

2020 census shows population increase in Johnson County

By the Numbers

2020 Census Figures

609,863

Johnson County population
on April 1, 2020

220,073

Johnson County population
in the 1970 census

78.6%

Johnson County residents
completing the 2020 census

197,238

Overland Park population
in 2020 census

23,866

Overland Park population
increase since 2010

8

Johnson County cities in
state's top 10 cities for
percentage of growth

2,937,880

Kansas population
in 2020 census

80

Kansas counties lost
population since 2010

The population of Johnson County grew by 12.1% in the past 10 years, according to 2020 Census results released last month.

Johnson County's population was 609,863, on April 1, 2020, the designated Census Day. The county had the second highest growth in percentage terms in Kansas. The increase over the 2010 census was 65,684. This equates to about 6,500 per year, a little slower than the growth rate between 2000 to 2010 (451,086 to 544,179). Johnson County's gain since 2010 was more than double that of Sedgwick County (25,459 or 5.1%).

The Johnson County population has almost tripled since the 1970 census reported 220,073 residents.

Johnson County had the best self-response rate in the 2020 Census in Kansas with 78.6% of residents completing the census and surpassing Kansas (68.6%) and national (67%) self-response rates.

Four of the state's 10 largest cities remain in Johnson County with Overland Park as the second largest city with a 2020 census population of 197,238; followed by Olathe, fourth largest at 141,290; Shawnee, seventh largest, 67,311; and Lenexa, eighth largest, 57,434. Wichita remains the largest city in Kansas with a population of 397,532.

Overland Park had the largest amount of growth compared to cities in Johnson County with 23,866 new residents in the last decade.

Overall, Johnson County has six of the top 10 cities in sheer growth and eight of the top 10 cities in percentages of growth.

The Kansas population increased 3% to 2,937,880. It was the smallest growth of the state since the 1910 census. Eighty counties – mostly rural – out of the state's 105 counties lost population over the past decade.





What's behind those "best of" lists?

Overland Park is consistently recognized as one of the most livable cities in the nation by national consumer and trade publications. Sometimes people ask me how we end up on these lists. Do we apply? Do we purchase ads in magazines or on websites in exchange for a listing? Do we lobby editors? The answer is no. Most of the time we find out about Overland Park's inclusion on a list when you do, and generally by seeing a posting on social media.

While I've never selected a place to move based on a list, it doesn't hurt when your community reliably is in the "best of class" for those quality of life markers that are decision points for relocation for both companies and individuals. Inclusion on these lists affirms the reputation Overland Park has built over the last 60 years and, depending upon the list and the methodology, can provide some third-party verification. Just this year, we've had some excellent press:

- Best Places to Raise a Family (#1) – *WalletHub*, June 1
- Best Places to Live in America (#4) – *Niche*, March 16
- Top Cities Where Women Are Successful (#5) – *SmartAsset*, April 21
- Best Places to Rent in America (#3) – *WalletHub*, July 21
- Best Places to Start a Career (#8) – *WalletHub*, May 17
- Best Places for Single Dads (#16) – *WalletHub*, June 14

Looking at the methodology of the "Best Places to Raise a Family" listing provides an example of the interesting insight into the type of factors used to develop these lists. This one utilized 48 weighted metrics across five key dimensions – family fun, health and safety, education and child care, affordability and socio-economics. Not only did Overland Park rank #1 overall, of the eight "best city vs. worst city" categories, we ranked in the top five best cities of 182 in three of them – #1, Highest Median Family Salary (adjusted for cost of living); #4 – Most Affordable Housing; #3 – Lowest % of Families Living in Poverty.

You could analyze these lists for days if you wanted to, asking whether the criteria or weightings were appropriate. I find these lists more appropriate for benchmarking. We can't take them too seriously, but instead should learn by examining the other cities on the lists and the metrics in which they are excelling. If we don't measure up in a category that's a concern, we should address it as a community, not because of a list we may never see again, but because that issue impacts the quality of our lives and our economy.

