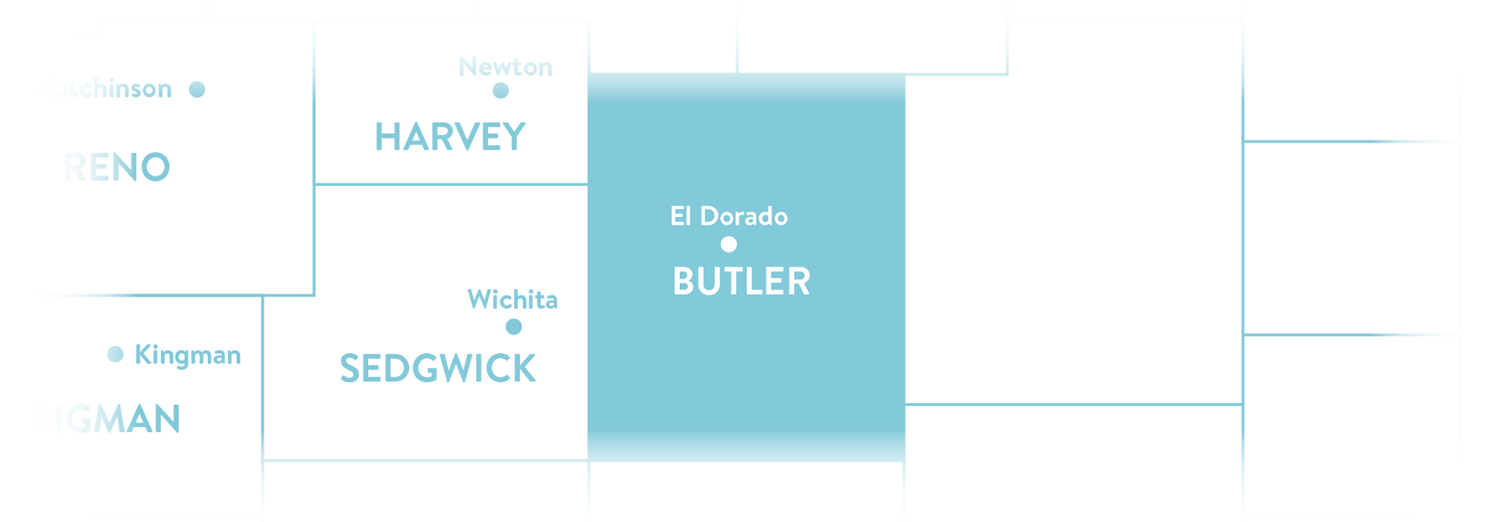
BUTLER COUNTY

As Kansas' largest county by land area, Butler County features rolling grass covered hills with broad river valleys winding through them. The county's diverse economy includes industries ranging from petroleum production and refining, farming, ranching and manufacturing.



A key resource of the county is El Dorado lake. The City of El Dorado, with the lake as a source, has the capacity to supply up to 22 million gallons of drought-resilient water per day to the majority of Butler County.

Butler County's largest community is El Dorado, which is also the county seat. In addition to the county government, Butler County contains 29 townships, 13 cities, 11 rural water districts, 11 watershed districts, 9 unified school districts, 13 fire districts, and 1 community college. Located in El Dorado, Butler Community College is the second largest community college in the state with more than 13,000 students ranging in age from sophomores and juniors in high school to grandparents seeking new career opportunities. Butler students have access to more than 90 different academic programs across 24 learning sites which includes numerous high schools in the area.

Butler County provides a wide array of transportation opportunities for businesses:

- Interstate 35 runs directly through the heart of the county, providing multiple access points throughout.

- Three airports in Butler County serve personal and business aircraft: El Dorado, Augusta and Benton. Dwight D. Eisenhower National Airport, the largest airport in Kansas, is conveniently accessible in Wichita allowing for access to anywhere in the country.
- Butler County is well served by two Class I railroads. Union Pacific (UP) operates an industrial lead line from their Wichita terminal to El Dorado with numerous spurs along the way. The Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) mainline runs through Butler County and serves a trans load facility operated by Savage Services near the Holly Frontier Refinery. The Savage Services facility has the ability to provide daily service to multiple customers.

County Data

Population	66,911
Land area	1,430
Average population density	47
Median age	38.4
High School Graduate or Higher	92.5%
Some College, No Degree	26.4%
Associate Degree	10.5%
Bachelor Degree or Higher	29%
Average 1-Way commute to work (min)	23.1
Civilian labor force	32,491
Unemployment rate	3.2%
Unemployment	1,049
Number of business establishments	1,424
Employees	18,780
Average annual pay	$38,477
Median household income	$63,272

Sources: 2019 Population Estimates for the 10-County Region; 2010 Census; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2014-2018; Bureau of Labor Statistics - Local Area Unemployment Statistics; Bureau of Labor Statistics - Quarterly Census of Wages 2018 Average

Major Employers

- BG Products
- Butler Community College
- C-Tech Industries

- D.J. Engineering
- Dustrol, Inc.
- El Dorado Correction Facility
- Everidge
- Global Parts Aero
- HollyFrontier Refining
- International Cold Storage
- Kansas Medical Center, LLC
- Pioneer Balloon
- Raschig USA
- Sherwin-Williams Aerospace
- Susan B Allen Memorial Hospital
- Valmont Utility

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