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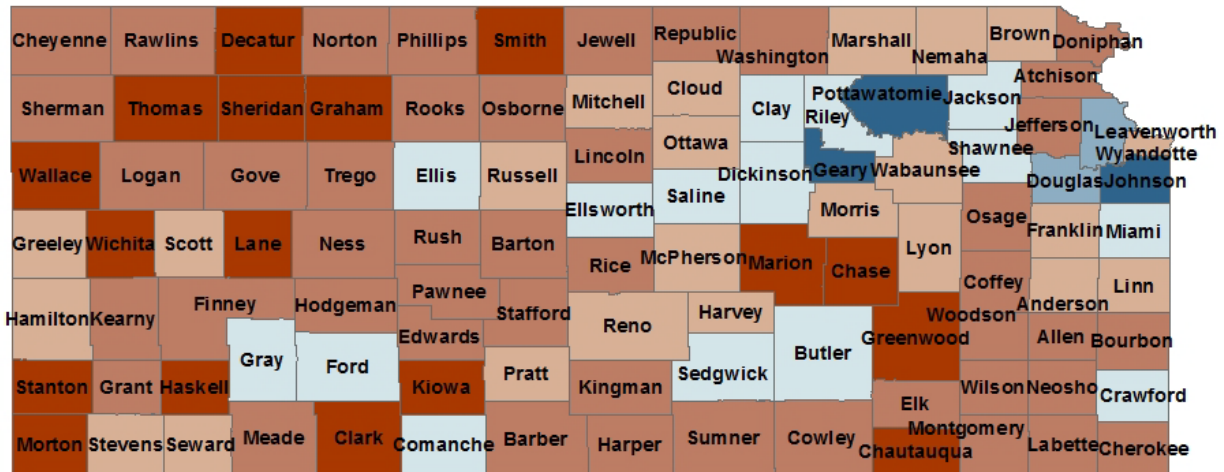
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The Center for Economic Development and Business Research (CEDBR), part of the W. Frank Barton School of Business at Wichita State University, has released population projections by age cohort from 2014 to 2064 for every Kansas county. These projections were forecast using a collection of population, birth rate, death rate, and migration data from every county, and utilize projections of Kansas county birth and death rates over the forecasted time span.

Over the 50 years projected, the Kansas population is expected to increase from 2,904,321 to 3,538,277, a 21.8 percent increase. However, this growth is not evenly distributed. Some Kansas counties are projected to have substantial increases in population, while others are forecast to experience substantial declines. Twenty of Kansas' 105 counties are projected to have increases in population, while the other 85 are projected to have population declines from 2014 to 2064.

The map below shows the cumulative population change for each county in Kansas from 2014 to 2064.