I believe Overland Park **IS** the best place in America to live. And run your business. And raise a family. I don't need a ranked list to tell me that. But it's nice when these lists help our Chamber team spread the word to the rest of the country.

Now, what do I do with that #31 out of 200 ranking for "Best Cities to Survive a Zombie Apocalypse?"



Tracey Osborne Oltjen
President & CEO
[@traceylosborne](https://twitter.com/traceylosborne)



COVID policy update

All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, will be required to wear a mask when attending Overland Park Chamber of Commerce meetings and events. This policy applies to meetings and events held in the Chamber Foundation building as well as off-site venues and applies to all Chamber members, guests and staff. Masks will be required for all individuals except while actively eating or drinking, or while in designated areas such as outdoor spaces.

The safety of our members, guests and staff is of the utmost priority to us. The Overland Park Chamber team is leading by example and, although 100% vaccinated, will mask while in the Chamber Foundation Building common areas and meetings and events.

We appreciate your support of these safety measures.



Candidate Forums

Learn about the candidates at these upcoming events presented by the Johnson County Public Policy Council:

Wednesday, September 22 - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Overland Park Chamber
9001 West 110th Street

City of Overland Park Mayor

- Mike Czinege
- Curt Skoog

Thursday, October 7 - 2:00-3:00 p.m.

REACH Healthcare Foundation
8131 Metcalf Avenue

City Council Ward 2

- Melissa Cheatham
- Roger Tarbutton

Thursday, October 7 - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

REACH Healthcare Foundation
8131 Metcalf Avenue

City Council Ward 1

- Logan Heley (incumbent)
- Ryan Spencer

Tuesday, October 12 - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Overland Park Chamber
9001 West 110th Street

City Council Ward 3

- Amanda Vega-Mavec
- Jim Kite (incumbent)

Wednesday, October 13 - 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Overland Park Chamber
9001 West 110th Street

City Council Ward 6

- Chris Newlin (incumbent)
- Jeffrey Cox

Dates for Wards 4 & 5 Forums TBA

To register for forums, [click here](#).

Be an Informed Voter!

Visit www.VoteJoCo.com for candidate profiles and videos of candidate forums hosted by the Johnson County Public Policy Council.

Upcoming events

Wednesday Wake-up

Wednesday, Sept. 8 - 8:00-9:00 a.m.

[LEVELUP Esports Arena](#), 7300 West 119th Street

Make connections and experience Overland Park's newest entertainment district. LEVELUP is the only dedicated esports space in the Midwest. It is part of the Gametime District, which includes Gametime Bar & Grill, Exp Bar and VIVO Live making it an entertainment district offering food and beverage, live music every Friday and Saturday night, and event and meeting space. It is a hub for all your local entertainment and business needs with something for everyone!

To register, [click here](#)

Series sponsor: [Fortune Financial Advisors](#)



SAVE THE DATE!

Good Morning, Overland Park!

Friday, October 15 - 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Hear good news from around Overland Park at this annual breakfast event!

Promote your company as a sponsor at one of our most popular events. Contact Celia at cfritzwatson@opchamber.org for details.

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Upcoming ribbon cuttings

Sept. 17 - 11:30 a.m.

[Focus Eye Care](#), 6930 West 105th Street

Sept. 22 - 9:00 a.m.

[Bell Bank Mortgage](#), 11095 Metcalf Avenue

Sept. 29 - 4:00 p.m.

[AdventHealth South Overland Park](#), 7820 West 165th Street - RSVPs are required - [click here](#).

Sept. 29 - 4:30 p.m.

[EDCare](#), 8300 College Blvd, Suite 300





City Council Member Holly Grummert and Chamber Senior Vice President Kevin Walker helped Commander Dan Wilkinson, General Manager Stephanie Price Stites and members of [American Legion Dwight Cowles Post 370](#) celebrate a ribbon cutting for their newly renovated event hall at 7500 West 75th Street.

After a full renovation that included adding current technology, the American Legion event hall is perfect for business and organizational meetings, luncheons and dinners, receptions, dances, fundraisers and so much more. For more information, contact Stephenie at (913) 432-4012 or [click here](#).

