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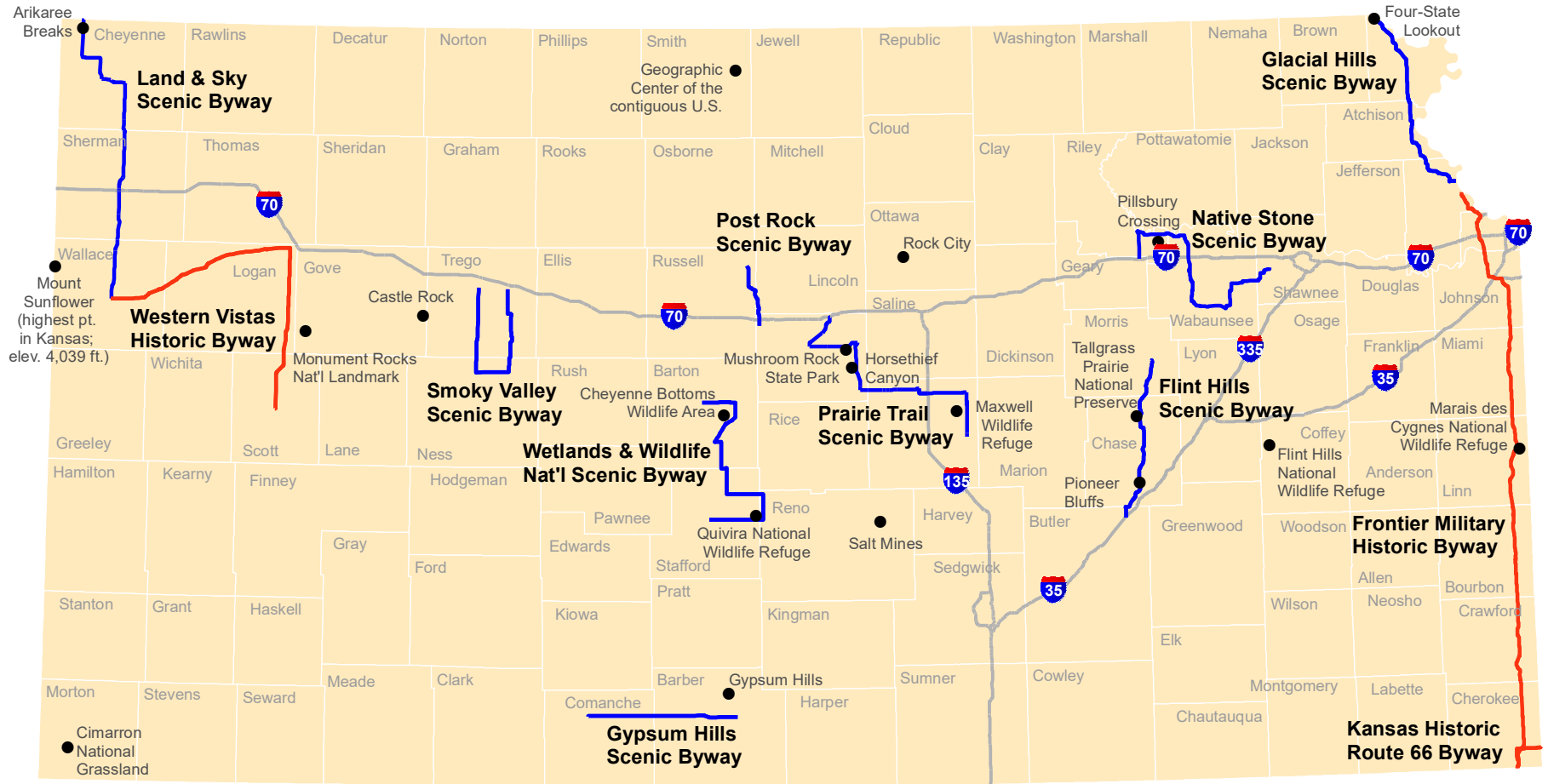
