



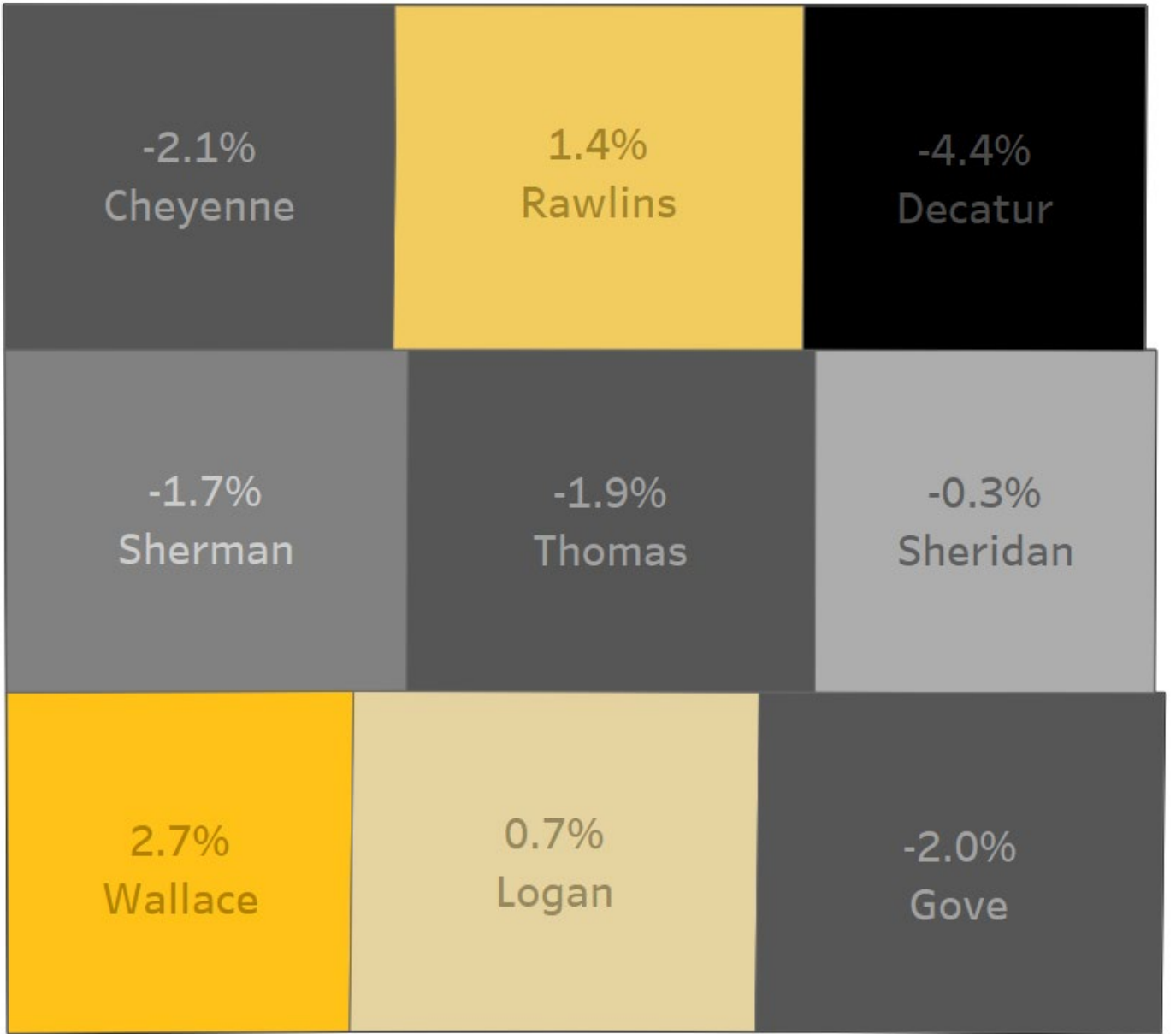
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# Colby/Thomas County Economy

