



# Population Forecast

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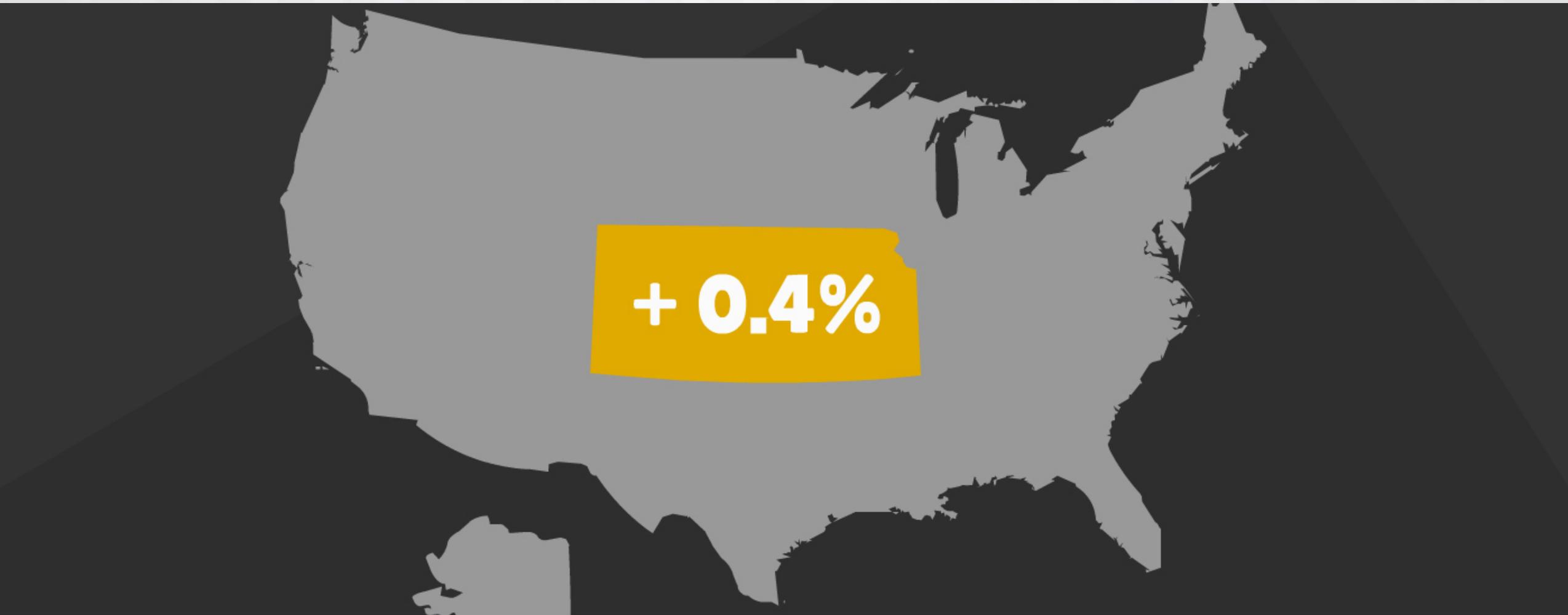
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# What will the state look like in 50 years?

