

KANSAS CITY

RELOCATION GUIDE



**Tips to Relocating and Living
Life in Kansas City**

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Why Kansas City?

As we step into the next year, Kansas City stands out as a vibrant and growing city in the Midwest. Known for its rich history, cultural diversity, and strong sense of community, Kansas City offers a unique blend of big-city amenities and small-town charm.

Unlike other major metropolitan areas like Chicago or St. Louis, Kansas City provides a harmonious balance between a bustling urban lifestyle and serene suburban communities. Whether you're drawn to the energetic downtown districts or the quiet, family-friendly neighborhoods, Kansas City has something for everyone.

With a booming job market, an award-winning culinary scene, and a cost of living that remains significantly lower than many other large U.S. cities, Kansas City is an exceptional place to call home. From world-class barbecue to thriving arts, sports, and entertainment, Kansas City continues to be a welcoming destination for individuals and families looking for opportunity, connection, and quality of life.

The Heart of Kansas City



Kansas City, home to over 508,000 residents within the city limits and more than 2 million in the metropolitan area, is a dynamic and growing hub in the heart of the Midwest. Renowned for its contributions to transportation, healthcare, technology, and agriculture, Kansas City's economy is as diverse as its welcoming population.

The city boasts a vibrant cultural scene, featuring everything from world-class museums and theaters to its legendary jazz and blues heritage. Whether you're exploring the historic 18th & Vine Jazz District, enjoying a Chiefs or Royals game, or savoring a meal at one of Kansas City's renowned barbecue spots, there's always something new to experience in this bustling city.

With its four distinct seasons, numerous parks, and thriving neighborhoods, Kansas City offers a perfect balance of work, leisure, and community. Known for its affordability and Midwestern hospitality, Kansas City continues to attract residents and visitors alike.



Where to Live in the Greater Kansas City Area

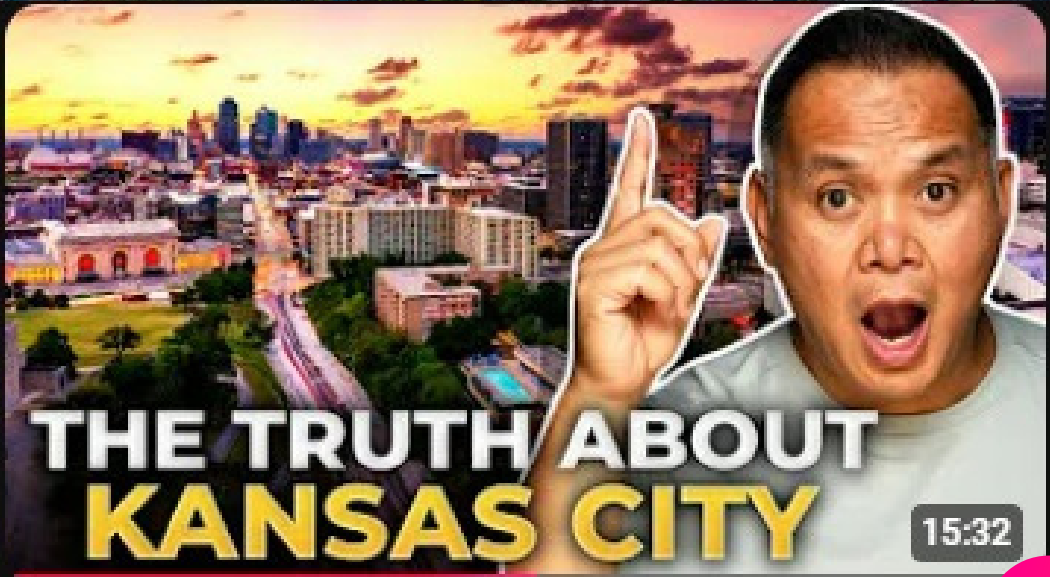
Kansas City is home to a variety of neighborhoods, each offering its own unique appeal and amenities. From vibrant urban living near the heart of the city to peaceful, family-friendly suburbs, Kansas City has a community that fits every lifestyle. Popular Neighborhoods:

