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**2020**  
Financial Year  
**IN REVIEW**

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## 2020 Demographics

**517,290**  
Population

**\$59,288**  
Per Capita Income (a)

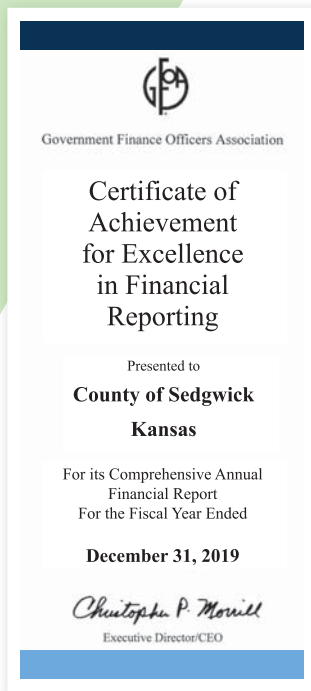
**4.3%**  
Sedgwick MSA  
Unemployed Rate (b)

**2,553**  
Number of Budgeted  
County Positions

(a) U.S. Department of Commerce,  
Bureau of Economic Analysis (2018)

(b) U.S. Department of Labor,  
Bureau of Labor Statistics (2020)

## GFOA Award



The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded Sedgwick County a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019. The prestigious national award recognizes conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports.

To receive a Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a popular annual financial report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability and reader appeal.

The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting is valid for a period of only one year. The current report continues to conform to the popular annual financial reporting requirements and will be submitted to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

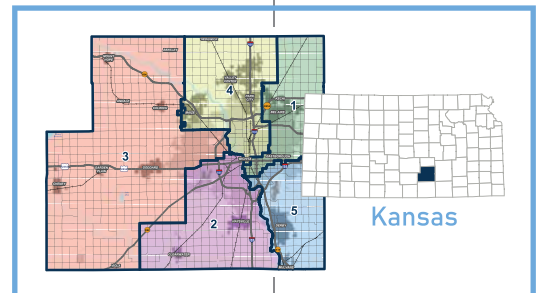
# Sedgwick County

Located in south-central Kansas, Sedgwick County was officially established in 1867 and bears the name of Civil War hero Major General John Sedgwick of the Union Army. In 1870, Sedgwick County's first county officials were elected and the City of Wichita was selected to be the county seat. Sedgwick County occupies 1,008 square miles of land and is the second most populous of the 105 counties in Kansas, with an estimated 513,607 residents. Wichita, the largest city in the state of Kansas, is known as the "Air Capital of the World" for its internationally-recognized concentration of commercial and military airplane production and aviation services.

The County is governed by a five-member Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners that meets in regular session each Wednesday morning except for the last Wednesday of each month. The commissioners, who serve four-year terms, are full-time County officials and perform executive, legislative, and policy-related functions. The Commissioners also appoint a professional County Manager to administer most county functions, and to implement policy decisions. Tasks of the County Manager range from the management of special projects to the daily functions of approximately **2,553 full-time employees**.

## Economic Indicators

- The Wichita MSA unemployment rate in December 2019 was 4.3 percent, this was a 1.1 percent change from 2019.
- As of December 2020, the median home sales price in Wichita for new and existing homes was \$177,000.
- In Sedgwick County, residential property accounts for the largest percentage (62.4 percent) of the total assessed value of real property. The second largest is commercial property, comprising of 34.4 percent of the county's total assessed value of real property.
- In the Wichita MSA, manufacturing employment accounts for 15 percent of all jobs.
- Health care jobs remain the highest paying occupations in Kansas.
- The cost of living in Wichita is a moderate 91.1, almost 8.9 percent below the national urban area average.