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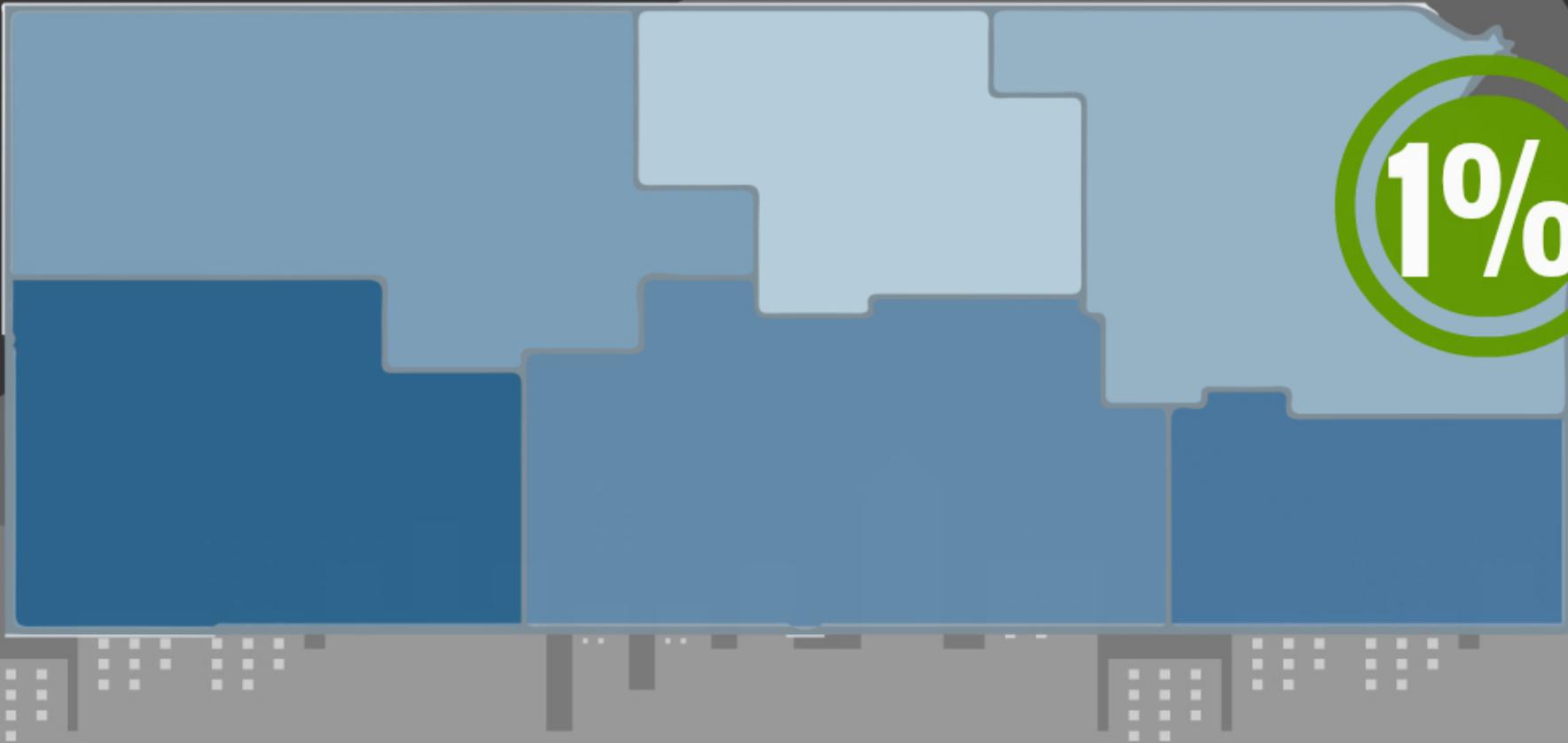


Zoltar gave Tom Hanks a peek into a potential future.