- Brookside – A charming historic district with tree-lined streets, unique shops, and a welcoming community vibe.
- Country Club Plaza – Known for its Spanish-inspired architecture, upscale shopping, and fine dining, it's a hub for luxury living and entertainment.
- River Market – Perfect for young professionals, this lively area features trendy lofts, bustling farmers' markets, and a vibrant urban energy.
- Overland Park – A top-rated suburb with excellent schools*, expansive parks, and a family-friendly atmosphere.
- Lee's Summit – Offering a mix of small-town charm and modern conveniences, this suburb is known for its strong schools and active community life.

Whether you're searching for a modern downtown apartment, a cozy suburban home, or a luxury estate, Kansas City's neighborhoods provide a perfect place to call home.

*According to GreatSchools.org

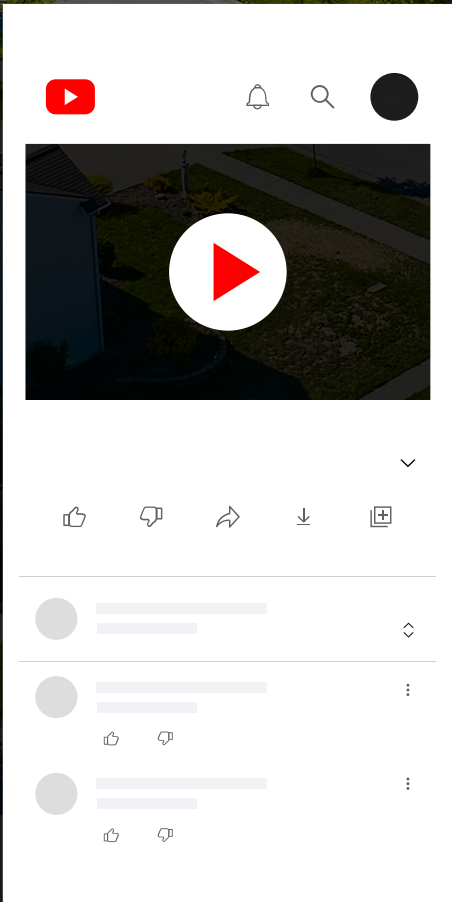




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New Builds on the Rise

Kansas City is thriving, with new developments and master-planned communities emerging across the metro area. Here are a few dynamic neighborhoods and developments to watch in 2026:

BlueHawk – Located in Overland Park, BlueHawk is a mixed-use development featuring new homes, retail, dining, and a state-of-the-art sports complex. It's a family-friendly destination with easy access to shopping and recreation.

Wolf Run - Perched on prime acreage near 177th Street and Pflumm, Wolf Run offers a rare combination: the appeal of an Overland Park address paired with access to Spring Hill Schools, a welcoming district in which students thrive inside the classroom and out. Construction in Wolf Run is just beginning, giving prospective homeowners a chance to be among the first to call the community home.

Downtown Overland Park – This area's revitalization brings new retail, dining, and living spaces. Known for its community events and local businesses, it's a vibrant spot for urban living.



Inside Overland Park, Kansas HOTTEST NEW NEIGHBORHOOD!

WOLF RUN Homes

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- **New Longview** – Nestled in Lee's Summit, this walkable community offers modern homes, parks, and local shops. With its blend of historic charm and modern amenities, it's perfect for families and professionals alike.
- **Prairie Trace** – A growing Lenexa community with suburban charm, offering trails, parks, pools, and modern homes. It's ideal for families seeking resort-style amenities and a connected lifestyle.
- **Riverfront Redevelopment** – Kansas City's downtown riverfront is transforming with apartments, shops, and dining. It's the perfect mix of stunning views and urban energy.

These new developments are designed with modern living in mind, offering an exciting mix of amenities for residents seeking the best of Kansas City's suburban and urban life.



