People on the Move: Migration in the Heartland

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Internal migration in the U.S.

Chart 1

U.S. Residents Living Outside State of Birth

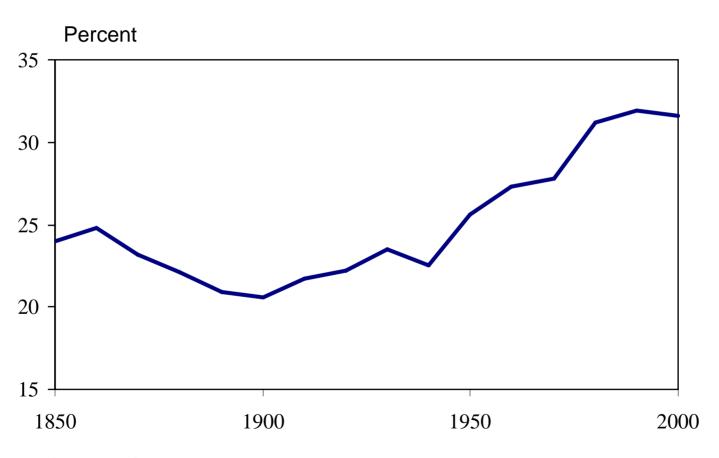
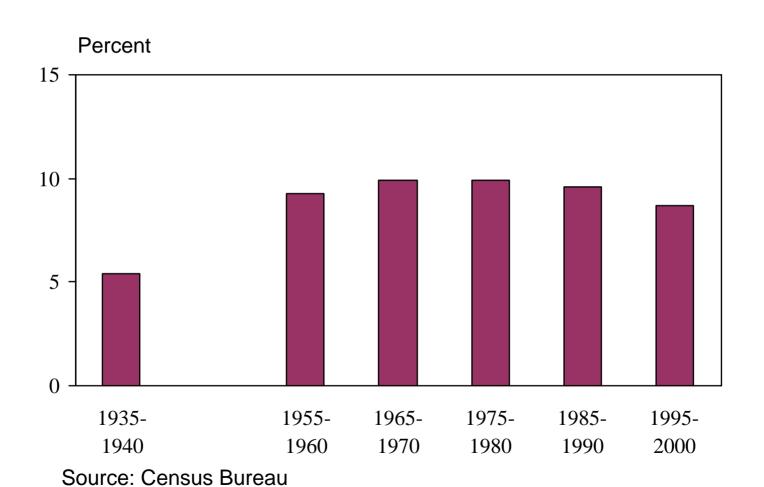


Chart 2

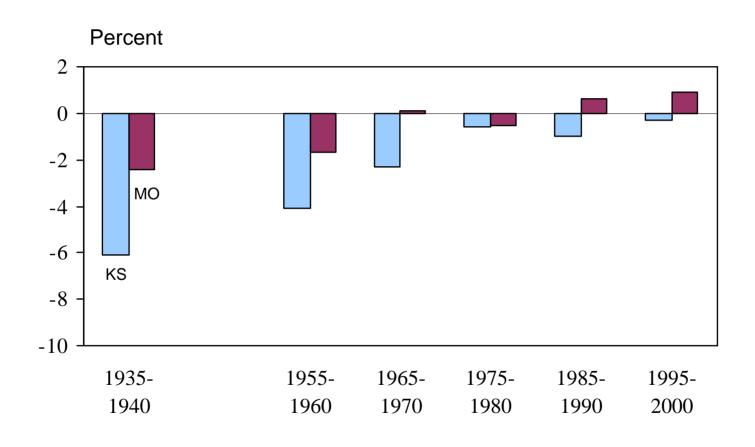
U.S. Residents Moving Between States



Migration in Kansas and Missouri

Chart 3

Net In-Migration to Kansas and Missouri over the Long Run



Net In-Migration to Kansas and Missouri from Individual States

1995-2000

<u>Kansas</u>	<u>Missouri</u>
California (15K)	California (15K)
lowa (2K)	Illinois (14K)
Nebraska (2K)	Iowa (5K)
Colorado (-2K)	Kansas (5K)
Oklahoma (-3K)	Nebraska (4K)
Florida (-3K)	Arkansas (3K)
Missouri (-5K)	Arizona (-3K)
Texas (-5K)	Florida (-9K)

