

Assessed Valuation

The following table provides the November assessed valuation of all the taxable tangible property in the City for the years shown, according to the Barton County Clerk’s Office.

Year	Real Property	Personal Property (1)	Utilities	Motor Vehicles	Total Assessed Valuation
2012	\$80,768,944	\$4,472,448	\$9,085,302	\$16,807,849	\$111,134,543
2011	79,933,855	4,511,172	9,026,646	16,667,174	110,138,847
2010	79,312,697	5,043,712	9,027,918	17,203,638	110,587,965
2009	77,074,305	6,191,408	7,053,851	17,059,350	107,378,914
2008	74,981,041	6,806,641	7,014,306	17,298,843	106,100,831
2007	70,758,199	7,468,655	5,393,781	16,390,557	100,011,192
2006	67,814,995	8,785,662	5,184,191	15,919,979	97,704,827

(1) Beginning in 2007, certain types of personal property were removed from the tax rolls. See FINANCIAL INFORMATION – “Property Assessment Rates”.

Estimated Actual Valuation

Based on appraised valuations provided by the County and assessment ratios according to Kansas Statutes, the following is a list of the estimated actual valuation of all taxable tangible property in the City for the years shown.

Year	Estimated Actual Valuation
2012	\$800,732,226
2011	790,818,328
2010	800,368,318
2009	781,052,154
2008	765,904,274
2007	736,488,038
2006	713,337,579

Major Taxpayers

According to the Barton County Clerk’s Office, the following are some of the largest taxpayers in the City based on their November 2012 assessed valuation:

Taxpayer	Product or Service	Assessed Valuation
Mid Kansas Electric Cooperative	Electric Utility	\$ 2,950,020
Great Bend Surgical Prop LLC	Surgical Clinic	2,336,573
Wal-Mart	Discount Store	2,309,871
Wheatland Electric Cooperative	Electric Utility	2,107,726
Midwest Energy Inc.	Electric Utility	1,713,614
Kansas Gas Serive	Natural Gas Utility	1,325,153
Stag III Great Bend LLC	Plastic Manufacturing	1,308,110
Southwestern Bell Telephone	Telecommunications	765,376
Fuller Industries	Manufacturing	485,373
Commercial Equity Inc	Strip Store Center	484,870
CPI Qualified Plan	Office Building	428,305
Kroger Texas LP	Bank	<u>400,123</u>
		\$16,615,114

Utilities:

Railroads	federally mandated rate
All Other Public Utilities	33.0%

Motor Vehicles:

20.0%

Property Exempt:

Property used for the following purposes, or portions thereof, are exempt from taxation provided certain statutory requirements are met: religious, educational, literary, scientific, benevolent, alumni associations, veterans' organizations, or charitable purposes, including parsonages and community service organizations providing humanitarian services.

- (1) Agricultural land is valued based on the productivity value of the property and not estimated market valuation.
- (2) A bill passed by the Kansas Legislature in 1994 clarified this class of property to include all property owned and operated by not-for-profit organizations not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (7), (8), or (10) of Subsection C of Section 501 of the federal internal revenue code. This bill specifically established that private, not-for-profit country clubs would be assessed at 12% for all land that does not accommodate buildings or improvements.
- (3) The 2006 Kansas Legislature exempted from all property or ad valorem property taxes levied under the laws of the State, all commercial, industrial, telecommunications, and railroad machinery and equipment acquired by qualified purchase or lease after June 30, 2006 or transported into the State after June 30, 2006 for the purpose of expanding an existing business or creation of a new business.

Equalization Ratios

Annually, the Property Valuation Division of the Kansas Department of Revenue conducts a study to compare the assessed valuation of real property to estimated market value based on property sale prices. The study derives an equalization ratio which, when divided into assessed valuation, provides a means to approximate actual market value. According to the 2012 Preliminary Kansas Appraisal/Sales Ratio Study the equalization ratio for real property in Barton County was 11.13% for residential property and 22.65% for commercial and industrial real property.