**Inside Lee's
Summit Missouri:
Tour Homes
From \$400K To
\$2M In Kansas
City's TOP
Suburb**

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We have so many people contacting us who are moving here to Kansas City and we ABSOLUTELY love it! Honestly if you are moving or relocating here to Kansas City and the surrounding suburbs, we can make that transition so much easier on you!

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Kansas City is a food lover's paradise, offering a wide variety of dining experiences that reflect the city's diversity. Our Favorites:

"It's the best BBQ in Kansas City, which makes it the best BBQ in the world." — Anthony Bourdain, referring to Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que

- **Joe's Kansas City Bar-B-Que** – Renowned for its mouthwatering smoked meats and classic sides.
- **The Capital Grille** – Offers an upscale dining experience with expertly prepared steaks and an extensive wine list.
- **Stroud's** – Famous for its pan-fried chicken and homestyle comfort food.
- **K-Macho's Mexican Grill & Cantina** – Known for authentic Mexican dishes and a vibrant atmosphere.
- **Garozzo's Ristorante** – Celebrated for its traditional Italian cuisine and warm hospitality.

Whether you're seeking high-end dining or casual street eats, Kansas City's food scene has it all.



Kansas City hosts a variety of culinary events throughout the year, celebrating its rich food culture and community spirit. Here are some notable events to look forward to in 2025:

American Royal World Series of Barbecue (September): As the world's largest barbecue competition, this event brings together pitmasters and enthusiasts for a weekend of smoky flavors and friendly rivalry.

Brookside Art Annual (May 2-4): While primarily an art festival, it also features a variety of food vendors offering local delicacies, making it a delightful experience for art and food lovers alike.

Kansas City Irish Fest (Labor Day Weekend): Celebrate Irish culture with traditional music, dance, and a selection of Irish and local foods, including classic fish and chips and shepherd's pie.

Boulevardia (June): A two-day urban street festival featuring local brews, food trucks, and live music, offering a taste of Kansas City's vibrant craft beer and culinary scene.

Plaza Art Fair (September): In addition to showcasing art, this fair includes a variety of food booths from local restaurants, providing attendees with a diverse culinary experience.

These events highlight the diverse and dynamic food scene in Kansas City, offering residents and visitors alike opportunities to indulge in the city's culinary delights throughout the year.



Kansas City: where you can tour historic
jazz landmarks, explore world-class
museums, and enjoy the best BBQ on
Earth—all in one day!



American Jazz
Museum

Things To Do

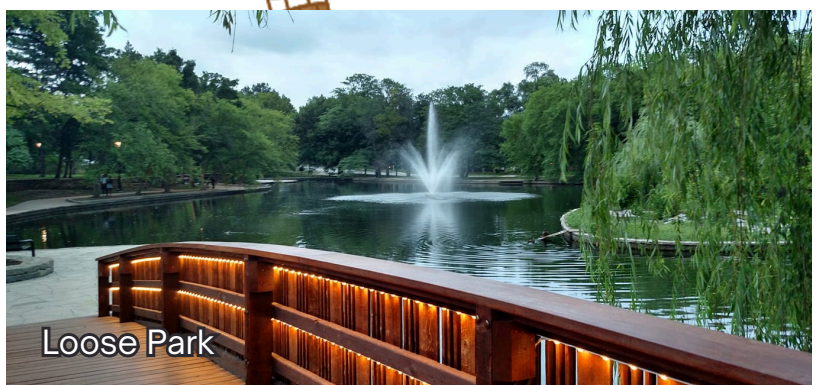
Kansas City offers a variety of outdoor adventures and family-friendly activities that are perfect for weekends and holidays.

Outdoor Adventures:

- Loose Park – A beautiful park featuring a rose garden, walking trails, and picnic areas.
- Lake Jacomo – A serene spot for boating, fishing, and hiking, just a short drive from the city.
- Swope Park – Kansas City’s largest park, offering trails, a golf course, and the Kansas City Zoo.
- City Market – A vibrant outdoor space with local vendors, dining, and community events.

