

**K-State 105 talking points**

- K-State 105 is an economic growth and advancement initiative for all 105 counties in Kansas.
  - The initiative has received \$5 million in state funding support for fiscal year 2024.
- K-State 105 is a pillar of the Kansas State University Economic Prosperity Plan and is a key driver of the Next-Gen K-State strategic plan.
- K-State 105 leverages the statewide K-State Research and Extension network to deliver the full breadth of the university’s collective knowledge and solution-driven innovation to all Kansans, right where they live and work.
- K-State 105 forges the connections and partnerships that create access to additional expertise within other higher education institutions and state agencies, nonprofits and organizations — all part of an effort to build additional capacities and strengths in each of the 105 counties in the state.
- Several Kansas State University units — including K-State Research and Extension and the K-State Technology Development Institute — are involved in K-State 105 and serve Kansans across the state.
  - Some of the other K-State units involved in K-State 105 projects include the Office of Engagement, the Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship and the Net Positive Studio.
- K-State is building an ecosystem of partners that includes statewide partners, regional partners and project partners.
  - Our statewide partner is NetWork Kansas.
  - Our regional partners include the Innovation Center in northwest Kansas and GO Topeka.
  - Some of our project partners include the Kansas Small Business Development Center and Fort Hays State University.
- Through the collaboration of our K-State 105 partners, we are building on our collective strengths in four areas:
  1. Job creation.
  2. Capital and equity investment.
  3. Business development.
  4. Technical assistance and workforce development.
- Through our work in technical assistance and workforce development, we are addressing child care, affordable housing, health care, broadband access and other elements that affect prosperity in Kansas.
- We believe all Kansas communities — urban and rural — can experience economic growth through locally driven entrepreneurial small business growth strategies.
- We’re looking for additional partners to join us. Learn more at [k-state.edu/105](https://k-state.edu/105).