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A STUDY OF RETAIL TRADE IN CITIES ACROSS KANSAS

AN ANNUAL REPORT OF TRADE PULL FACTORS AND TRADE AREA CAPTURES

Annual report for Fiscal Year 2012

**Kansas Department of Revenue
Office of Policy and Research
Issued December 2012**

Table 1
 City Trade Pull Factors, Trade Area Capture, Percent of County Sales
 FY 2012

City	FY 2012 Collections	FY 2012 Per Capita	Pull Factor	Trade Area Capture	Percent of County Sales	(certified 7/2012) 2011 Population less Institutionalized
Group A, 1st Class Cities						
Lenexa	\$ 62,503,635	\$ 1,276.3	1.52	74,383	10.51%	48,972
Overland Park	\$ 223,142,796	\$ 1,266.5	1.51	265,554	37.53%	176,185
Salina	\$ 59,045,502	\$ 1,232.4	1.47	70,268	95.37%	47,910
Garden City	\$ 33,127,021	\$ 1,232.4	1.47	39,423	82.32%	26,880
Manhattan	\$ 63,338,126	\$ 1,180.0	1.40	75,376	88.50%	53,678
Leawood	\$ 38,161,727	\$ 1,178.2	1.40	45,415	6.42%	32,389
Topeka	\$ 147,772,833	\$ 1,152.8	1.37	175,859	91.53%	128,188
Hutchinson	\$ 44,877,710	\$ 1,064.9	1.27	53,407	83.22%	42,142
Liberal	\$ 21,644,580	\$ 1,037.6	1.23	25,758	92.37%	20,861
Dodge City	\$ 28,522,304	\$ 1,021.5	1.22	33,943	89.70%	27,921
Olathe	\$ 126,585,951	\$ 989.7	1.18	150,645	21.29%	127,907
Pittsburg	\$ 19,204,084	\$ 947.1	1.13	22,854	75.50%	20,276
Junction City	\$ 22,682,221	\$ 944.5	1.12	26,993	84.73%	24,015
Wichita	\$ 359,127,607	\$ 934.1	1.11	427,384	75.70%	384,445
Fort Scott	\$ 7,328,765	\$ 917.2	1.09	8,722	87.92%	7,990
Coffeyville	\$ 9,184,314	\$ 906.0	1.08	10,930	37.79%	10,137
Emporia	\$ 22,560,527	\$ 903.5	1.08	26,848	90.07%	24,971
Lawrence	\$ 79,524,295	\$ 896.3	1.07	94,639	92.96%	88,727
Parsons	\$ 9,188,136	\$ 878.9	1.05	10,934	74.87%	10,454
Shawnee	\$ 49,442,785	\$ 782.1	0.93	58,840	8.32%	63,219
Atchison	\$ 8,184,360	\$ 747.9	0.89	9,740	87.98%	10,943
Kansas City	\$ 108,761,278	\$ 742.6	0.88	129,433	88.77%	146,453
Newton	\$ 14,060,029	\$ 731.2	0.87	16,732	64.50%	19,230
Leavenworth	\$ 22,027,577	\$ 617.5	0.73	26,214	67.56%	35,675
Prairie Village	\$ 11,799,501	\$ 541.4	0.64	14,042	1.98%	21,795
Total, Group A	\$ 1,591,797,664	\$ 994	1.25	\$ 1,993,702		1,601,363
% of Statewide	69.9%			69.9%		56.1%
Statewide Total	\$ 2,277,967,023	\$ 798.41	1.00	\$ 2,853,118		2,853,118

