



Local Area I Overview

Counties Served:	62
Population:	599,777
Working Population:	329,046
Average Unemployment Rate:	3.20%
Job Vacancies:	13,322
Average Wage:	\$16.33 per hour

Demand Occupation Groups:

- Health Practitioners
- Transportation
- Office and Administrative Support
- Installation, Maintenance and Repair Service
- Law Enforcement
- Management
- Marketing and Sales
- Food Preparation and Service
- Healthcare Support
- Community and Social Service
- Construction
- Secondary Teachers

KANSASWORKS Job Centers:

- Salina
- Garden City
- Newton (Itinerate)
- Liberal (Itinerate)
- Hutchinson
- Dodge City
- Colby (Itinerate)
- Great Bend
- Hays
- Goodland (Itinerate)

Kansas WorkforceONE Strategic Objectives:

1. Increase board involvement and development.
2. Increase opportunities to leverage additional resources and improve system sustainability.
3. Increase public utilization, awareness and support of Local Area I system services.
4. Streamline, expand and improve workforce system service delivery for all customers, including job seekers and employers.
5. Strengthen the connection and collaboration between all Workforce System Partners and Intermediaries.
6. Facilitate the alignment of Local Area I Employer needs with K-12 and Post-Secondary Education.

Kansas WorkforceONE Special Initiatives:

- Kansas Department of Corrections Partnership
- Youth Vision Program - Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility
- Harvey County Economic Development Partnership and Contract
- Reno County Economic Development and Chamber of Commerce Partnership and Contract
- Kansas Work for Success – Department of Children and Families
- Dane Hansen Foundation – Workforce Development Program in High Schools
- Finney County Workforce Connection Partnership
- Veteran's Recruitment Initiative
- Western Kansas Economic Development Association Partnership
- Vocational Rehabilitation Pilot Project

Kansas WorkforceONE Leadership:

Chief Elected Official Board

Paul Steele – CEO Chair

Thomas County Commissioner

Don Davis

Barton County Commissioner

Duane Drees

Finney County Commissioner

Danny Gillum

Ford County Commissioner

Jim Rice

Seward County Commissioner

Local Workforce Investment Board

Kenneth C. Gates – LWIB Chair

President

Pratt Well Service – Pratt, KS

Mickey Fornaro-Dean – Vice Chair

Executive Director

Harvey County Economic Development
Council – Newton, KS

Steven Gieber – Secretary/Treasurer

Executive Director

Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities
– Statewide

Kathy Petz – Youth Council Chair

Director – Adult Basic Education
Hutchinson Community College

Earnest Lehman – Chair Emeritus

President and General Manager
Midwest Energy, Inc. – Hays, KS

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