

KSBT NEWSLETTER

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The Kansas State Board of Technical Professions routinely releases current news on the homepage of their [website](#). Archived news releases and newsletters may be located on the [News Item](#) page. This newsletter highlights news the Board has shared since June 2023 for your convenience!



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IMPORTANT DATES

2023/2024 Board Meeting Dates:

February 9, 2024

April 12, 2024

July 12, 2024

Renewal Dates:

Landscape Architects (M-Z)

November 1—December 31, 2023

Certificates of Authorization (M-Z)

November 1—December 31, 2023

Surveyors (A-L)

January 31—March 31, 2024

Engineers (A-L)

March 1—April 30, 2024

Architects (A-L)

May 1—June 30, 2024

Geologists (A-L)

May 1—June 30, 2024

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Photo of Kansas State Capitol courtesy of kansastravel.org

Executive Director

Welcome to KSBTP!

On December 4, 2023, Ben Thursby assumed the role of Assistant Executive Director for the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions. Ben comes to the Board of Technical Professions after serving as a State Agency and Local Government Liaison for the Kansas Office of Recovery where he assisted with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant management and grant management inquires.

Prior to the Office of Recovery, Ben served as a full-time law enforcement officer for 7 years with his last position being the Chief of the Shawnee Heights USD 450 Police Department. Ben also served 9 years in the Kansas Army National Guard with one deployment to the Horn of Africa. Ben holds a master's degree in liberal studies with a concentration in Public Administration from Fort Hays State University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Washburn University.

Ben has 2 daughters, Abbie (10) and Mackenzie (14) as well as a Bullmastiff named Lucas and a Saint Bernard named Zoe. In his free time Ben enjoys spending time with his family and enjoying college football Saturdays.

Value of Licensure

A September blog post by Jenny Kawecki explored the value of licensure through a 2022 Analysis of Practice study.

Personal Vs. Professional Value

Architects often cite both personal and professional reasons for getting licensed—for example, the ability to call themselves an architect or the ability to start their own firm. Most respondents rated both the personal and professional value of licensure as an 8/10 or higher. While respondents rated the overall personal value of a license slightly higher than the professional value, they also selected primarily professional reasons when asked why a license provided value.

The entire post is available here:

[NCARB Blog](#)

NCEES Education Award

In July 2023, NCEES awarded \$10,000 to Kansas State University as one of the engineering programs that encourage collaboration between students and PE's.

Attorney General Opinion 2023-11

A register of deeds cannot require a submitting land surveyor to certify that a survey complies with all zoning ordinances and regulations.

[K.S.A. 19-143; 58-2005](#)

Updates to PE Exams

NCEES has new specifications for PE Civil exams effective April 2024. The disciplines affected are Construction, Geotechnical, Structural, Transportation, and Water Resources and Environmental.

Practice exams were available starting in October 2023.

More information is available [here](#).

Investigators Needed

KSBTP is presently seeking licensed professionals in each of the technical professions of Engineering, Architecture, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture and Geology to serve as investigators, on an as-needed basis, on behalf of the Board regarding both complaints concerning the unlicensed practice of the technical profession and/or the failure of a licensed professional to conform his or her practice to the requisite professional standards. If interested in serving as an investigator for the Board, please contact us ksbtpadmin@ks.gov and attach a current resume. State of Kansas employees are not eligible.

Become an Advocate for Surveying Licensure

By Bill Haverkamp, P.S., Board Member

The mission statement of the Kansas State Board of Technical Professions (Board) posted on the front page of its website states “ Our mission is to provide maximum protection of the health, safety, property and welfare of the people of Kansas by assuring that the practice of architecture, engineering, geology, landscape architecture, and land surveying in the state is carried out only by those person who are proven to be qualified as prescribed by the statutes and rules and regulations of the Board of Technical Professions.” The path towards licensure of the professions under the Boards purview is the proverbial three legged stool supported by the (3) E’s of education, experience and examination.

The land surveying profession provides the services that are the basis, or foundation, of engineering projects, land development, and construction support. The services require candidates for licensure to possess knowledge in the legal aspects of boundary control and legal principles, skills and expertise in measurement techniques and analysis , ability in the research of public records, recovery of evidence to support proper boundary determination. The examination component of the licensing path insures the public that qualified individuals are performing these essential professional services. The availability of a licensed professional is paramount in the Boards Mission statement to protect the health , safety , property and welfare of its citizens.

