



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

A publication of the City of Dodge City Public Information Office

- 1 The deadline for the Flag Contest is being extended to 11:59 pm on Wednesday, September 30. The contest is a partnership between the City of Dodge City, Dodge City Convention & Visitors Bureau, Main Street Dodge City, and the Dodge City Area Chamber of Commerce to adopt a new official City flag that will serve as a symbol for Dodge City and source of civic pride. We look forward to seeing your vision for our City! For the full contest guidelines and entry forms, go to <https://www.dodgecity.org/1001/City-Flag-Design-Contest>
- 2 The City of Dodge City and Main Street Dodge City have extended the deadline for proposals from qualified artists to commission a mural at Eisenhower Park in the downtown district. The application period will now end on September 30, at 12:00 pm CST. For more information regarding the project, please contact Coral Lopez at 620-227-9501 or corall@dodgecity.org, or you can find the Call for Artist - Request for Proposals at <https://www.dodgecity.org/bids.aspx?bidID=420>.
- 3 This Saturday will be the season championships at Dodge City Raceway Park during the Eighth Annual Jerry Soderberg Memorial Championship event. Races start at 7:30 pm. General admission is just \$15 with children 11 and under admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Dodge City Raceway Park is located on the south edge of Dodge City, KS, on US 283, then 0.9 miles west on US 56, then 0.1 miles south. For more information, contact the track at 620-225-3277 or check www.dodgecityraceway.com.
- 4 A renovation project is underway at Wright Park Zoo! Construction and Parks staff prepared an area inside the Wright Park Zoo Barn by relocating a waterline, removing shelves, and patching a few holes in the walls. Once they were finished with the prep work Dodge City Community College Construction Technology students, led by instructor Patrick Shiew, installed two new walls. The next step is to paint the room and replace lighting, along with other minor details. The renovation is in anticipation of a new partnering project with the Friends of Wright Park Zoo that we cannot wait to unveil. On a separate project, Construction and Parks staff recently replaced the fence next to the pond in Wright Park Zoo.



- 5 Join the Friends Of Wright Park Zoo this Saturday, September 19, for a fall clean up day to spruce up the Zoo as we approach the colder months! The focus of this cleanup will be the numerous flower beds throughout the Zoo. Clearing them of weeds, adding new weed barrier, and mulching the planters for the fall and winter season. Please contact Friends of Wright Park Zoo if you have any questions! Message them on Facebook or email them at jillatFWPZoo@gmail.com
- 6 The Rural Education and Workforce Alliance (REWA) Board met on Wednesday to approve the audit for the organization. In addition, the board heard updates on Manufacturing Day with USD 443 and DCCC, potential grant applications and community coalition building. In addition, Fort Hays State University is still accepting applications for its RN to BSN nursing program until November. For more information, contact Kyla Keller at 620-227-9501.
- 7 City and United Wireless Arena staff met with representatives from the High Plains Youth Ice Hockey Association to discuss the 2020-2021 season. The focus of the meeting was on preventative measures due to Covid-19 for the hockey practice and tournaments. Ice is anticipated to be installed in the first part of November. Also, watch the <https://www.unitedwirelessarena.com/> site for public ice skating dates and precautionary measures.
- 8 The Community Facilities Advisory Board (CFAB) will hold their quarterly board meeting over Zoom on Wednesday, September 23. At the meeting, the board will hear updates on the Why Not Dodge projects and approve the 2021 sales tax budget. Watch the meeting as it is live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofdodgecity or on zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88304184069?pwd=bjZ0cWZsZThCUTZHQ3pJMGNGckozZz09>
- 9 Search and Rescue Canine, Bodacious, celebrated her 8th birthday on September 17, while on duty at the Dodge City Fire Department – Station 1. By the time she was a year old, Bodacious was certified as a Search and Rescue Canine and has been with DCFD for five years. She has flown many hours to help with natural disaster responses in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Arkansas, along with three trips to Texas. She has provided numerous hours of public education to communities.
- 10 For over 65 years, firefighters have offered their unwavering support to help raise funds for members of the MDA Community, with Fill the Boot. Unfortunately, this year, due to social distancing, you won't see us standing outside Walmart or Dillions. Instead, we ask that you donate to our Virtual Boot and help us reach our goal of raising \$6,000, at <https://filltheboot.donordrive.com/team/7397><https://filltheboot.donordrive.com/team/7397>
- 11 The Dodge City Fire Department wants to remind everyone to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are working correctly. If you are unsure if they are working properly, need help obtaining a detector and/or installing them, please call the Fire Department at 620-225-8187, and we would be more than happy to assist you. Remember, properly working detectors not only save lives, but reduce property damage, and make firefighting safer.