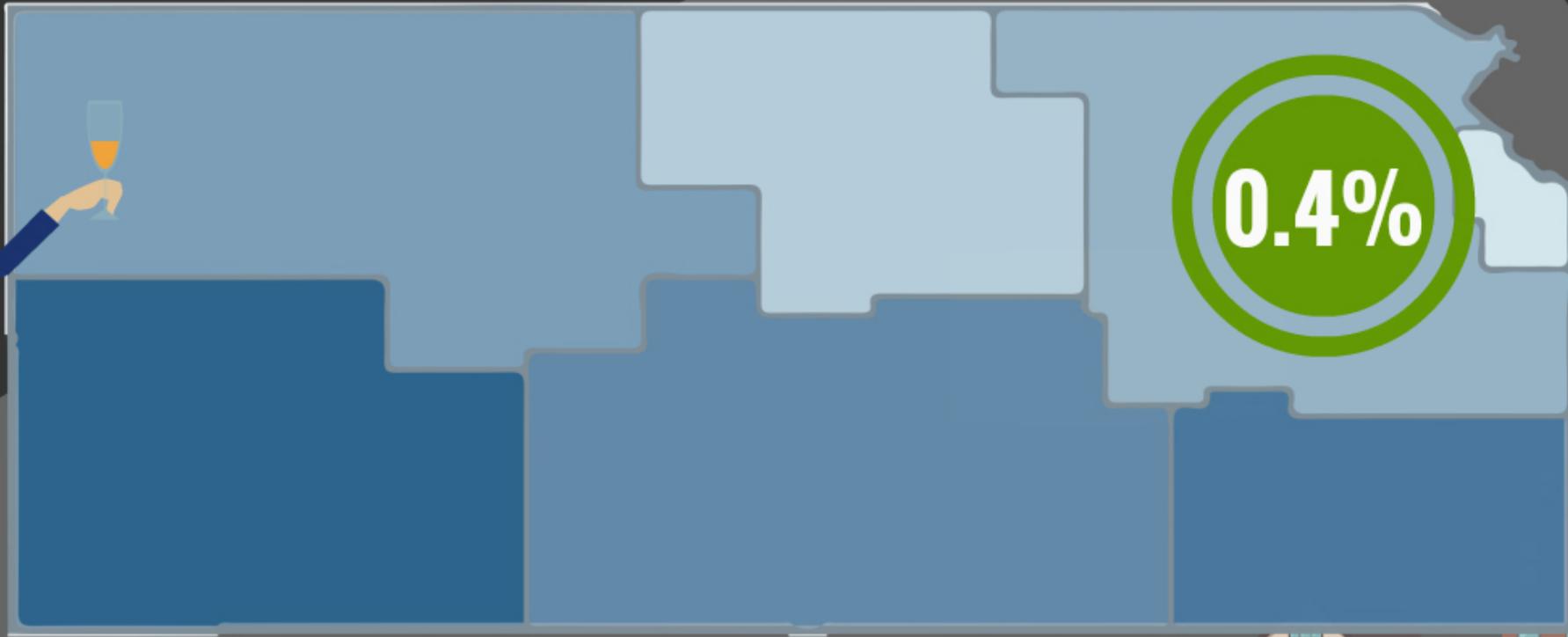
A stylized map of the United States is shown in light gray against a dark gray background. A yellow callout box with a torn-edge effect is positioned over the state of Kansas. Inside this box, the text '+ 0.4%' is written in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**+ 0.4%**

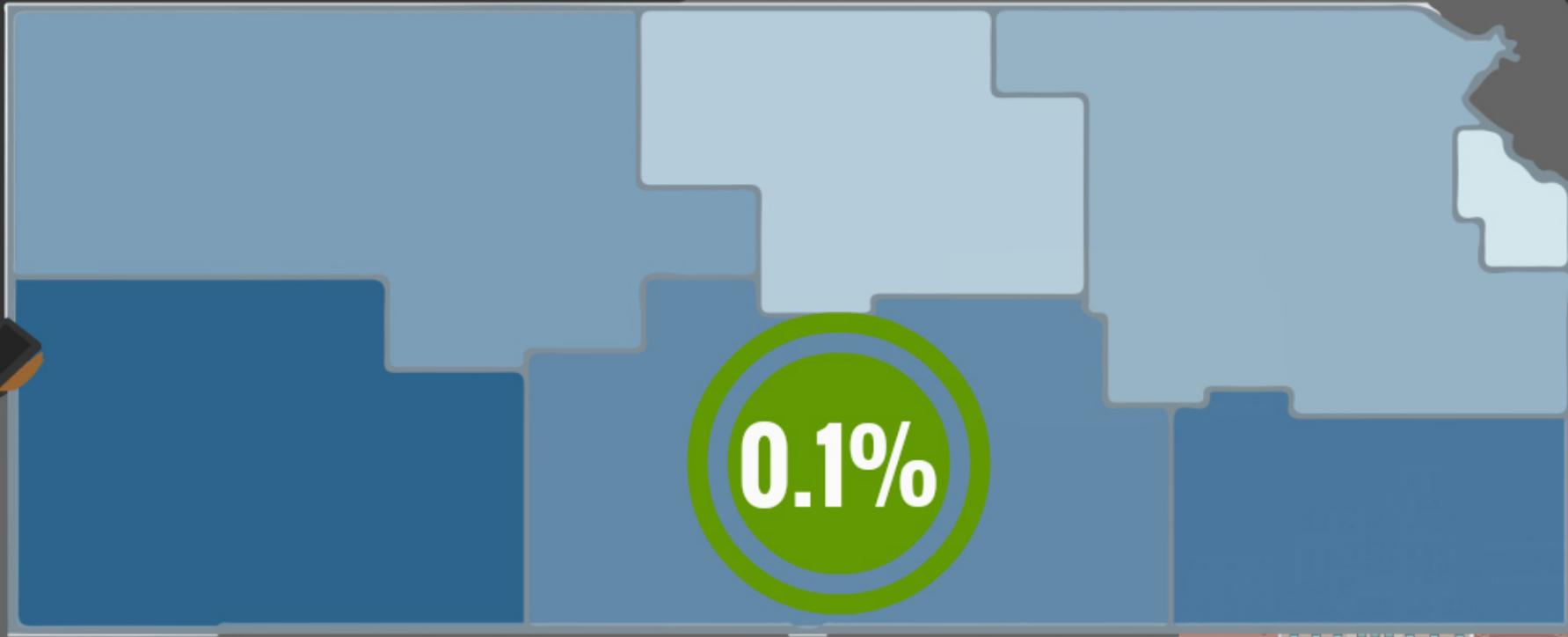
**The Kansas population will see an annual increase of 0.4% over the next 50 years.**