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# Population YR/YR 2019

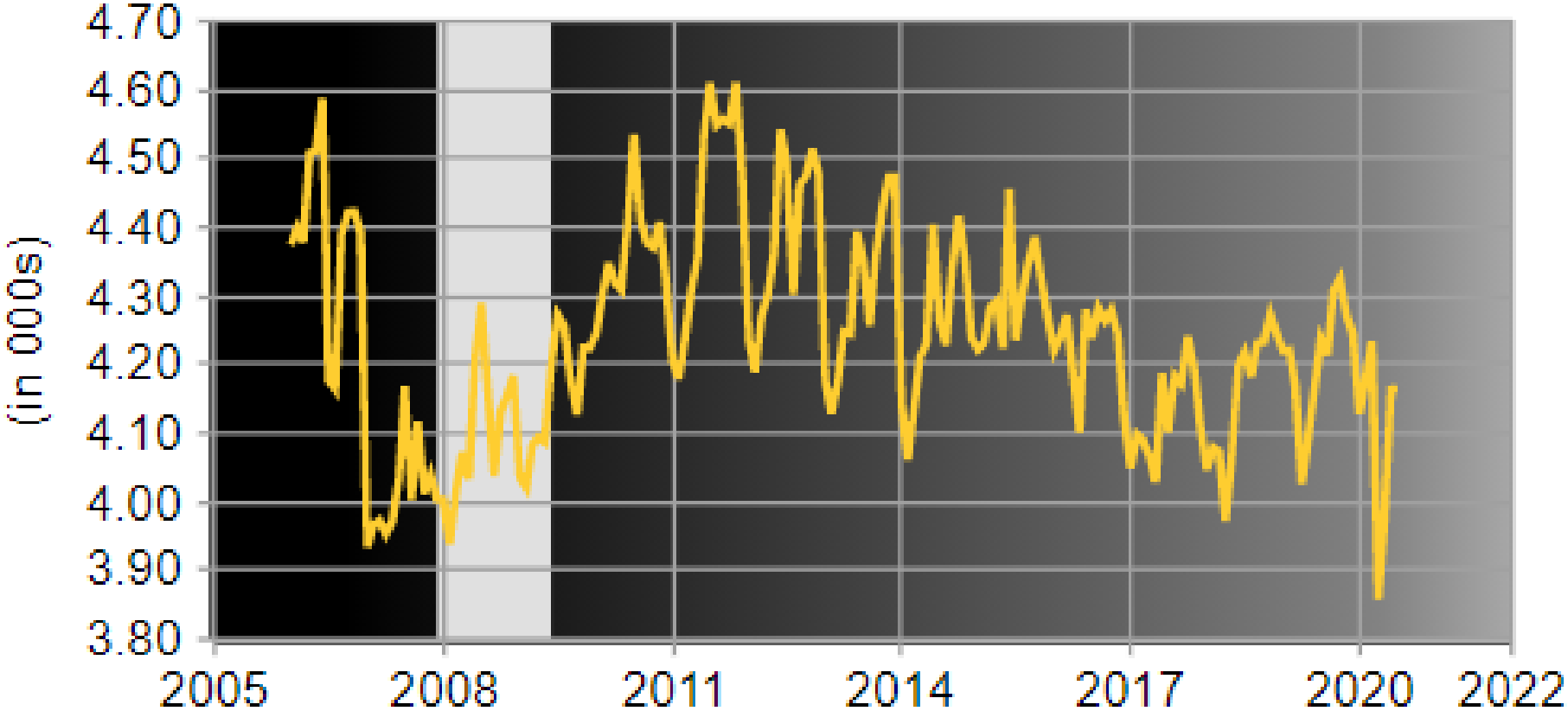


Source: CEDBR, Census



