



KC DISCOVERED

HISTORY

The origins of Kansas City date to the early 1800's, when French fur traders arrived by the Missouri River and built rough cabins along the river. The town of Kansas was formed in 1838 and a trail connecting the river landing to the Santa Fe Trail in the town of Westport was established. Several years later commercial buildings were popping up along the river bluffs.

When a number of railways and the first bridge across the Missouri River were completed after the Civil War, the city's population boomed. With the increased population came downtown development, and the wealthy built their mansion's on Quality Hill. The City Market at 4th and Walnut was the center of trade and where people gathered to buy and sell goods, while the West Bottoms was the center of the burgeoning cattle industry, including stockyards, warehouses and packing houses.

Last decades of the 19th Century were a time of prosperity that brought a building boom, resulting in a number of iconic Kansas City buildings, including the Board of Trade Building in 1888, the New York Life Building in 1890, Emery Bird Thayer building in 1890 and a Convention Hall in 1899. Architectural firms in New York, Chicago and Boston established offices in Kansas City

to take advantage of the construction boom. During this time Kansas City had more cable roads than any other city except San Francisco and Chicago. In 1909, the City expanded as far south as 77th Street, resulting in many new houses, businesses, roads and boulevards. That same year, the Kansas City Zoo opened.

The 1920s saw even more development of residential suburbs in the southern portions of the City, and remarkable commercial growth downtown. In the 1930s, jazz reached its artistic and popular peak, with Kansas City at the center of the action. Nightclubs opened along 12th Street and at 18th and Vine. In 1947, Kansas City annexed more land to the south.

In the past 20 years, the city has made much progress locating businesses and residents downtown, which has contributed to revitalization. Today, areas such as Crossroads Arts District and City Market are popular and trendy. In the past 10 years Kansas City has made strides in positioning itself as a great place to live and work.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This Kansas City history text taken from www.historickansascity.org. Read much more about Kansas City on-line.