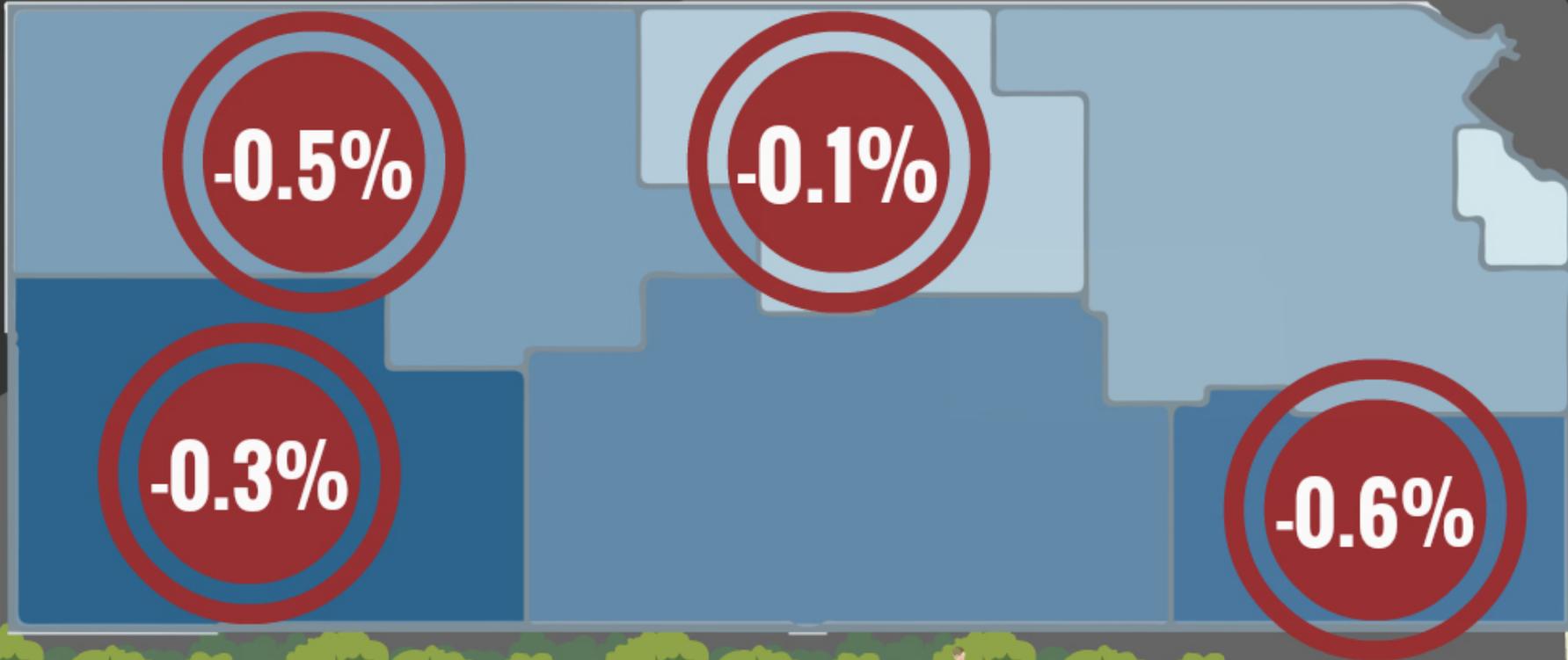
**The Kansas City region will show the highest average population growth per year.**



