



COMMUNITY PROFILE

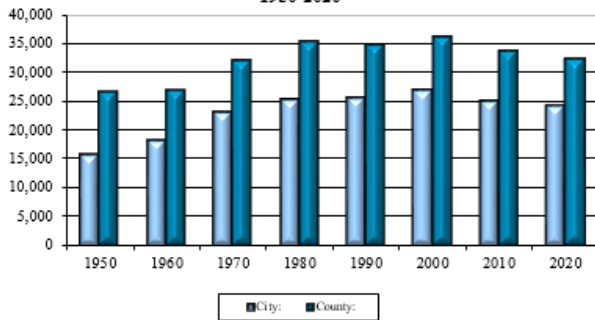
EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES

LOCATION

Emporia is strategically located at the intersection of I-35, I-335 (Kansas Turnpike), and U.S. Highway 50. With the 75-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 1950-2020



Year	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020
City:	15,669	18,190	23,116	25,287	25,512	26,760	24,916	24,139
Change:	N/A	16.1%	27.1%	9.4%	0.9%	4.9%	-6.9%	-3.1%
County:	26,576	26,928	31,866	35,108	34,732	35,935	33,690	32,179
Change:	N/A	1.3%	18.3%	10.2%	-1.1%	3.5%	-6.2%	-4.5%

Source: Kansas Statistical Abstract

Public Schools

Type	Number	Teachers	Enrollment	Grades
Elementary	7	187	1,898	Pre-K-5
Middle	1	76	894	6-8
High School	1	110	1,232	9-12
FH Learning Center	1	3	219	13
Tech College	1	37	2,149	
University	1	237	5,420	

Private Schools

Type	Number	Teachers	Enrollment	Grades
Christian School	1	8	102	Pre-school thru 8th
Sacred Heart Catholic	1	8	84	Pre-school thru 5th

Web Sites

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

Source: Survey 2023

MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Local government:	Commission-Manager
Comprehensive city plan:	Yes
City zoning ordinance in effect:	Yes
Fire insurance classification:	02 in city 06 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%

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:	12
Television channels received:	Over 160
Seating capacity of largest meeting room:	1,000
Hotels, motels, bed & breakfast:	14
Total rooms available:	730
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-335, I-35, U.S. 50, Kansas 99, Kansas 57

Motor freight carriers serving community 10

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: Alaska Airlines, Allegiant, American, Delta, Frontier, Southwest, and United Airlines

Daily flights: 49

Air cargo carriers: Amazon Air, DHL, Federal Express, UPS, Southwest Airlines Cargo

Major International Airport

Nearest airport: Kansas City International
 Distance from Emporia: 125 miles

Carriers: Air Canada, Alaska Airlines, Allegiant, American, Apple Vacations, Delta, Frontier, JetBlue, Southwest, Spirit Airlines, United Airlines, Volaris, and VivaAerobus

Daily flights: 150

Air cargo carriers: DHL, Fed Ex Express, and 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: 15,000,000 gallons per day
 Average daily consumption: 6,000,000 gallons
 Peak consumption (one day): 12,000,000 gallons

Sanitation

Type of sewage treatment plant: Integrated Fixed-Film Activated Sludge (IFAS) system

Approved by State Dept. of Health: Yes

Sewer use charge: Yes

Characteristics of waste treatment plant:

Measurement	Capacity	Present Load
Gallons per day	5,400,000	2,860,000

Natural Gas

Natural gas service available: Yes

Name of supplier: Kansas Gas Service, Inc.

Address of supplier: Emporia, Kansas

Rate information contact: 785-431-4072

Electricity

Electric Power supplier:

Name of supplier: Evergy

Address of supplier: Emporia, Kansas

Rate information contact: Community Support
 785-575-8134

Telecommunications

Cable: Valu-Net

Wireless phone providers:

AT&T
 Cricket Wireless
 Nex-Tech Wireless
 T Mobile
 U.S. Cellular
 Verizon

Internet Service Providers:

AT&T
 Century Business Technologies
 Valu-Net

RECREATION FACILITIES

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

LOCAL MANUFACTURING CHARACTERISTICS

Manufacturing plants & distribution centers in community....	20
Manufacturing plants with unions	2