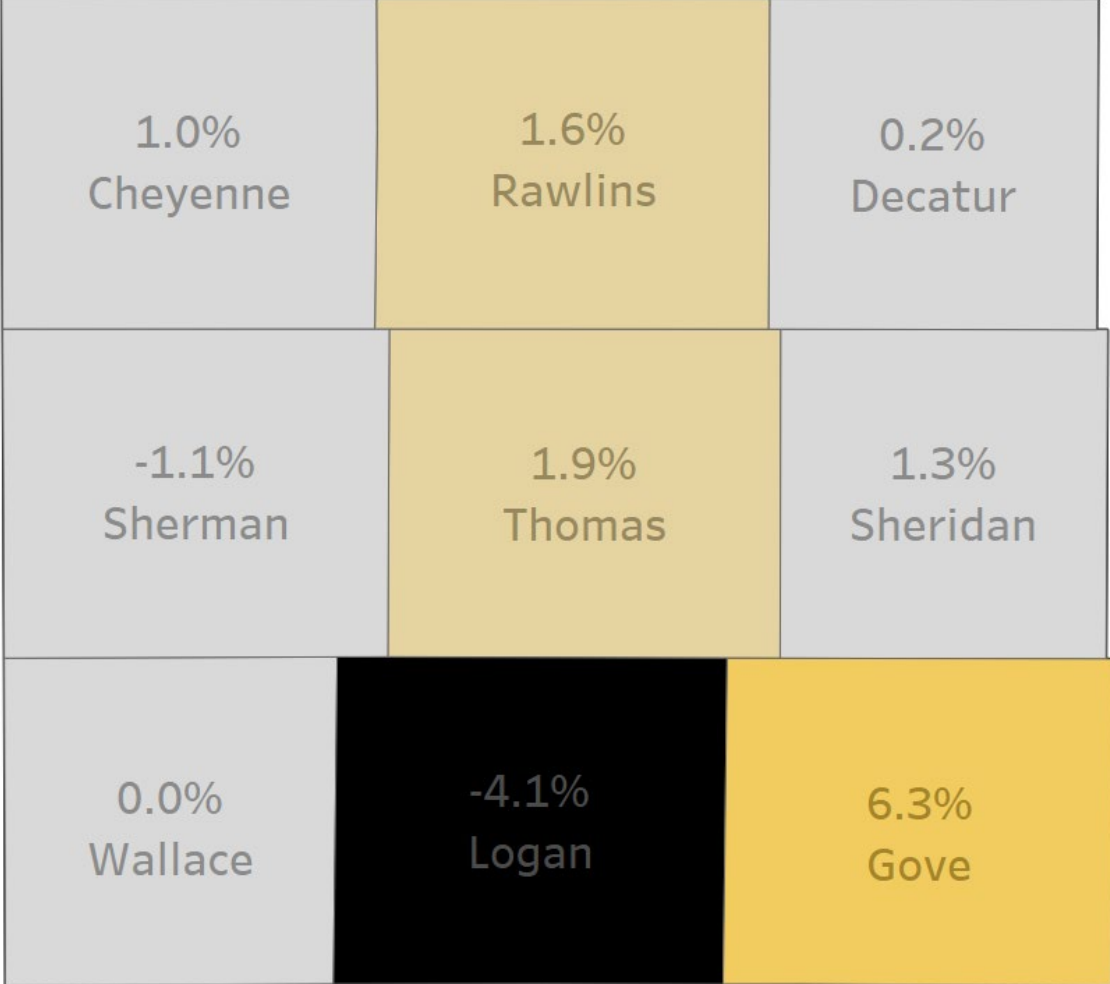
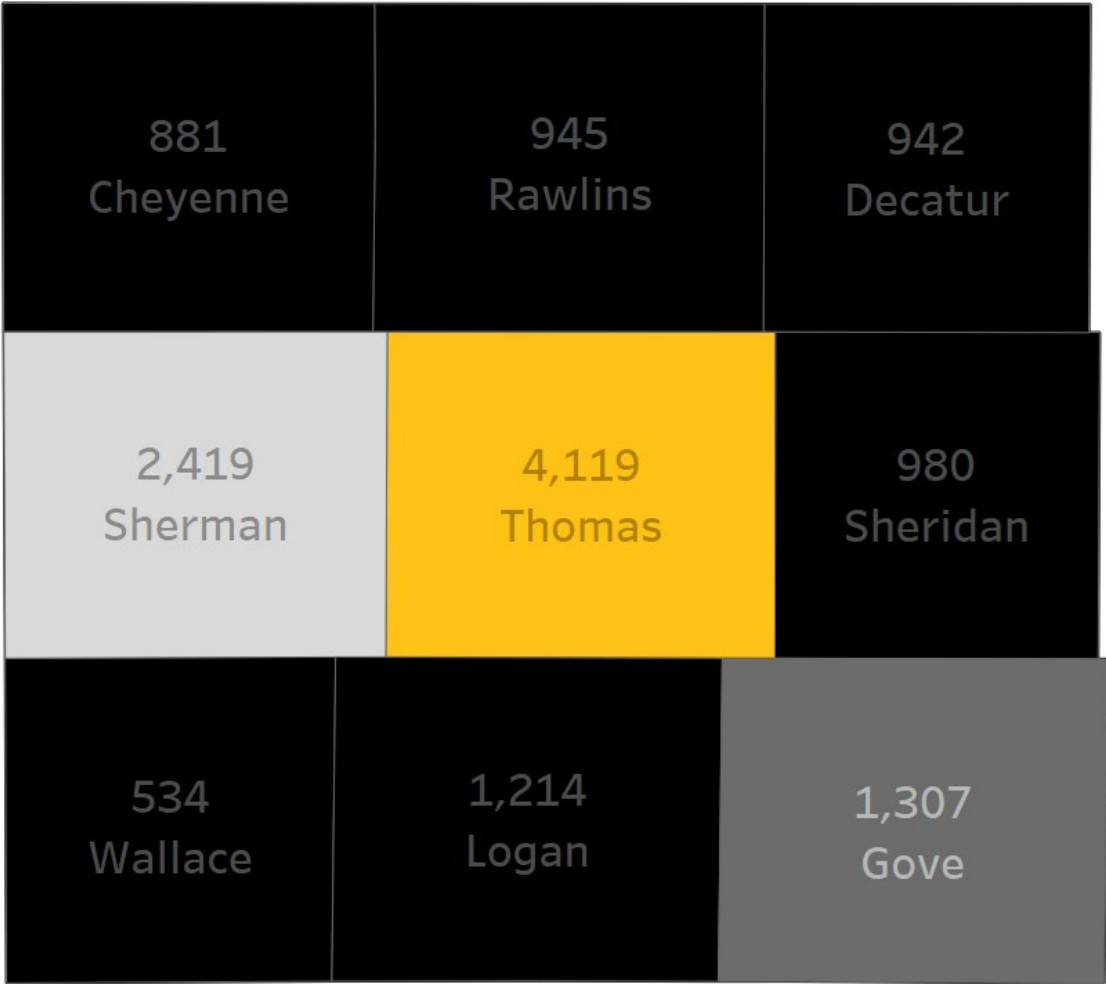
# Employment

Employment - Thomas County, KS - Civilian Labor Force  
(not seasonally adjusted)