Kansas County Cumulative Population Change, 2014-2064



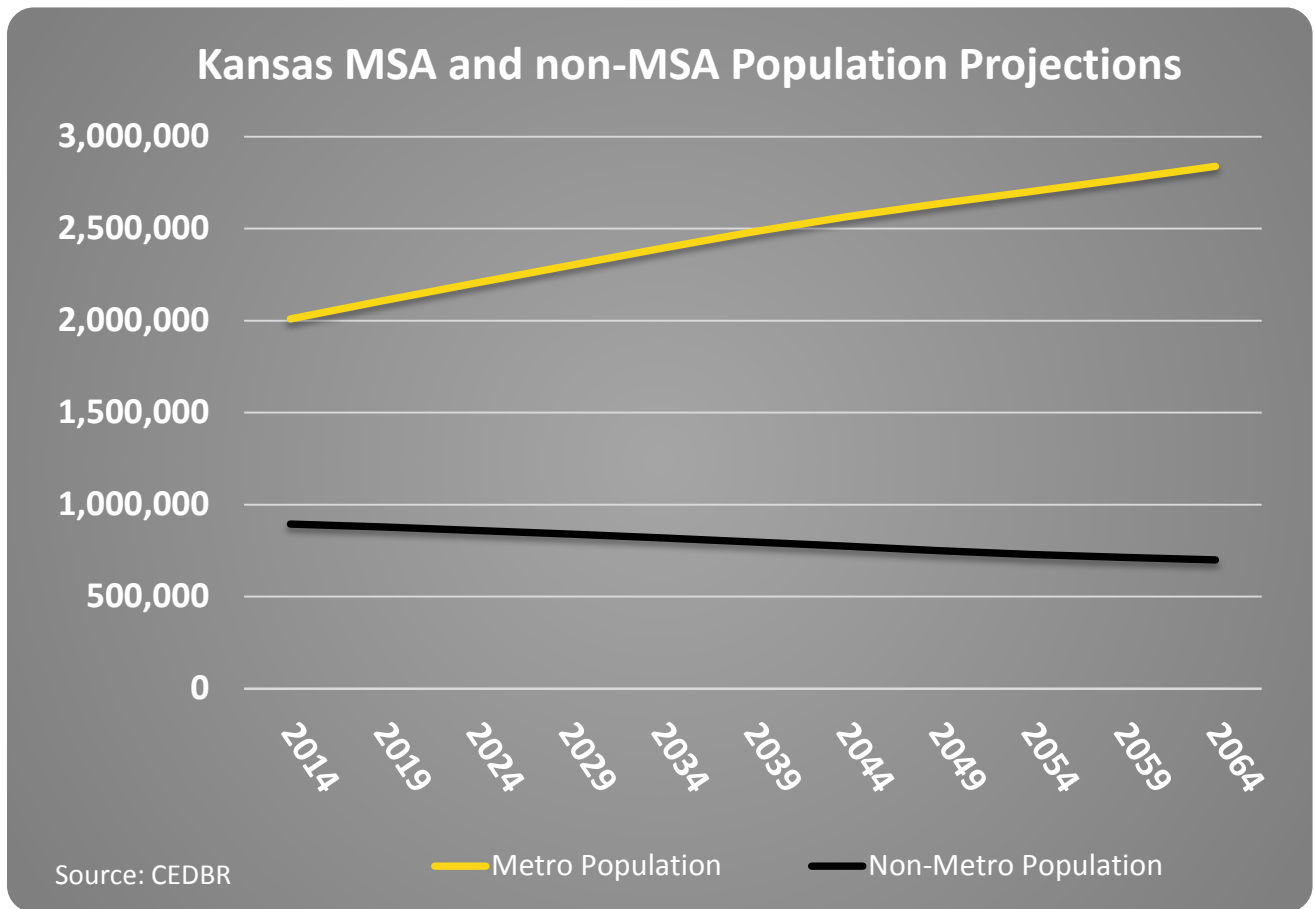
Population Forecast

Total Percent Change 2014-2064

- 94.2% to -59.3%
- 59.4% to -24.4%
- 24.5% to 0.0%
- 0.1% to 45.2%
- 45.3% to 80.1%
- 80.2% to 115.0%