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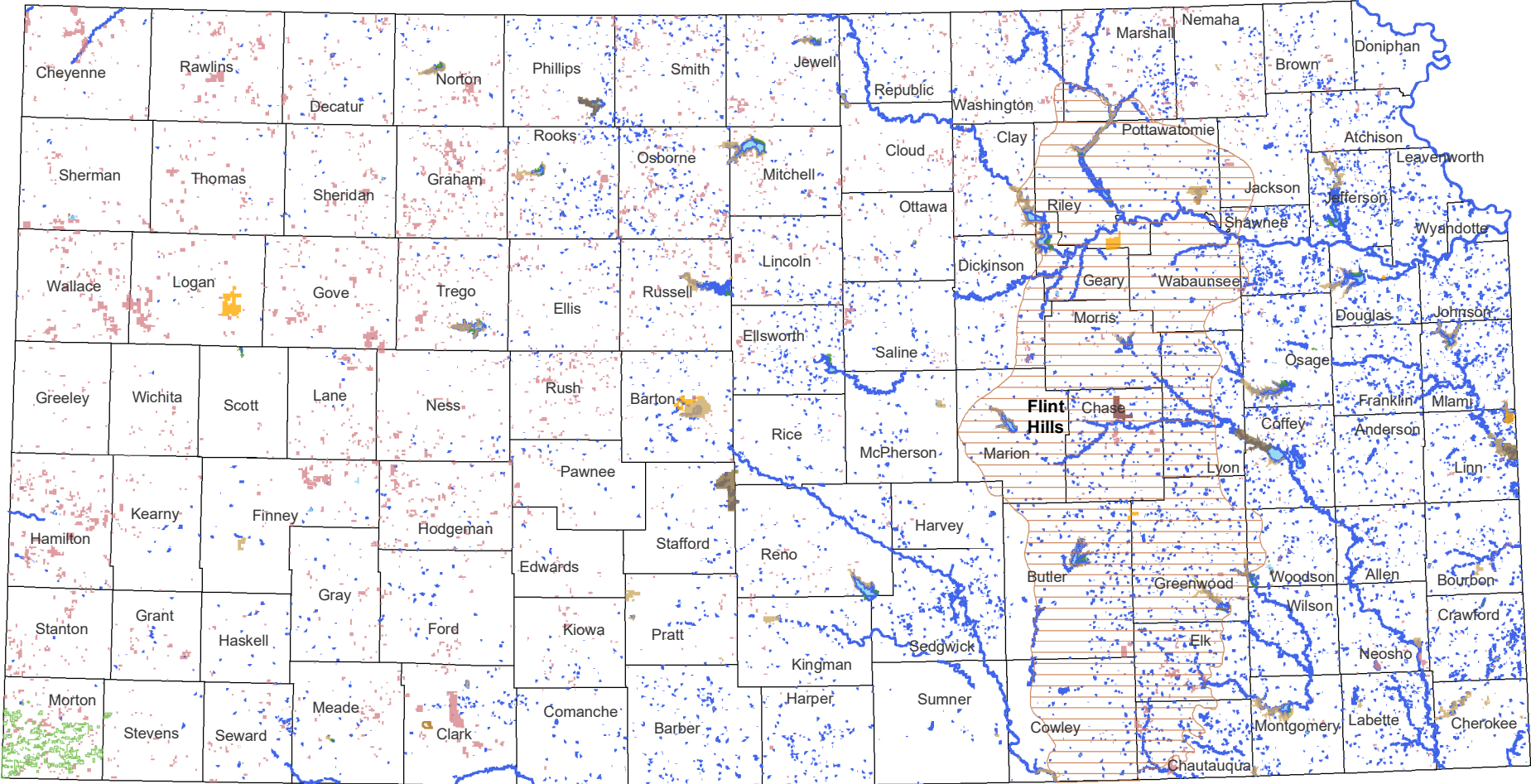
Byways and Natural Attractions in Kansas