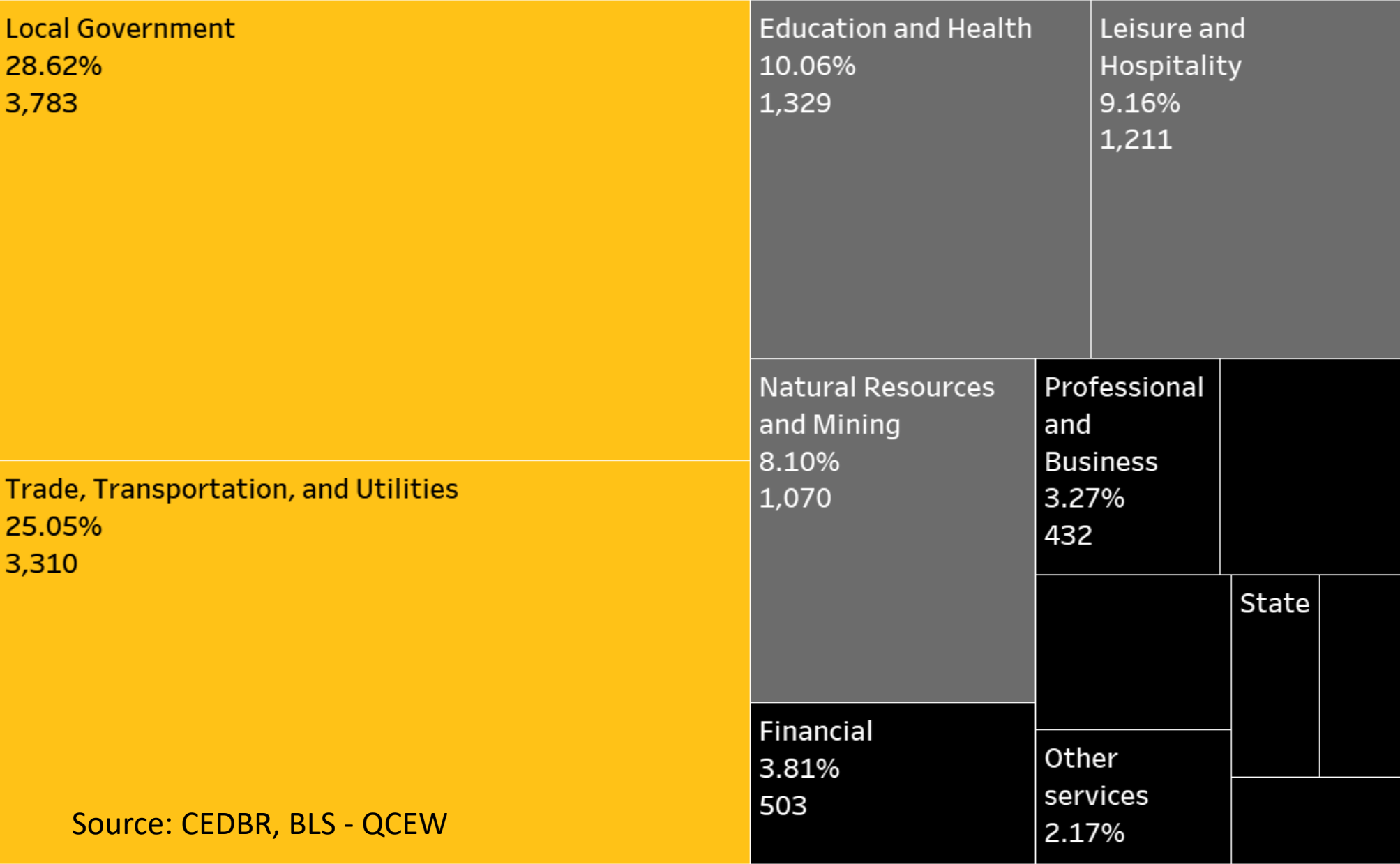
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# Regional Economy - YR/YR EMPLOYMENT 2019



