

# **General Statistical Information Concerning the City of Manhattan, Kansas**

## **Size and Location**

The City is located in Pottawatomie and Riley Counties, Kansas, at the confluence of the Blue and Kansas Rivers in Northeast Kansas approximately 116 miles west of Kansas City (56 miles west of Topeka, the State Capital). The City encompasses approximately 18 square miles and has a projected estimated population in 2014 of 58,874 persons (includes Kansas State University which was annexed on July 3, 1994).

## **Government and Organization of the City**

The City of Manhattan was chartered May 30, 1857 and is a city of the first class. The City operates under a Commission-Manager form of government. The City Commission consists of five members. Elections are held every other year in odd-numbered years. Three City Commission positions are chosen at each election. The two highest vote recipients receive four-year terms while the third highest vote recipient receives a two-year term. The City Manager is appointed by the Commission and is charged with the efficient and effective administration of the City.

## **Municipal Services and Utilities**

The City owns and operates its own water, wastewater, and stormwater management utility systems. Westar Energy and Kansas Gas Service supply electricity and natural gas to the City. Telephone service is provided by AT&T and Cox Communications, Inc., which operates a cable television system under franchise with the City.

The City's fire department provides continuous full-time protection to the City. The City's police protection is provided by the Riley County Police Department. The ambulance service is provided by Riley County.

## **Transportation Facilities**

Riley County is traversed by Interstate 70, U.S. Highway 24, and Kansas Highways 13, 18, and 177, all leading to Manhattan, Kansas. Seven motor freight lines serve the City and rail service is provided by Union Pacific Railroad. In addition, Manhattan Regional Airport provides Commercial and General Aviation services, and is served by American Eagle, the regional affiliate of American Airlines, that provides round-trip flights to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) and Chicago O'Hare International Airport (ORD). In 2013, Manhattan Regional Airport began providing round-trip flights to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport (AZA). The area is also served by an aircraft charter service and three taxi companies.

## **Kansas State University**

Kansas State University, formerly Kansas State Agricultural College, will be celebrating 150 years of distinguished service in 2013 as a leading example of a successful system of land-grant universities developed throughout the United States. Its campus contains over 315 acres and beyond the campus are more than 4,000 acres of university land used for experimental work in agriculture. Kansas State University is fully accredited by the North Central Accrediting Association and by various professional accrediting agencies. The University has an enrollment of 24,581 students for the fall of 2013, an increase of 203 students over fall 2012.

## **Military Activity - Fort Riley**

Founded in 1853, Fort Riley is a military installation 15 miles west of Manhattan. Originally known as Camp Center, Fort Riley is a permanent post and has long been one of the nation's largest military installations. Today, the installation covers more than 101,000 acres with a military strength of more than 18,000 soldiers. In addition to the military personnel at Fort Riley, nearly 7,300 civilian employees work on the installation. Annually, Fort Riley provides training assistance to thousands of Reserve Component soldiers, including the Army National Guard, US Army Reserves, Navy Reserves, Marine Reserves, Reserve Officer Training Corps, Air Guard, and individuals conducting individual training or attending schools.

The Base Realignment and Closure and the Global Repositioning process has caused significant growth to Fort Riley in recent years. Fort Riley has grown from approximately 9,500 soldiers in 2005 to more than 19,000 soldiers, with a total population of approximately 55,000, including off-post dependents, employees, and retirees. This growth in turn has created notable growth in the Manhattan community and surrounding areas.

During Fort Riley's service to the nation, many legendary and historic characters have been intertwined with the Fort's history. Some of the more famous were Buffalo Bill Cody, Wild Bill Hickock, George Armstrong Custer, and the famous 7th Cavalry of the early frontier days; Civil War heroes J.E.B. Stuart and Phillip St. George Cook; General "Blackjack" Pershing of World War I; Generals Wainwright, Patton, and Terry Allen of World War II; and Major General Thomas Rhame of the Persian Gulf War.

**Impact of Fort Riley**

The following is the Economic Impact Summary for Fort Riley for the year ended September 30, 2013 (federal fiscal year):

**Population:**

Military	19,468
Family Members	26,415
Retirees *	3,591
Civilian Employees	7,470
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>56,944</b>

*\*Retirees living within the 7 county area*

**Economic Impact of Fort Riley on the State of Kansas:**

Payroll	\$ 1,283,321,150
Supplies/Services/Contracts	282,062,389
Construction	155,006,951
Education	19,322,516
Health Care	137,265,064
<b>Total Direct Economic Impact</b>	<b>\$1,876,978,070</b>

**Medical and Health Facilities**

The City's two local hospitals, St. Mary's Hospital, built in 1960, and Riley County owned Memorial Hospital, which was built in 1954, have consolidated into one entity, Mercy Regional Health Center, which employs approximately 800 persons. Mercy recently completed a \$42 million expansion that essentially doubled its space. There are currently over 90 medical doctors practicing in the City. Manhattan Surgical Center provides surgical and post-surgical services to the region. The City also has two major retirement facilities, Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community and Via Christi Village, which provide assisted care as well as independent living. The city has several smaller assisted living facilities as well.

**Recreational Facilities**

Tuttle Creek Reservoir, one of the largest bodies of water in Kansas, which is located two miles north of the City of Manhattan, and Milford Reservoir located approximately 20 miles west of Manhattan, provide substantial area income from resort and recreational activities.