The Wichita MSA Gains A County

On February 28, 2013, the Office of Management and Budget of the Executive Office of the President (OMB) released revised delineations for the U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Micropolitan Statistical Areas, and Combined Statistical Areas. In this release, Kingman County was added to the Wichita Metropolitan Statistical Area, and changes were made to other areas in Kansas, as well. These changes are effective immediately; however, changes to many publicly available data sets will be phased in over time.

Once a decade, the OMB reviews statistical area standards and delineations. The last review was published on June 28, 2010, in the *Federal Register* (75 FR 37246 – 37252). The OMB then applies the revised standards to Census Bureau population and journey-to-work data to create delineations for U.S. Metropolitan Statistical Areas, Micropolitan Statistical Areas, and Combined Statistical Areas.

Below are all of the statistical areas in Kansas, or partly in Kansas, with their principal cities, their central county or counties, which contain the core of the area, plus adjacent outlying counties that have a high degree of social and economic integration with the central county or counties, as measured with commuting data. Central counties are shown in italics. In the Appendix are definitions of key terms to clarify the differences between the statistical areas discussed in this report.

Following the lists of statistical areas is a list of the delineation changes applied to Kansas statistical areas in 2013, as compared to 2009 area delineations.

Metropolitan Statistical Areas

Kansas City, MO-KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
  Principal Cities: Kansas City, MO; Overland Park, KS; Kansas City, KS
  Counties: *Johnson County, KS*; Leavenworth County, KS; Linn County, KS; Miami County, KS; *Wyandotte County, KS*; Bates County, MO; Caldwell County, MO; *Cass County, MO*; *Clay County, MO*; Clinton County, MO; *Jackson County, MO*; Lafayette County, MO; *Platte County, MO*; Ray County, MO.

Lawrence, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
  Principal City: Lawrence
  County: *Douglas County*

Manhattan, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Manhattan
   Counties: Pottawatomie County, *Riley County*

St. Joseph, MO-KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: St. Joseph, MO
   Counties: Doniphan County, KS; Andrew County, MO; *Buchanan County, MO*; DeKalb County, MO

Topeka, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Topeka
   Counties: Jackson County, Jefferson County, Osage County, *Shawnee County*, Wabaunsee County

Wichita, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Wichita
   Counties: Butler County, Harvey County, Kingman County, *Sedgwick County*, Sumner County

Micropolitan Statistical Areas

Arkansas City-Winfield, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal Cities: Arkansas City, Winfield
   County: *Cowley County*

Atchison, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Atchison
   County: *Atchison County*

Coffeyville, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Coffeyville
   County: *Montgomery County*

Dodge City, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Dodge City
   County: *Ford County*

Emporia, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Emporia
   County: *Lyon County*

Garden City, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Garden City
   Counties: *Finney County*, Kearny County

Great Bend, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
   Principal City: Great Bend
   County: *Barton County*

Hays, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: Hays
    County: *Ellis County*

Hutchinson, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: Hutchinson
    County: *Reno County*

Junction City, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: Junction City
    County: *Geary County*

Liberal, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: Liberal
    County: *Seward County*

McPherson, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: McPherson
    County: *McPherson County*

Ottawa, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: Ottawa
    County: *Franklin County*

Parsons, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: Parsons
    County: *Labette County*

Pittsburg, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: Pittsburg
    County: *Crawford County*

Salina, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Principal City: Salina
    Counties: Ottawa County, *Saline County*

Combined Statistical Areas

Kansas City-Overland Park-Kansas City, MO-KS Combined Statistical Area
    Atchison, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    Kansas City, MO-KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
    Lawrence, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
    Ottawa, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
    St. Joseph, MO-KS Metropolitan Statistical Area
    Warrensburg, MO Micropolitan Statistical Area

Manhattan-Junction City, KS Combined Statistical Area
  Junction City, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
  Manhattan, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area

Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield, KS Combined Statistical Area
  Arkansas City-Winfield, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area
  Wichita, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area

Delineation Changes from 2009 to 2013

- Franklin County, KS was removed from the Kansas City, MO-KS Metropolitan Statistical Area and was used to create the Ottawa, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area.
- Geary County, KS was removed from the Manhattan, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area and was used to create the Junction City, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area.
- Kingman County, KS was added to the Wichita, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- Arkansas City, KS was added to the Winfield, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area, which was renamed the Arkansas City-Winfield, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area.
- Chase County, KS was removed from the Emporia, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area.
- Kearny County, KS was added to the Garden City, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area.
- The Lawrence, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area, Ottawa, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area, and the St. Joseph, MO-KS Metropolitan Statistical Area were added to the Kansas City-Overland Park-Kansas City, MO-KS Combined Statistical Area.
- The Manhattan-Junction City, KS Combined Statistical Area was created with the newly formed Junction City, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area and the redefined Manhattan, KS Metropolitan Statistical Area.
- The newly formed Arkansas City-Winfield, KS Micropolitan Statistical Area was added to the Wichita-Winfield, KS Combined Statistical Area, which was renamed the Wichita-Arkansas City-Winfield, KS Combined Statistical Area.

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APPENDIX

Key Terms[1]

Central county – The county or counties of a Core Based Statistical Area containing a substantial portion of an urbanized area or urban cluster or both, and to and from which commuting is measured to determine qualification of outlying counties.

Combined Statistical Area – A geographic entity consisting of two or more adjacent Core Based Statistical Areas with employment interchange that meets OMB's Standards for Delineating Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas.

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[1] Federal Register, Vol. 75, No. 123, June 28, 2010, Notices, 37251-37252.

Core Based Statistical Area (CBSA) – A statistical geographic entity consisting of the county or counties associated with at least one core (urbanized area or urban cluster) of at least 10,000 population, plus adjacent counties having a high degree of social and economic integration with the core as measured through commuting ties with the counties containing the core. Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas are the two categories of Core Based Statistical Areas.

Delineation – The establishment of the boundary of a statistical area, or the boundary that results.

Employment interchange measure – A measure of ties between two adjacent entities. The employment interchange measure is the sum of the percentage of workers living in the smaller entity who work in the larger entity and the percentage of employment in the smaller entity that is accounted for by workers who reside in the larger entity.

Metropolitan Statistical Area – A Core Based Statistical Area associated with at least one urbanized area that has a population of at least 50,000. The Metropolitan Statistical Area comprises the central county or counties containing the core, plus adjacent outlying counties having a high degree of social and economic integration with the central county or counties, as measured with commuting data.

Micropolitan Statistical Area – A Core Based Statistical Area associated with at least one urban cluster that has a population of at least 10,000, but less than 50,000. The Micropolitan Statistical Area comprises the central county or counties containing the core, plus adjacent outlying counties having a high degree of social and economic integration with the central county or counties as measured with commuting data.

Outlying county – A county that qualifies for inclusion in a Core Based Statistical Area on the basis of commuting ties with the Core Based Statistical Area's central county or counties.

Principal City – The largest city of a Core Based Statistical Area, plus additional cities that meet specified statistical criteria.