Source: CEDBR, BLS - QCEW

# Area Employment Concentration



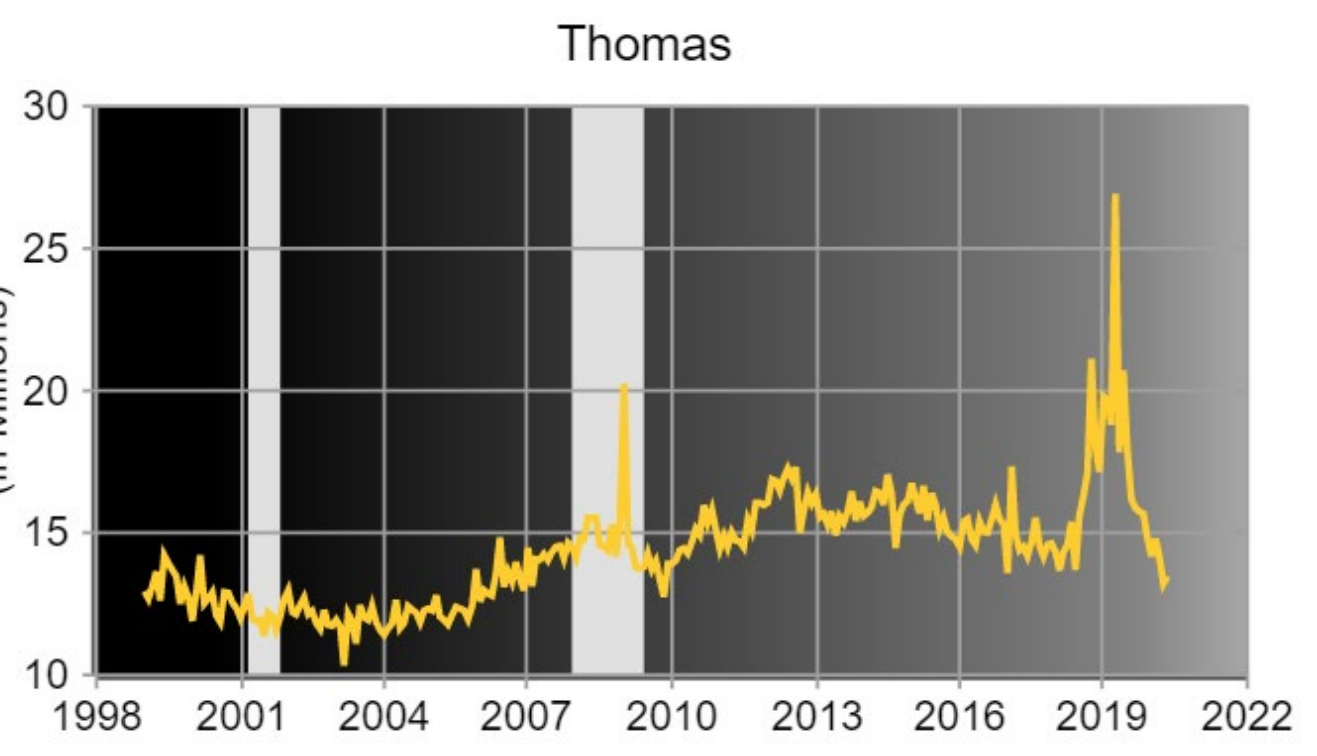
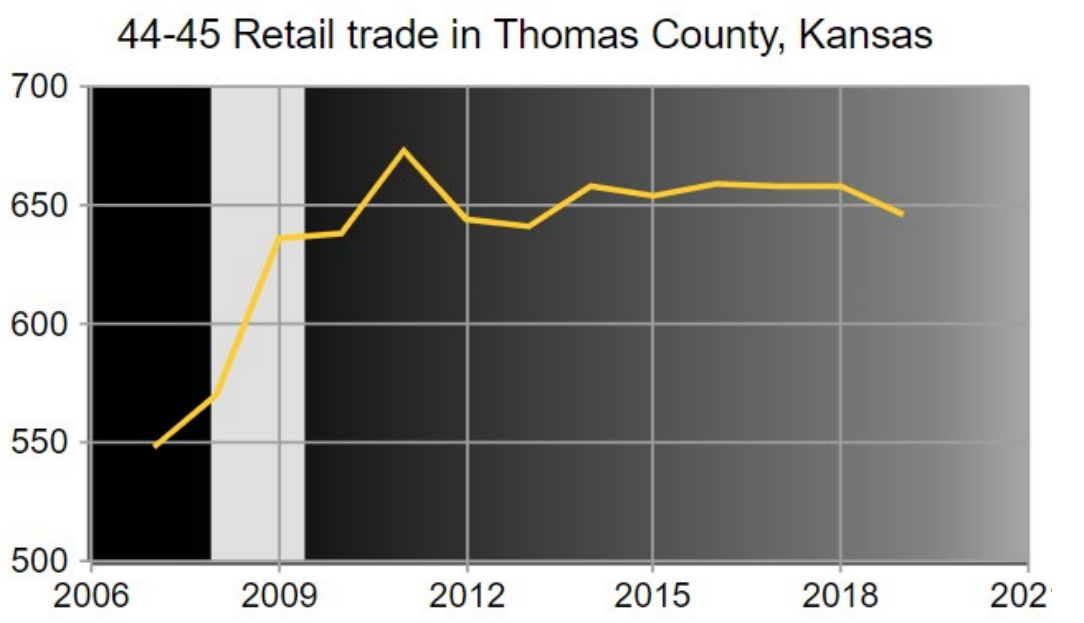
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# Employment Growth

	Region			Colby		
	2018	2019		2018	2019	
Natural Resources and Mining	1,029	1,070	4%	315	327	4%
Construction	403	427	6%	208	208	0%
Manufacturing	320	328	2%	94	95	1%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	3,364	3,310	-2%	1,141	1,120	-2%
Information	156	161	3%	103	102	-1%
Financial	500	503	1%	148	146	-1%
Leisure and Hospitality	1,215	1,211	0%	494	499	1%
Professional and Business	402	432	7%	131	156	19%
Education and Health	1,272	1,329	4%	581	615	6%
Other services	303	287	-5%	85	78	
Federal Government	181	180	-1%	28	28	0%
State Government	201	195	-3%	53	53	0%
Local Government	3,756	3,783	1%	665	692	4%