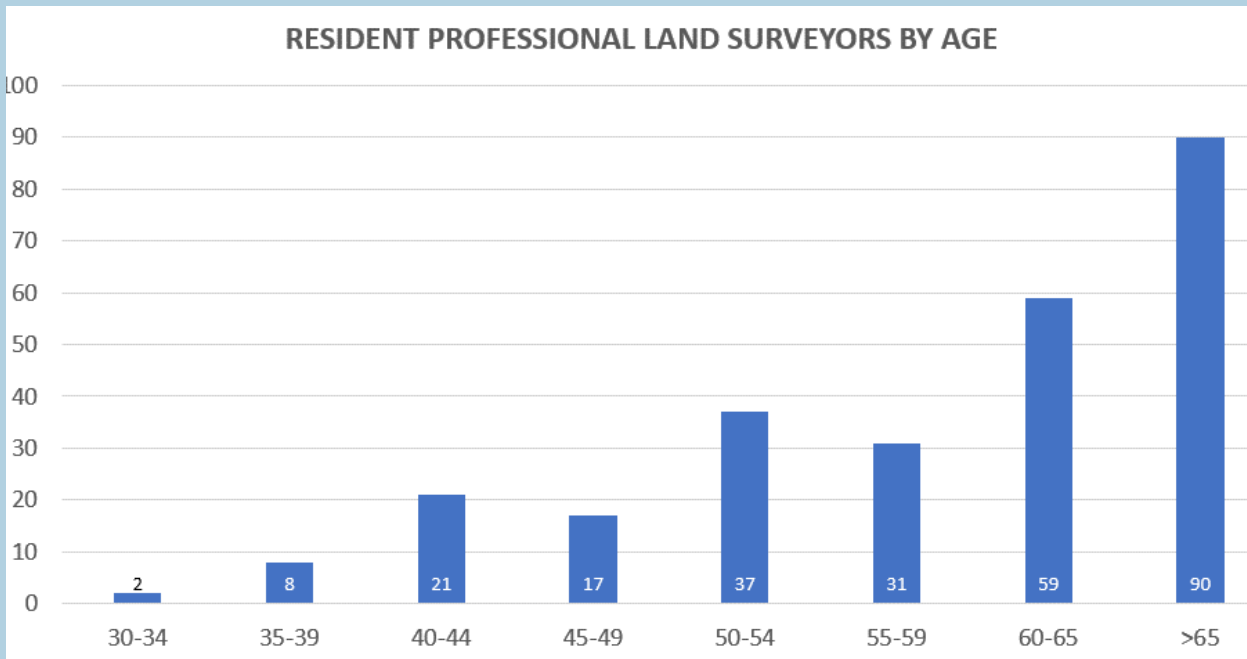
The Board has routinely tracked the number of licensed professional surveyors in Kansas for many years. Licensee numbers are reported in the Board newsletter annually for both resident and non resident surveyors. While as practitioners we may have a subtle knowledge that resident numbers are less, it is the review of the past 12 years that really places the trend in a startling perspective. The table below gives one an idea of the loss in resident licensees.

Date	Total LS	Resident	NonResident	Resident Intern Surveyor
1/31/2011	777	465	312	
1/31/2017	680	367	313	
9/30/2020	676	338	338	
10/31/2021	634	317	317	
11/30/2022	549	269	280	
7/14/2023	534	263	271	18
12 yr. trend		44% less	13 % less	

- Of concern with the reduction in numbers, is the demographics relating to licensees. In May of this year the Board fielded an inquiry from the Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT) relative to the number of resident licensed land surveyors within the State, where they resided,

and lastly the age of licensees. The Agency employs licensed land surveyors and also contracts with firms to provide land surveying services. The results of this inquiry, and the presentation which was prepared by KDOT, was very informative.

The following graph and map were both prepared by KDOT from the information provided by the Board.



Become an advocate for surveying and licensure in your workplace. Encourage and mentor an employee, or coworker, to work towards licensure. This is our greatest avenue of success. Licensure is built upon experience, education and examination. Review the educational and experience requirements. There are many paths, and many schools to support the educational path. The most minimal education path is (12) credit hours in (4) specific courses with 8 years of qualified experience. The (4) specific courses can be accomplished by distance learning.

