

Greater Wichita Partnership

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ENERGY IN THE HEARTLAND

Abundant with natural resources, the Greater Wichita region boasts a diverse energy sector with over \$6.5 billion in annual exports. The region not only has a large number of oil and natural gas wells, but also has two of the state's three refineries. Recognized as one of the nation's premier manufacturing centers, the region is quickly growing as a leader in petroleum-based byproduct manufacturing.

700

CRUDE OIL AND NATURAL
GAS WELLS

4M

BARRELS OF OIL
PRODUCED IN 2018

24B

CUBIC FEET OF NATURAL
GAS PRODUCED IN 2018

[See the full list of data points, rankings, and sources](#)



Energy Industry Network

The Greater Wichita region offers an established network of companies focused on exploration, extracting, and refining of petroleum. Ranked as the number one manufacturing-specialized region in the nation, the Greater Wichita region offers true potential for growth and expansion for petroleum-based product manufacturers.

The header image features a panoramic view of the Wichita skyline at sunset, with the city's lights reflecting on the water. The title 'Greater Wichita Partnership' is written in a large, elegant, white serif font, and 'PRINTED WEBSITE REPORT' is in a bold, white, sans-serif font below it.

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- Two refineries located in the Greater Wichita region — **CHS** in McPherson, Kansas, and **HollyFrontier** in El Dorado, Kansas, — account for total exports of more than \$3.5 billion. Over the last five years, the region's two refineries have experienced a steady increase in employment, making greater expansion possible.
- The region's diverse energy sector accounts for more than \$6.5 billion in exports annually through area refineries, extraction companies, petroleum-based product manufacturers, and pipelines. (Source: Economic Modeling Specialists International)
- Some of the state's biggest active oil producers call the Greater Wichita region home. **Berexco**, **Murfin Drilling Co.**, **Vess Oil Corp.**, and **Palomino Petroleum** each produce more than half a million barrels of oil annually. (Source: Kansas Geological Survey)
- The Greater Wichita region's highly skilled workforce is a competitive advantage to all industries. In addition, employment in the energy sector is twice as concentrated as the average community in the U.S. (Source: Economic Modeling Specialists International)
- Four petroleum-based product manufacturers in the Greater Wichita region represent a significant concentration compared to most oil and gas intensive regions:

BG Products, Inc. is a market leader in the production of top-quality automotive maintenance products. With its headquarters in Wichita, Kansas and additional manufacturing in nearby El Dorado, BG's professional-use products and equipment are distributed worldwide.

A recent joint venture between **Kyodo Yushi**, a world-leading grease manufacturer, and locally based Lubrication Engineers highlights the opportunities for foreign direct investment in the Greater Wichita region.

Wichita is also home to **Universal Lubricants**, an advanced petroleum manufacturing, blending, and distribution company, and since 2016 a part of the **PetroChoice** Company. In addition to manufacturing, Universal Lubricants' Wichita facilities include a research and development lab currently exploring innovative solutions for passenger cars, trucks, heavy-duty equipment, and fleets.

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