## 2020 Top 10 Employers

Spirit AeroSystems, Inc. 9,500	Koch Industries Inc. 3,400
Textron Aviation 9,200	Wesley Healthcare 2,954
McConnell Air Force Base 6,400	U.S. Government 2,906
Wichita Public Schools USD 259 5,675	City of Wichita 2,772
Ascension Via Christi Health Inc. 3,878	Sedgwick County 2,553

Source: Wichita Business Journal, December 2020

Function/Program	2019	2020
<b>General Government</b>		
Number of registered voters	301,756	322,575
Number of taxable real estate parcels	216,109	217,966
<b>Public Safety</b>		
Average monthly number of 911 calls	44,662	42,447
Average monthly number of EMS responses	5,531	5,476
Number of residential structural fires per 100,000 households	185	102
Average monthly number of medical responses by Fire District 1	364	311
Average daily population, juveniles in detention	55	44
Average daily population in custody of Sheriff	1,529	1,503
<b>Public Works</b>		
Miles of road improved	105	101
Miles of road maintained	609	609
<b>Health and Welfare</b>		
Number of mental health program clients	15,603	11,467
Number of individuals eligible for developmental disability services	2,589	2,604
<b>Culture and Recreation</b>		
Number of events per year at INTRUST Bank Arena	93	29
Annual attendance at INTRUST Bank Arena	348,357	140,126
Annual attendance at Sedgwick County Zoo	518,446	302,901
Annual attendance at Sedgwick County Park	997,945	1,073,618
<b>Economic Development</b>		
Total value of merchandise moving through foreign trade zone (in millions)	\$42.9	\$-
Average monthly number of Sec. 8 housing clients	*	*

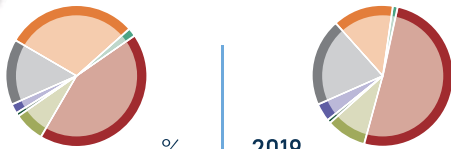
## Notable Accomplishments

- On March 27, 2020, the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act was signed into law. Sedgwick County received \$99.6 million in direct allocation, which was used by the County for its response and was also awarded to cities, K-12 schools, businesses, and public health and social service agencies to cover eligible costs. An additional \$9.3 million in Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) funds were awarded through the State of Kansas for economic recovery efforts necessary "due to the economic effects of the pandemic. Funding was used for safe operating grants to small business and non-profit agencies, 10,000 kits containing personal protective" equipment, and support to workforce development efforts through three organizations.
- Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sedgwick County Election Commissioner held the 2020 Presidential Election. Due to the impacts of COVID-19, the Election Office hosted a 'mega voting' center for early voting at the INTRUST Bank Arena for the first time and installed more than a dozen ballot drop boxes throughout the County. The Election Office experienced record voter turnout at both the 2020 Primary and General Elections.
- The Sedgwick County Health Department conducted 45,500 COVID-19 investigations, conducted 39,817 COVID-19 tests, answered 10,372 COVID-19-assisted calls, and made 2,015 COVID-19 outreach calls to businesses.
- Sedgwick County's AAA bond rating and stable financial outlook has been reaffirmed by Standard and Poor's Rating Service (S&P).

\* Information not available

Source: County operating departments

## Government-Wide Sources of Revenue



Source	2020	%	2019	%	2018
Charges for Services	\$ 64,764,229	15.0%	\$ 71,241,325	20.4%	\$ 70,114,187
Operating Grants/Contributions	\$ 128,383,227	29.7%	\$ 47,047,644	13.5%	\$ 44,894,531
Capital Grants/Contributions	\$ 9,123,791	2.1%	\$ 3,989,463	1.1%	\$ 3,814,876
Property Tax	\$ 185,622,713	43.0%	\$ 178,745,661	51.2%	\$ 172,620,033
Regular Sales Tax	\$ 30,735,040	7.1%	\$ 30,423,553	8.8%	\$ 29,776,859
Other Tax	\$ 3,636,160	0.8%	\$ 3,592,849	1.0%	\$ 3,421,680
Investment Income	\$ 9,548,184	2.2%	\$ 13,779,510	4.0%	\$ 9,919,659
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 431,813,344</b>		<b>\$ 348,820,005</b>		<b>\$ 334,561,825</b>


Charges for services revenues decreased \$6.4 million in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic affecting the ability of Sedgwick County to offer services safely to the community. Charges for services are fees charged to users of a service to offset the incurred cost.

