

Shawnee Profile

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Location: Shawnee's close proximity to the heart of Kansas City as well as easy access to a network of expressways, including I-435, I-35, KS-7, allows for a quick travel to Kansas City International Airport.

Business Climate: Major national and international corporations have located facilities in Shawnee due to our excellent educational facilities, superior transportation infrastructure, skilled labor pool, and metropolitan opportunities.

Education: Education in Shawnee is excellent, with nationally recognized public school systems, including the Shawnee Mission and De Soto School Districts and several private schools. Johnson County Community College with an enrollment of more than 34,000 students is just four miles from Shawnee. The University of Kansas & Kansas State University are located nearby as well.

Utilities: Kansas City Power & Light and Westar Energy provide affordable and reliable electricity to Shawnee. Atmos Energy and Kansas Gas Service offer clean and consistent natural gas. WaterOne and Johnson County Wastewater provide ample water and sewer services to our growing community.

Demographics:

Population	56,178 (2004)	61,147 (2010 proj.)
Labor Force	32,055 (2004)	36,178 (2010 proj.)
High School	93.6%	Bachelor's Degree 39.7%



"Shawnee has been our home for over 40 years, and it has proven to be an invaluable partner for our life sciences company. We find it a great place to do business and to grow our future. Aside from the profound business based reasons for locating here, Shawnee's reasonable living costs, extraordinary education system, and terrific cultural and recreational opportunities make it a place our families absolutely love."

~ Joerg Ohle, President & General Manager
Bayer HealthCare- Animal Health

"Our community has a strong history of partnering with companies in the field of life sciences like Bayer Animal Health and AAI Development. We feel Shawnee offers the perfect asset base for a growing life sciences company because of our highly educated workforce, accessible transportation network, planned wet lab space, and attractive incentive program."

~ Mayor Jeff Meyers
City of Shawnee

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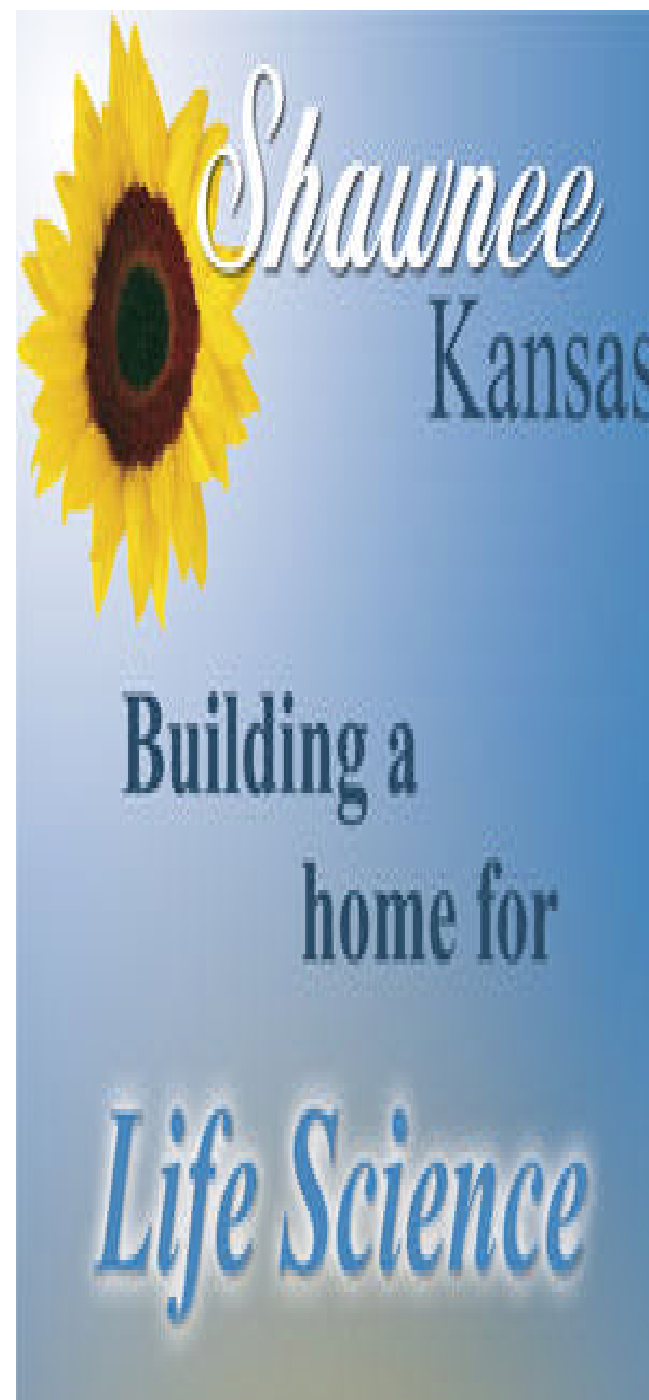
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Shawnee, located in Johnson County, Kansas, has become the home to several leading life sciences companies. The community strongly supports these high-quality, high-growth companies.

Shawnee has taken many steps to further enhance our life sciences industry and attractiveness to new companies. These efforts include:



Bayer's North American Animal Health Headquarters located in Shawnee

- 1. New **Biosciences Incentive Policy** that can provide up to **75%** property tax abatement for eligible projects.
- 2. Establishing a **bioscience district** that could provide special state incentives, including grants for new companies to Kansas.
- 3. Approving a 19,000 square foot **wet lab** facility.

Wet Lab Development

A local developer is in construction of a multi-building "wet lab" development. The single story, 19,000 s.f., Paragon III facility could be ready for occupancy in August 2006.

The Kansas Technology Enterprise Center, a technology commercialization and development organization, and Enterprise Center of Johnson County, a business incubator, are forming a commercialization and advisory program to support "life sciences" companies that would locate at the Paragon Complex.



Rendering of Paragon III Wet Lab Building

Shawnee's Life Sciences Companies



Shawnee's Life Sciences Stats

Total Employment	700+
Capital Investment (Since 2000)	\$46 Million
Annual Sales	\$150+ Million

Johnson County Resources

Johnson County Community College offers a **Bio-technology/ Lab Technician Program** to enhance the labor force of the life sciences industry. There are two associate degree programs for students or a certificate program for those already in the career field.

Enterprise Center of Johnson County (ECJC) a business incubator - is currently working to help create a **"Biosciences/ Wet Lab" Incubator program** in Shawnee for start-up companies.

Kansas Resources

Kansas Bioscience Authority is an independent state entity created to invest over **\$580 million** over the next 10 years. Funds will be used for research, attracting scientists/ scholars, building research space, business start-ups, commercialization, and incentives to attract new companies.

The Kansas Department of Commerce offers several **incentive programs** for high-quality employers. Life sciences companies could be eligible for:

- 1. Enterprise Zone Program
- 2. High Performance Incentive Program
- 3. Research & Development Tax Credit
- 4. Workforce Training Funds

The Kansas Legislature is proposing to completely **eliminate taxes on machinery and equipment**, resulting in huge savings on new life sciences investments.

Kansas State University is one the nation's premier **veterinary programs**, the University of Kansas, in nearby Lawrence, and the University of Missouri-Kansas City have top **"Biological Sciences" programs** according to U.S. News & World Report.