For myself, I had the benefit of several mentors that took the time and energy to share their knowledge and model a professional manner, to aid me in my journey to licensure. Paying it forward should be our goal, too.

The Board will continue to seek opportunities to highlight the land surveying profession and benefits of licensure. The Board has engaged with the land surveying profession, Kansas educators and schools, and social media to highlight the land surveying career. Future newsletters will continue to report licensure numbers. We will work to include the number of individuals holding an Intern Certificate, as this will be our measure to demonstrate the progress to building licensee numbers in land surveying.

Best wishes in our efforts! Bill Haverkamp, P.S.

Congratulations to Professional Licensees by Exam

since June 2023

(through November 14, 2023)

Professional Engineers

Abigail Lynn Clem	Eslam Elattar	Macee Lynnette Crowell
Adam DeKoning	Evan Michael Reese	Madison Lane Gehl
Alexis Nevarez-Cervantes	Garrett Robert Pieper	Malvin Jamal Warrick
Amy Elizabeth Wegner	George Walter Miller	Matthew Levi Emerson
Anthony Michael Hohman	Gregory Alan Harris, Jr.	Michael Louis Falk
Ashton Brianne Wherry	Ian Alexis Casasola	Michelle Renee Wehmeyer
August Zuno	Jacob Andrew Long	Mikayla Elizabeth Dendurent
Austin Wesley Eck	James Michael Wetzel	Miles Gilbert Wassner
Benjamin Joel Shenk	Jayde Ann Lovejoy	Monica Marie Duren
Bradley John Davis	Jeffery Paul Bogner	Nathan Michael Pohl
Brent William Hess	Jessica Lynn Kampmeier	Nicholas James Mechler
Cassandra Nicole Patrick	Jillian Rose Gallagher	Nicole Sue Henry
Christopher Nathan Sharp	Jody Maye Thayer	Paul Jude Hough
Codey Watson	Jonathan Duane Thompson	Robert Andrew Cogdill
Cody Duane Johnston	Jordan Christopher Powell	Ryan Michael Helus
Cody Joseph Vandevord	Jordan L Edwards	Sarah Nicole White
Cody Vincent Forell	Jose Alberto Ramos-Hernandez	Shaun Joseph O'Brien
Cooper Alan Wedel	Joseph Douglas Johnson	Siraj Akram Dalaq
Curtis William Miller	Joseph Thomas Willey	Stephen Friedrich Bartels
Dakota James Leach	Jugnu Chemmannur	Tanwir Ahmad
Daniel Aaron Wiens	Kelsey Christine Moss	Thy Minh Nguyen
Daniel Casey Wilusz	Kelsi Rae Engel	Timothy Alexander Elliott
Daniel Lee Martin	Kirk Christian Stewart	Truman Joseph Steehn
Daniel Matthew McDonald	Kristen Kelly Torgerson	Tyler Austin Benschoter
David Austin Chandler	Kristy Marie Skaggs	Tyler Joel Pope
David Scott Vogel	Kyler Scott Werth	Tyler Michael Jehle
Derek Matthew Hines	Kylie Lynn Cailteux	
Eduardo Moran-Puentes	Lauren Ann Kitchen	
Eli Aaron Hyman	Luke Patrick Zahner	

Architects

Bailey Barnhart Baker

Catherine Gaboian

Daniel Jordan Kliewer

David Kyle Wilkerson

Grant David Urban

Halina Pinkston

Jessica Marie Keeney

Justin Alexander Jennings

Nathan Long

Peyton Renae Nolan

Timarie Thelma Trarbach Stomps

Yue Teng

Landscape Architects

Kayla Ruzicka

Taryn Joy Borelli

Professional Surveyors

Alan Michael Zumbrunn

Jefferson Michael Powers

Joseph William Hutchison, Jr.