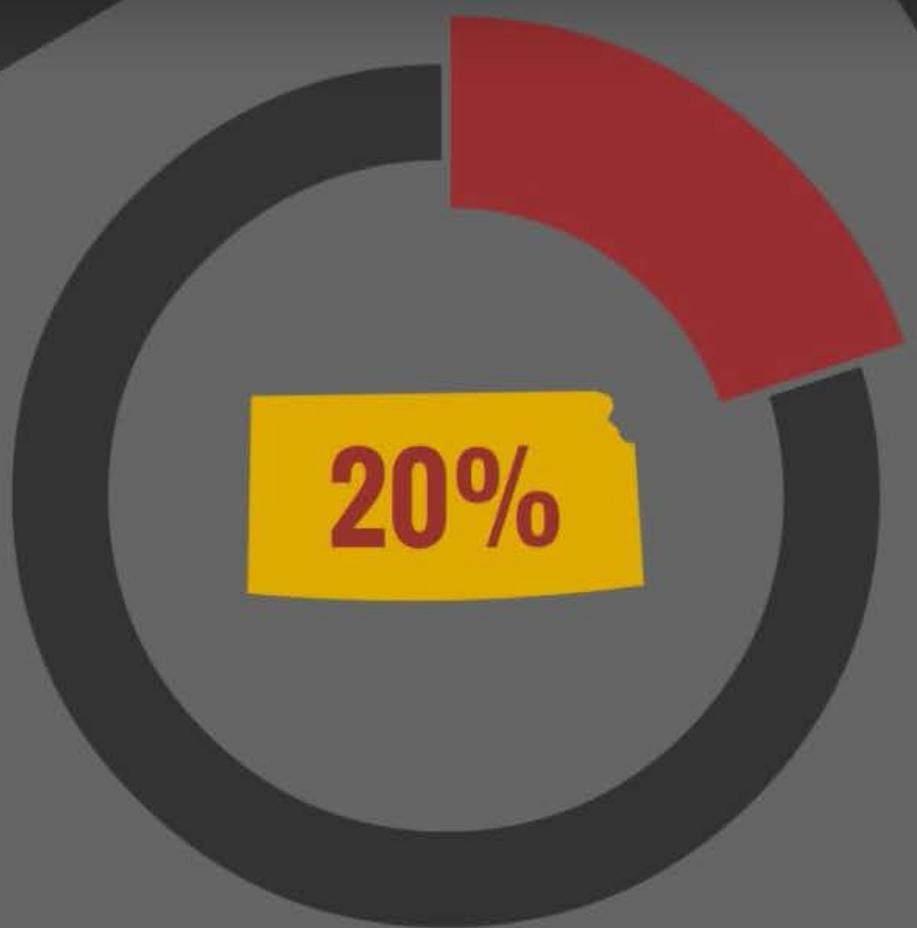
**Though at a slower pace, the Northeast region will also show consistent population growth.**