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Group B, Not 1st Class Cities - population exceeds 10,000						
Merriam	\$ 29,688,200	\$ 2,655.5	3.16	35,331	4.99%	11,180
Hays	\$ 33,186,179	\$ 1,601.9	1.91	39,494	79.51%	20,717
Great Bend	\$ 22,006,607	\$ 1,367.5	1.63	26,189	72.07%	16,092
McPherson	\$ 15,514,263	\$ 1,176.9	1.40	2,437	64.2%	13,182
El Dorado	\$ 12,536,626	\$ 1,073.6	1.28	14,919	32.78%	11,677
Derby	\$ 22,826,530	\$ 1,024.6	1.22	27,165	4.81%	22,279
Ottawa	\$ 11,673,902	\$ 925.0	1.10	13,893	74.13%	12,620
Winfield	\$ 9,600,720	\$ 836.1	0.99	11,425	43.54%	11,483
Andover	\$ 9,200,772	\$ 781.1	0.93	10,949	24.06%	11,779
Arkansas City	\$ 9,348,953	\$ 753.9	0.90	11,126	42.40%	12,401
Gardner	\$ 10,297,861	\$ 529.9	0.63	12,255	1.73%	19,433
Haysville	\$ 2,192,959	\$ 201.5	0.24	2,610	0.46%	10,883
Total, Group B	\$ 188,073,572	\$ 1,083	1.36	\$ 235,559		173,726
% of Statewide	7.5%			8%		6%
Sub-total, Groups A, B	\$ 1,779,871,236	\$ 1,003	1.26	\$ 2,229,261		1,775,089
% of Statewide	78.1%			78.1%		62%
Group C, Not 1st Class Cities - sales tax collections make up 75% or more of the total county sales tax.						
Pratt	\$ 9,065,538	\$ 1,323.4	1.57	10,789	86.69%	6,850
Colby	\$ 9,544,145	\$ 1,755.1	2.09	11,358	86.48%	5,438
Concordia	\$ 6,531,504	\$ 1,231.9	1.47	7,773	82.43%	5,302
Goodland	\$ 5,497,351	\$ 1,215.7	1.45	6,542	80.43%	4,522
Chanute	\$ 9,733,500	\$ 1,071.4	1.28	11,583	80.10%	9,085
Beloit	\$ 4,285,792	\$ 1,131.1	1.35	5,100	78.96%	3,789
Clay Center	\$ 4,066,519	\$ 934.0	1.11	4,839	78.88%	4,354
Larned	\$ 2,804,023	\$ 687.3	0.82	3,337	76.87%	4,080
Norton	\$ 2,744,794	\$ 943.9	1.12	3,266	76.05%	2,908
Total, Group C	\$ 54,273,166	\$ 1,171	1.47	\$ 67,976		46,328
% of Statewide	2.4%			2.4%		1.6%
Subtotal, Groups A, B, C	\$ 1,834,144,402	\$ 1,007	1.26	\$ 2,297,237		1,821,417
% of Statewide	80.5%			80.5%		63.8%

Table 2
Historical Pull Factors
FY 2008 through FY 2012

City Name	<u>Fiscal Year 2008</u>		City Name	<u>Fiscal Year 2012</u>		% change
	Pull Factor	Rank		Pull Factor	Rank	
Lenexa	1.69	1	Lenexa	1.519	1	-10.4%
Overland Park	1.62	2	Overland Park	1.507	2	-7.1%
Junction City	1.55	3	Junction City	1.124	13	-27.5%
Topeka	1.44	4	Topeka	1.372	7	-4.9%
Salina	1.44	5	Salina	1.467	3	2.2%
Hutchinson	1.36	6	Hutchinson	1.267	8	-6.5%
Garden City	1.31	7	Garden City	1.467	4	12.2%
Liberal	1.28	8	Liberal	1.235	9	-3.3%
Manhattan	1.25	9	Manhattan	1.404	5	11.9%
Leawood	1.23	10	Leawood	1.402	6	14.4%
Olathe	1.21	11	Olathe	1.178	11	-3.0%
Wichita	1.20	12	Wichita	1.112	14	-7.1%
Dodge City	1.14	13	Dodge City	1.216	10	6.8%
Pittsburg	1.12	14	Pittsburg	1.127	12	0.3%
Fort Scott	1.11	15	Fort Scott	1.092	15	-1.3%
Coffeyville	1.04	16	Coffeyville	1.078	16	3.5%
Emporia	1.04	17	Emporia	1.075	17	3.7%
Parsons	1.03	18	Parsons	1.046	19	1.4%
Lawrence	0.99	19	Lawrence	1.067	18	7.6%
Shawnee	0.98	20	Shawnee	0.931	20	-5.4%
Atchison	0.98	21	Atchison	0.890	21	-9.2%
Newton	0.96	22	Newton	0.870	23	-9.2%
Kansas City	0.84	23	Kansas City	0.884	22	5.3%
Leavenworth	0.77	24	Leavenworth	0.735	24	-4.0%
Prairie Village	0.64	25	Prairie Village	0.644	25	1.3%