12 Demolition of the old USD 443 Administration Building at 1000 N. 2nd Ave. is scheduled to start shortly. On Monday, September 22, 2020, the contractor will be installing temporary fencing around the site. Demolitions is anticipated to take until January 8, 2021. During the demolition, the following will be closed to vehicular and pedestrian traffic;

- ★ Division St. from 2nd Ave. east to the alley
- ★ The alley between 1st Ave. & 2nd Ave. from Division St. to Elm St.
- ★ Parking lane on the north side of Elm St. from 2nd Ave. east to the alley
- ★ Parking lane on the east side of 2nd Ave. from Elm St. to Division St.
- ★ The sidewalks adjacent to the building will also be closed.

During the demolition process, it may be necessary to close 2nd Ave. and Elm St. entirely from time to time. These closures will be temporary and will only be during working hours. Notices will be made of these closures.

As always, obey all traffic signs, watch out for workers, and if possible, please find alternate routes as there will be heavy equipment working and trucks entering and leaving this area. Questions can be directed to Avigael Gonzalez, Site Superintendent for Hutton, at 620-276-3930.

13 In honor of 9.11, the Dodge City Fire Department held a Memorial Ceremony at Fire Bell park to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice and all first responders for



their service and commitment to our nation. Fire Chief Spencer rang the bell three times when the South Tower fell, at 8:52 am, and aired the siren on Ladder Truck 406 with the American Flag attached to the ladder. Captain Holecek repeated these steps when the North Tower fell at 9:28 am. Later in the day, the Cross Connections Church of the Assemblies of God provided lunch for all Dodge City and Ford County First Responder in honor of 9.11.

14 Early Sunday morning, Utility Department staff were called to a main break in the 1100 block of E Trail Street. The 16 inch main that supplies Trail Street with water had broken under a drain box that runs along the west side of the North End Disposal building. Because the break was under the drain box, staff could not safely make the repairs necessary to restore water to that area, and an outside contractor was called in to assist. A 35-foot section of pipe was replaced Tuesday, and water was restored early Wednesday morning. Crews continue to clean up and complete the street repairs, which could take a few weeks to get everything back to normal. Staff asks that while traveling through works zones, slow down and be cautious of the area.

15 The new CREW Recycling Building at 124 N 14th Ave is close to completion. Construction crews should complete installing the windows and doors and the parking lot by the end of this month. Once construction is completed, staff plans to start moving equipment from the old building to the new building. Staff expects to be fully operational out of the new building by the end of 2020.



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Parks and Facilities Director Troy Brown recently received an email from Bob Neier, a former resident of Dodge City, about the possibility of donating a tree to be planted in a city park in memory of his former boss and former co-owner of Natures Corner, Rod Torrey. Mr. Neier requested to purchase a Bur Oak tree, which is a species on the Parks and Facilities list of preferred trees for the area. The Forestry/Landscape staff planted the tree in Jean Russell Park.



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Support the Friends Of Wright Park Zoo (FWPZ) and the master plan for Wright Park Zoo! The FWPZ group is now selling facemasks with their new logo, and all proceeds will go directly into the Re-Do the Zoo, Master Plan project! <https://www.bonfire.com/friends-of-wright-park-zoo/?fbclid=IwAR0HOngiHxZOujfVdq-OcGhOzGggoOWrI1uqbmPjtrGN65wFwhqcdqoUs14>

CITY CALENDAR

Mon., Sept. 21 - 6:30 pm City Commission Work Session

Watch live online at www.facebook.com/cityofdodgecity or www.vimeo.com/cityofdodgecity

Mon., Sept. 21 - 7 pm City Commission Meeting,

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Wed., Sept. 23 - 6 pm Community Facilities Advisory Board Meeting

Friends of Wright Park Zoo

Fall Clean-Up Day

Join us to spruce up Wright Park Zoo for fall!