Kurtis Michael Tschanz

Patrick Dennis Siebert

Professional Geologists

Jacob Daniel Eastes

Kyle Walker Rowden

Lewis I Turner

Lukas John Thompson

Mackenzie Mae Cremeans

Mallory Frank Stevenson Klipp

Samuel Ethan Berkelhammer

Victor Cimino

Disciplinary Action Taken by the Board

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF TECHNICAL PROFESSIONS DISCIPLINARY REPORT DECEMBER 2023

IN THE MATTER OF PAUL SMITH, PS1416 CASE NO. 20-14

Summary: In February of 2018 the Board office received two alleged violation forms on Mr. Smith. In the complaint it is stated that Mr. Smith failed to perform proper retracement surveys on multiple counts.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Smith in violation of K.S.A 74-7026(a)(4).

Specifically, Mr. Smith failed to meet the minimum standards for the practice of surveying when he failed to complete adequate research prior to completing those surveys.

The conduct of Mr. Smith, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: The Board fined Mr. Smith \$4,000 and he is ineligible to reinstate his license in the State of Kansas.

Status: The case was closed September 9, 2021.

IN THE MATTER OF MATTHEW COX, PS1637 CASE NO. 22-21

Summary: In November of 2021 the Board office received an alleged violation form on Mr. Cox. In the complaint it is alleged that Mr. Cox dismissed previous monuments set in 1973 resulting in an overlap along lots in Dunn's addition subdivision.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Cox in violation of K.S.A. 74-7026 (a)(4).

Specifically, Mr. Cox failed to meet the minimum standards of the practice of surveying when he did not accurately complete two field surveys himself, or under his direct supervision. In addition, Mr. Cox placed his seal on two field surveys that he did not complete, despite attesting that he completed the two field surveys.

The conduct of Mr. Cox, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: The Board fined Mr. Cox \$500.00 for each violation plus costs.

Status: The case was closed April 2023.

Disclaimer: Every effort has been made to ensure that the following enforcement information is correct; however, this information should not be relied upon without verification from the Kansas board office. It should be noted that the names of companies and individuals listed may be similar to the names of parties who have not had enforcement actions taken against them. Disciplinary orders are public information and copies may be obtained by contacting the board office.

IN THE MATTER OF STEVEN WILLIAMS, PS1391 CASE NO 23-46

Summary: In March of 2023 the Board office received an alleged violation form on Mr. Williams. In the complaint it is alleged that Mr. Williams failed to issue survey documents with a significant number of encroachments on a client's property.

Board Action: The board found Mr. Williams in violation of K.S.A. 74-7026(a)(4).

Specifically, Mr. Williams failed to meet the minimum standards of the practice of surveying when he failed to include the name, address and phone number of respondent, failed to include a boundary description, failed to include a north arrow, scale, graphic scale, legend or date, did not clearly show monuments as found or set, showed a "dot" as "set" at the southwest corner of lot 21 but did not identify what type of monument was set, did not provide sufficient data for the "set" monument, and did not include a seal or signature on the drawing.

The conduct of Mr. Williams, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: The Board fined Mr. Williams \$500 plus costs.

Status: The case was closed September 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF NANCY MILLS, PE16026 CASE NO 23-49

Summary: In April of 2023 the Board office received an alleged violation form on Ms. Mills. In the complaint it is alleged that Mr. Mills prepared and stamped two separate surveys when she did not have a valid license.

Board Action: The board found Ms. Mills in violation of K.S.A. 74-7026(a)(4) and K.A.R. 66-6-4(c).

Specifically, Ms. Mills engaged in the practice of engineering while her license was expired.

The conduct of Ms. Mills, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: The Board fined Ms. Mills \$2,000, \$250 for eight instances of the practice of engineering with an expired license.

Status: The case was closed July 2023.

IN THE MATTER OF MECHANICAL CONCEPTS, UNLICENSED CASE NO 24-01

Summary: In July of 2023 the Board office received an alleged violation form on Mechanical Concepts. In the complaint it is alleged that Mechanical Concepts practiced engineering without a Certificate of Authorization.

Board Action: The board found Mechanical Concepts in violation of K.S.A. 74-7036(a).

Specifically, Mechanical Concepts engaged in the practice of engineering without a Certificate of Authorization.

The conduct of Mechanical Concepts, as outlined above, constitutes violation of the laws of the State of Kansas.

Board Action: The Board fined Mechanical Concepts \$500 plus costs.

Status: The case was closed September 2023.