**Even the South Central region will notice a small growth in population through 2064.**



**All other regions within the state will see a continued decline in population.**



**By 2064, the rural population will shrink to 699,606 people.**



**Dodge, Hays, and Junction City are expected to have the largest growth among the 16 Micropolitan areas.**

# Forecast accuracy is unlikely

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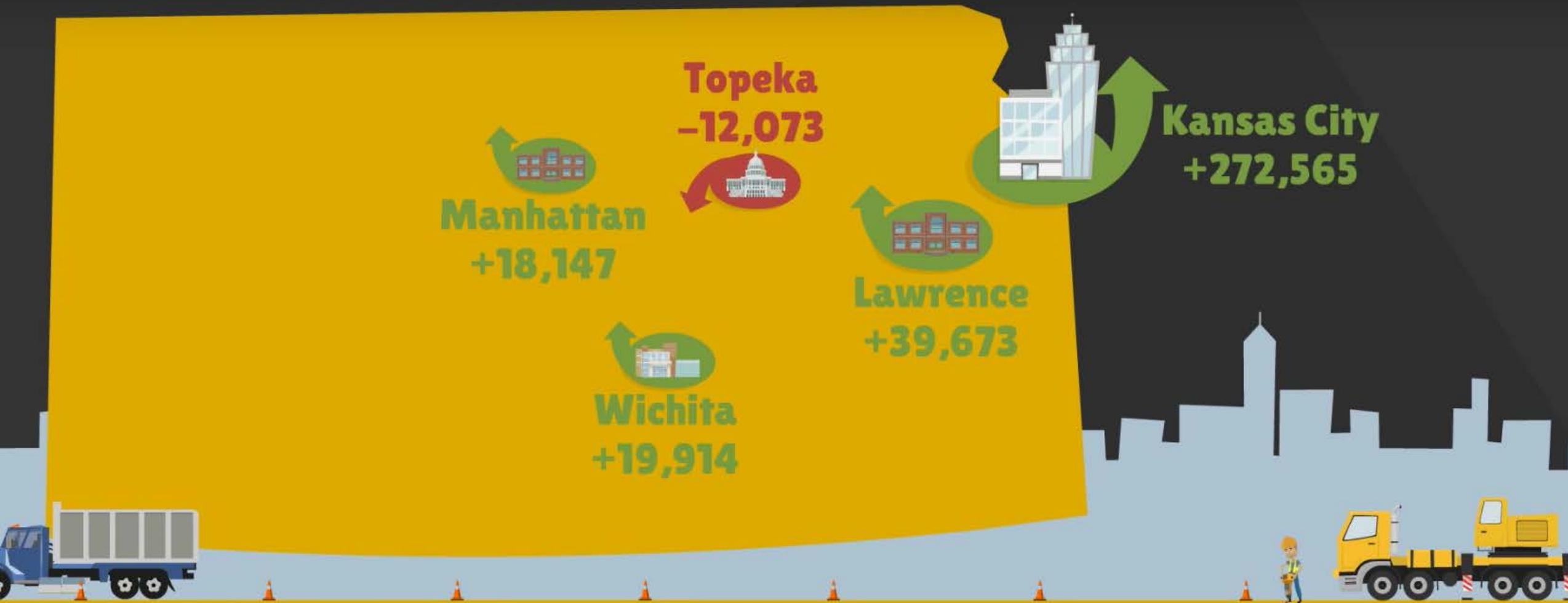
- **Natural disaster** – Tornado
- **Global prices** – Oil and commodities
- **Industry/ business growth** – Local entrepreneur
- **Personal preferences** – Broadband could lower barriers for rural Kansas
- **Public policy/investments** – Community center
- **Technology shifts** – Demand for natural gas
- **Global demand** – Resurgence of US manufacturing
- **Natural resources** – American grown flowers
- **But, the data still tells a story of what will happen if nothing significant changes.**