Saturday **Sept 19** 9 AM - 12 PM

All are welcome to help!

*Civic Groups | Families | Youth Groups
School Clubs | Zoo Lovers | Etc.*

The focus of this fall cleanup will be the numerous flower beds throughout the zoo. Clearing them of weeds, adding new barriers and mulching the planters for the fall and winter season.

For questions, contact FWPZ President Jill Ewy at jillatfwpzoo@gmail.com

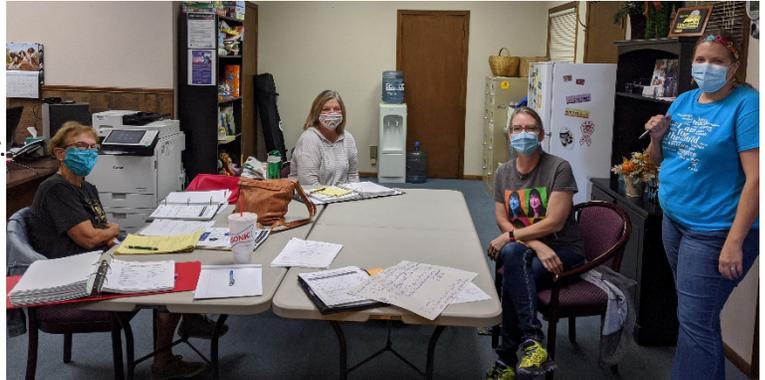
DODGE CITY SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS UPDATE



Manna House: The pantry is in need of supplies for local families especially fresh and canned food donations as well as egg cartons, bags and sacks. They are accepting donations of surplus produce gardens. For more information, please call in advance at 620-227-6707 during their open hours from 2-4pm Monday-Friday. They welcome donations including gift cards to local super markets. Donations may be mailed to 1012 First St., Dodge City, KS. 67801

Photo caption: L-R: Nancy, Jane, Mali, and Kristin Hines. Picture taken by Mindy Imel

CASA: Check out these lovely CASA volunteer trainees! Child abuse and neglect does NOT stop because of a pandemic, so neither do CASA volunteers! Our next training class starts in October. We are closely monitoring the health situation in our community and able to offer volunteer training virtually if needed. Want to learn more or ready to apply? Give us a call, 620-225-1278 and ask for Mindy or Kristin. Be sure to follow us on at www.facebook.com/CASACWS.



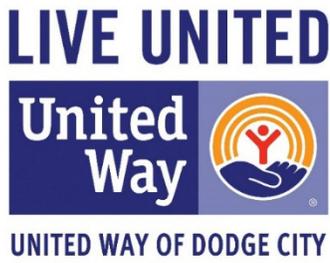
Catholic Charities: For individuals and families who are having a difficult time making ends meet, the Catholic Charities Non-Food Pantry at 906 Central Ave provides personal and household hygiene items including toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, razors, toothbrush/paste, laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning supplies and more. For more information, call 620-227-1562. Naturalization Fees are increasing substantially, over 50% in some cases, on Oct 2nd, 2020. Those wishing to naturalize should do so before October 2nd to save money. To make an appointment, call 620-272-0010.

Friendship Feast Association: The dining room is open and serving meals from 1130-1230 Monday through Friday at the First Presbyterian Church, 803 Central Avenue. Recently, Friendship Feast received hand sanitizer from Boot Hill Distillery, so they are able to hand those out to our guests, as well. Currently, they are serving about 50 individuals daily and they are requesting donations of breads, pastas and fresh fruit. Monetary donations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1075, Dodge City, KS 67801 For more information, contact Sarah Speakman at 620-408-5594.

Big Brothers Big Sisters: Big Brothers Big Sisters at Ford County is selling raffle tickets for their 50/50 fundraiser. Cost will be \$20 per ticket. 50% of the monies raised will be awarded to a winner drawn from a hat on September 18th at 5pm in the BBBS office. Winner does not need to be present. The other 50% of the monies raised will go directly to the BBBS office at Ford County for the purpose of serving at-risk youth. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Ryan Ausmus at 620-253-7567 or rausmus@kansasbig.org.

