



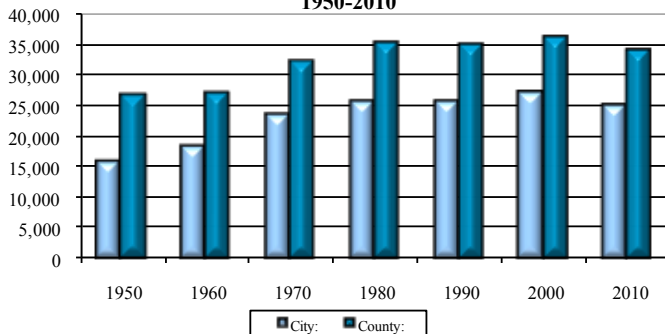
COMMUNITY PROFILE

LOCATION

Emporia is strategically located at the intersection of I-35, I-335 (Kansas Turnpike), and U.S. Highway 50. With the 70-mph speed limit, it is a relatively short drive to Kansas City (110 miles), Wichita (85 miles), and Topeka (50 miles).

POPULATION

Population of Emporia and Lyon County 1950-2010



Year	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
City:	15,669	18,190	23,116	25,287	25,512	26,760	24,916
Change:	N/A	16.1%	27.1%	9.4%	0.9%	4.9%	-6.9%
County:	26,576	26,928	31,866	35,108	34,732	35,935	33,690
Change:	N/A	1.3%	18.3%	10.2%	-1.1%	3.5%	-6.2%

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Local government:	Commission-Manager
Comprehensive city plan:	Yes
City zoning ordinance in effect:	Yes
Fire insurance classification:	03 in city 09 outside
Full-time fire department personnel:	53
Police officers:	45
City engineer employed:	Yes
Municipal Library:	Yes
Refuse service provided:	Yes
City streets paved:	97%

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

Public Schools

Type	Number	Teachers	Enrollment	Grades
Elementary	7	232	2,236	Pre-K-5
Middle	2	80	933	6-8
High School	2	113	1,463	9-12
Tech College	1	36	948	
University	1	254	6,094	

Private Schools

Type	Number	Teachers	Enrollment	Grades
Christian School	1	8	53	Preschool thru 6th
Sacred Heart Catholic	1	10	85	Preschool thru 6th

Web Sites

Emporia State University	www.emporia.edu
Flint Hills Technical College	www.fhtc.edu
U.S.D.#253	www.usd253.org

Source: Survey 2015

COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Machine Shops in city:	4
Tool and Die service in city:	Yes
Electric motor repair service available:	Yes
Newspaper:	Daily & Weekend
Radio Stations:	6
Television channels received:	180
Seating capacity of largest meeting room:	1,000
Hotels, motels, bed & breakfast:	15
Total rooms available:	700
Chamber of Commerce & CVB:	Yes

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Rail

Emporia is served by the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad Company with through service from Chicago to California and Chicago to Texas.

Highway

Highway bus service available: Yes
 Highway serving city: Kansas Turnpike, I-35, U.S. 50, Kansas 99, Kansas 57
 Motor freight carriers serving community: 7

Air

Nearest public airport: Emporia Municipal Airport
 Distance from Emporia: 5 miles south
 Length of longest runway: 5,000 feet
 Lighted landing strip: Yes
 Private aircraft storage available: Yes
 Private aircraft maintenance available: Yes

Commuter Airline Service

Nearest airport: Wichita Dwight D Eisenhower National Airport
 Distance from Emporia: 96 miles
 Carriers: Allegiant, Southwest, Delta, American and United
 Daily flights: 34

Major International Airport

Nearest airport: Kansas City International
 Distance from Emporia: 125 miles
 Carriers: Air Canada, Air Mexico/FunjetAlaska, Allegiant Air, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, Spirit Airlines and United
 Daily flights: 130
 Air cargo carriers: DB Schenker, DHL Cargo, Fed Ex, UPS
 Daily flights: 19

Shipping

Length of time goods in transit to:

