.1%	151	0.2%	715	1.3%	149	0.2%	106	0.1%	117	0.2%	755	0.4%
Taxicab, motorcycle, or other means	1,997,654	1.3%	14,366	1.0%	670	0.8%	528	0.7%	495	0.9%	521	0.7%	1,165	1.1%	467	0.8%	2,076	1.1%
Worked from home	11,217,593	7.3%	91,940	6.4%	4,274	5.1%	2,868	3.8%	3,959	7.2%	7,223	9.7%	11,864	11.2%	2,742	4.7%	7,738	4.1%

Source: 2016-2020 five year ACS S0801

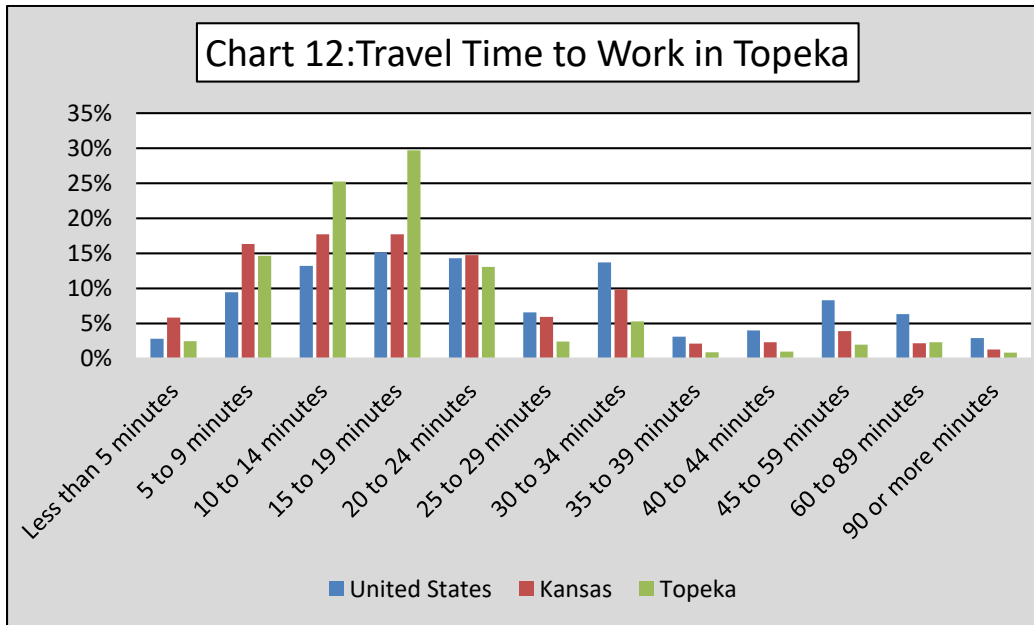


- 90.5% of those sampled in Topeka reported they drove to work (80.2% drove alone and 10.3% carpooled with at least one other person in the car). nationally, 83.8% reported they drove to work (74.9% drove alone and 8.9% carpooled).
- Nationally, 4.6% reported the used public transit and 3.1% walked or biked. In Topeka, this rate was 1.5% for public transportation and 2.4% for walking or biking to work.
- Those reporting they bicycled to work were less than half a percent in Topeka and statewide. The one exception is Lawrence, which had 1.3% report they bicycled to work.
- In Topeka, 4.7% reported working from home. This was less than statewide (6.4%) and nationally (7.3%).