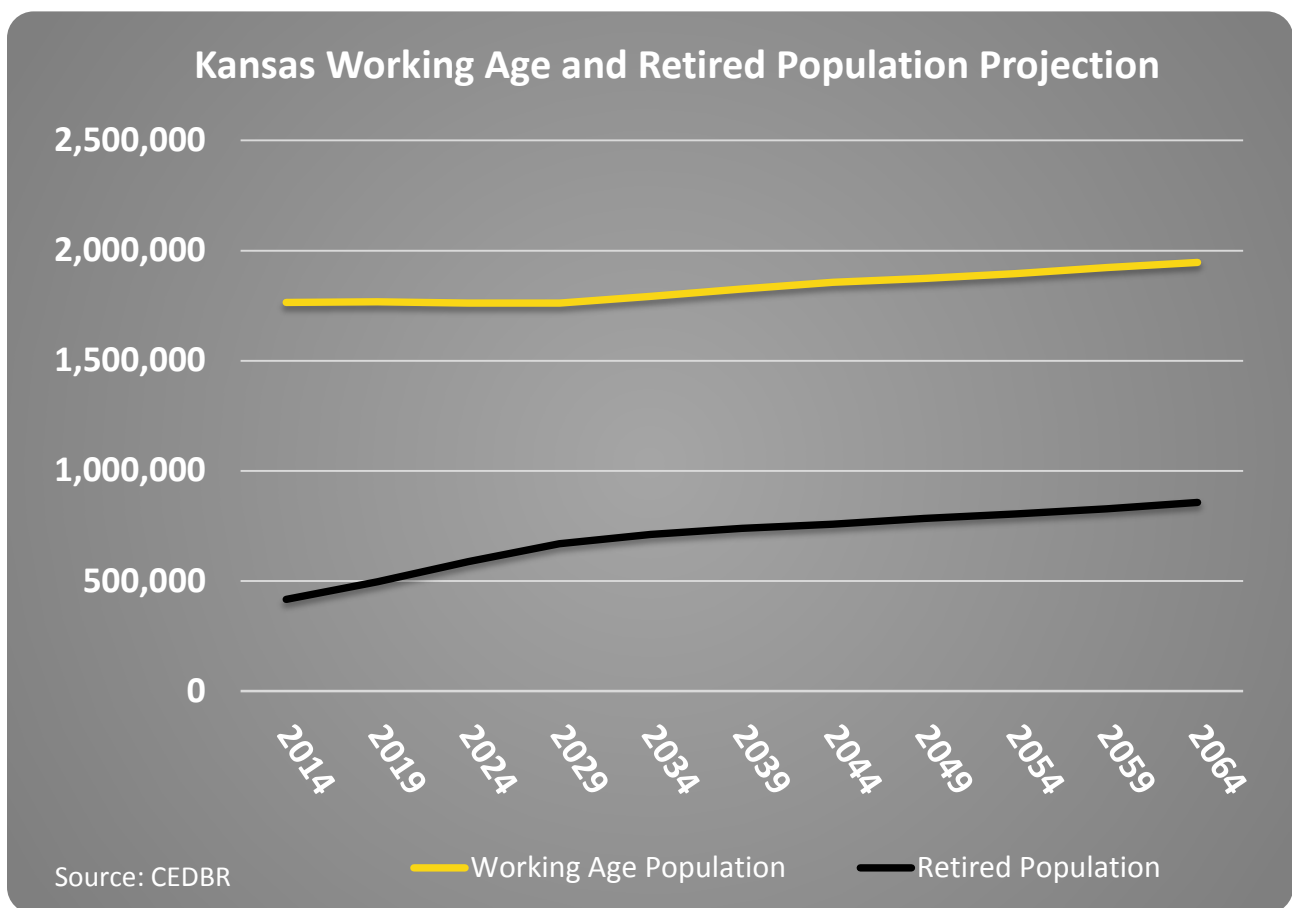
Metro Areas

The largest gains are forecast in the metropolitan statistical areas (MSAs) and eastern portion of the state, while the rural and western regions are largely projected to experience population declines. Metropolitan areas, in 2014, comprised 69.1 percent of the population of Kansas. By 2064, metropolitan areas are projected to have increased to 80.2 percent of the total population in Kansas. The non-metropolitan areas are projected to decline from 30.9 percent of the state's population to 19.8 percent over the same period. The Kansas City metropolitan area is projected to have the largest increase in population, both in percentage and absolute terms.