**Operating grants and contributions** increased \$81.4 million from 2019 to 2020. This increase is primarily due to the CARES funding that the County received in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. **Operating grants and contributions are grant funds that are to be used specifically for the day-to-day costs of operating the program.**

**Capital grants and contributions** increased \$5.1 million. **Capital grants and contributions are grant funds that are to be used specifically for the purchase of property, the construction, remodeling or expansions of the facility, or to purchase equipment needed to run the program.**

**Property tax** collections increased \$6.9 million; The County's assessed valuation grew 4.61 percent for 2020 budget year.

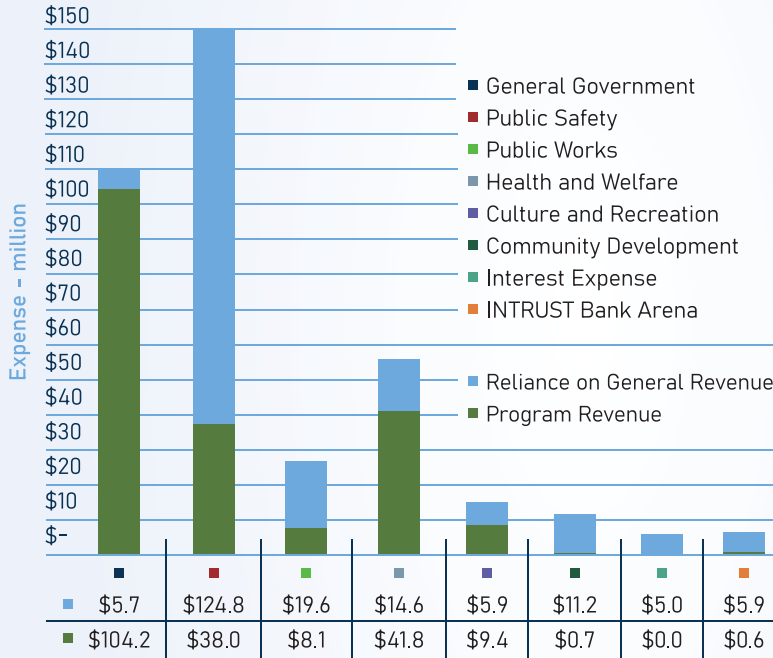
## Government-Wide Expenses by Function



Function	2020	%	2019	%	2018
General Government	\$ 109,933,474	27.8%	\$ 56,019,543	16.2%	\$ 54,849,656
Public Safety	\$ 163,393,621	41.4%	\$ 163,535,655	47.3%	\$ 155,753,795
Public Works	\$ 27,094,579	6.9%	\$ 31,694,099	9.1%	\$ 33,795,769
Health and Welfare	\$ 56,349,711	14.2%	\$ 56,904,126	16.4%	\$ 54,714,236
Culture and Recreation	\$ 15,268,317	3.9%	\$ 15,679,763	4.4%	\$ 13,638,446
Community Development	\$ 11,933,184	3.0%	\$ 11,761,470	3.4%	\$ 19,385,943
Interest on Long-term Debt	\$ 4,960,515	1.3%	\$ 5,234,624	1.5%	\$ 6,301,245
INTRUST Bank Arena	\$ 6,518,660	1.6%	\$ 5,933,968	1.7%	\$ 5,294,694
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 395,452,061</b>		<b>\$ 346,763,248</b>		<b>\$ 343,733,784</b>

**Government wide expenses increased \$48.1 million.** General government expenses increased \$53.9 million, 96.3 percent. Health and welfare expenses decreased \$0.6 million or 1.05 percent. Culture and recreation expenses decreased \$0.4 million or 2.5 percent. Community development expenses increased \$0.1 million or 0.8 percent. Public safety decreased \$0.1 million, 0.06 percent.