KSBTP By The Numbers

License Type	9/1/2022	9/1/2023
Individuals	Number of Licenses	Number of Licenses
Architect	2,698	2,740
Engineer	12,320	12,585
Geologist	489	481
Landscape Architect	334	331
Land Surveyor	546	541
TOTAL	16,387	16,678

Business Entities	Number of Licenses	Number of Licenses
Architect	637	651
Engineer	1,856	1,883
Geologist	71	74
Landscape Architect	70	69
Land Surveyor	185	179
TOTAL	2,819	2,856

Individuals	Resident	Non-Resident
Architect	29%	71%
Engineer	30%	70%
Geologist	55%	45%
Landscape Architect	42%	58%
Land Surveyor	50%	50%



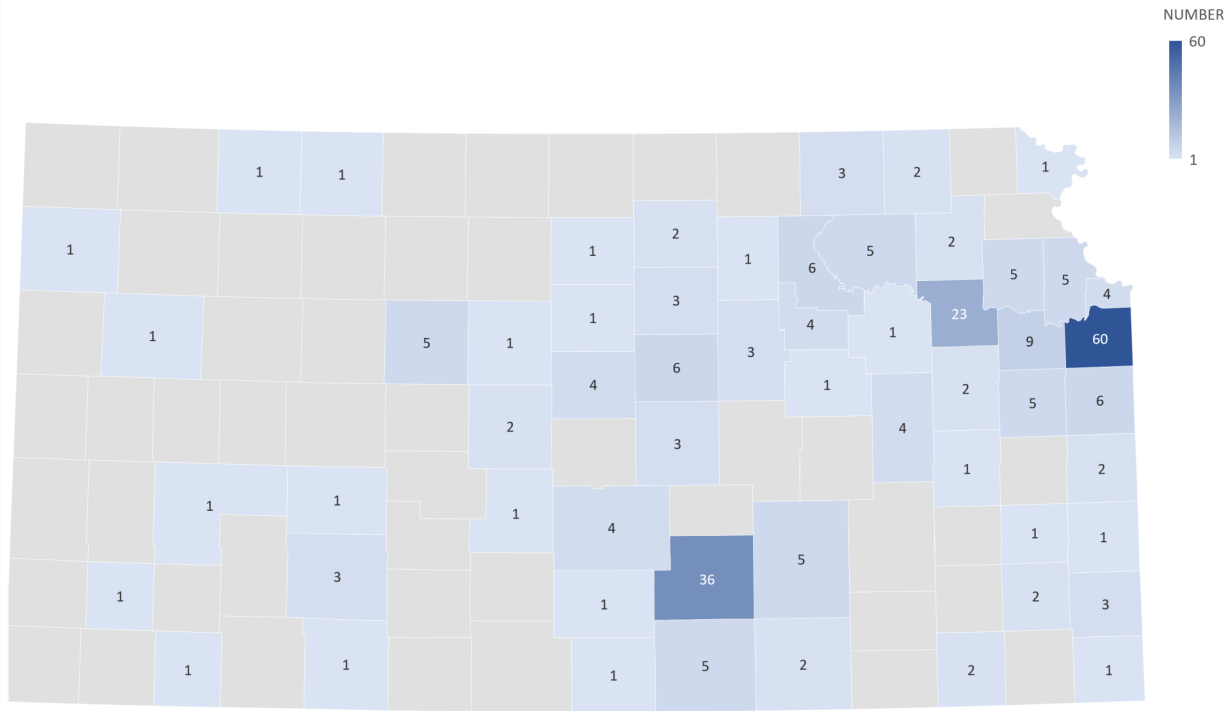
REMINDER TO ALL LICENSEES:

- Sign and date ACROSS your Kansas seal
- Use black or blue ink
- Electronic seals are NOT permitted
- Digital seals are acceptable

Review seals & signature info on our website!