Salvation Army: The Thrift Store has now reopened with requirements for safety. If you and your family have been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, the Salvation Army has help available. Please visit our emergency assistance page to fill out your application form <http://ow.ly/23GP50zz7IQ>. Top of Form To make a donation or to inquiry about assistance or services please call 620-225-4871.





United Way of Dodge City: The United Way of Dodge City continues to care for community members by serving as a resource both via telephone and on-line. They are providing quality information to help our neighbors during this crisis. Additionally, the United Way 211 program is helping connect Kansans to resources outside of our region. United Way of Dodge City has established the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund to provide aid to those affected. The funds will be disbursed to nonprofit agencies who directly impact the lives of individuals who may experience a lack of basic needs being met during this time. We have set up two easy ways to donate:

- Donate online: www.unitedwaydodgecity.org
- Checks can be mailed to United Way of Dodge City, 2010 1st Avenue, Dodge City, Kansas 67801.

For questions or more information, please contact the United Way of Dodge City office by calling [\(620\) 227-8793](tel:620-227-8793) or emailing uwayofdc@att.net.

Genesis Family Health located at 1700 Ave F, encourages those requesting food or utility assistance to visit www.genesisfamilyhealth.org. If individuals are in need of cleaning supplies like soap, bleach and gloves, they have a pick up opportunity for these supplies at the drive -up. The Clinic is open Monday and Tuesday with a health practitioner and on Wednesdays and Thursdays with offering telehealth appointments. They are requesting donations of rice, beans, macaroni and cheese and cereal. To arrange a drop off at the door, please call Contact Elva Dominguez or Uriel Campos at 620-225-0625. They are open from 8-5pm Monday -Friday and closed from 12-1pm for lunch.



Crisis Center Crisis Center is providing Crisis intervention services (9am-4pm) Monday-Friday, their **Hotline # 620-225-6510** is available 24 hours a day and the office number is 620-225-6987. The confidential intake process, needs assessment and safety planning is offered by phone or face to face advocacy services are available by appointment. Find us on Facebook. For donations please call the office phone so set up an appointment!

Harvest America continues to assist the community even through these hard times! They provide rent, food, utility, fuel, and car repair assistance. In the past, they were only able to assist with electric and gas bills but as of right now we are now able to also assist them with their water bills as well. The car repair assistance would be for safety items (brakes, tires, etc.), general maintenance (oil change, battery, etc.), and can also help with tag registration or renewals. We have applications outside of their office door at 100 Military Ave Suite 122 or by phone or email to request one. The phone number is (620)227-7882 and email is lontiveros@harvestamerica.org.



Kansas Family Advisory Network is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit outreach ministry that serves birth and kinship families, who are at risk or involved in the child welfare system. We provide support, education, advocacy, and training. We also have the Sharing His Love Resource Closet and the

Juanita Alexander Food Pantry available for those in need within the community. We are located at the Village Square Mall in the lower level. Our office hours at 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Please call our office if you or someone you know need services. Our number is 471-2022. If you would like to learn more about our ministry or would like to donate, please check out our website www.kfan.org

KPRA DRIVE TO ZERO RODEO FINALS

Tickets:
Adults: \$10
Children 12 & Under: \$5
Purchase at:
Dodge City Roundup Office

Mutton Bustin'
Friday & Saturday
\$10 Entry / Only 24 Slots
To Enter:
Call 785-466-1360 by 9/18
First Come, First Serve

Sept 25-27 2020

DODGE CITY ROUNDUP ARENA



DC 2020 AREA CHAMBER AMBASSADOR GOLF CLASSIC

ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC HOSTED BY THE

DODGE CITY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

- \$100 PER INDIVIDUAL // \$400 PER TEAM
- FOUR-PERSON SCRAMBLE // 18 HOLES
- INDIVIDUAL MEN/WOMEN AND TEAM PRIZES

REGISTER TODAY AT: DODGECHAMBER.COM/EVENTS

FRIDAY

OCT. 2

MARIAH HILLS GOLF COURSE

REGISTRATION **10:00 AM**

SHOT GUN START **11:00 AM**

AWARDS **3:30 PM**

SCHEDULE

10:00 AM

11:00 AM

3:30 PM

REGISTRATION

SHOT GUN START

AWARDS PRESENTED

MARIAH HILLS GOLF COURSE 1800 MATT DOWN LANE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE CHAMBER AT (620) 227-3119 OR JWITTMAN@DODGECHAMBER.COM



CYBER SECURITY TRAINING

This presentation covers the cyber security fundamentals that all small business owners should understand and take action on. The purpose of the presentation is to address the common (universal) risk points that make most small businesses susceptible to cyber-attack, a data breach, or email compromise.