Source: CEDBR, BLS - QCEW

# Selected Industries



# Annual Wages

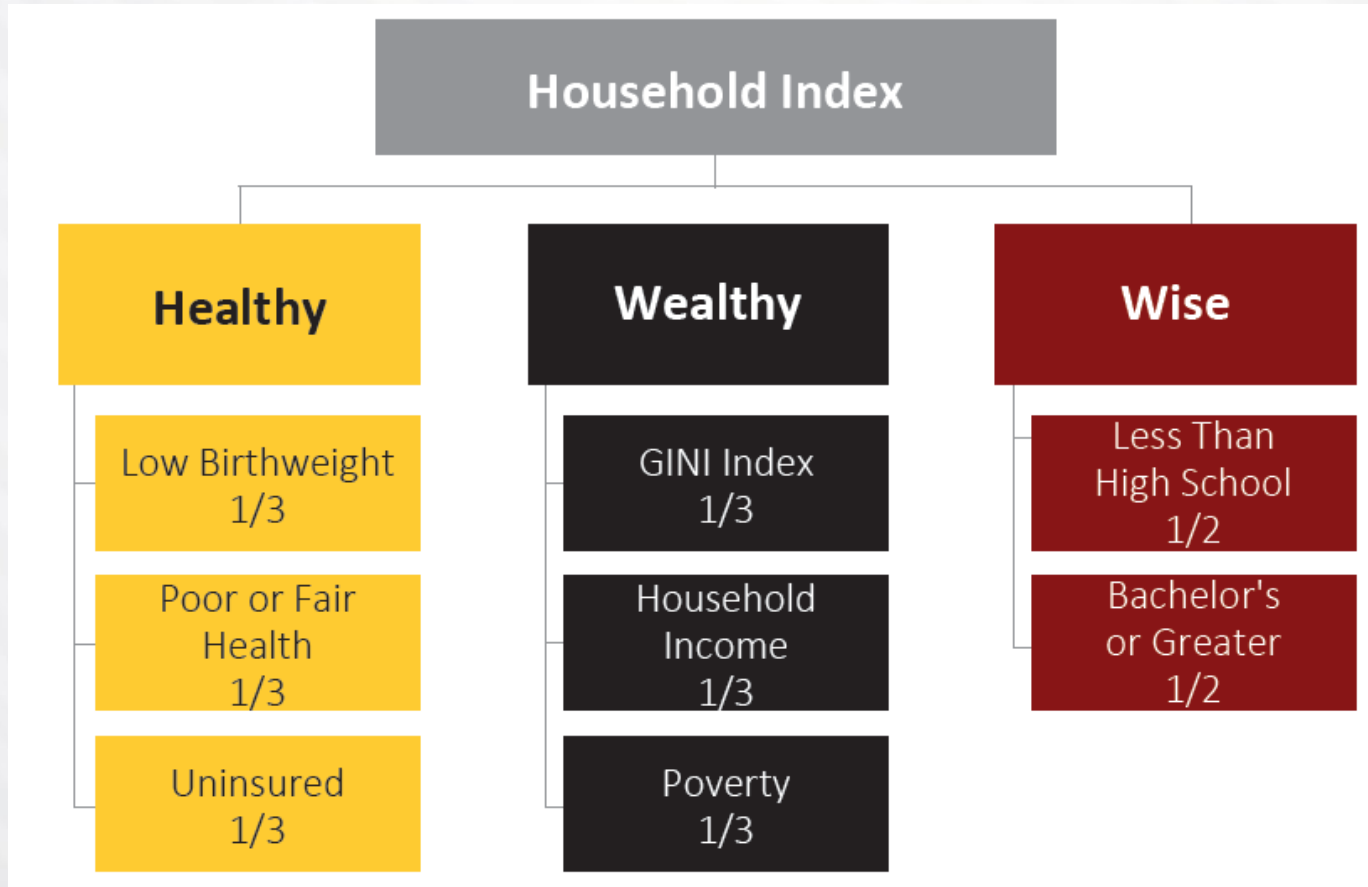
Industry	Annual Pay		
	2018	2019	Difference
Natural Resources and Mining	\$ 43,090	\$ 43,311	\$ 221
Construction	\$ 47,907	\$ 50,188	\$ 2,281
Manufacturing	\$ 42,697	\$ 42,652	\$ (45)
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	\$ 36,856	\$ 38,498	\$ 1,642
Information	\$ 64,459	\$ 67,692	\$ 3,233
Financial	\$ 51,220	\$ 56,539	\$ 5,319
Leisure and Hospitality	\$ 13,649	\$ 14,434	\$ 785
Professional and Business	\$ 43,896	\$ 42,840	\$ (1,056)
Education and Health	\$ 42,879	\$ 42,740	\$ (139)
Other services	\$ 42,432	\$ 52,261	\$ 9,829
Federal Government	\$ 50,369	\$ 49,429	\$ (940)
State Government	\$ 41,061	\$ 43,095	\$ 2,034
Local Government	\$ 26,772	\$ 27,020	\$ 248
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 36,140</b>	<b>\$ 37,278</b>	<b>\$ 1,138</b>