Chamber building offers meeting space

Located in Corporate Woods, the Chamber Foundation Building offers a variety of meeting space rental options. Whether you are planning a large event, training session, small conference, one-on-one interviews or a staff retreat, our building has the perfect space for you.

Completely updated, our meeting spaces offer new technology including flat LCD smart TVs.

In addition to conference and meeting rooms, our outdoor garden terrace has a 100-person capacity and features a fire pit and is suitable for unique cocktail receptions.

Chamber members have limited complimentary use of the Affinis Room, but it must be reserved in advance and is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details, [click here](#).

If you have questions about room rentals, contact Alex at acook@opchamber.org or (913) 491-3600.



Now Accepting Nominations for 2021!

Richard A. Worrel Community Legacy Award

The Overland Park Chamber seeks nominations for the 2021 Richard A. Worrel Community Legacy Award. The deadline for nominations is 5:00 p.m. on October 11 and the recipient will be recognized at the Chamber's Annual Meeting on December 3.

The award was established in 2019 to honor longtime community leader Rick Worrel and to recognize individuals who exemplify Worrel's legacy of lifetime service to the community. To read the award criteria, [click here](#).



Worrel, 2012 Chairman of the Chamber, was passionate about building infrastructure, our community, his profession's standards and public education. His eyes were focused on the future and how he could make someone's life or our community better.

After Worrel's widow Susan accepted the award that first year, the 2020 recipient was Sen. John Skubal whose lifelong passion has been to build and develop a community that thrives on a foundation of investment in education, infrastructure, business development and community spirit.

To nominate someone for the 2021 award, [click here](#).



City Council Members Holly Grummert and Paul Lyons joined the Chamber's Tim Holverson in helping owners Reid Jolly and Rob Arnold celebrate a ribbon cutting for [We Got Your Back Apparel](#), 7940 Santa Fe Drive in Downtown Overland Park.

We Got Your Back is a locally owned and made clothing brand featuring KC and your favorite local teams plus a variety of other boutique items.

For more info: (816) 519-9344 or [click here](#).

Committee drafting 2022 legislative agendas

The Chamber's Public Policy & Advocacy Committee (PPA) has begun meeting to work on the Chamber's 2022 legislative agendas for federal, state and local platforms.

To view our current legislative agendas, [click here](#).

The PPA Committee is comprised of Overland Park Chamber member representatives. This committee discusses governmental and legislative issues and recommends policy to the Chamber's Executive Committee and Board of Directors.

The PPA Committee is chaired by Michael Hockley, [Spencer Fane LLP](#); and co-chaired by Reagan Cussimano, [The University of Kansas Health System](#).

This committee typically meets on the second Friday of the month. Interested in joining? Contact Kevin Walker at kwalker@opchamber.org for more information.



City Council President Curt Skoog and Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen helped Becca Wagner, Branch Manager; and other FNBO representatives celebrate the grand opening of the [FNBO College Square](#) bank location at 12260 College Boulevard.

For more information: (913) 266-9000 or [click here](#).

City studying OP Central mobility challenges

Earlier this year, the City began a **College + Metcalf Mobility Study** to build on recommendations of a previous study of what is being called OP Central. This area has Overland Park's largest concentration of office employment and is a major destination for visitors with the Overland Park Convention Center, eight hotels and major adjacent retail centers nearby. Long distances, large parking lots, expansive lawns and busy streets in the OP Central district create obstacles for people to move about on foot, bike, wheelchair and other non-vehicular means of travel. The OP Central Report provided a vision of a "walkable, engaging, and inviting" multi-use urban district.



Recommendations to solve some of the mobility challenges might include:

- Increase visitor and event business
- Provide access and amenities for employees
- Create walkable places for new residents
- Enhance the trail system
- Connect retail and office centers

The College + Metcalf Mobility Study is intended to develop a detailed, action-oriented program for a connected bicycle and pedestrian-friendly OP Central district. A public meeting will take place in October.

For more information, [click here](#).