Family-Friendly Fun:

- Science City – A hands-on science center perfect for kids of all ages.
- Kansas City Zoo – A beloved destination with over 1,700 animals and interactive exhibits.
- Union Station – Home to exciting attractions like a planetarium, theaters, and rotating exhibits.
- Worlds of Fun/Oceans of Fun - Spanning more than 325 acres with unique, international-themed areas, seven roller coasters, dozens of thrill rides and a massive waterpark.



Education, Employment, Health

Kansas City's reputation as a hub for education and career opportunities makes it an appealing choice for families and professionals alike. With a wide array of highly regarded schools and universities, the city supports lifelong learning and academic excellence at every stage.

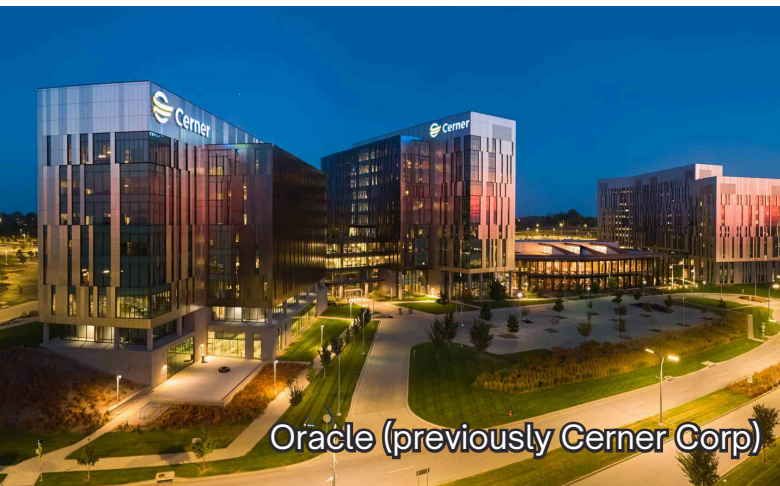
Educational Institutions

Kansas City is recognized for its excellent schools, offering diverse educational options across the metro area. Districts like Blue Valley, Shawnee Mission, and Lee's Summit consistently rank among the top in Kansas and Missouri, celebrated for their academic excellence, student support, and college readiness programs. These schools provide strong academic curriculums, vibrant extracurricular opportunities, and dedicated educators.

In higher education, Kansas City is home to the University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC), known for its robust programs in business, law, and the arts. UMKC is a leader in research and innovation, making it a popular choice for aspiring professionals. Additionally, Kansas City is within driving distance of other top universities like the University of Kansas, further expanding educational opportunities.

Kansas City's commitment to quality education, from K-12 through higher education, makes it a desirable destination for families and professionals seeking growth and achievement. For detailed school and university rankings, resources like U.S. News & World Report and Niche offer valuable insights into Kansas City's top-performing institutions.





Oracle (previously Cerner Corp)



Garmin

Employment

Kansas City's diverse economy offers robust employment opportunities across various sectors. Key industries include bioscience, with over 113,000 employees, and technology, employing more than 106,000 professionals. Major employers such as Oracle (previously Cerner Corp) and Garmin contribute significantly to the city's economic landscape.

Health

Kansas City is a leader in healthcare, with renowned institutions like the University of Kansas Health System and Children's Mercy Hospital offering world-class patient care and medical research. These facilities are recognized for innovations in treatment, particularly in cancer care and pediatrics. The city's health sector benefits from collaborations with regional universities and research organizations, contributing to advancements in medical technology and public health initiatives. Kansas City also supports wellness with numerous parks, fitness programs, and access to healthcare providers throughout the metro area.

Together, Kansas City's strengths in education, employment, and healthcare provide a well-rounded environment for personal and professional growth, making it an attractive destination for individuals and families alike.

Ready to Make Kansas City Home?

Whether you're ready to pack up or just curious about life in Kansas City, we're here to help.

Call, text, or email us anytime with questions or to explore your options.

Our team can provide quick answers, arrange viewings for homes that match your vision, and keep you in the loop as new properties and builds come on the market every day.

Don't miss out on finding the perfect home – connect with us today, and let's start planning your move to Kansas City!

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