GOVERNMENT
City established in 1854.
Commission - Manager form of government in which five Commissioners are elected at-large. The City Manager is appointed by the Commission.

DEMographics
Population
1960  32,858
1970  45,698
1980  52,738
1990  65,608
2000  80,098

PERCENT OF POPULATION BY AGE GROUP (2000)
Under 5 years  5.4%
5-9 years  5.1%
10-14 years  5.1%
15-19 years  11.0%
20-24 years  22.6%
25-34 years  16.2%
35-44 years  12.2%
45-54 years  10.2%
55-59 years  2.9%
60-64 years  2.0%
65-74 years  3.6%
75-84 years  2.7%
85 years and over  0.9%
Median Age (2000)  25

Ethnic Composition (2000)
American Indian  3%
African-American  5%
Asian  4%
Hispanic  4%
White  84%

TAX ASSESSMENT
Industrial/Commercial  25%
Machinery & Equip.  25%
Residential Property  11.5%

2004 TAXES
City of Lawrence  28.07
Douglas County  29.84
School District  47.84
State Levy  1.5
TOTAL  107.25

2004 CITY ASSESSED VALUATION
Real Property  $598,234,485
Personal Prop.  54,874,350
State Assessed  21,244,347
TOTAL  $674,353,182

SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS
Education
Lawrence Public School District #497
Hospital
Lawrence Memorial Hospital
Library Services
Lawrence Public Library
Public Employment Agency
Kansas Job Service Center
Public Housing
Lawrence Housing Authority

EDucATION
# of Schools
Elementary Schools  19
Junior High Schools  4
High Schools  2
Alternative High School  1
Private Schools  9
University of Kansas
Haskell Indian Nations University

TRANSPORTATION ADVANTAGES
Lawrence is located 40 miles west of Kansas City, Missouri and 25 miles east of Topeka, Kansas.

Major Highways:
Interstate 70
State Highways 10, 24, & 59

Major Railways:
Amtrak, Santa Fe, & Union Pacific

Airport:
Lawrence Municipal Airport
Kansas City Int'l Airport -- 45 miles northeast of Lawrence

Bus:
Lawrence Transit System
Greyhound-Trailways
Lawrence Bus Company
Bus 62

CLIMATE (average)
Temperature  56 degrees
High Temp.  67 degrees
Low Temp.  45 degrees
Snowfall  21 inches
Precipitation  37 inches