# Where Does the Money Come From



The chart to the left shows the total expenses for each function of governmental activities. The chart also shows the total program revenue for each function, as well as the total reliance on general revenues. General revenues are taxes and investment income.

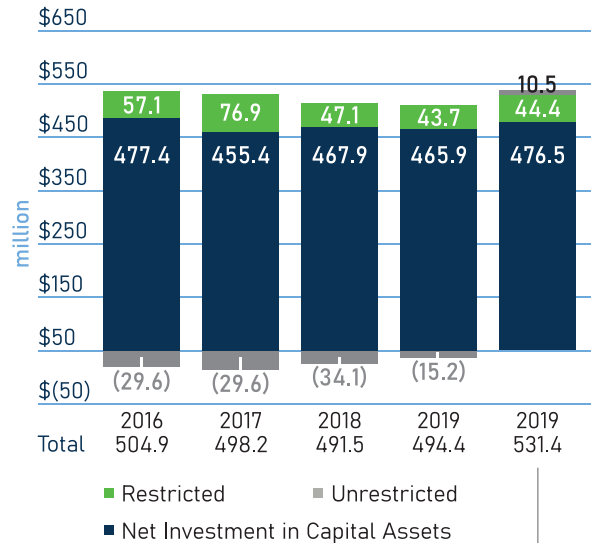
Program revenues include [1] charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and [2] grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment.

- County Appraiser
- County Clerk
- County Commissioners
- County Counselor
- County Manager
- County Treasurer
- Division of Human Resources
- Election Commissioner
- Enterprise Resource Planning
- Facilities Management
- Financial Management
- Metropolitan Area Planning Department
- Register of Deeds
- 18th Judicial District
- Department of Corrections
- District Attorney
- Emergency Communications
- Emergency Management
- Emergency Medical Services
- Fire District 1
- Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department
- Regional Forensic Science Center
- Sheriff's Office
- Exploration Place
- INTRUST Bank Arena
- Parks Department
- Sedgwick County Zoo
- Environmental Resources
- Highways
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Noxious Weeds
- Storm Drainage
- Animal Control
- COMCARE
- Community Developmental Disability Organization
- Department on Aging
- Health Department
- Economic Opportunity
- Sedgwick County Extension
- Urban Redevelopment and Housing Functions

# Total Net Position

# \$531.4 Million

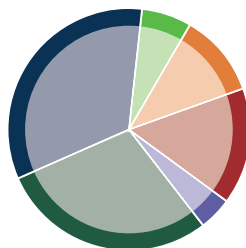
At the end of 2020, the total net position (assets minus liabilities) of Sedgwick County was \$531.4 million. The largest portion of the County's net position, \$476.5 million (90 percent), is invested in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, infrastructure, machinery and equipment) less depreciation and any related outstanding debt used to acquire those assets. Sedgwick County uses these capital assets to provide services to citizens; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.



# \$44.4 Million

# Restricted Net Position

- Capital Improvements **\$14.8**
- Debt Service **\$2.6**
- Fed/State **\$5.4**
- Fire Protection **\$6.7**
- Court Operations **\$2.4**
- Other **\$12.5**



Restricted net position of \$44.4 million (8.4 percent of net position) are resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used.

Unrestricted net position at the end of 2020 totaled \$10.5 million. Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68 requires the County to record its proportionate share of the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System (KPERs) collective net pension liability.