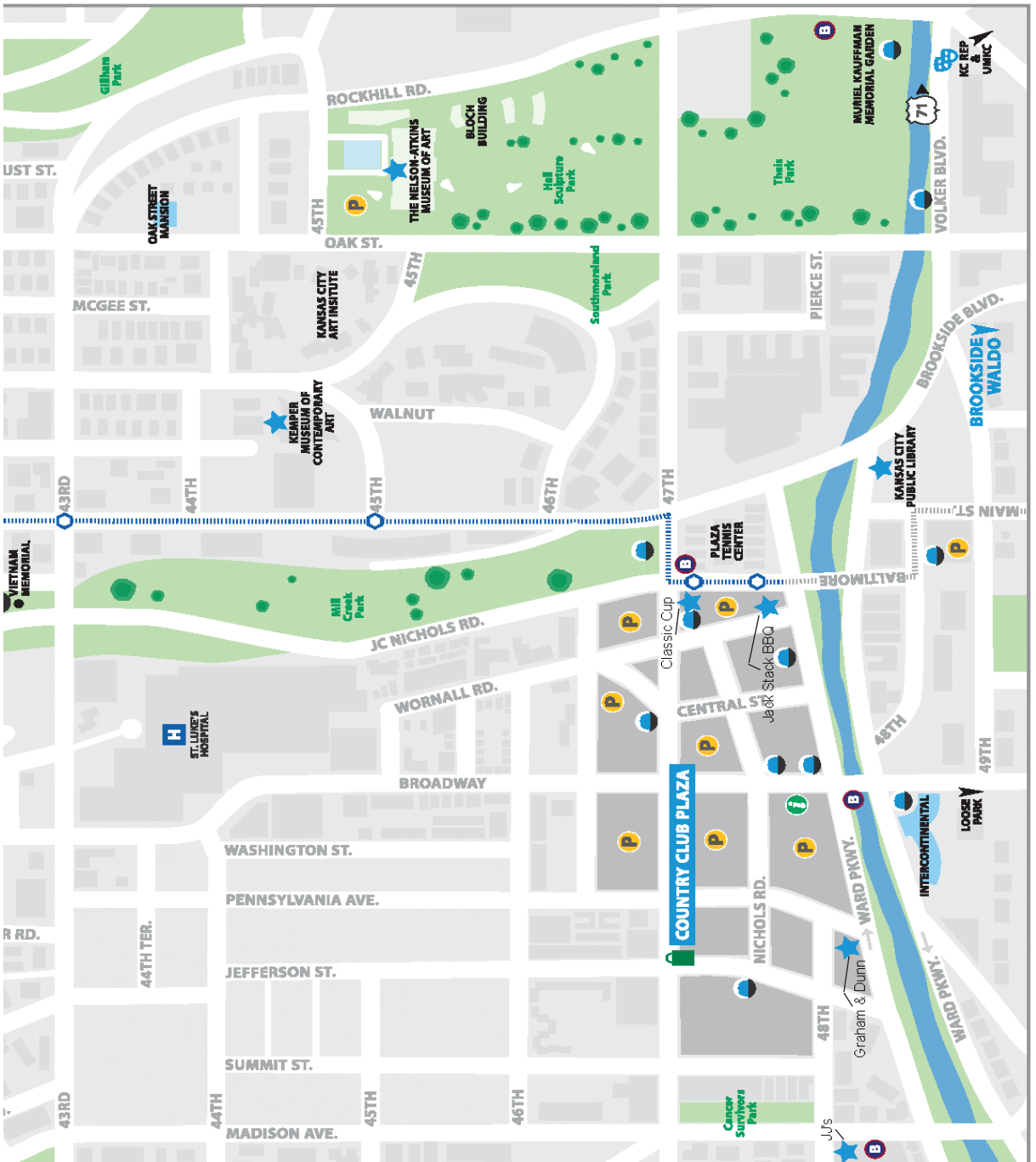
FACTS & FIGURES



	KANSAS CITY	LEXINGTON	UNITED STATES
Population	467,007	310,797	318,857,056
MSA Population	2,074,146	489,435	N/A
Median Age (years)	35.0	33.9	37.3
Land Area Sq. Miles	314.95	283.65 (Fayette)	3,531,905.43
EDUCATIONAL			
Pop. 25 yrs. plus	307,314	194,235	206,587,852
% HS Graduate plus	87.5%	88.6%	86.0%
% Bach. degree plus	31.3%	40.1%	28.8%
% Advanced Degree	11.9%	17.2%	10.8%
EMPLOYMENT			
MSA Civilian Labor Force	1,082,806	258,976	N/A
Major Employer	HCA Midweat Health System	University of Kentucky	N/A
Major Employer Workers	9,367	14,000+	N/A
Unemployment Rate	5.9%	4.0%	5.5%
INCOME/LIVING			
Med. Household Income	\$45,275	\$48,398	\$53,046
Per Capita Income	\$26,889	\$29,251	\$28,155
Cost of Living (2014 Avg)	100.0	91.9	100.0
Median House Price	\$134,600	\$165,820	\$176,700



COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA DISTRICT MAP



MORE THINGS TO DO

AMERICAN JAZZ MUSEUM ----->

1616 E 18th St, Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: (816) 474-8463

Web: www.americanjazzmuseum.org

American Jazz Museum is located in the historic 18th and Vine district in Kansas City, Missouri, in a building also housing the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. It preserves the history of the American music: jazz. The museum features exhibits on Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong and others. Items on display include a saxophone owned by Charlie Parker and various Down Beat awards. There is a jazz club on site.

ARABIA STEAMBOAT MUSEUM

400 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64106

Phone: (816) 471-1856

Web: <http://1865.com>

The Arabia Steamboat Museum is a unique Kansas City attraction: a time capsule of life on the American frontier in the mid-nineteenth century. It is not your typical museum. Visitors have the one-of-a-kind opportunity to experience the everyday objects that made life possible for pioneers in the 1800s. It is the largest single collection of pre-civil war artifacts.

BOULEVARD BREWING CO.