3:00-4:30PM | WEDNESDAY
October 21st

University/Training Center | 236 San Jose | Dodge City

Topics Include:

- Understanding the risks for small businesses (they are the #1 target)
- Identifying weak points in your systems
- Data and IP Security best practices – preparation and response tactics
- Resource links to help prepare and protect your business



Please register in advance

ksbdc.ecenterdirect.com/events/25964

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SEWARD COUNTY
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Dodge City
Ford County
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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HOW TO SERIES

HOME MAINTENANCE EDITION

Learn the basic skills you need to maintain your home and the knowledge to know when it's time to call in a professional.



CHAD

COMMUNITY HOUSING
ASSOCIATION OF DODGE CITY

101 E WYATT EARP | DODGE CITY, KS

620.371.3869

www.dcCHAD.org

PREVENTIVE CARE FOR YOUR HEATING & AIR CLASS

FREE CLASS

Fred Stewart, Stewart Plumbing and Heating will show participants how to take care of heating and air units to save costly repairs in the future.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

6:00-7:00 PM

University/Training Center

240 San Jose Drive | Dodge City, KS

Enter in the Northwest entrance

Topics Include:

- Prevent Costly Breakdowns
- Extend the Life of your System
- Cut Your Energy Bill
- Improve Your Comfort
- Keep Your Home Safer



For more information contact Mollea Wainscott, 620-371-3869 or housing@dodgecity.org

Register online, in advance at www.DCCHAD.org



COVID-19 HELPLINE

620-272-0010

COVID19HELP@CATHOLICCHARITIESWKS.ORG



Today's COVID-19 disaster and resulting job losses is making life difficult for many of our neighbors who were struggling before. As a provider of disaster case management and services for the vulnerable, we are ready to help.

**WE CAN HELP
WE ARE PROVIDING THE
FOLLOWING SERVICES**

- Assistance & tracking down your stimulus check.
- Tax-filing assistance.
- Health insurance application assistance.
- Homelessness & homelessness prevention.
- Counseling.

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) application assistance.
- Non-Food Pantry Supplies.
- Other basic living needs.
- Collaborating with community partners to assist with COVID19.



Dodge City A's 11U

A day of Baseball with
DCHS Baseball Coaches



All 5th Grade Boys

Date: Oct. 4th, 2020

Location: Demon Field

Time: 4:00 pm

Please Bring Your Own
Equipment and Water.

Contact Rob Christensen for
Additional Info (620) 338-3949

DOWNTOWN

FARMER'S
MARKET



Saturdays

7 AM - Noon

**Front Street
Between 1st &
2nd Ave**



7 TIPS FOR GROCERY SHOPPING DURING COVID-19



Shop only when necessary.



Send one person to shop.



No self-serve food or drinks.



Only touch what you buy.



Practice social distancing.
6 ft. apart & 10 or less in one area



Avoid cash transactions.



Wash hands after handling your purchases.



7 CONSEJOS PARA REALIZAR COMPRAS EN EL SUPERMERCADO DURANTE COVID-19



Compra solo cuando sea necesario.



Envía a una persona a comprar.



No utilices autoservicio de comida o bebidas.



Solo toca lo que vayas a comprar.



Practica el distanciamiento social
Al menos 6 pies de distancia y 10 o menos personas en un area



Evite las transacciones en efectivo.



Lávate las manos inmediatamente después de realizar sus compras.



**MY mask protects YOU.
YOUR mask protects ME.
Together, we can slow the spread of COVID-19.**

Homemade masks can be helpful when you're in situations where it's hard to physically distance yourself from others:



Shopping at grocery stores or pharmacies



Visiting your health care provider



Using public transportation



Interacting with customers at essential businesses



When feeling sick, coughing or sneezing

STAY HOME. STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [KDHEKS.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://kdheks.gov/coronavirus).