## School Districts

	Mill Levy	Amount Levied
Andover Jt. #385	67.859	\$ 12,622,069
Burton Jt. #369	58.156	\$ 56,346
Cheney Jt. #268	60.215	\$ 1,707,535
Circle Jt. #375	63.806	\$ 8,182,493
Clearwater Jt. #264	64.278	\$ 4,096,648
Conway Spgs. Jt. #356	47.197	\$ 151,188
Derby #260	65.888	\$ 30,211,964
Goddard #265	56.200	\$ 17,738,352
Halstead Jt. #440	50.947	\$ 552,413
Haven Jt. #312	53.020	\$ 376,570
Haysville #261	57.215	\$ 9,417,187
Kingman Jt. #331	54.635	\$ 34,970
Maize #266	59.829	\$ 30,871,549
Mulvane Jt. #263	59.633	\$ 3,323,622
Remington Jt. #206	58.276	\$ 523,465
Renwick Jt. #267	55.811	\$ 7,520,209
Rose Hill Jt. #394	60.466	\$ 1,081,302
Sedgwick Jt. #439	45.172	\$ 267,174
Valley Center Jt. #262	64.779	\$ 10,162,686
Wichita #259	52.974	\$ 161,344,979

### Mill Levy

### Amount Levied

### Total School Districts

**\$ 300,242,719**

## City Rates

Andale	47.653	\$ 371,611
Bel Aire	45.798	\$ 3,232,451
Bentley	57.086	\$ 154,735
Cheney	60.616	\$ 917,318
Clearwater	64.022	\$ 1,111,521
Colwich	56.926	\$ 795,022
Derby	48.040	\$ 12,170,199
Eastborough	65.349	\$ 960,506
Garden Plain	54.369	\$ 395,066
Goddard	33.226	\$ 1,558,368
Haysville	47.570	\$ 3,170,640
Kechi	35.070	\$ 778,482
Maize	43.061	\$ 2,588,358
Mount Hope	52.834	\$ 239,552
Mulvane	46.599	\$ 1,676,323
Park City	44.643	\$ 4,107,259
Sedgwick	74.990	\$ 131,578
Valley Center	55.012	\$ 3,148,689
Viola	24.935	\$ 18,169
Wichita	32.749	\$ 124,760,488

### Total City Levies

**\$ 162,286,335**

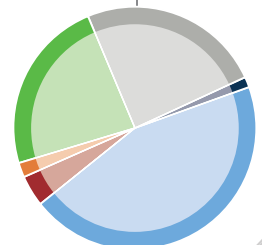
\*2020 property taxes levied to fund the 2021 budget.

A **Mill** is a monetary unit used to express the property tax rate. One mill is equivalent to one-thousandth of a dollar, \$1 of tax per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

A **Levy** is a compulsory collection of monies or the imposition of taxes.

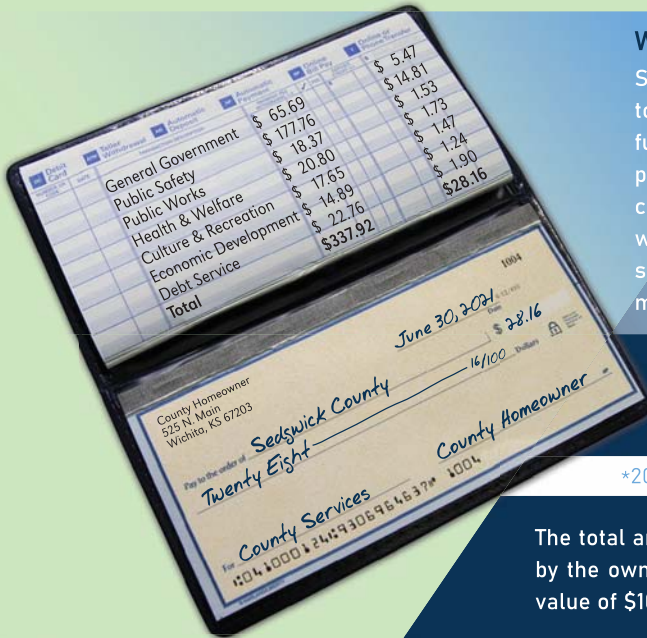
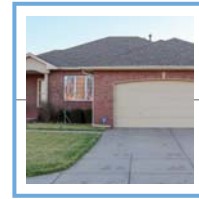