Source: CEDBR, BLS - QCEW

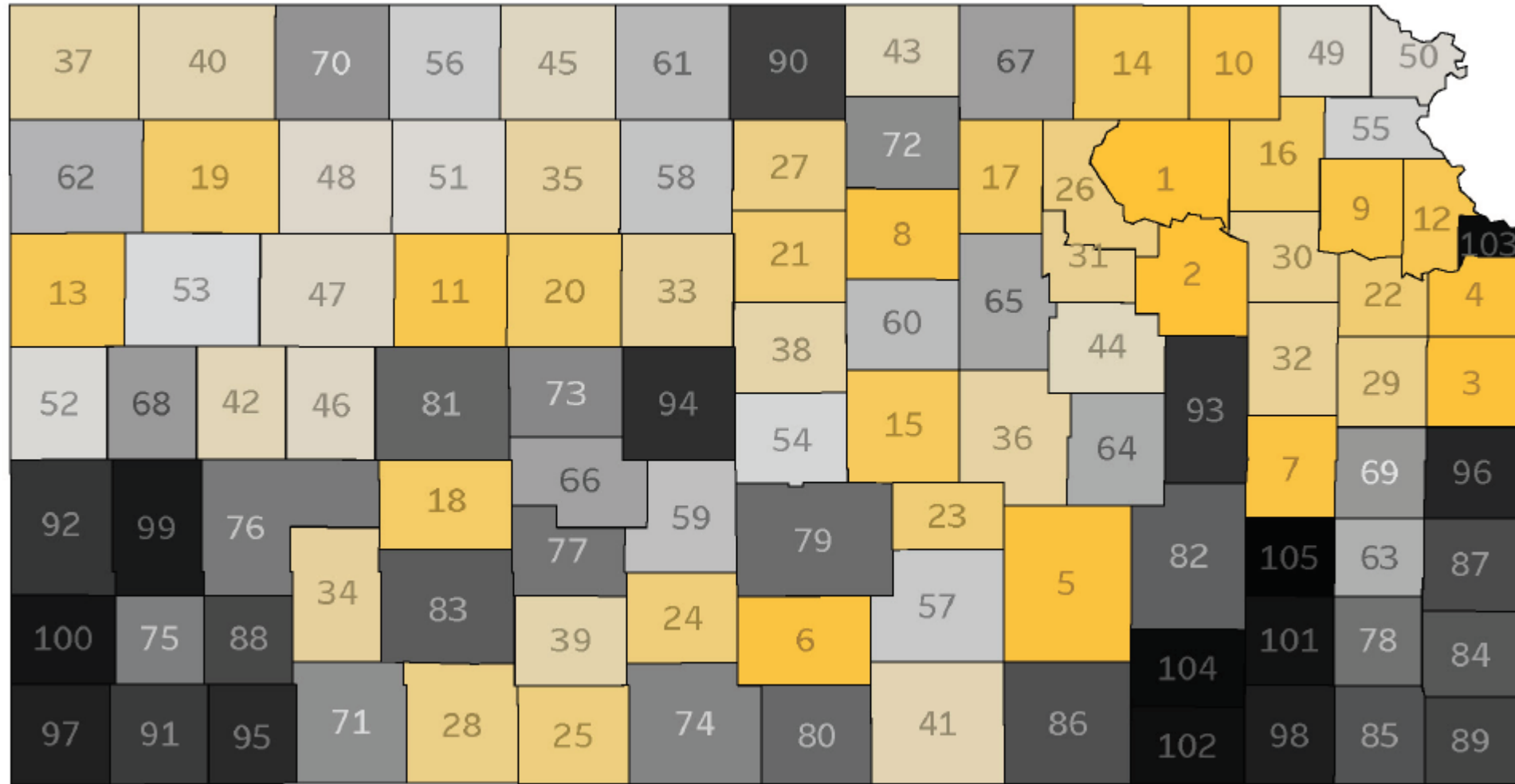


# Heathy, Wealthy, Wise Index

- The index measures the overall environment of households based on health, wealth, and wise factors.