City Council President Curt Skoog and Chamber Membership Director Stacey Cowan helped Jared Holroyd, Executive Director; and Erin Caswell, Senior VP, Operations; and their team celebrate a new vision in dynamic senior living at [Anthology of Overland Park](#), 10300 Indian Creek Parkway.

Anthology is an active community that focuses on hospitality and providing an elevated assisted living experience using a holistic approach to health and wellness.

For more info: (913) 232-8232 or [click here](#).

Welcome to the Chamber!

INTRODUCING OUR AUGUST NEW MEMBERS

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City Council Member Holly Grummert and Chamber Senior Vice President Beth Johnson helped owners Matthew & Shelley Jones celebrate the one-year anniversary of **HOTWORX**, 7308 West 80th Street.

HOTWORX's 24/7 studio offers a new program for people who want to flush toxins from their bodies, increase flexibility, balance and tone, and burn massive amounts of calories in the process.

For more info: (913) 308-0000 or [click here](#).

Thanks for reinvesting!

AUGUST MEMBER RENEWALS INVESTING IN COMMUNITY

40-49 Years

Indian Creek Shopping Center,
L.L.C.

20-39 Years

Affinis Corp
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5-9 Years

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1-4 Years

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2021 Golf Tournament

Presenting Sponsor



Thanks to everyone who participated!

Congratulations to these winners (names not shown in order)



1st Place-Flight A: Black & Veatch

Derek Cambridge, David Nelson, Jeff Selby, Erick Lowe



2nd Place-Flight A: Wallace Saunders

Brian Jaimes, Trey Windham, Kevin Weakley, Nate Ourada



3rd Place-Flight A: AdventHealth

Shawn Perry, Bryan Govert, Cooper McInnes, Todd Brunmeier



1st Place-Flight B: AdventHealth

Reetu Sigh, Heidi Calvin, Andrea Trillo



2nd Place-Flight B: Academy Bank

Dean Krouse, Kevin Downey, Ty Garver, Fred Occhipinto



3rd Place-Flight B: Security Bank

Justin Matchette, Quintin Ostrom, Tim Kelley, Dan Stepp

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- [The INN at Meadowbrook](#)
- [Wallace Saunders](#)
- [Worlds of Fun](#)

Longest Drive (Women): Abbie Sogard, Overland Park Regional Medical Center

Longest Drive (Men): Malik Bieberie, Turner Construction

Closest to Pin: Julie Schaller, CommunityAmerica Credit Union

Longest Putt: Roger Summers, Fogel-Anderson Construction

Volunteers:

- Elaina Huffman, NCRI - National Catastrophe Restoration, Inc.
- Mark Naster, Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas
- Sasha St. John, NCRI - National Catastrophe Restoration, Inc.

Door prize and swag bag donors:

- Bambou Salons & Spas
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- Elite Martial Arts
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- Fiorella's Jack Stack Barbecue
- Gleason Magic
- HOTWORX Overland Park
- In The Zone Cryo + Health Upgrades
- INTRUST Bank
- Mid American Credit Union
- Netrality Data Centers
- Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate
- Nifty Promotions
- Riordan Clinic
- Rock & Brews Overland Park
- Scheels
- School of Rock Overland Park
- Sweet Streams Lavender Co.
- TFI Family Services
- The Arts and Recreation Foundation of Overland Park
- Trusted Lending Center
- YogaSix



City Council President Curt Skoog and Chamber Senior Vice President Kevin Walker helped Dr. Kaylea Cantrell, DC, celebrate a ribbon cutting for [Catalyst Chiropractic](#), 6540 West 95th Street.

Dr. Cantrell offers specific and gentle chiropractic care for everyone including pediatrics, prenatal, athletes, families and wellness care.

For more information: (913) 286-4968 or [click here](#).

2022 directory offers ad opportunities

The Chamber's 2022 Membership Directory & Community Profile will offer an opportunity to promote your business all year long.

A magazine-style publication of about 120 pages showcasing Overland Park, the directory also serves as a buyer's guide for products and services offered by our members. It also contains a Who's Who listing of local business leaders.