Travel Time to Work

	United States	%	Kansas	%	Shawnee County	%	Wyandotte County	%	Lawrence	%	Olathe	%	Overland Park	%	Topeka	%	Wichita	%
Total:	142,512,559		1,345,103		79,539		72,585		50,999		67,260		94,107		55,567		180,916	
Less than 5 minutes	4,015,943	2.8%	78,427	5.8%	1,948	2.4%	1,199	1.7%	2,145	4.2%	1,571	2.3%	1,945	2.1%	1,388	2.5%	4,158	2.3%
5 to 9 minutes	13,513,625	9.5%	219,752	16.3%	10,312	13.0%	5,891	8.1%	9,945	19.5%	6,529	9.7%	9,873	10.5%	8,159	14.7%	21,077	11.7%
10 to 14 minutes	18,838,076	13.2%	238,202	17.7%	17,601	22.1%	10,725	14.8%	11,780	23.1%	10,991	16.3%	16,113	17.1%	14,027	25.2%	36,321	20.1%
15 to 19 minutes	21,619,878	15.2%	238,235	17.7%	22,401	28.2%	14,690	20.2%	9,302	18.2%	12,710	18.9%	21,134	22.5%	16,523	29.7%	45,091	24.9%
20 to 24 minutes	20,372,651	14.3%	198,420	14.8%	12,996	16.3%	14,839	20.4%	3,270	6.4%	12,424	18.5%	18,250	19.4%	7,261	13.1%	38,100	21.1%
25 to 29 minutes	9,365,254	6.6%	80,026	5.9%	3,188	4.0%	6,955	9.6%	1,693	3.3%	4,913	7.3%	7,272	7.7%	1,356	2.4%	10,181	5.6%
30 to 34 minutes	19,586,168	13.7%	132,804	9.9%	5,389	6.8%	10,514	14.5%	4,086	8.0%	8,565	12.7%	9,385	10.0%	2,946	5.3%	14,827	8.2%
35 to 39 minutes	4,444,652	3.1%	28,743	2.1%	731	0.9%	1,555	2.1%	1,461	2.9%	1,922	2.9%	2,578	2.7%	496	0.9%	1,304	0.7%
40 to 44 minutes	5,697,009	4.0%	31,189	2.3%	799	1.0%	1,424	2.0%	2,402	4.7%	2,473	3.7%	2,466	2.6%	539	1.0%	1,710	0.9%
45 to 59 minutes	11,874,852	8.3%	52,748	3.9%	1,681	2.1%	2,604	3.6%	3,407	6.7%	3,207	4.8%	3,449	3.7%	1,108	2.0%	3,308	1.8%
60 to 89 minutes	9,053,457	6.4%	29,094	2.2%	1,902	2.4%	1,518	2.1%	1,119	2.2%	1,212	1.8%	971	1.0%	1,296	2.3%	2,447	1.4%
90 or more minutes	4,130,994	2.9%	17,463	1.3%	591	0.7%	671	0.9%	389	0.8%	743	1.1%	671	0.7%	468	0.8%	2,392	1.3%

Source: 2016 -2020 five year ACS table B08012



- 69.6% of residents in Topeka take between 5 to 19 minutes to travel to work one-way, which is a higher percent than the Nation (37.9%) and the State (51.7%).
- For travel times greater than 20 minutes to work, only those traveling 60 plus minutes were at the same level or greater than the peer cities. This is likely due to the residents who travel to the Kansas City metro area for work.