From	%	Amount
State	1.21%	\$ 7,964,590
County	23.83%	\$ 155,978,523
Cities	24.80%	\$ 162,286,335
Townships	1.13%	\$ 7,395,911
School Districts	45.87%	\$ 300,242,719
Misc. Districts	3.15%	\$ 20,619,884
<b>Total Collected</b>		<b>\$ 654,487,962</b>





# Property Tax



## What the Average Homeowner Pays

Sedgwick County provides a wide range of services to citizens. The checkbook to the left shows the functions of County government and how property tax is used to fund operations. The checkbook uses property tax on a home with an assessed value of \$100,000 and shows how the property tax is used on a monthly basis.

In  
**2020\***

Yearly  
**\$337.92**

Monthly  
**\$28.16**

\*2019 property taxes levied to fund the 2019 budget.

The total amount of property tax paid to the County Fire District, by the owners of a single-family home with an average market value of \$100,000 is **\$205.80 per year or \$17.15 per month.**

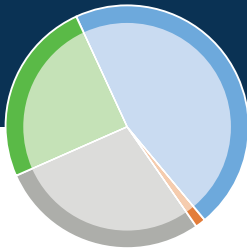
## Dollar Bill Analysis

Only a small portion of your property taxes goes to support Sedgwick County's operations. The below chart shows for every **\$1.00 of your property taxes paid** for a person living in the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County received approximately **25 cents.**



Sedgwick County  
**\$0.25**

Other Local Governments  
& School District **\$0.75**



- Sedgwick County **\$0.25**
- USD 259 **\$0.46**
- State **\$0.01**
- City of Wichita **\$0.28**

## 2020 Projects

- **B489:** A bridge over the Cowskin Creek at the Sumner County Line  
– lowest rated bridge in the county
- **B513:** A bridge on 93rd St. North between 119th St. W. and 135th St. W.  
– rapid turn around after emergency closure
- **R351:** Traffic signals and turn lanes to serve Campus High School at 55th St. South and Meridian
- 110.7 miles of preventative maintenance or 16.5 percent of the paved road system.



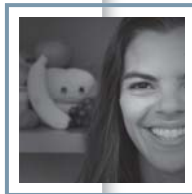
## Fiscal Challenges Going Forward

- **Respond to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the local economy** - On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, a pandemic. In a response to public health concerns related to COVID-19, Sedgwick County declared a state of local disaster emergency on March 16, 2020. Efforts to control the spread of the virus were implemented at both the local and State level throughout 2020 and into early 2021. In April 2020, more than \$99.6 million in Federal funding came directly to the County to support the community's COVID-19 response and was allocated to the County, cities, K-12 schools, and public health and social service agencies. In 2021, the County will receive the first tranche of \$100.2 million in Federal recovery funding. This funding may be used to support recovery initiatives through December 31, 2024. In addition to maintaining a prudent fund balance and preserving service levels related to normal operations, the County Commission and senior management will be responsible for determining how the funds will be allocated in conformance with Federal guidance and in collaboration with community partners.
- **Behavioral health and substance use challenges** - In recent years, Sedgwick County Commissioners and community partners identified a rapidly growing need for behavioral health services in our community, due in part to substance use issues. This need was exacerbated by the effects of COVID-19. The impact is felt across the County organization, particularly the criminal justice and mental health areas. The Sedgwick County Sheriff has chaired the Mental Health & Substance Use Coalition, which is a team of stakeholders that was assembled to develop relationships and identify solutions through partnerships, to include the County, other governments, hospital systems, advocacy groups, and others. While it will take a cultural change that could span a generation to truly address these issues, Commissioners will consider use of Federal COVID-19 recovery funds to improve access to services, as well as capital projects in the 2022 budget development process.
- **Employee recruitment and retention** - Certain areas within the County organization have experienced higher turnover than usual in the last year. When staff positions are not filled or have delays in being filled, this presents challenges to many areas of organization, particularly those with 24/7 operations where coverage is critical. A recent market analysis of the County's governmental peers showed that the County is not as competitive in terms of pay as its peers. Within the context of recent economic challenges, the County is focused on addressing compensation concerns to improve the County's ability to recruit and retain a highly-qualified workforce.
- **Planning for growth** - The need for more space has been a consistent theme from public safety agencies in the last several budget cycles. While this need continues for many departments, one consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic was the shift of much of the County's administrative workforce to a work-from-home arrangement. As the County considers allowing remote work as part of its normal post-COVID-19 operations, changes to the 2019 master space plan are anticipated.

