

Immigrants and their children are growing shares of Kansas's population and electorate.

- The foreign-born share of Kansas's population rose from 2.5% in [1990](#), to 5.0% in [2000](#), to 6.8% in [2013](#), according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Kansas was home to 198,173 immigrants in [2013](#), which is larger than the total population of Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 33.7% of immigrants (or 66,850 people) in Kansas were naturalized U.S. citizens in [2013](#)—meaning that they are eligible to vote.
- Unauthorized immigrants comprised roughly 2.6% of the state's population (or 75,000 people) in [2012](#), according to a report by the Pew Hispanic Center.
- 4.1% (or 59,888) of all registered voters in Kansas were “New Americans”—naturalized citizens or the U.S.-born children of immigrants who were raised during the current era of immigration from Latin America and Asia which began in 1965—according to an analysis of 2012 Census Bureau data by [American Immigration Council](#).

1 in 8 Kansans are Latino or Asian.

- The Latino share of Kansas's population grew from 3.8% in [1990](#), to 7.0% in [2000](#), to 11.1% (or 322,424 people) in [2013](#). The Asian share of the population grew from 1.2% in [1990](#), to 1.7% in [2000](#), to 2.5% (or 73,219 people) in [2013](#), according to the U.S. Census Bureau.
- Latinos accounted for 2.6% (or 33,000) of Kansas voters in the 2012 elections, according to the [U.S. Census Bureau](#).
- In Kansas, 87.9% of children with immigrant parents were U.S. citizens in [2009](#), according to data from the Urban Institute.

In [2009](#), 91.9% of children in Asian families in Kansas were U.S. citizens, as were 92% of children in Latino families.

Naturalized citizens excel educationally.

- In Kansas, 30.5% of foreign-born persons who were naturalized U.S. citizens in [2011](#) had a bachelor's or higher degree, compared to 23.9% of noncitizens. At the same time, only 26.2% of naturalized citizens lacked a high-school diploma, compared to 43.5% of noncitizens.
- The number of immigrants in Kansas with a college degree increased by 101% between 2000 and 2011, according to [data](#) from the Migration Policy Institute.
- In Kansas, 83.4% of children with immigrant parents were considered “English proficient” as of [2009](#), according to data from the Urban Institute.

The English proficiency rate among Asian children in Kansas was 91.7%, while for Latino children it was 86.6%, as of [2009](#).

Pew Research Data Hispanics 2014

Median Age of Kansas Hispanics – 23

Median Annual Personal Earnings Hispanics 16+ - \$22,000

Poverty Rate Hispanics 17 and Younger – 34%

Hispanic Homeownership – 50%

Hispanic % of All K-12 Students – 17%

Hispanic or Latino origin by %

County	Value
Allen	3.2
Anderson	1.8
Atchison	2.8
Barber	3.2
Barton	14.1
Bourbon	2.2
Brown	3.6
Butler	4.4
Chase	3.9
Chautauqua	2.9
Cherokee	2.1
Cheyenne	6.9
Clark	8.6
Clay	2.5
Cloud	3.3
Coffey	2.4
Comanche	4.5
Cowley	10.1
Crawford	5.0
Decatur	1.8
Dickinson	4.5
Doniphan	2.6
Douglas	5.5
Edwards	20.0
Elk	3.4
Ellis	5.4
Ellsworth	5.8
Finney	47.9
Ford	52.0
Franklin	3.9
Geary	14.6
Gove	2.3
Graham	3.0
Grant	46.6
Gray	14.7
Greeley	15.7
Greenwood	3.8
Hamilton	32.3
Harper	6.4

Harvey	11.1
Haskell	27.8
Hodgeman	6.9
Jackson	4.2
Jefferson	2.4
Jewell	2.5
Johnson	7.4
Kearny	29.3
Kingman	2.8
Kiowa	5.4
Labette	4.3
Lane	5.6
Leavenworth	6.7
Lincoln	2.4
Linn	2.3
Logan	4.8
Lyon	20.5
Marion	2.9
Marshall	2.2
McPherson	3.9
Meade	16.0
Miami	2.9
Mitchell	2.1
Montgomery	6.1
Morris	4.0
Morton	21.5
Nemaha	1.6
Neosho	4.9
Ness	8.9
Norton	5.1
Osage	2.6
Osborne	1.7
Ottawa	2.7
Pawnee	7.2
Phillips	2.8
Pottawatomie	5.2
Pratt	6.8
Rawlins	4.6
Reno	8.7
Republic	1.5
Rice	11.0
Riley	7.9
Rooks	2.4

Rush	3.5
Russell	2.2
Saline	10.6
Scott	17.3
Sedgwick	13.7
Seward	58.4
Shawnee	11.5
Sheridan	4.0
Sherman	11.8
Smith	1.5
Stafford	13.3
Stanton	37.6
Stevens	33.2
Sumner	5.2
Thomas	5.2
Trego	2.0
Wabaunsee	3.4
Wallace	7.3
Washington	2.9
Wichita	27.1
Wilson	2.8
Woodson	2.8
Wyandotte	27.1