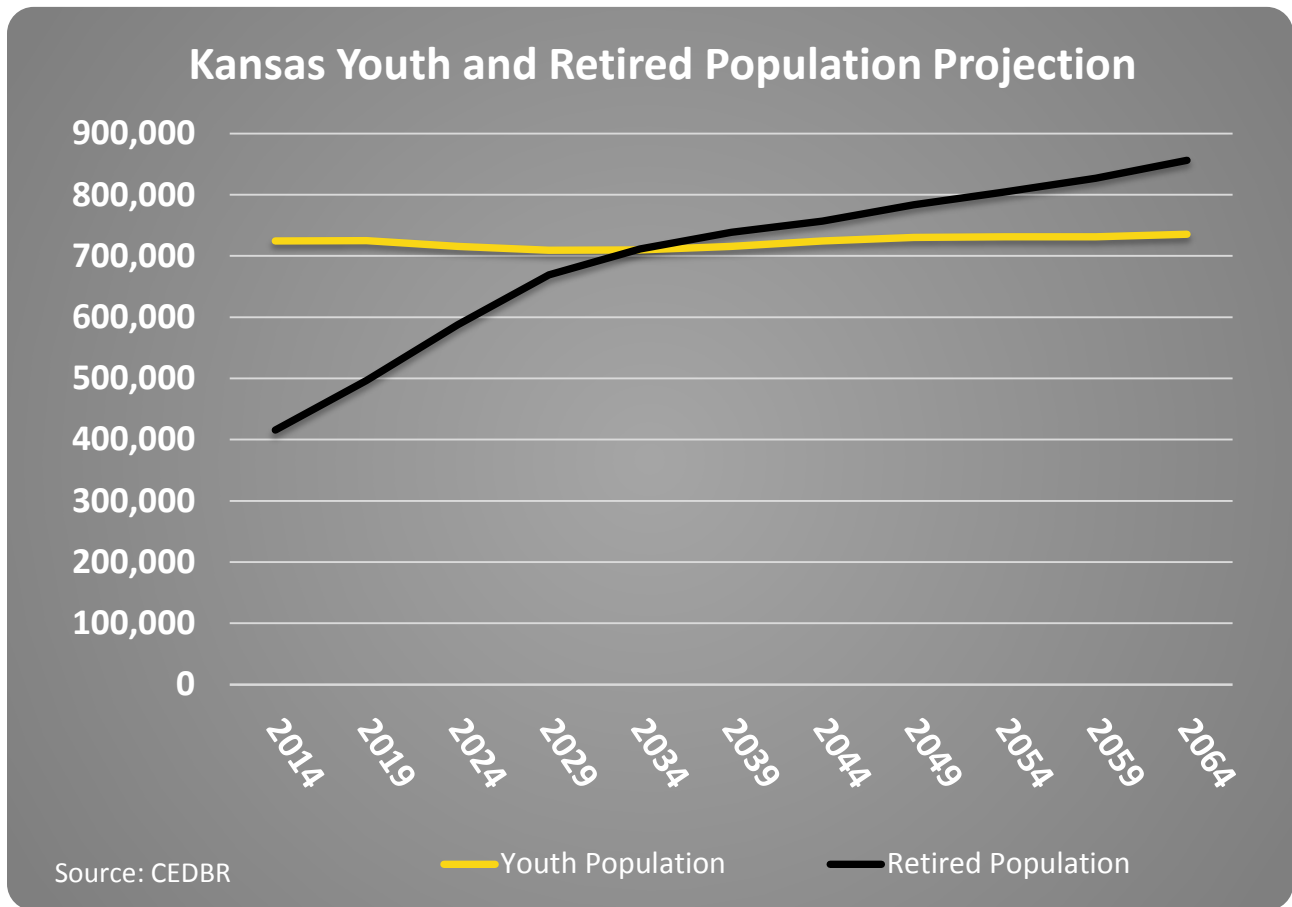
Working Age & Retired Population

Kansas' working age (18 to 64 year old) population is projected to increase by 10.3 percent over the 50 year period from 2014 to 2064. This is substantially slower than the expected growth in the overall Kansas population, which is projected to increase by 21.8 percent over the 50 year period. The Kansas population that is over 65 year old is forecast to increase much faster than the overall population, approximately doubling over the 50 years. This is projected to occur in large part due to the declining birth rate and declining mortality rate in Kansas, leading to higher life expectancy over the forecasted period. Most of the gains in the working age population are forecast for the eastern portion of the state, while the western portion is expected to have a substantial decline in the working age population.



Youth Population

Over the 50 year period, the Kansas youth (under 18 year old) population is projected to increase by 1.5 percent, considerably slower than the state's working age and retired population groups. This is expected to be in large part due to declining birth rates throughout Kansas. In 2034, the population of Kansas residents over the age of 65 is forecast to exceed the population of those under the age of 18 for the first time in state history.



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