# Healthy, Wealthy, Wise 2020 Ranking

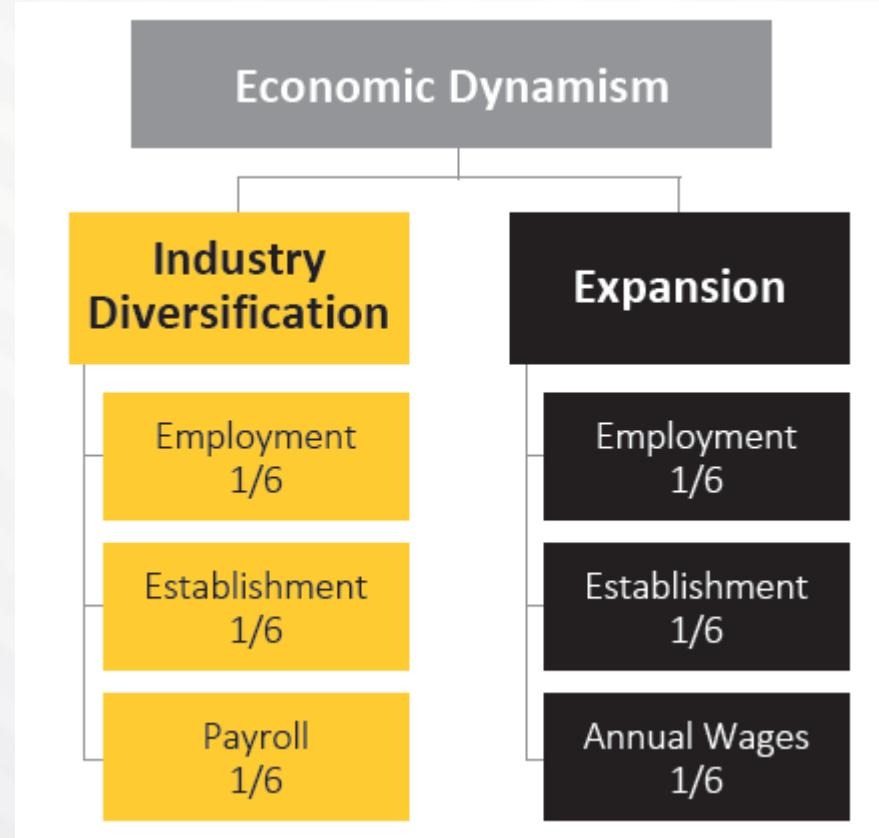


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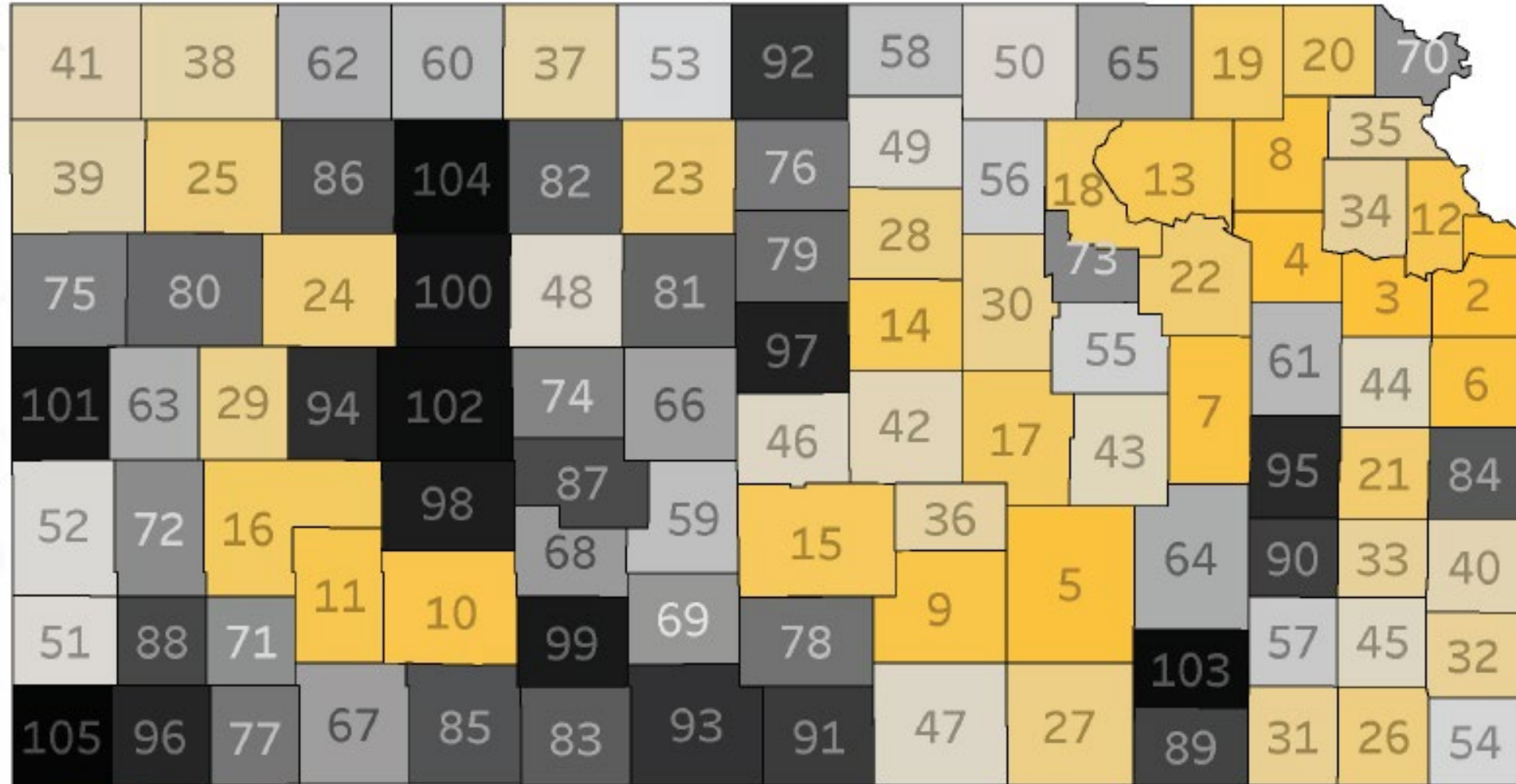
Source: CEDBR

# Business Dynamism Index

- The Business Dynamism Index currently measure two dimensions of the business environment: diversification and expansion.



# Business Dynamism Rank



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Source: CEDBR

# Areas Generating Interest & Growth

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- Manufacturing
- Retail
- Wholesale Distribution

# Areas of Concern

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- Housing
- Childcare
- Planning & Development



**Questions?**