To view our 2021 directory, [click here](#).

The directory is produced by longtime Chamber member [MetroMedia Inc.](#) Ad space is limited, so don't delay in reserving your spot.

For information about this advertising opportunity, contact MetroMedia's Kathy Moore at (913) 951-8441 or kmoore@metromediapublishers.com.



City Council Member Fred Spears and Chamber Senior Vice President Kevin Walker helped Dr. Juan Carlos Correa and his team celebrate the opening of [Modern Vascular](#), 5320 College Boulevard.

This is the first Modern Vascular clinic in Kansas and the 16th clinic in the country. Services include peripheral artery disease, wound care, knee pain relief and uterine fibroid pain relief.

For more info: (913) 529-8600 or [click here](#).



City Council Member Tom Carignan, Chamber President Tracey Osborne Oltjen and Leawood Chamber President Kevin Jeffries helped Dan Stalp celebrate a ribbon cutting for the new offices of [Sandler Training](#) at 10955 Lowell Avenue.

For more info: (913) 451-1760.



Continued growth in the last seven years led [Phoenix Home Care & Hospice](#) to move to larger office space at 6803 West 64th Street.

Helping Phil Melugin, President/Owner; Alex Melugin, Vice President of Operations for KS/CO; and their team celebrate were City Council Member Holly Grummert and Tim Holverson, the Chamber's Director of Workforce & Business Growth.

For more info: (913) 384-2273 or [click here](#).

FNBO leaders proud of “the great big, small bank”

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With more than 160 years of experience focused on helping customers achieve financial wellbeing, [First National Bank of Omaha](#) (FNBO) has built a reputation for service few banks can match.

FNBO has a history of doing what's right for customers, employees, shareholders and the communities it serves. Its Operating Philosophy and independent ownership have guided long-term investments in facilities, processing technologies and infrastructure, rather than managing from quarter to quarter to satisfy Wall Street. It has been independent and family-owned since 1857, which has been its recipe for success for six generations.

Bank leaders like to think of FNBO as “the great big, small bank,” large enough to provide the expertise and resources necessary to handle any financial need, yet small enough to know you personally. With nearly 100 banking locations in its seven-state footprint, FNBO helps customers and communities succeed by focusing on building relationships at a local level.

In Johnson County, FNBO has grown steadily and demonstrated its commitment to the area, adding three new retail branch-

es this year for a total of 10 across the metro. Thus far in 2021, over \$165,000 has been invested in several non-profit and community organizations in the Kansas City area. FNBO prioritizes supporting non-profit organizations and helping improve the quality of life in its communities. Team members also are residents of the area and are committed to supporting local businesses, investing in the community, and helping grow the local economy.

Matt Sheets, FNBO's Community Ambassador for the Kansas City metro, believes the bank's success is rooted in prioritizing the needs of customers and community stakeholders. “At FNBO, we are committed as an organization to our active involvement in helping the customers and communities we serve to grow and thrive. Positively impacting our communities directly, through our virtuous cycle of capital, and through our community partners is in our DNA.”

FNBO offers a wide range of financial products and services for a diverse group of individual and business customers, and its employees are dedicated to building effective, long-lasting relationships.

Learn more at www.fnbo.com, visit a branch in Fairway, Olathe, Overland Park or Shawnee, or call (913) 266-7000.



Leadership Overland Park

Nominations for the 2022 Leadership Overland Park (LOP) class are due at the Chamber office by noon on September 10. For an online form and more information about the program, [click here](#).

LOP educates participants about the critical issues facing Overland Park and the region, and provides opportunities to engage with organizations that resolve these issues. The program focuses on information, education and discussion of local and regional assets, challenges and opportunities. It is a six-month program, with 10 full-day sessions beginning in January.

Applications from nominees are due by October 15 and class members will be announced in December. Candidates are selected on criteria that includes leadership ability or potential, along with evidence of a strong commitment to the community. The selection committee will seek a class representing diverse backgrounds, affiliations, and goals.

Founded in 1983, LOP has graduated more than 930 alumni who provide leadership in our local business community, as well as in private, public and non-profit organizations.