Chart 5

Net In-Migration to Heartland States in the Last 10 Years

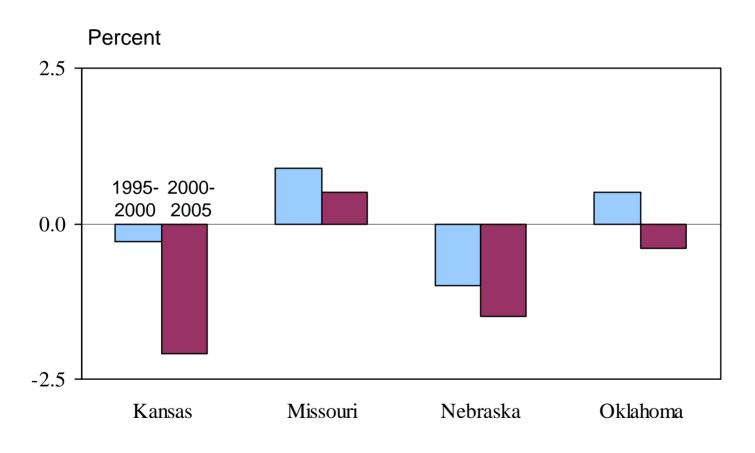
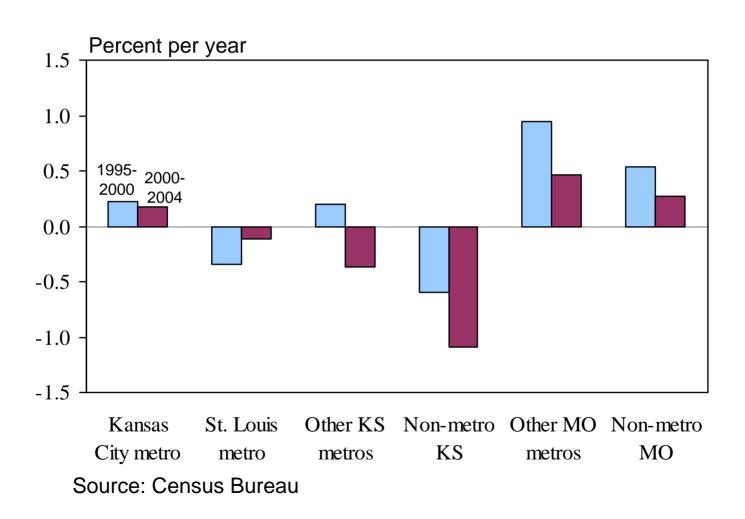


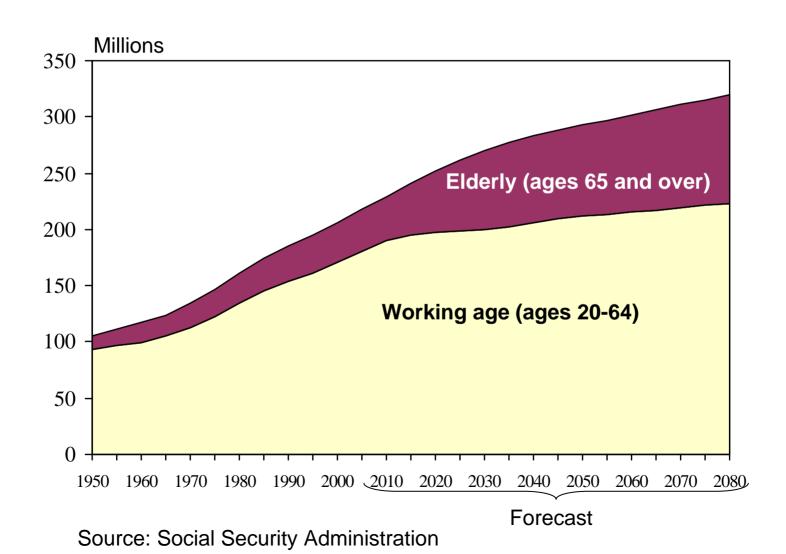
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Net In-Migration to Different Areas of Kansas and Missouri



Do Kansas and Missouri need to attract more people?

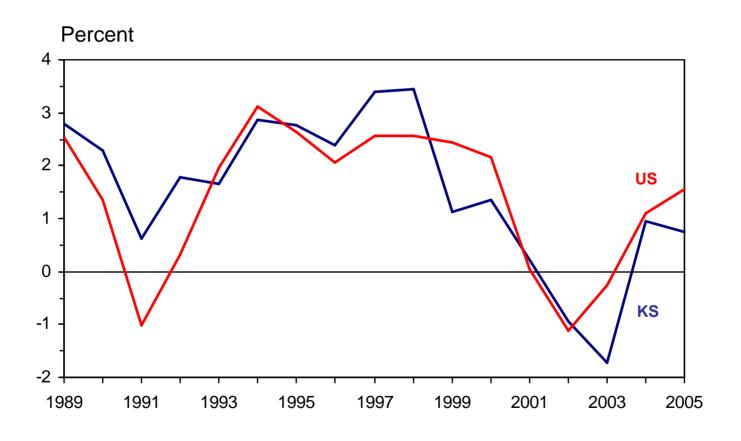
U.S. Working-Age vs. Elderly Population



Will net in-migration to the region turn back up?

