



# Location & TRANSPORTATION

The City of Ottawa is the county seat of Franklin County and is often referred to as the southwest point of the “Golden Triangle” of the Kansas City Metro, Lawrence and Ottawa. Recent growth has been spurred not only by direct access to I-35, the “NAFTA Superhighway”, but also by improvements of State Highways 59 and K-68, which separate the county into quadrants creating a great location for distribution of manufactured goods. Highway 59 will soon be a four-lane limited access route between I-35 and I-70, which opens us up to potentially rapid growth in commerce and population.

Wal-Mart and America Eagle Outfitters have built 2.5 million square feet of distribution facilities in the area giving credence to our claims of superior location and workforce. Combined they employ nearly 2,200.

The latest census data indicates we are the fifth fastest growing county in the state in population growth and the fastest growing in job growth when classified on a percentage basis (2005 data).

Franklin County is nearing 28,000 population, growing at over three times the rate of the State.





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