

A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Lawrence, Kansas: A Community of Learners

Education is important to Lawrence and Douglas County. The KU Institute for Public Policy and Business Research reported that 91% of county residents are high school graduates and 44% have completed some form of higher education. A Chamber of Commerce report indicated 50% of Lawrence residents “go to school” each day - either as students or as employees in the field of education.

The population of Lawrence is estimated at 85,000; Douglas County's is 100,000. Lawrence is conveniently located on I- 70 between Kansas City and Topeka.

Douglas County is home to three universities. The University of Kansas is rated a “Best Buy” in the “Fiske Guide to Colleges.” Haskell Indian Nations University is the only intertribal university to recruit American Indian and Alaskan Native students from across the country. Baker University, the first university in Kansas, is ranked one of the top private liberal arts universities in the region.



“Have you heard the Buzz?”

“One of the best places in the country to live” (Men’s Journal magazine)

Among the “Top 100 Places to Live” (Relocate-America.com)

15th among “The 100 Best Art Towns in America” (Author John Villani)

4th among college towns to which people most want to move (Reader’s Digest)

6th in the nation for per capita bachelor’s degree attainment (U.S. Census)

One of “A Dozen Distinctive Destinations” (National Trust for Historic Preservation)

Among “the least segregated communities” (USA Today)

Among 122 “Safest Cities” (Safest and Most Dangerous Cities, Morgan Quitno Press)

Runner-up among “Top 10 Cities Kindest to the Environment” (The Green Guide)

Among “50 Best Small Metro Areas” to start and grow a business (Inc. magazine)

Among nation’s “Top 10 Small Metro Regional Economies” where “cutting edge entrepreneurs effectively feed off knowledge institutions such as great universities.” (Forbes magazine)

1st in “Employment Potential” based on wage, unemployment, adult education, and age distribution factors (Expansion Management magazine)

Among “America’s 50 Hottest Cities for Business Relocation and Expansion” (Expansion Management magazine)

Among “Top 12 cities in the U.S.” with the largest percentage of professional artists in the workforce (National Endowment for the Arts)

Among “Top 10 U.S. University Presenters” - University of Kansas Lied Center (International Arts Manager magazine)

One of nine “high achievers” in the world of sports (Sports Travel magazine)

One of “50 Great Boating Lakes” - Clinton Lake (Boating World magazine)