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Merriam	3.40	1	Merriam	3.160	1	-6.9%
Hays	1.72	2	Hays	1.906	2	10.9%
Great Bend	1.56	3	Great Bend	1.627	3	4.0%
El Dorado	1.28	4	El Dorado	1.278	5	0.1%
McPherson	1.23	5	McPherson	1.401	4	13.9%
Ottawa	1.12	6	Ottawa	1.101	7	-1.5%
Winfield	1.02	7	Winfield	0.995	8	-2.9%
Derby	1.02	8	Derby	1.219	6	19.3%
Arkansas City	0.94	9	Arkansas City	0.897	10	-4.7%
Gardner	0.68	10	Gardner	0.631	11	-7.5%
			Andover	0.930	9	
			Haysville	0.240	12	
Colby	2.06	1	Colby	2.089	1	1.3%
Pratt	1.69	2	Pratt	1.575	2	-6.8%
Chanute	1.47	3	Chanute	1.275	6	-13.5%
Concordia	1.47	4	Concordia	1.466	3	-0.5%
Goodland	1.34	5	Goodland	1.447	4	7.7%
Beloit	1.28	6	Beloit	1.346	5	4.8%
WaKeeney	1.22	7				
Clay Center	1.10	8	Clay Center	1.111	8	1.3%
Norton	1.05	9	Norton	1.123	7	6.7%
Larned	0.96	10	Larned	0.818	9	-14.7%

Oil Production – Barton County

+ service of the wells

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Wells</u>	<u>Oil Production (number of barrels)</u>	<u>Number of Wells</u>	<u>Gas Production (thousand cubic feet)</u>
2013 (thru Feb)	1,564	354,099	31	34,365
2012	1,901	2,202,140	43	229,043
2011	1,847	2,142,446	45	307,609
2010	1,820	2,191,102	48	346,469
2009	1,747	2,048,306	51	392,363

Source: Kansas Geological Survey website

Major Employers in the City

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Product or Service</u>	<u>Full-Time Employees</u>
Unified School District No. 428	Education	700
Barton County Community College	Education	569
CPI, Qualified Plan Consultants	Pension Plan Administration	435
Wal-Mart Supercenter	Discount Retail	350
Superior Essex	Telecommunications Wiring	260
Great Bend Regional Hospital	Healthcare	257
Barton County	County Government	220
St. Rose Ambulatory & Surgery Center	Health Care	185
Fuller Industries	Brush Manufacturer	170
Redbarn Pet Products	Dog Food and Treats	168

Source: Great Bend Chamber of Commerce website

Labor Force Statistics

The following table indicates the unemployment figures for Barton County and the State of Kansas for the years indicated.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Barton County</u>		<u>State of Kansas</u>	
	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>	<u>Labor Force</u>	<u>Unemployment Rate</u>
2013 (Apr)	16,337	3.7%	1,483,090	5.8%
2012	16,301	4.1	1,489,443	5.7
2011	16,291	4.8	1,498,872	6.5
2010	15,956	5.7	1,506,229	7.1
2009	15,925	5.9	1,509,447	7.1

Source: Kansas Department of Labor

Great Bend, Kansas
New businesses and prospects
2013

New Business	Industry	Capitol Investment	Jobs created
Family Dollar	Retail	\$250,000.00	8
Golden Belt Cinema 6	Attraction	\$4.1 million	3
Papa John's - Baskin Robbins	Retail	\$1.5 million	12
Blizzard Energy	Manufacturing - Energy Industry	\$2.5 million	12
ACE Hardware	Retail	\$1.2 million	16
Sutherland's	Retail	\$1.5 million	20
Old Chicago	Retail	\$100,00.00	6
Heartland Ag	Service - Agriculture	\$3.5 million	10
Resource Management	Service - Energy Industry	\$50,000.00	1
Fuller Industries	Manufacturing - Clenaing Supplies	\$11 million	185 jobs retained
Great Bend COOP	Service - Agriculture	\$1 million	5
Dollar General	Retail	\$600,000.00	12
NCRA	Service - Oil Indsutry	\$1.3 million	3
Haz-Mat	Service - Emergency Responders		15
DNS Casing	Service - Oil Industry	\$400,000.00	4
Sterling House Expansion	Service - Health Care		
Great Bend Regional Hospital	Service - Health Care	\$2 million	
Up 'n' Rollin			
Rosewood Galery			

Prospective Business

Project Pro	Service	\$2 million	8
Project Up	Retail	\$200,000.00	3
Project FC	Retail	\$300,000.00	10
Project G8	Manufacuturing	\$25 million	130
Project LBD	Housing		
Project Friend	Housing		
Project Supplies	Retail - expansion		
Project Short	Service	\$1.5 million	
Project Care	Service		
Project Grove	Manufacturing		