Occupation	Mean Wage	Median Wage
Production Occupations	\$15.85	\$14.25
Office Clerk, General	11.04	10.36
Tractor-Trailer Truck Driver	20.41	18.69
Machinist	20.04	18.49
Maintenance & Repair	18.78	18.04
Welders	23.76	22.88

Source: Kansas Wage Survey, 2022 Edition
Kansas Department of Labor

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Banks in community:	4
Credit unions:	2

HEALTH FACILITIES

Hospitals in community:	1
Number of beds:	25
Medical personnel:	
MD	12
DO	8
PA	4
APRN	5
RN	96
LPN	32
Practices in Emporia:	
DDS	11
DC	10
DVM	7

Company	Product/Service	Employment
Simmons Pet Food	Manufacturer of private label canned cat/dog food	1,588
U.S.D. #253	Education K - 12	977
Tyson Fresh Meats	Meat packing	845
Emporia State University	University	900
Hostess Brands	Bakery products	650
Newman Regional Health	Hospital	498
Michelin	Manufacturer of rubber products	340
Lyon County	County Government	250
City of Emporia	City Government	319
Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation	Manufactures quality automotive products	206
Hill's Pet Nutrition	Manufacturer of dry pet food	141
Evco Wholesale Food Corporation	Wholesale food distributor	127
Norfolk Iron & Metal Company	Steel distribution center	125
Vekte, Inc.	Manufacturer of hydraulic clamping equipment	138
Holman Distribution	Warehousing, shipping, transportation	75
Fanestil Meats	Wholesale meat processing and distribution	95
Flint Hills Technical College	Technical college	80
Cargill Animal Nutrition	Manufacturer of dry dog/cat food	68
Dynamic Discs/Dynamic Distribution	Manufactures, distributes & retail sales disc golf equipment	70
Glendo Corporation	Manufactures and distributes engraving tools	57
Better Life Technologies	Manufacturer of plastic home products	66
Sauder Custom Fabrication, Inc.	Custom pressure vessels	63
Bunge Corporation	Processor of soybeans and meal	52
Thermal Ceramics	Manufacturer of refractory ceramic	34
Valu-Net	Fiber optic broadband internet service provider	25
Pratt Industrial	Manufactures industrial valves & actuators	22
W.A. Moyer, L.C.	Manufacturer of glass level vials	11
BPE, Inc.	Manufacturer of archery products	10

Source: Telephone Survey (03/24)

MILL LEVY AND TAX INFORMATION								
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
City	42.575	42.854	43.099	42.862	42.800	44.426	44.604	46.119
County	60.826	60.088	59.303	55.423	53.281	52.975	57.512	56.619
School	63.349	63.184	63.133	63.187	63.931	64.400	64.766	64.770
State	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Tax Rate	168.250	167.626	167.035	162.972	161.512	163.301	168.382	169.008
City Assessed Valuation	154,094,713	159,798,972	168,946,561	173,758,901	184,397,508	201,471,760	225,686,147	
County Assessed Valuation	310,609,110	323,923,479	339,405,493	354,572,999	370,497,253	395,448,834	424,765,225	
Sales Tax	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	

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. Approximately 5,000 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 Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Applied Technologies, Automotive Technology, Business Technology, Certified Medication Aide, Certified Nurse Aide, Computer Program Design, Computerized Machine Tool Engineering, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Medical Technician, Emergency Services Technology, First Responder, Graphic Arts Technology, Healthcare Administration/Management, Home Health Aide, Hospitality/Culinary Arts, Industrial Engineering Technology, IV Therapy, Multimedia Design, Network Technology, Power Plant Technology, Practical Nursing, 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. For further information, contact the Emporia RDA at 620-342-1600 or e-mail at jwitt@emporiaks.gov

SITES

Emporia’s Industrial Park I opened in 1955. Industrial Park I & Park II are filled. Industrial Park III has one lot 13 acres, South Park III has 90 acres available. Industrial Park IV has 150 acres 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 Emporia RDA, Jim Witt, Interim President at 620-342-1600 e-mail address: jwitt@emporiaks.gov or our website at www.emporiarda.org