“That watershed moment in one's career came for me as a LOP graduate. I found my passion, got engaged and never stopped. The personal and professional connections I made during LOP introduced me to so many wonderful people. As a LOP graduate I was well versed in issues facing our community and it led to me being elected twice to public office. That LOP insight along with those amazing connections also helped me grow a very successful business. Even today, as that firm's leader of 1,150 employees, I am still engaged, helping the City of Overland Park thrive. Simply said, it all started with being in LOP.”



John Fuller
Chief Marketing
Officer
[DLR Group](#)

“I am very grateful for the opportunity I was given to participate in Leadership Overland Park, more than 15 years ago. I have been a proud citizen of Overland Park since I was a child, and now serve as a health care leader in this amazing city. Leadership Overland Park provided me with resources and perspective to understand how I can best support our community.”



Karin McCrary
Chief Nursing Officer
[MidAmerica Rehabilitation Hospital](#)

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Member news

The Fall Parade of Homes presented by the [Home Builders Association of Greater Kansas City](#) is 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., **September 18-October 3**. Admission is free.

Library Lets Loose, the [Johnson County Library's](#) signature fundraiser, is **September 18**.

The [KuSHH](#) Launch Party features networking, live music, appetizers and lawn games on **September 23** at [The INN at Meadwobrook](#). Proceeds benefit [War Horses for Veterans](#).

[Children's Mercy Hospital](#) is recruiting for its 2022-2023 Administrative Fellowship Program, which is designed for individuals in a master's level program who are interested in an administrative career in pediatric health care. The application deadline is September 13.

[EDCare](#) has opened its second Adolescent Treatment Center. The Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program is designed to support patients and their families confronting the challenges of an eating disorder.

[Health Partnership Clinic](#) and [Shawnee Mission School District](#) have partnered to open a school-based health clinic at Shawnee Mission West High School, 8800 West 85th Street.

[University of Kansas Life-long & Professional Education](#) has launched an online, self-paced Certificate in Sustainability Management. Participants who complete the four-course program are better positioned to contribute to their organization's

financial well-being while alleviating the negative environmental impact of their operation.

[Overland Park Regional Medical Center](#) welcomed three new OB/GYNs.

[Johnson County Community College](#) offers more than 45 degree and certificate programs that qualify for funding under the new Kansas Promise Scholarship.

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Saint Lukes' Community Hospitals offer fast emergency care

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Saint Luke's Community Hospitals, a division of [Saint Luke's South Hospital](#), are streamlined, state-of-the-art hospitals that provide emergency, inpatient, and diagnostic services in five convenient Kansas neighborhood locations.

When you need emergency care, sometimes waiting is not an option. Community Hospitals let patients see a board-certified emergency-medicine physician on average in as little as 10 minutes upon arrival, compared to the state's average wait time of two hours.

Unlike urgent care centers, Saint Luke's Community Hospitals are prepared to care for the most serious and life-threatening conditions. The facilities can treat and stabilize any condition including heart attack, stroke, sprains, broken bones, abdominal pain, chest pain, complications from chronic conditions, and more. They are equipped with low-dose CT and fully digital X-ray technology. Most insurance plans are accepted.

Inpatient care is available whether patients arrive through the ER, are admitted by a referring physician, or are sent as a hospital-transfer

Saint Luke's Community Hospitals are open 24/7 in Kansas City, Leawood, Roeland Park, Olathe and Shawnee. Learn more at www.saintlukeskc.org/communityhospital.



Member news continued . . .

[Kansas State University Olathe](#) is launching a new professional development series, Leadership for Technical Professionals.

More than a dozen local [Foulston Siefkin LLP](#) attorneys were recognized in the 2022 edition of The Best Lawyers® in America and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch.

During the month of September, [St. Joseph Medical Center](#) is offering 3D mammograms at a special price. For an appointment: (816) 943-3173.

[Turner Construction Company](#) and [McCarthy Building Companies](#) are among six general contractors organizing [Construction Inclusion Week](#), October 18-22, to advance diversity, equity and inclusion in the construction industry.