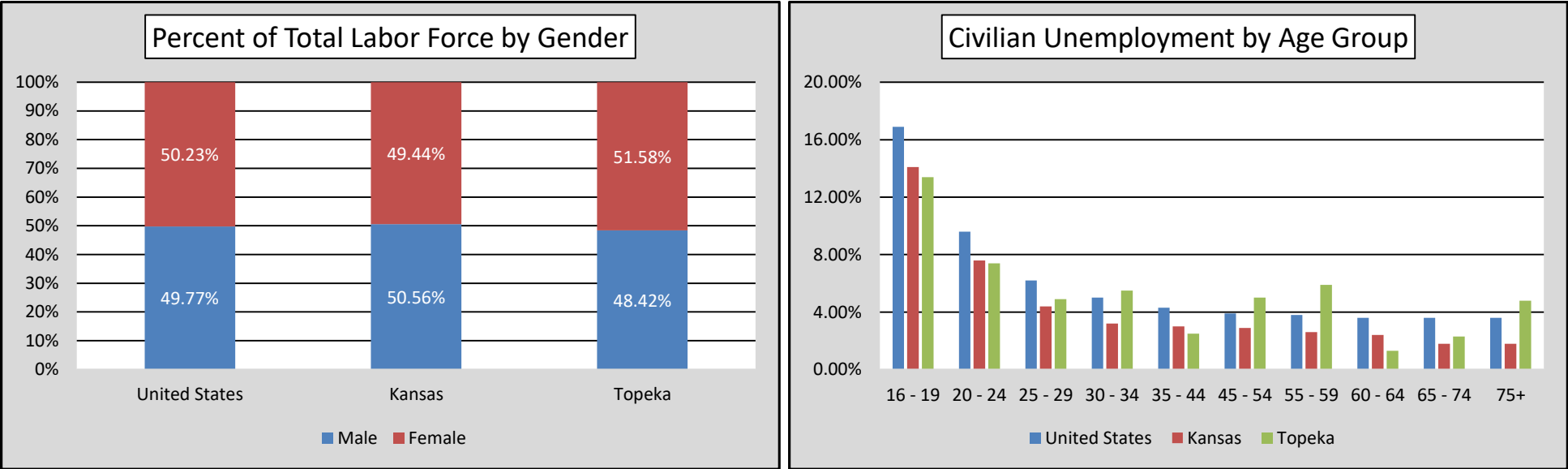
Labor Force

Table 14: Work Force/Employment Status by %	United States	Kansas	Shawnee County	Wyandotte County	Lawrence	Olathe	Overland Park	Topeka	Wichita
Population 16 years and over	261,649,873	2,285,921	140,252	124,296	82,092	104,455	154,784	100,203	303,433
Labor Force Participation Rate	63.4%	66.6%	63.3%	66.0%	71.7%	75.1%	71.9%	62.3%	67.0%
Employment/ Pop. Ratio	59.6%	63.2%	60.4%	61.8%	68.5%	72.6%	69.5%	59.0%	62.9%
Unemployment Rate	5.4%	4.1%	4.1%	6.3%	4.4%	3.1%	3.2%	4.9%	5.6%
16 to 19 years	16,992,661	160,164	9,112	8,747	8,089	7,741	9,890	6,394	19,791
Labor Force Participation Rate	38.3%	49.1%	49.5%	50.7%	47.3%	54.9%	50.4%	52.2%	48.6%
Employed	31.4%	41.7%	43.0%	39.0%	42.4%	47.5%	44.8%	44.7%	39.4%
Unemployment Rate	16.9%	14.1%	12.4%	23.0%	10.5%	12.8%	11.0%	13.4%	18.3%
20 to 24 years	21,820,378	213,767	10,497	10,530	19,184	7,435	11,715	8,589	28,651
Labor Force Participation Rate	74.9%	80.8%	80.3%	81.6%	76.8%	83.9%	85.2%	79.3%	82.5%
Employed	66.3%	72.0%	74.5%	72.9%	71.0%	78.5%	79.5%	73.3%	74.3%
Unemployment Rate	9.6%	7.6%	7.0%	10.4%	7.2%	6.1%	6.7%	7.4%	8.7%
25 to 29 years	23,262,155	194,276	11,211	12,749	8,963	8,460	13,761	8,841	30,472
Labor Force Participation Rate	83.3%	85.3%	84.8%	80.4%	86.5%	89.0%	93.1%	83.3%	83.9%
Employed	77.1%	79.6%	80.5%	74.8%	82.9%	84.7%	89.3%	79.2%	78.6%
Unemployment Rate	6.2%	4.4%	4.7%	6.5%	3.9%	3.0%	3.5%	4.9%	5.2%
30 to 34 years	22,223,010	188,104	10,838	12,046	6,601	10,692	13,558	8,047	27,845
Labor Force Participation Rate	83.20%	84.80%	86.10%	81.10%	92.80%	90.80%	86.50%	85.90%	84.50%
Employed	78.30%	80.80%	81.30%	78.00%	91.00%	88.90%	84.60%	80.40%	80.10%
Unemployment Rate	5.00%	3.20%	4.80%	3.50%	2.00%	1.60%	2.10%	5.50%	4.30%
35 to 44 years	41,346,677	357,316	21,025	21,498	11,347	21,508	25,771	15,151	47,696
Labor Force Participation Rate	82.90%	85.10%	84.70%	85.90%	88.10%	90.70%	88.00%	82.70%	84.30%
Employed	78.90%	81.60%	82.20%	81.10%	84.50%	89.30%	85.90%	80.50%	80.00%
Unemployment Rate	4.30%	3.00%	2.20%	5.40%	3.60%	1.40%	1.80%	2.50%	4.40%
45 to 54 years	41,540,736	337,998	21,115	18,664	8,907	18,678	25,859	14,268	44,688
Labor Force Participation Rate	81.10%	84.40%	84.30%	78.60%	87.70%	89.90%	88.60%	81.30%	82.50%
Employed	77.80%	81.60%	81.30%	74.70%	85.80%	87.50%	87.30%	77.00%	78.50%
Unemployment Rate	3.90%	2.90%	3.30%	5.00%	2.20%	2.60%	1.50%	5.00%	4.80%