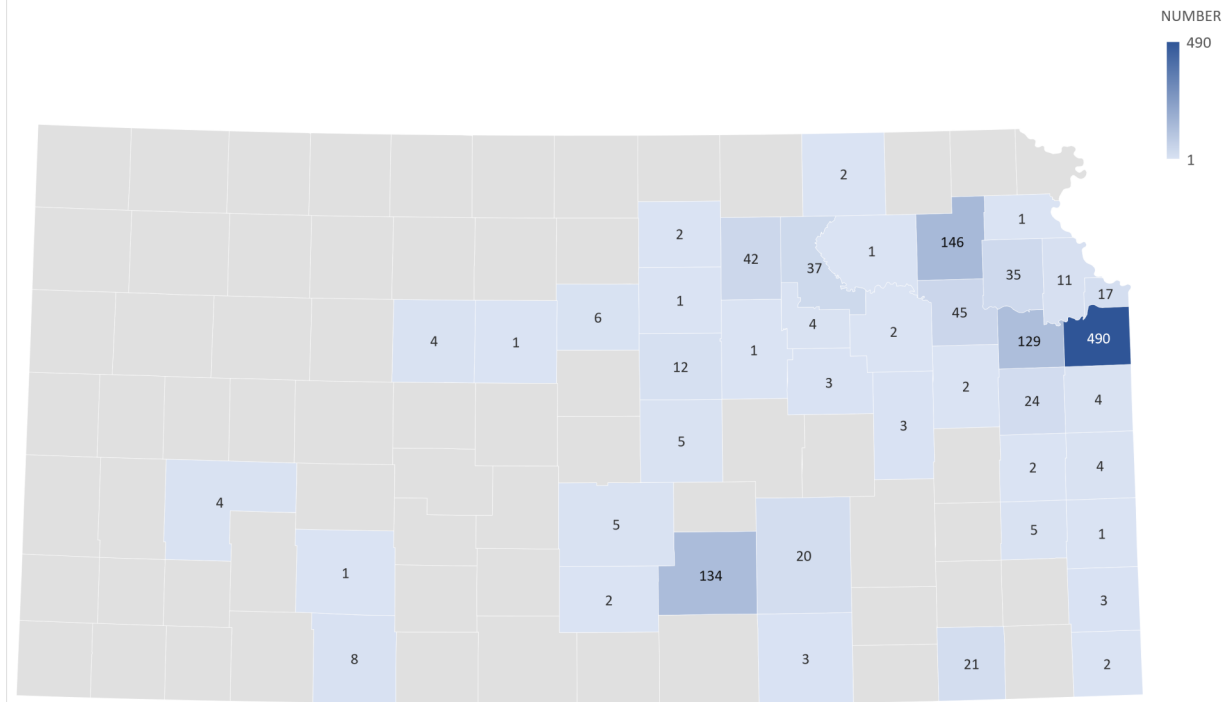
KSBTP Maps By The Numbers

NUMBER OF SURVEYORS BY COUNTY



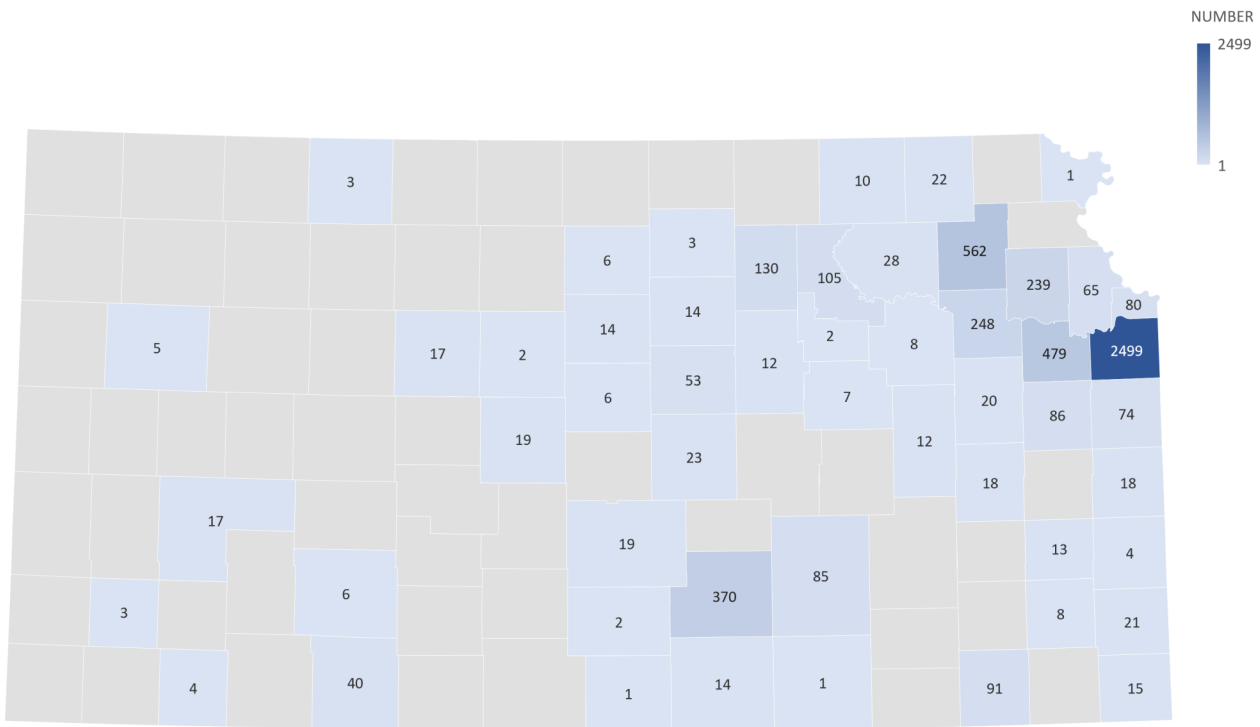
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NUMBER OF ARCHITECTS BY COUNTY