Source: Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas; data from Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, and Tourism.















- Attraction
- Historic Byway
- Scenic Byway
- Interstate Highway
- Kansas County

Recreational Areas in Kansas



Source: Institute for Policy & Social Research, The University of Kansas; data from Kansas Data Access & Support Center.

Legend

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|  National Grasslands |  National Wildlife Refuge |  State Prairie Preserve |  State Fishing Lake |  State Nature Center |  Other Preserve |  Walk-In Hunting Areas (2014) |
|  National Preserve |  USFWS Natural Area |  State Wildlife Area |  State Fishing Lake and Wildlife |  State Park |  Flint Hills Ecoregion |  Rivers, Lakes, Reservoirs |

Note: The Zoom In Tool in Adobe Acrobat Reader will allow close-up viewing and printing of this map.

Federal Reservoirs in Kansas

Reservoirs	Year Storage Began	Operating Agency ¹	Contributing Drainage Area (sq. mi.)	Sediment Survey (year) ²	Conservation Pool			High Use Public Access Areas (number)
					Elevation ³ (feet)	Surface Area (acres)	Storage Capacity (acre feet)	
Big Hill (Pearson-Skubitz)	1981	COE	37	2010	858.0	1,104	23,361	4
Cedar Bluff	1950	BOR	5,530	2002	2,144.0	6,869	172,452	2
Cheney	1964	BOR	901	2010	1,421.6	9,537	167,074	2
Clinton	1977	COE	367	2009	875.5	7,205	118,699	6
Council Grove	1964	COE	246	2019	1,274.0	2,835	43,984	6
El Dorado	1981	COE	234	2010	1,339.0	7,911	158,630	4
Elk City	1966	COE	634	2010	796.0	3,515	37,422	4
Fall River	1949	COE	585	2009	948.5	2,064	20,690	5
Glen Elder (Waconda)	1967	BOR	5,076	2001	1,455.6	12,602	219,420	2
Hillsdale	1981	COE	144	2009	917.0	4,827	77,415	4
John Redmond	1964	COE	3,015	2019	1,041.0	9,181	62,611	6
Kanopolis	1948	COE	2,327	2017	1,463.0	2,975	48,378	4
Kirwin	1955	BOR	1,373	1996	1,729.3	5,079	98,154	2
Lovewell	1957	BOR	364	2011	1,582.6	2,987	35,666	2
Marion	1968	COE	200	2008	1,350.5	6,402	80,659	5
Melvern	1970	COE	349	2017	1,036.0	6,930	147,972	6
Milford	1964	COE	3,796	2009	1,144.4	15,498	373,152	9
Norton (Keith Sebelius)	1964	BOR	712	2000	2,304.3	2,181	34,510	2
Perry	1966	COE	1,117	2009	891.5	10,227	200,004	10
Pomona	1962	COE	322	2009	974.0	3,941	55,514	9
Toronto	1960	COE	730	2010	901.5	2,206	16,528	5
Tuttle Creek	1963	COE	9,628	2009	1,075.0	10,900	257,014	8
Webster	1956	BOR	1,125	2011	1,892.5	3,250	76,328	2
Wilson	1965	COE	1,917	2008	1,516.0	9,045	242,528	5

Source: Kansas Water Office.

¹ BOR - U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation; COE - U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

² Year in which most recent survey was conducted.

³ Elevation, in feet above mean sea level, on top of conservation pool.

Wildlife-Associated Recreation Participation, by Participants' State of Residence, 2016

State	Population*	Anglers		Hunters		Wildlife-watching Participants	
		Number	Percent of Population	Number	Percent of Population	Number	Percent of Population
Alabama	3,860	636	16	270	7	2,078	54
Alaska	572	160	28	154	27	459	80
Arizona	5,381	404	8	153	3	1,766	33
Arkansas	2,334	435	19	376	16	1,343	58
California	31,035	1,866	6	319	1	7,883	25
Colorado	4,337	779	18	135	3	1,834	42
Connecticut	2,892	279	10	46	2	1,006	35
Delaware	757	141	19	37	5	368	49
Florida	16,635	2,692	16	311	2	4,909	30
Georgia	7,941	1,132	14	347	4	2,731	34
Hawaii	1,146	82	7	38	3	251	22
Idaho	1,271	251	20	102	8	797	63
Illinois	10,073	1,541	15	443	4	3,739	37
Indiana	5,168	1,133	22	383	7	1,835	36
Iowa	2,447	446	18	121	5	557	23
Kansas	2,236	361	16	116	5	700	31
Kentucky	3,509	749	21	274	8	1,458	42
Louisiana	3,646	695	19	376	10	1,591	44
Maine	1,096	223	20	68	6	423	39
Maryland	4,734	450	10	140	3	1,670	35
Massachusetts	5,551	481	9	62	1	1,577	28
Michigan	7,891	1,270	16	554	7	2,840	36
Minnesota	4,317	975	23	560	13	1,811	42
Mississippi	2,329	458	20	307	13	626	27
Missouri	4,787	869	18	442	9	1,472	31
Montana	824	169	20	111	14	494	60
Nebraska	1,461	236	16	81	6	314	21
Nevada	2,294	179	8	48	2	818	36
New Hampshire	1,097	168	15	38	3	532	48
New Jersey	7,129	583	8	102	1	1,860	26
New Mexico	1,616	297	18	101	6	711	44
New York	15,903	1,157	7	307	2	4,639	29
North Carolina	7,963	1,442	18	558	7	3,335	42
North Dakota	589	119	20	103	18	175	30
Ohio	9,180	1,580	17	489	5	3,101	34
Oklahoma	3,014	521	17	199	7	752	25
Oregon	3,307	649	20	209	6	1,404	42
Pennsylvania	10,334	1,579	15	275	3	3,682	36
Rhode Island	866	86	10	17	2	359	41
South Carolina	3,916	719	18	278	7	1,538	39
South Dakota	664	130	20	63	9	306	46
Tennessee	5,272	918	17	132	3	2,261	43
Texas	21,101	3,347	16	823	4	5,940	28
Utah	2,186	433	20	151	7	641	29
Vermont	516	84	16	56	11	237	46
Virginia	6,630	854	13	238	4	2,062	31
Washington	5,811	869	15	162	3	2,257	39
West Virginia	1,472	253	17	155	10	502	34
Wisconsin	4,577	782	17	567	12	2,077	45
Wyoming	453	96	21	59	13	322	71
United States	254,120	35,754	14	11,453	5	86,041	34

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.

Numbers in thousands.

* Population 16 years and older.

State Park Recreational Areas in Kansas, Acreage and Visitation Totals, 2014-2020

Recreational Area	Region	Total Acreage	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Cedar Bluff	West	1,715	144,353	129,698	175,573	162,068	182,261	190,265	228,048
Cheney	Central	1,913	452,289	621,875	547,144	432,489	429,974	299,738	759,059
Clinton	East	1,455	357,313	463,337	407,960	509,605	452,650	414,933	642,176
Crawford	East	665	223,930	297,553	313,931	249,115	290,253	298,568	284,583
Cross Timbers	East	1,075	428,122	604,655	343,841	213,410	323,787	264,757	127,728
Eisenhower	East	1,785	128,814	125,267	127,618	285,056	188,464	173,865	219,353
El Dorado	Central	3,800	711,235	767,416	743,395	1,017,079	1,029,393	869,262	1,357,869
Elk City	East	857	201,156	139,916	151,911	191,754	207,571	154,788	218,288
Fall River	East	917	352,871	271,237	254,724	102,634	265,487	86,458	92,690
Flint Hills Trail ¹	East	-	-	-	-	-	23,000	54,200	81,800
Glen Elder	West	1,250	199,972	168,248	185,150	194,585	209,265	169,547	214,960
Hillsdale	East	1,475	641,809	641,452	992,330	613,488	603,651	437,994	903,402
Kanopolis	Central	1,585	184,578	221,081	281,919	238,145	251,423	192,507	390,978
Kaw River	East	76	30,568	33,605	34,755	34,187	42,013	2,105	81,256
Lovewell	West	1,126	188,846	177,068	239,115	300,249	250,966	222,392	302,240
Meade	West	528	83,986	104,347	112,497	120,555	136,512	112,679	142,598
Milford	Central	1,084	575,155	672,388	756,336	327,564	341,243	224,499	389,045
Perry	East	1,597	185,092	175,023	170,810	313,004	254,506	158,222	197,793
Pomona	East	490	155,939	115,449	145,698	100,303	86,758	107,812	183,480
Prairie Dog	West	874	193,343	187,497	172,314	167,974	161,734	163,171	224,332
Prairie Spirit Trail ¹	East	-	66,400	65,950	67,800	68,600	65,300	62,700	80,600
Sand Hills	Central	1,123	31,650	71,425	50,741	46,210	40,719	44,135	67,208
Scott	West	1,235	140,400	162,630	187,078	175,197	158,572	170,283	229,754
Tuttle Creek	Central	1,156	586,896	593,512	611,615	708,424	608,862	449,422	693,512
Webster	West	880	184,950	146,742	128,994	120,738	102,522	132,849	189,430
Wilson	Central	945	230,277	227,404	214,698	187,636	190,950	206,502	270,753
Total		29,606	6,679,944	7,184,775	7,417,947	6,880,069	6,897,836	5,663,653	8,572,935

Source: Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

Single dash (-) indicates not applicable.

¹ As of spring 2019, the Flint Hills Trail consists of 95 open and traversable miles, which includes 44.5 developed miles; the trail will extend 117 miles when completed. The Prairie Spirit Trail is 52 miles.

Average Number of Days Spent and Estimated Expenditures Related to Recreation per Participant, by State of Residence, 2016

State	Anglers		Hunters		Wildlife-Watching Away from Home	
	Days	Expenditures	Days	Expenditures	Days	Expenditures
Alabama	16.7	\$1,434	36.1	\$3,712	0.2	\$1,127
Alaska	29.0	1,527	6.2	968	1.1	105
Arizona	3.5	502	5.9	831	9.3	1,673
Arkansas	11.0	1,134	3.2	489	2.8	657
California	10.9	1,899	10.7	2,106	4.2	580
Colorado	3.7	765	6.6	3,437	2.8	383
Connecticut	9.9	1,240	9.2	3,710	15.6	450
Delaware	15.7	2,267	2.7	1,391	0.3	262
Florida	12.5	1,824	8.4	1,643	7.4	701
Georgia	4.9	491	9.8	2,782	0.5	5,924
Hawaii	2.6	2,410	1.1	1,885	0.3	242
Idaho	16.9	583	11.1	1,165	2.1	2,723
Illinois	19.1	1,445	39.4	3,181	2.7	666
Indiana	7.7	455	37.0	2,347	1.6	920
Iowa	10.8	1,593	18.2	1,934	20.1	211
Kansas	6.6	699	7.8	776	3.1	259
Kentucky	25.4	276	18.8	634	1.0	185
Louisiana	13.0	2,880	4.4	1,587	2.0	396
Maine	10.2	785	12.1	421	12.4	1,060
Maryland	9.7	1,001	6.9	935	3.9	921
Massachusetts	12.7	1,180	7.9	2,503	7.8	645
Michigan	10.1	1,351	8.2	953	1.9	373
Minnesota	14.3	1,981	15.2	2,232	5.3	292
Mississippi	26.0	1,151	61.2	474	1.1	224
Missouri	18.1	1,171	7.4	2,105	10.9	334
Montana	9.6	576	7.0	1,397	6.3	1,629
Nebraska	4.7	1,592	20.2	1,582	1.5	268
Nevada	9.5	399	8.8	1,787	14.5	1,289
New Hampshire	12.5	1,094	11.7	1,164	2.8	585
New Jersey	11.4	1,829	6.1	2,932	7.7	375
New Mexico	9.5	1,515	7.8	2,714	3.4	759
New York	10.6	1,392	20.0	1,108	1.3	462
North Carolina	7.6	1,178	14.7	2,276	0.7	296
North Dakota	16.4	1,478	9.9	1,513	27.0	428
Ohio	10.5	534	11.1	2,912	1.9	380
Oklahoma	15.9	1,182	24.5	1,370	3.0	471
Oregon	10.5	2,071	6.2	700	2.3	372
Pennsylvania	8.1	744	18.7	3,840	2.4	574
Rhode Island	19.8	1,440	0.6	1,498	1.5	131
South Carolina	14.0	554	8.0	701	1.3	329
South Dakota	11.1	1,123	18.2	1,221	0.4	405
Tennessee	11.2	270	8.2	2,204	0.3	2,922
Texas	5.1	1,432	18.9	6,443	5.3	2,607
Utah	13.0	1,217	21.1	2,096	7.0	275
Vermont	13.5	474	11.0	1,218	6.0	637
Virginia	10.0	1,505	15.0	2,209	3.4	372
Washington	9.6	2,564	5.2	2,544	5.1	539
West Virginia	5.1	230	4.5	450	0.1	306
Wisconsin	52.4	2,111	18.1	2,798	10.0	392
Wyoming	20.8	781	12.5	797	0.1	1,471
United States	12.0	\$1,288	15.7	\$2,237	4.1	\$952

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation.
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Hunting and Fishing Licenses Sold in Kansas, 2016-2018

License	2016		2017		2018	
	Number	Value	Number	Value	Number	Value
Hunting						
Resident	51,226	\$1,254,815	53,321	\$1,309,700	43,472	\$1,086,800
Non-resident	60,521	5,535,190	65,166	5,961,110	62,603	5,947,285
Jr. Non-resident	2,620	101,470	2,659	103,540	2,499	99,960
Multi-year Resident (16-20)	721	26,380	570	22,050	453	18,120
Senior Resident (65-74)	434	5,405	821	10,245	818	10,225
Five Year Resident	730	66,060	743	71,960	742	74,200
Resident apprentice	1,425	34,830	1,458	35,880	1,292	32,300
Non-resident apprentice	387	35,260	635	57,110	583	55,385
Fishing						
Resident	144,637	3,591,535	133,636	3,315,185	121,819	3,045,425
Non-resident	11,114	550,150	11,127	548,430	11,272	563,600
Multi-year Resident (16-20)	1,209	46,380	1,011	39,930	752	30,080
Senior Resident (65-74)	4,918	61,428	5,551	69,268	4,953	61,913
Five Year Resident	1,507	143,040	1,268	125,090	1,216	121,600
24-hour resident	37,446	330,986	31,731	278,198	12,237	73,422
24-hour non-resident	17,737	212,732	14,637	175,634	12,685	152,220
5-day Trip	8,415	210,035	8,030	200,540	7,096	177,400
Combination Hunting and Fishing						
Resident	28,961	1,209,045	34,284	1,416,145	28,672	1,290,195
Non-resident	1,512	181,105	2,433	277,045	2,324	313,740
Multi-year Resident (16-20)	871	54,520	804	53,460	657	45,990
Sr. Resident (65-74)	630	14,023	918	20,505	560	12,600
Five Year Resident	1,651	268,360	1,456	254,430	1,539	277,020
Furharvester						
Resident	4,615	113,490	6,188	152,960	5,873	146,825
Non-resident	67	16,260	102	24,540	114	28,500
Junior	129	1,562	114	1,425	123	1,538
Lifetime License						
Hunting	414	172,070	548	273,190	500	252,440
Fishing	104	39,020	170	86,280	140	70,920
Combination	290	212,200	490	473,000	437	424,880
Sr. Combo (65-74)	4,090	161,670	4,918	194,520	4,642	185,680
Furharvester	20	5,520	37	18,780	16	8,040
Payments	1,402	153,836	973	90,606	198	18,300
Special Licenses						
Bobcat, Non-resident	72	6,910	73	7,210	133	13,300
Controlled Shooting Area	9,423	231,920	9,627	238,115	9,855	246,375
3 Pole	19,670	117,852	17,923	107,538	16,816	100,896
Trout	12,379	147,564	11,255	134,726	10,706	128,472
Total	431,347	\$15,312,622	424,677	\$16,148,344	367,797	\$15,115,646

Source: Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism.

Single dash (-) indicates not applicable or not available.

Fees may change during the calendar year, please visit: <http://ksoutdoors.com/License-Permits> for current pricing.

License Fees for Calendar Year 2020

Hunting Resident - \$27.50 Non-resident - \$97.50 Res. Apprentice - \$27.50 Non-res. Apprentice - \$97.50 Jr. Non-resident - \$42.50 Multi-Year 16-20 - \$42.50 65-74 Resident - \$15 Five Year - \$102.50 Controlled Shooting Area - \$27.50 Non-resident Bobcat - \$102.50	Fishing Resident - \$27.50 Non-resident - \$52.50 Multi-year 16-20 - \$42.50 65-74 Resident - \$15 Five Year - \$102.50 Resident 24-hour - \$8.50 Non-res. 24-hour - \$14.50 5-day trip - \$27.50 3 Pole - \$8.50 Trout - \$14.50	Combination Resident - \$47.50 Non-resident - \$137.50 Multi-year 16-20 - \$72.50 65-74 Resident - \$25 Five Year - \$182.50 Furharvester Resident - \$27.50 Non-resident - \$252.50 Jr. Resident - \$15	Lifetime License Hunting - \$502.50 Fishing - \$502.50 Combination - \$962.50 65-74 Combo - \$42.50 Furharvester - \$502.50
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