Labor Force Continued

Table 14: Work Force/Employment Status by %	United States	Kansas	Shawnee County	Wyandotte County	Lawrence	Olathe	Overland Park	Topeka	Wichita
55 to 59 years	21,785,721	190,126	12,035	9,959	4,059	7,504	12,635	8,313	24,095
Labor Force Participation Rate	72.90%	77.20%	74.20%	67.70%	81.90%	85.20%	83.40%	69.70%	76.80%
Employed	70.10%	75.10%	70.50%	65.50%	81.80%	82.60%	81.20%	65.60%	73.70%
Unemployment Rate	3.80%	2.60%	5.10%	3.20%	0.20%	3.00%	2.70%	5.90%	4.00%
60 to 64 years	20,315,718	183,253	12,427	9,502	3,871	6,323	11,715	7,779	23,456
Labor Force Participation Rate	57.60%	62.60%	59.00%	56.30%	68.90%	68.20%	71.60%	59.00%	58.70%
Employed	55.60%	61.10%	58.30%	54.10%	67.20%	66.60%	68.30%	58.20%	56.30%
Unemployment Rate	3.60%	2.40%	1.10%	4.10%	2.40%	2.40%	4.60%	1.30%	4.00%
65 to 74 years	30,547,950	263,359	18,283	12,567	6,696	10,151	17,335	12,393	34,163
Labor Force Participation Rate	26.60%	30.80%	24.70%	25.80%	34.50%	33.30%	36.80%	24.00%	30.00%
Employed	25.60%	30.30%	24.30%	25.30%	33.60%	32.50%	35.80%	23.40%	29.20%
Unemployment Rate	3.60%	1.80%	1.60%	1.90%	2.60%	2.40%	2.70%	2.30%	2.70%
75 years and over	21,814,867	197,558	13,709	8,034	4,375	5,963	12,545	10,428	22,576
Labor Force Participation Rate	6.90%	7.50%	4.30%	7.00%	7.20%	5.60%	7.40%	4.60%	6.00%
Employed	6.70%	7.40%	4.10%	6.60%	6.70%	5.60%	7.40%	4.40%	5.60%
Unemployment Rate	3.60%	1.80%	4.80%	5.30%	6.60%	0.00%	1.00%	4.80%	6.00%
Work Force/Employment by SEX	United States	Kansas	Shawnee County	Wyandotte County	Lawrence	Olathe	Overland Park	Topeka	Wichita
Male	95,696,739	841,718	48,101	47,638	32,539	39,623	57,365	34,373	113,426
Labor Force Participation Rate	82.50%	85.40%	83.60%	82.80%	84.90%	92.90%	92.00%	81.80%	85.10%
Employed	77.40%	80.30%	80.20%	78.20%	80.70%	90.20%	88.90%	78.00%	79.80%
Unemployment Rate	5.10%	3.80%	3.50%	5.30%	4.70%	2.50%	3.00%	4.30%	5.30%
Female	96,597,656	823,122	51,047	47,310	30,393	40,977	57,649	36,615	113,477
Labor Force Participation Rate	73.40%	76.50%	76.20%	72.70%	81.50%	82.10%	80.20%	75.10%	75.40%
Employed	69.60%	73.70%	73.00%	68.40%	78.80%	79.90%	78.10%	71.30%	71.60%
Unemployment Rate	4.90%	3.40%	4.10%	5.70%	3.20%	2.60%	2.60%	4.80%	4.80%
Source: 2016 - 2020 five year ACS Table S2301									

Labor Force Continued



- The female population makes up nearly 51.6% of the total labor force in Topeka. This is slightly higher than the national and state level which are 50.2% and 49.4%.
- Civilian unemployment is 4.9% across all age groups in Topeka. This falls between the national rate of 5.4% and the statewide rate of 4.1%. Of the peer cities only Wyandotte County (6.3%) and Wichita (5.6%) had higher rates of unemployment.
- Three notable age groups stood out in Topeka’s unemployment rate. Age groups of 30 to 34, 45 to 54, and 55 to 59 all had unemployment rates higher than the nation, state, and all peer cities. These age groups all fall within the 20 to 64 age group identified on page 6, which indicated the largest loss of true value of Topeka’s population.