Chart 8

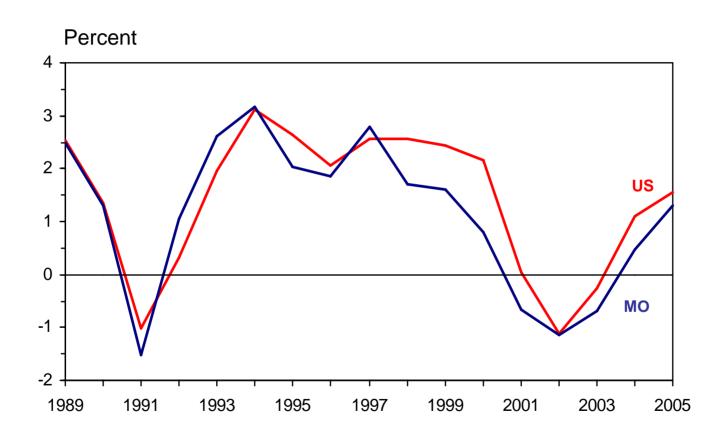
Kansas Employment Growth



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Chart 9

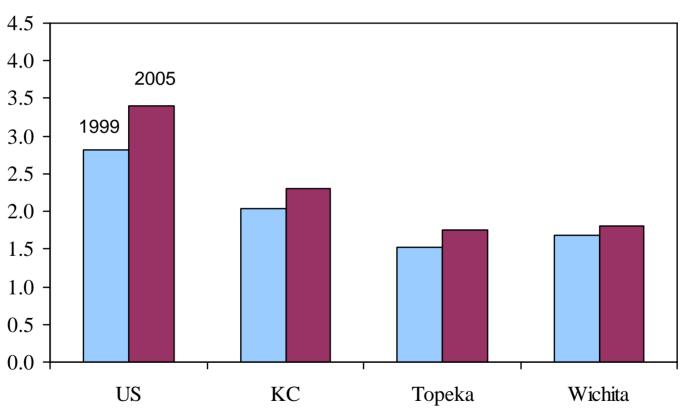
Missouri Employment Growth



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Chart 10

Ratio of Median Home Price to Median Family Income

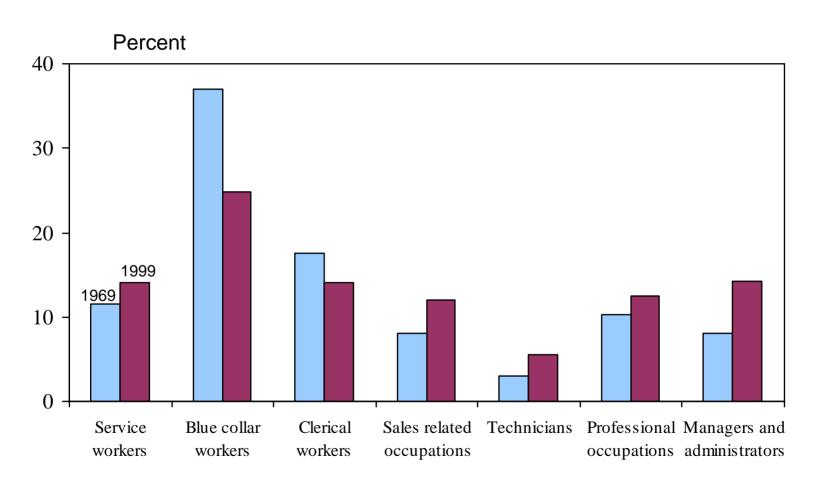


Sources: National Association of Realtors, OFHEO, HUD

Impact of migration on the quality of the region's labor force

Chart 11

Occupational Distribution of Jobs in U.S., 1969 vs.1999

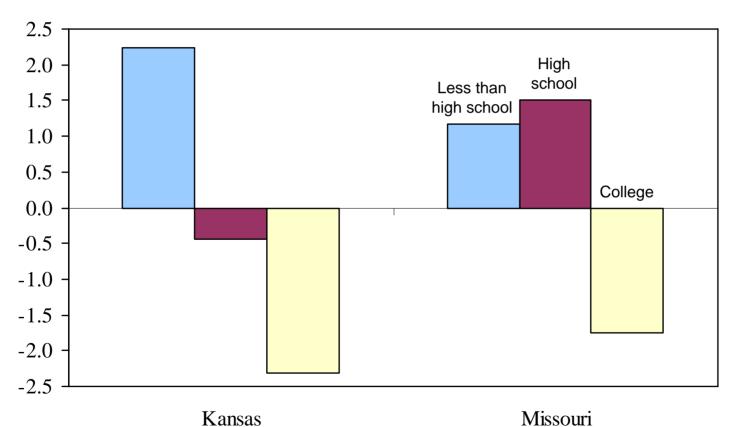


Source: Frank Levy and Richard Murnane

Chart 12

Net In-Migration by Education, 1995-2000*

Percent of 1995 population in category



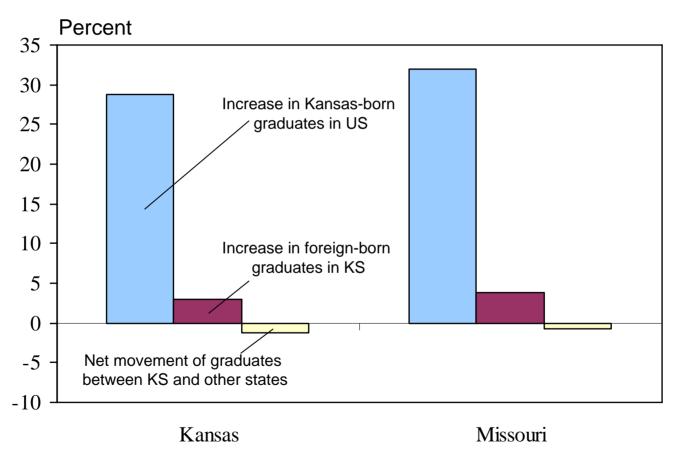
Source: Census Bureau