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Employee Information

Agreement/Handbook

- [Licensed Employees' Agreement](#)
- [Classified Employees Handbook](#)

Health Plan

- [USD 428 Health Care Plan for 2011-2012](#)
- [USD 428 Dental Care Plan](#)
- [Dental Care Plan Amendment 9/11](#)
- [USD 428 Vision Care Plan](#)
- [Insured Quick Reference Guide](#)
- [On Line Health Risk Assessment](#)

Safety

- [Exposure Control Plan for Bloodborne Pathogens](#)
- [Employee Safety Manual](#)



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 201 S. Patton Rd.
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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Barton County Young Professionals group is a program of the Great Bend Chamber of Commerce & Economic Development, designed to foster business and social networking among working individuals in the Barton County area. Anyone who lives in the Barton County area between the ages of 21 and 40(ish) is welcome and encouraged to participate. Members enjoy a variety of monthly events, which rotate between sponsored mixer events, business networking and leadership development luncheons, and social events.



In addition to the numerous networking opportunities, members also enjoy exclusive perks. Perks Include:

- *Half-price rental of Chamber meeting rooms*
- *Professional leadership training*
- *Discounts and freebies from local businesses*
- *Exclusive invitations to mixers and networking events*
- *Opportunities to give back to the community*
- *First year of membership is FREE!*
- *AND, it'll look great on your resume!*

WHAT WE'RE ABOUT...

1. *Fostering business and social networking*
2. *Providing opportunities to give back to the community*
3. *Developing young leaders in today's workforce*

JOIN TODAY...

To get involved as a member of the Barton County Young Professionals group, all you have to do is attend one of our upcoming events at any time. New members are welcome to join at any time, with no membership fee or RSVP's required. To start receiving email invites to Young Professionals events, send your contact information to bartonyp@gmail.com. Being a YP member is free, and it'll look great on your resume! Download our [brochure](#) so you'll have our schedule of events on hand.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Accomplishments for 2012

- New fire truck and new ambulance
- 7 new firefighters/EMTs
- Fire Prevention Week with a skit this year
- Building Inspector very busy with remodeling and new buildings
- New school liaison/DARE officer doing very well
- New body armor for police officers – keep up with the most recent for safety
- Sewer line replacement project completed
- Cost of sewer line replacement project originally estimated at 4.6 million but appropriations from our Senators, a FEMA reimbursement, good bids and paying as we went brought the payments down substantially
- We have a good water supply – wells at 90 to 120 feet, we draw/pump from 65 feet and the level has not dropped much at all due to the drought
- We painted the fire hydrants with the tops color coded to reflect the volume range
- New sanitarian is aggressive and getting a lot done
- Tire cleanup collected almost 10,000 tires
- Improvements to the maintenance of flood control project along with protection
- Street Division purchases used KDOT trucks and saves more than \$50,000 per truck doing that
- Continued street repairs along with curb and guttering repairs last year
- Air Fest was bigger and better last year
- The new tube slide at the waterpark was a hit
- The new sports complex opened in April with 4 new ball fields
- City staff was involved in many activities in a support role – the Great Bend Farm and Ranch Show is an example
- Railroad paved with partnership between County and City as it is partially in city and partially in the county
- The drag strip resurfaced with a partnership between the SRCAGB and the city
- The Jack Kilby memorial was donated to the city and dedicated last spring
- HOI received housing tax credits for Bedford Place – 11 duplexes with 22 units and a clubhouse with work to be done in 2013
- First time in Years, Retailers are unifying efforts to provide better business practices and/or sales with community events and activities. (Thank you Thursdays, Sidewalk Sales, Explore Great Bend, etc.)
- Evening “Summer Street Stroll” Farmers Market collaboration with County and City.
- Bottoms Up Outdoor Showcase, Premier Outdoor Show for our area, brought 3,000+ to concert and event
- Bikes, Bombers and Butterflies Weekend shared 5000+ visitors for Bike Rally, AirFest and Butterfly tagging in Great Bend. Fireworks were moved to this weekend and it was a huge success!
- Launched 1st Annual June Jaunt, huge success by promoting all Great Bend events and sharing with Regional Communities along K-96 Highway
- By marketing and promoting together city attractions & events are better recognized and utilized, (there has even been some comments from other townspeople saying “when is there NOT something going on in Great Bend”)