**MI máscara TE protege.
TU máscara ME protege.
Juntos, podemos frenar la propagación del virus COVID-19.**

Las máscaras caseras pueden ser útiles cuando estás en situaciones en las que es difícil distanciarte físicamente de los demás:



Compras en supermercados o farmacias



Visitar a su proveedor de atención médica



Uso del transporte público



Interactuar con los clientes de las empresas esenciales



Al sentirse enfermo, toser o estornudar

QUÉDATE EN CASA, MANTENTE A SALVO, SALVA VIDAS. PARA MAYOR INFORMACIÓN VISITE [KDHEKS.GOV/CORONAVIRUS](https://kdheks.gov/coronavirus)

Help us achieve a Complete Count! ¡Ayúdanos a lograr un Censo Completo!

If you received the invitation to respond to the 2020 Census, you are now able to complete it online, phone or mail. Just follow the instructions.

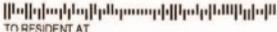
Si usted recibió la invitación para responder al Censo del 2020, usted puede completarlo por internet, teléfono o correo. Solo siga las instrucciones.

OMB No. 0607-1006; Approval Expires 11/30/2021



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**Census
2020**

U.S. Census Bureau
Washington, DC 20233-0001
Office of the Director



TO RESIDENT AT



U.S. CENSUS BUREAU 801-3732

March 12, 2020

Dear Resident:

This is your invitation to respond to the **2020 Census**. We need your help to count everyone in the United States by providing basic information about all adults, children, and babies living or staying at this address.

Results from the 2020 Census will be used to:

- Direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Help your community prepare to meet transportation and emergency readiness needs.
- Determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and your political representation at all levels of government.

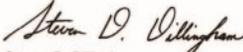
<small>2020-1-AAA-0020-7501</small> Respond by April 1 at my2020census.gov	Your Census ID is: 7JX2 - 4G4X -
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The Census Bureau is using the internet to securely collect your information. Responding online helps us conserve natural resources, save taxpayer money, and process data more efficiently. If you are unable to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, we will send you a paper questionnaire in a few weeks for you to complete and mail back.

The census is so important that your response is required by law, and your answers are kept completely confidential. If you do not respond, we will need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to your home to collect your answers in person. If you need help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll-free 1-844-330-2020.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Dillingham
Director

Enclosures

census.gov

D-LF1(E/S) (6-2019)



Census data matters to your community.

An under count in **Dodge City** means our community could miss out on approximately **\$64,333.80** in federal funding (over 10 years) for each household that is missed in the 2020 Census.

KANSAS COUNTS CENSUS2020

FACTS ABOUT DODGE CITY *(based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau)*

COMMUNITY:

Total Population (as of 2017): **27,961**

Population Change Since 2010: **+621**

Median Age: **29.3**



ECONOMY:

Median Household Income: **\$46,770**

Number of Residents (age 16+) Employed: **19,950**

Number Employed in Health Care, Social Assistance, and Educational Services: **2,057**

Population Working Outside of City: **28.1%**

Average Commute Time to Work: **13.5 minutes**



HEALTH:

Number of Population with Health Insurance: **22,768**

Number with Private Insurance (i.e. Employer, Direct-Purchase): **17,882**

Number with Public Health Insurance (i.e., Medicare, Medicaid, Tricare/military): **6,783**

Number with No Insurance: **4,779**



**Residents can have multiple forms of insurance*

HOUSING & LIVING:

Median Household Size: **3.09**

Median Household Value: **\$106,100**

Total Number of Structures: **9,359**

Single Unit: **6,453**

Multi-Unit: **1,962**

Mobile Home: **944**

Boat, RV, van, etc.: **N/A**

Households with Broadband Internet Access: **6,291**



EDUCATION:

Number of School-age Children: **7,564**

Total Population Over 25 Years of Age: **15,849**

*Graduated High School (incl. GED): **3,894**

*Attained Some College, No Degree: **3,035**

*Attained Associates Degree: **1,219**

*Attained Bachelor's Degree: **1,741**

*Attained Graduate or Professional Degree: **882**



**Data points indicate highest education level achieved*

Ensure that **you count, Dodge City counts, and Kansas counts** by completing your 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail.