Kansas Statistical Abstract, 54th edition

The 54th edition of the Kansas Statistical Abstract is now available online. In a year that brought the novel coronavirus pandemic and resulting economic turmoil, the KSA shares data on Kansas and the United States in 16 categories that provide context for the challenges Kansans are now facing and offer key
information for local and state government leaders seeking the best paths forward for recovery and growth.

Developed by Institute for Policy & Social Research staff, the publication includes data up through 2019, or the most recent available data.

The enhanced edition is available online.

Read more about the KSA.

Congratulations, Larry!

Larry Hoyle, Senior Scientist, retired at the end of 2020 after 40 years of service to KU and to IPSR (and IPSR’s prior configurations as the Center for Public Affairs, the Institute for Public Policy and Business Research, and the Policy Research Institute).

Larry’s deep knowledge of best practices in data management and documentation made him a memorable and talented course instructor and resident data expert. His kindness, repertoire of jokes, and consistent resupply of the IPSR candy dish make him a great colleague and friend. We wish Larry all the best for a wonderful and well-deserved retirement.

Congratulations, Joane!

Joane Nagel, University Distinguished Professor of Sociology, was named as a fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Nagel’s nomination reflected her contributions to the scientific study of race, ethnicity, gender and sexuality as they shape political actions, social movements, and engagement.

Nagel also formerly served as the director for IPSR’s Center for Research on Global Change, focused on exploring and understanding the social, political, economic, and cultural dimensions of global change. The center supported projects that fostered collaboration among social scientists and
connected them with colleagues in the humanities, natural sciences, arts, engineering, and professional schools.

Joan Sereno, professor of linguistics, and James Kindscher, professor of anesthesiology at KU Medical Center were also named as new fellows.

**LA&S 792: Research Data Management**

Picking up the torch from longtime course instructor Larry Hoyle and continuing his own work with this course, Carlos Zambrana will teach LA&S 792: Research Data Management in spring 2021. This course gives students a functional foundation for data cleaning, integration, selection, transformation, and reduction. Students learn basic data wrangling skills using tools that include Python, SAS, Regular Expressions, and SQL. The course stresses the importance of structured metadata.

The course is open to KU qualified upper-level undergraduate and graduate students and, as space allows, any faculty or permanent staff who wish to audit the course. It will be offered online on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2:20 to 3:45 pm. (Class#56329).

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**RESEARCH CENTER UPDATES**

Center for Compassionate & Sustainable Communities
With The Commons and the Spencer Museum of Art, CCSC hosted a series of Spotlight on Care events virtually in the Fall 2020 semester and will continue this series in Spring 2021. This weekly series seeks to bring awareness to care and well-being for the community. All are welcome to attend these sessions.

Look for details on Spring 2021 events in your inbox, at thecommons.ku.edu, or on IPSR's social media feeds.

Center for Environmental Policy

CEP Director Dietrich Earnhart and Assistant Director Mary Hill are developing a curriculum and campus events to explore links between Hill's FEWtures project and CEP goals. CEP seeks to understand the forces driving the formulation and implementation of economic policies and the effects of these policies on regulated communities and other relevant decision-makers. The FEWtures project examines the economic viability of using renewable energy to increase usable water and produce an ammonia that can store energy and be used as fertilizer. Look for information on upcoming events on this initiative.
C-FIRST Director Jay T. Johnson is collaborating with the co-editing team on an Indigenous Research Sovereignty book project, and affiliate Joseph Brewer continues work on a book project as well as several funded research projects.

Dr. Johnson and the Haskell Environmental Research Studies summer internship program team, including Cody Marshall (faculty in the Indigenous and American Indian Studies Department at Haskell Indian Nations University), have been meeting regularly to develop curriculum, plan HERS 2021, and recruit students. HERS student mentors finalized work on a qualitative methods toolbox, an implementation guide for a graduate student writing group, and research proposal poster development. Those tools are available upon request to Mandy Frank (mandy.frank@ku.edu).

Congratulations to HERS alumni: Tyler Gerkin (2019) won the Indigenous People's Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers Student Paper Competition for 2020 for his HERS research paper; and Janelle Cronin (2014) was accepted to an interdisciplinary doctoral program of Ecological Science & Engineering and Curriculum Studies & Instruction at Purdue University. Her studies will begin in spring 2021.

Center for Military, War, and Society Studies
An edited collection based on the Center’s “Managing Sex” symposium will be published by the University of Nebraska Press in late 2021 or early 2022. Co-editors are Professors Beth Bailey, Alesha Doan, and Shannon Portillo (all of KU) and Kara Dixon Vuic, of Texas Christian University.

A collection based on last spring’s planned symposium on the War on Drugs (shifted to a series of zoom discussions), edited by KU professor David Farber, will be published by New York University Press in 2021.

We are planning for a conference on War and the Environment in the Pacific in fall 2021, which will be co-sponsored by KU’s new Center for the History of Environments and Borderlands and co-chaired by history distinguished professors Beth Bailey and Drew Isenberg along with Paul Landsberg, who is a graduate student in the department of history and a captain in the U.S. Air Force.

Center director Beth Bailey addressed senior army leaders in October on “The U.S. Army and Racial Crisis: History and Lessons Learned.

Center for Science, Technology & Economic Policy

Working for United WE, CSTEP will update findings from a February 2016 report on the Status of Women in Kansas and the Bi-State Region. Read the original report, and look for the new report later in 2021.
Funding opportunity: Washington Center for Equitable Growth

The Washington Center for Equitable Growth has released information about its funding priorities for 2021. Equitable Growth is accepting applications for funding for research that explains how inequality affects the labor market and how the labor market does or does not generate equitable growth. Areas of interest include but are not limited to:

- **Power in labor markets**, including the role of different forms of workplace organization, structural racism, social norms, new technologies, and new types of work arrangements.
- The existence and effects of new forms of workplace organizations and nontraditional work arrangements, especially across different demographic groups.
- Role of inequality and other mechanisms in determining individual returns to work from economy-wide growth, including implications for the racial wage gap, intergenerational mobility, different types of workers, and the relationship between nonmarket and market work.

Letters of inquiry and dissertation scholar applications are due **February 7, 2021**. Doctoral and postdoctoral proposals are due **March 28, 2021**.

**Learn more** and contact Nancy Cayton Myers (ncmyers@ku.edu) if you're interested in applying for one of these opportunities.

Funding opportunity: NSF research internship for students and recent graduates
The Research Ambassador internship is for participants in a wide variety of fields including, but not limited to: Business Management, Communications and Graphic Design, Computer Sciences, Economics, Marketing, Mathematics and Statistics, and Survey Methodology. Interns will learn and collaborate on projects that make use of expertise from a variety of fields, including survey methodology, survey statistics, economics and other social science disciplines to design, study, implement and conduct national surveys to measure the science and engineering enterprise. They will also be engaged in research projects, evaluation initiatives, surveys, data collection and specialized analyses.

Participants should be current pursuing or have received an associate's, bachelor's master's, or doctoral degree. Students and recent graduates with one or more of these skills are encouraged to apply:

- Strong analytical skills, such as training in research/survey methodology and statistics, as well as statistical programming experience (e.g., SAS, STATA, R, SPSS, Minitab)
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel, Word, and PowerPoint
- Strong writing skills, such as experience providing presentations, publications, or other professional writing experience.
- Strong visual skills, such as experience with visualizations, interactive charts/graphics, and graphic packages (e.g., Tableau, Domo, QlikView)
- Experience or interest in analyzing microdata, as well as in translating/packaging complex statistical data into products and publications for specialized and general audiences.
- Strong organizational skills
- Ability to work independently and in a team
- Other desired skills include SharePt programming, mapping, project management, editing, and formal writing training

Learn more. Applications are due on March 31, 2021 at 4:00PM EST. For application support, students can contact Nancy
Visualization of the Moment: Searches by state 2018 to 2020

This choropleth map shows trending Google searches by state from the beginning of 2018 to the middle of 2020, or from Logan Paul and Fortnite to Coronavirus and The Weeknd. Click the image to see how the curiosity of the US has shifted over this 30-month period.

Ask IPSR: How to find data on Kansas

Q: How can I find data about Kansas [schools? crime? farms? businesses]?
A: IPSR hosts a [multifaceted data repository on Kansas on our website](https://example.com). There, you can find:

- County-level data from the Census and the American Community Survey for all 105 Kansas counties.
- Archived data dating back to 1890, with tools to visualize it through maps and graphs, covering topics such as...
agriculture, mining, income, and voter registration.

- Current and past Kansas Statistical Abstracts, dating back to the 1st edition of this publication in 1965.
- The Kansas Regional Data Portal, developed in collaboration with the Kansas Association of Regional Development Organizations for easy access to key indicators on Kansas regions. The portal provides at-a-glance summaries and data for regions to use in economic development strategies.
- Data from and information about the US Census, as IPSR is the Kansas State Data Center lead agency for Kansas.

Send any questions you have on these or other data resources to IPSR@ku.edu.

COMING EVENTS

Center for the Study of Injustice events

The Center for the Study of Injustice is hosting Vicki Collie-Akers, Associate Professor, Population Health, on Thursday, April 15 at 3 pm. She'll present on participatory action research.

To attend, contact Christie Holland (christieh@ku.edu) for details.

KU Summit on Community-Engaged Learning and Scholarship
The **KU Summit on Community-Engaged Learning and Scholarship** is hosted by the Center for Service Learning in collaboration with the KU Libraries and The Commons. The goal of the CELS summit is to engage, connect, and support faculty, staff, and administrators who have interest in:

- Addressing community-identified issues through service-learning, community-engaged scholarship, or civic engagement
- Examining the commitment of the public university in contributing to addressing societal issues through campus and community partnerships.

Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Director of Digital Humanities & Professor of English, Michigan State University, will offer a keynote presentation. Fitzpatrick will discuss her book, “Generous Thinking: A Radical Approach to Saving the University.” Fitzpatrick urges academics to think critically, constructively, and generously — a mode of engagement that she describes as listening over speaking, community over individualism, and collaboration over competition.

[Learn more and register.](https://csl.ku.edu/celssummit)

IPSR has a limited number of copies of Fitzpatrick’s book,
“Generous Thinking.” Contact Carolyn Caine (caine@ku.edu) if you would like a copy.

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