[Humana](#) has promoted Bob Hayworth to Market President, KS/MO.

Steve Iverson, who has led [Olsson's](#) Kansas City Environmental team for the past three years, was named leader of the firm's federal program.

[IACBE](#) has appointed Cecilia Livengood as Chief Compliance and Accreditation Officer.

Pat Owings, CMP, DMCP, has joined [Agenda: USA](#) as Director of Business Development.

Heather Steppe, [KC Hemp Co.](#), has been named interim president of the Kansas Cannabis Chamber of Commerce.

To submit news, events or promotions, [click here](#). For login information: acook@opchamber.org.

City seeks applicants for new advisory group

The City of Overland Park is taking applications through September 13 from residents interested in serving on a new **Infrastructure Advisory Group**.

The group is tasked with considering street, stormwater and traffic infrastructure in Overland Park, and will make recommendations to the City Council to strengthen and expand practices and policies that address the community's infrastructure needs.

Applicants should be engaged members of the community who are open minded and willing to put in the time and effort required to attend meetings and provide meaningful feedback. The group will meet on the third Thursday of each month. Meetings will be approximately two hours each and will require reading and research.

Candidates will be presented to the Public Works Committee at its October 27 meeting, and are expected to go before the full City Council on November 1.

For more information, [click here](#).



Driving Economic Success

Unemployment

	July 2021	June 2021	July 2020
Overland Park	3.9%	3.5%	6.3%
Johnson County	3.8%	3.6%	6.2%
Kansas City Metro MSA	N/A	5.4%	7.4%
State of Kansas	3.8%	4.4%	7.4%

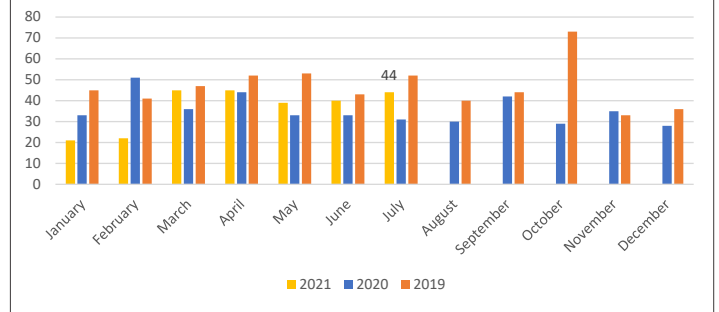
(These percentages are not seasonally adjusted)
– Kansas Labor Information Center (KLIC)
– U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Building Permits

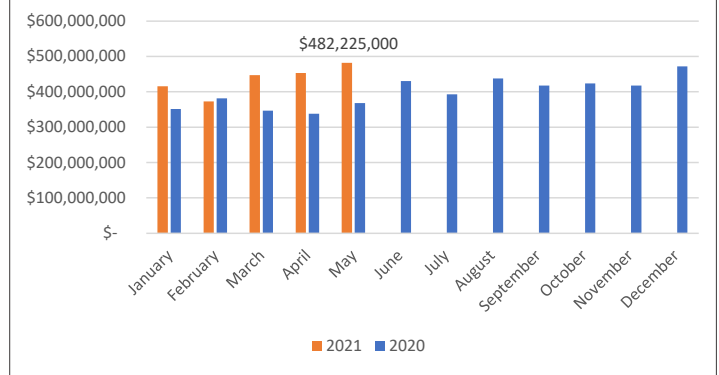
	New Commercial	Institutional, Schools, etc.	Other Commercial	Totals
July 2021	1	0	43	44
Sq. Feet	1,558	0	300	1,858
Value	\$3,000,000	N/A	\$29,993,141	\$32,993,141

– City of Overland Park

Commercial Permits



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To add your name to this list, contact Tracey Osborne Oltjen at (913) 491-3600 or tosborne@opchamber.org.



Members networking at our August Wednesday Wake-up event hosted by [Colliers International](#) at its redeveloped SUMMIT52 corporate office space.