City	Days by Railroad	Days by Mtr Freight	Miles from Emporia
Atlanta	3	1.25	932
Chicago	1	1	609
Dallas	1	9 hrs	432
Denver	1	11hrs	540
Kansas City	6 hrs	2.5 hrs	110
Los Angeles	2	2	1479
Memphis	2	1	592
Minneapolis	3	11 hrs	541
New Orleans	3	1	933
New York	5	2	1307
St. Louis	2	2	365

UTILITIES

Water

Water supplier: Municipal
 Name of supplier: City of Emporia, Kansas
 Address: 522 Mechanic, Emporia, Kansas
 Rate information contact: Kerry Sull, City Clerk
 City water source: Reservoir and Rivers
 River water available: 20 cubic ft./second
 Supply of reservoir water available: 16,500,000,000 gallons
 Approved by State Dept. of Health: Yes
 Capacity of water plant: 20,000,000 gallons per day
 Average daily consumption: 10,000,000 gallons
 Peak consumption (one day): 12,000,000 gallons

Sanitation

Type of sewage treatment plant: Digested sludge with primary and secondary treatment
 Approved by State Dept. of Health: Yes
 Sewer use charge: Yes
 Characteristics of waste treatment plant:

Measurement	Capacity	Present Load
Gallons per day	8,000,000	4,200,000
Population equivalent	48,000	48,000

Natural Gas

Natural gas service available: Yes
 Name of supplier: Kansas Gas Service, Inc.
 Address of supplier: Emporia, Kansas
 Rate information contact: Division Manager, Pam Stone
 785-431-4072

Electricity

Electric Power supplier: Private
 Name of supplier: Westar Energy
 Address of supplier: Emporia, Kansas
 Rate information contact: Community Support Chad Luce
 785-575-8134

Telecommunications

Local providers: Birch Communications
 AT&T
 Cable One
 Valu-Net
 Wireless providers: Sprint
 T Mobile
 U.S. Cellular
 Verizon
 Internet Service Providers: Cable One
 SEAMLESS.NET
 Valu-Net
 Wild Blue

RECREATION FACILITIES

Public golf course, 18-hole grass greens:	Yes
Public parks:	Yes
Public tennis courts:	Yes
Country club:	Yes
Nearest public access lake for swimming, fishing, water-skiing, motor boating:	14 miles

LOCAL MANUFACTURING CHARACTERISTICS

Number of manufacturing plants and processors in community.....	19
Number of manufacturing plants with unions	2

Occupation	Mean Wage	Median Wage
Production Occupations	\$15.00	\$13.77
Office Clerk, General	11.63	10.86
Industrial Truck Driver	16.28	15.88
Machinist	16.47	15.65
Maintenance & Repair	15.39	14.78
Welder, Combination	15.84	15.10

Source: Kansas Wage Survey, 2014 Edition
Kansas Department of Labor

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks in community:	5
Credit unions:	2

HEALTH FACILITIES

Hospitals in community:	1
Number of beds:	25
Medical personnel:	
MD	24
DO	9
RN	135
LPN	22
Practices in Emporia:	
DDS	17
DC	9
DVM	8

Company	Product/Service	Employment
Tyson Fresh Meats	Meat packing	914
U.S.D. #253	Education K - 12	778
Emporia State University	University	748
Hostess Brands	Bakery products	535
Newman Regional Health	Hospital	458
Simmons Pet Food	Manufacturer of private label canned cat/dog food	420
Birch Communications	Telecommunication services	246
City of Emporia	City Government	245
Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation	Manufactures quality automotive products	244
Lyon County	County Government	242
Norfolk Iron & Metal Company	Steel distribution center	164
CAMSO Manufacturing USA Ltd.	Manufacturer of rubber products	141
Detroit Diesel Remanufacturing	Diesel engine assembly and remanufacturing	132
Evco Wholesale Food Corporation	Wholesale food distributor	127
Hill's Pet Nutrition	Manufacturer of dry pet food	125
Better Life Technologies	Manufacturer of plastic home products	118
Vektec, Inc.	Manufacturer of hydraulic clamping equipment	110
Holman Distribution	Warehousing, shipping, transportation	100
Flint Hills Technical College	Technical college	76
Fanestil Meats	Wholesale meat processing and distribution	76
Bunge Corporation	Processor of soybeans and meal	68
Sauder Custom Fabrication, Inc.	Custom pressure vessels	57
Glendo Corporation	Manufactures and distributes engraving tools	55
Cargill Animal Nutrition	Manufacturer of dry dog/cat food	51
Redline Trucking	Transportation	49
Thermal Ceramics	Manufacturer of refractory ceramic	48
Valu-Net	Fiber optic broadband internet service provider	32
Kansa Technology	Manufacturer of newspaper insertion equipment	16
W.A. Moyer, L.C.	Manufacturer of glass level vials	10
BPE, Inc.	Manufacturer of archery products	7