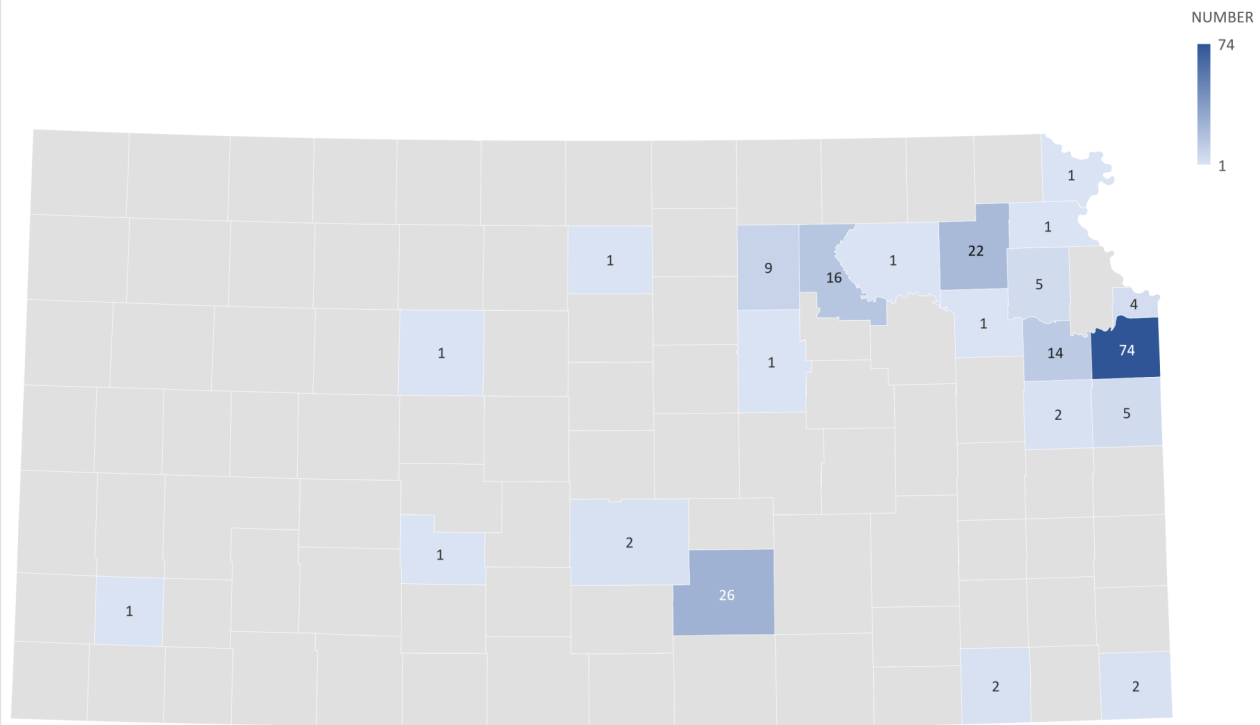
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