The impact of Kansas State University on the state of Kansas is felt across each of the 105 counties. As the nation’s first operational land-grant university, K-State is committed to serving the state’s 2.9 million residents. A fundamental tenet of the university’s mission is to contribute to the advancement of the state of Kansas.

To explore how expansive our footprint really is, visit k-state.edu/govrelations/impact/index.html.

Cherokee County

20,854
Total enrollment at K-State (fall 2020)

14—number of students attending from Cherokee County

$234,218,949
Financial aid amount awarded to K-State students.

70% of K-State students receive scholarships, grants, loans or work-study. (fall 2020)

$120,288—financial aid awarded to students from Cherokee County

12—number of students receiving financial aid from Cherokee County

95% of recent bachelor’s degree graduates surveyed are employed or attending graduate school or professional programs (January 2020)

58% of recent graduates employed in Kansas

76% of recent graduates employed in the region (KS, MO, NE, OK, CO)

#1—highest starting salaries in Kansas (SmartAsset, 2014-2019)

5,593
Total FTE employees at K-State (fall 2020)

3—number of employees in Cherokee County

$177,400,000
Total private support to the university (FY20)

$2,444—total donations from Cherokee County

32—number of donors from Cherokee County

110,740
Total number of K-State alumni living in Kansas

86—number of alumni residing in Cherokee County

Alumni by college in Cherokee County

36—Agriculture
1—Architecture, Planning & Design
9—Arts & Sciences
4—Business Administration
12—Education
10—Engineering
16—Graduate School
11—Health & Human Sciences
1—K-State Polytechnic
2—Veterinary Medicine
University Facts

#1 — Best value college in Kansas (SmartAsset, 2019)

20,800+ students come from all 50 states and more than 100 countries

87% — Freshman-to-Sophomore Retention Rate (fall 2020)

4,315 bachelor’s degrees, 1,130 master’s degrees, and 326 PhDs & 115 DVMs conferred in 2020

$218.6 Million — amount of research expenditures funded by federal and private sources in FY 2019

330 — number of U.S. patents issued to Kansas State University to date

$2.99 Million — amount earned in licensing income in FY 2020

4 — number of U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Feed the Future labs located at Kansas State University

Kansas State University owns 444 buildings with a replacement value of $2,890,352,000

The information contained in this report was collected from offices across the K-State campus. Visit k-state.edu/about/engagement/impact/sources.html for more information.