2501 Southwest Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: (816) 474-7095

Web: www.boulevard.com

Boulevard Brewing Company has grown to be the largest specialty brewer in the Midwest, with full or partial distribution currently in 25 states. Selection of fine ales and lagers include the Midwest's best-selling craft beer, Boulevard Unfiltered Wheat Beer, our flagship Boulevard Pale Ale, and The Smoke-stack Series line of artisanal beers.

COUNTRY CLUB PLAZA

4750 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64112

Phone: (816) 753-0100

Web: countryclubplaza.com

The Plaza's popularity and reputation has been recognized around the country. The entire 15-block district, with more than 150 shops and dozens of fine restaurants, makes the Country Club Plaza Kansas City's premier retail, dining and entertainment destination.



CROSSROADS ARTS DISTRICT

19th & Main Street, Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: (816) 994-7313

Web: <http://kccrossroads.org>

It's more than just an intersection of two streets in downtown Kansas City. It's a vibrant and diverse community that welcomes all walks of life and all forms of artistic expression. You'll find everything from late-night diners to high-end sushi. And the boutique shops around every corner are full of unique items created by local designers. Be it for flowers, shoes, furniture or fashion, shopping in the Crossroads is never the same thing twice.

HALLMARK VISITORS CENTER

2450 Grand Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: (816) 274-3613

Web: www.hallmarkvisitorscenter.com

Travel through the Hallmark Visitors Center and be transported to a place where a storied past and an exciting future come to life for one of the world's premier creative companies. Discover the Hallmark story with exhibits that demonstrate the creativity and innovation that go into making Hallmark products.

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NEGRO LEAGUES BASEBALL MUSEUM

616 E 18th St, Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: (816) 221-1920

Web: <http://nlbm.com>

Founded in 1990, the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum is a privately funded, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the rich history of African-American Baseball. Experience a tour of multi-media displays, museum store, hundreds of photographs, and artifacts dating from the late 1800s through the 1960s.

THE NELSON-ATKINS MUSEUM OF ART

4525 Oak St, Kansas City, MO 64111

Phone: (816) 751-1278

Web: <http://nelson-atkins.org>

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art is an art museum in Kansas City, Missouri, known for its neoclassical architecture and extensive collection of Asian art. In 2007, Time magazine ranked the museum's new Bloch Building number one on its list of "The 10 Best (New and Upcoming) Architectural Marvels" which considered candidates from around the globe.

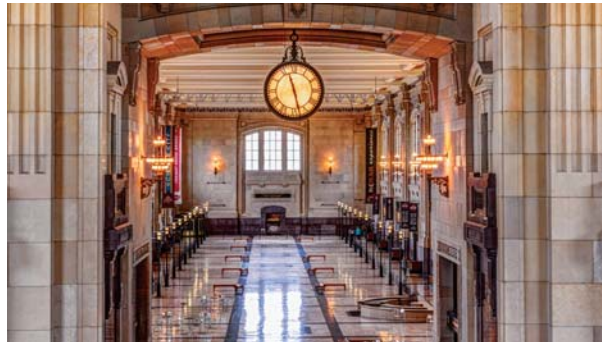
UNION STATION

30 W Pershing Rd, Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: (816) 460-2020

Web: www.unionstation.org

The 100 year old Union Station is a hub of culture, education, and entertainment. Visit traveling national exhibits, 3D movies on the Extreme Screen, or explore our world in Science City, or enjoy a cup of coffee or a special meal in this beautiful, historic building. Union Station has something for everyone in the family.



KAUFFMAN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

1601 Broadway Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108

Phone: (816) 994-7200

Web: www.kauffmancenter.org

The Kauffman Center, home to resident organizations the Kansas City Ballet, Lyric Opera, Kansas City Symphony, and other innovative programming, embraces a variety of audiences with different tastes, interests and passions. At the Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts, everyone can have an opportunity to experience excellence.

KEMPER MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

4420 Warwick Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64111

Phone: (816) 753-5784

Web: www.kemperart.org

Kansas City's acclaimed, FREE contemporary art museum, the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art opened in 1994 and draws more than 100,000 visitors each year. The Museum boasts three locations and a rapidly growing permanent collection of modern and contemporary works of artists from around the world.



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