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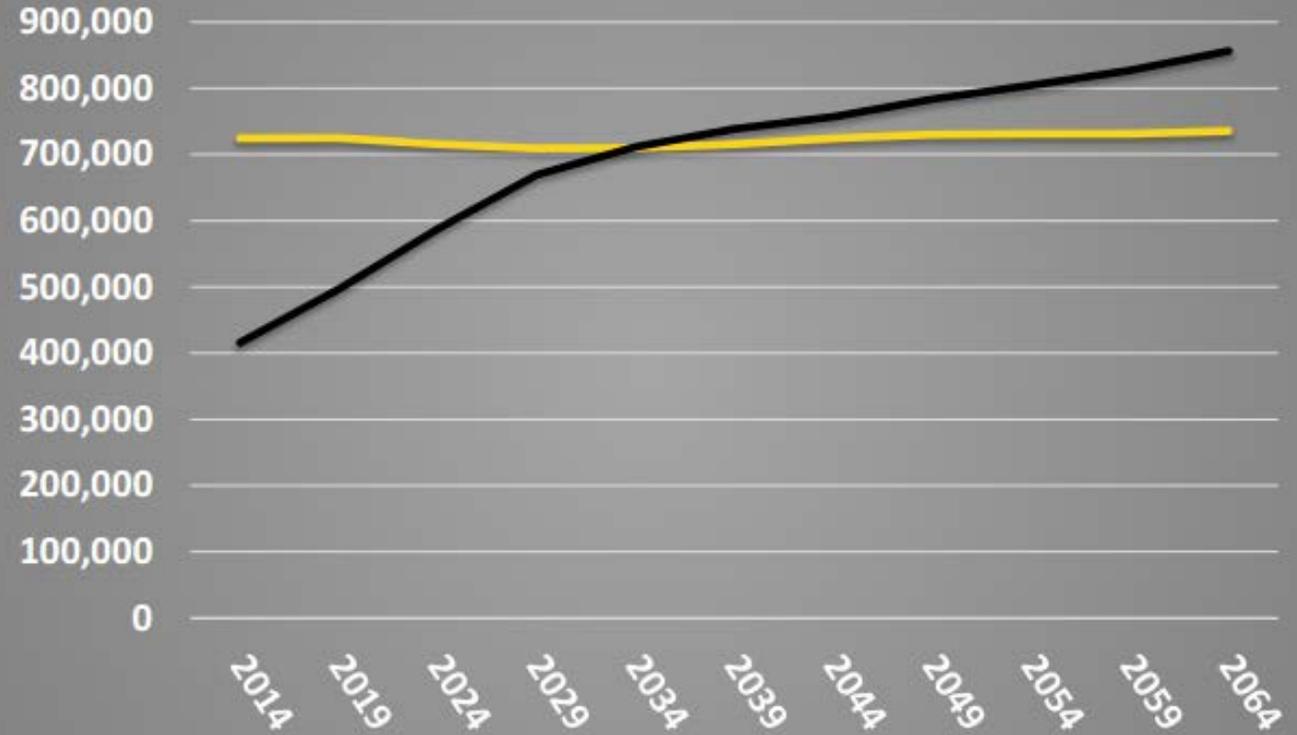
# Changing Demographics