Source: Telephone Survey (02/16)

MILL LEVY AND TAX INFORMATION

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
City	42.033	41.571	41.776	41.559	41.575	41.582	41.606	41.531
County	51.639	49.407	52.810	57.304	63.972	56.501	54.513	58.676
School	54.124	55.542	60.416	60.437	60.403	61.381	61.386	61.415
State	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Tax Rate	149.296	148.020	156.503	159.300	167.450	160.964	159.005	163.122
City Assessed Valuation	150,242,416	149,983,851	149,517,276	143,295,741	142,739,117	145,169,237	145,649,901	147,368,408
County Assessed Valuation	233,295,959	233,825,917	235,482,323	228,536,350	235,527,407	269,100,625	299,027,672	306,142,995
Sales Tax	6.8%	7.8%	8.8%	8.3%	8.15%	8.15%	8.15%	8.50%

EMPORIA

Made famous by the late William Allen White, editor of the Emporia Gazette newspaper, Emporia today is a manufacturing, educational, transportation, trade, medical and cattle center of the East Central Kansas region.

The Emporia area, located midway between Topeka and Wichita on the Kansas Turnpike (I-335) and between Kansas City and Wichita on I-35, is an important crossroads and trade area for the East Central Kansas population of approximately 82,000 people. The amount of truck traffic generated from Emporia's manufacturing community provides a competitive advantage on in-bound freight. The amount of heavy commercial traffic is only second to the Kansas City metropolitan area. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad main line passes through Emporia. The Emporia municipal airport, with a 5,000-foot hard surface runway, can accommodate most corporate aircraft.

Emporia State University is one of the finest medium-sized universities in the mid-west. More than 6,000 students are enrolled in the university offering outstanding programs in education, business, arts & sciences, and library science and information management. More information is available at their website at www.emporia.edu

Flint Hills Technical College offers training in automotive technology, business administrative technology, computer program design, computerized machine tool engineering, construction technology, dental assisting, dental hygiene, emergency medical technician, EMS dispatch technology, graphic arts technology, general education, health occupations technology, hospitality/ culinary arts, industrial engineering technology, interactive digital systems, network technology, power plant technology, practical nursing, sustainability studies, sustainability living center and welding technology. More information is available on their web site at www.fhtc.edu

Training partnerships are developed between the manufacturing community, Emporia State University, Flint Hills Technical College, and Emporia Unified School District #253 to deliver customized instruction.

INCENTIVES

The Emporia area offers many benefits to manufacturers who create new high quality employment opportunities and business investments. Those benefits include tax abatement on property for up to ten years and land at a reduced price. A performance based cash grant program exists to a qualifying business that creates quality jobs and investment. For further information, contact the Regional Development Association of East Central Kansas at 620-342-1600 or e-mail at kheermann@emporiarda.org

SITES

Emporia's Industrial Park I opened in 1955. Consisting of 160 acres, the Park is now filled. Industrial Park II has one 5-acre site available. Industrial Park III has 6 lots ranging in size from 16 to 24 acres. Larger tracts are available. Owner of the park is Emporia Enterprises, Inc. Services available at the site are gas, sewer, electricity, and water. For more information, contact the Regional Development Association of East Central Kansas, Kent Heermann, President at 620-342-1600 e-mail address: kheermann@emporiarda.org or our website at www.emporiarda.org