## Directory

## Attractions

- Ballet Wichita
- Botanica Gardens
- City and Town Fairs and Festivals
- Exploration Place
- FC Wichita Soccer
- Field Station: Dinosaurs
- INTRUST Bank Arena
- Kansas African-American Museum
- Kansas Aviation Museum
- Lake Afton Park
- Mid America All-Indian Center
- Museum of World Treasurers
- Northeast Sedgwick County Park
- Old Cowtown Museum
- Sedgwick County Fair
- Sedgwick County Park
- Sedgwick County Zoo
- Tallgrass Film Festival
- Wichita Art Museum
- Wichita Flight Festival
- Wichita Force Indoor Football
- Wichita Ice Center
- Wichita Open
- Wichita Orpheum Theatre
- Wichita Riverfest
- Wichita-Sedgwick County Historical Museum
- Wichita Symphony
- Wichita Thunder Hockey
- Wichita WaterWalk
- Wichita Wind Surge Baseball
- Wichita Wings Soccer



Animal Control	660-7070
Appraiser's Office	660-9000
Clerk's Office	660-9222
COMCARE	660-7600
Commissioners Office	660-9300
Community Development	660-9863
County Manager	660-9393
Crisis Intervention Services	660-7500
Department of Corrections	660-7014
Department on Aging	660-7298
Developmental Disability Organization	660-7630
District Attorney's Office	660-3600
Division of Finance	660-7591
Division of Human Resources	660-7050
Economic Development	660-7591
Election Commissioner	660-7100
Emergency Communications	660-4977
Emergency Management	660-5959
Emergency Medical Service	660-7994
Environmental Resources	660-7200
Exploration Place	660-0600
Extension Education Center	660-0100
Fire District 1	660-3473
Flood Control	268-4498
Health Department	660-7300
Information Desk	660-9000
INTRUST Bank Arena	440-9000
Lake Afton Park	794-2774
Metropolitan Area Building and Construction Department	660-1840
Metropolitan Area Planning Department	268-4421
Noxious Weeds	660-7459
Public Works	660-1777
Purchasing	660-7255
Regional Forensic Science Center	660-4800
Register of Deeds Office	660-9400
Sedgwick County Park	943-0192
Sedgwick County Zoo	660-9453
Sheriff's Office	660-3900
Strategic Communications	660-9370
Treasurer and Tag Office	660-9000





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This publication provides the public with an easy-to-read overview of Sedgwick County's financial condition. The information contained in this report is derived from the 2020 Sedgwick County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. The Annual Audit report contains more detailed information about the County's finances, was prepared in conformance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), and was audited by the County's independent auditors. The schedules shown in this Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) are different from the GAAP financial statements because accounting data has been summarized.

## Elected Officials

### Board of Sedgwick County Commissioners

Pete Meitzner - 1st District      Sarah Lopez - 2nd District  
David Dennis - 3rd District      Lacey Cruse - 4th District  
Jim Howell - 5th District

Kelly Arnold - County Clerk  
Linda Kizzire - County Treasurer  
Marc Bennett - District Attorney  
Tonya Buckingham - Register of Deeds  
Jeff Easter - Sheriff

Tom Stolz - County Manager  
Lindsay Poe Rousseau - Chief Financial Officer

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