**Of the Kansas MSAs, Topeka is the only one to notice a decrease in their working age population.**



### Kansas Youth and Retired Population Projection

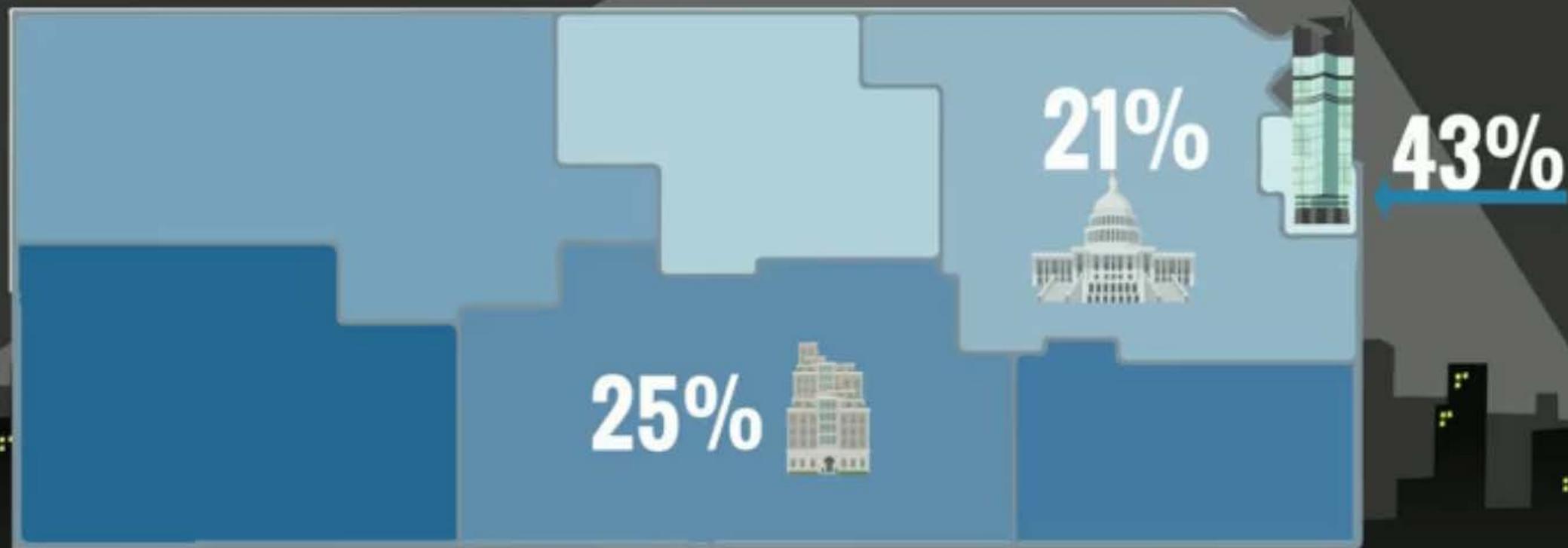


Source: CEDBR

— Youth Population

— Retired Population

**The retired population will surpass the youth population by 2034.**



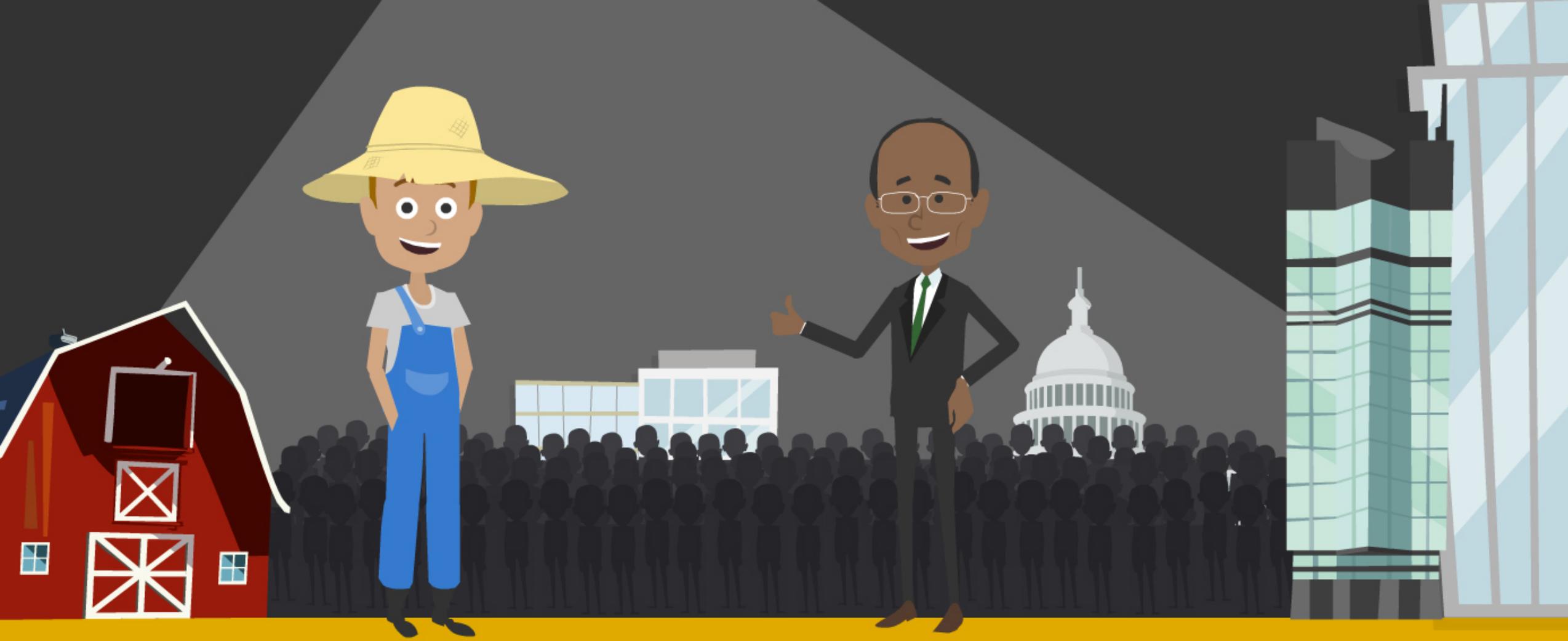
**In 2064, the Kansas City, Northeast and South Central regions are forecast to contain 88.5% of Kansas' Over-65 population.**

# Shifting landscape

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- **Limited labor** supply means **limited potential growth**.
- There will be an increasing **interdependence** with the Metro and Micropolitan communities and the **rural parts** of the state.
- The state and rural areas have a **higher dependence** on **working populations**.
- **Tax structures** today may not fit **demand for public services** in the future.





**Check out the full Kansas Population  
Forecast at [CEDBR.org](http://CEDBR.org).**