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* For people 25 years or older in 2000

Chart 13

Sources of Growth in College Graduates in Kansas and Missouri



How to attract more highly educated workers:

Improve skills at all levels, including blue collar and clerical workers

- More firms will choose to locate in the region
- More jobs will become available for highly educated workers
- "Brain drain" will turn into "brain gain"

Impact of migration on the supply of unskilled workers in the region

Chart 15

Net In-Migration of High School Dropouts, 1995-2000

Percent of 1995 population in category

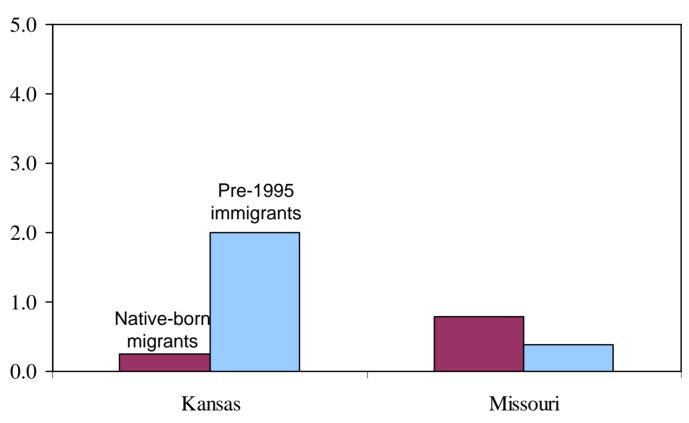


Chart 16

Immigration from Abroad, 1995-2000

Percent of 1995 population in category

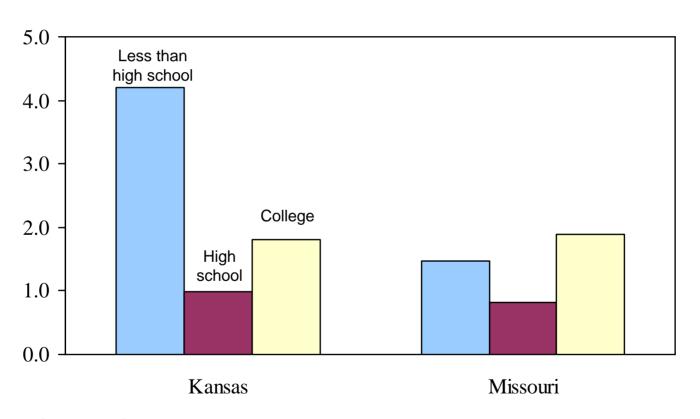


Chart 17

Kansas and Missouri Industries with High Concentration of Unskilled Immigrants*

Industry	(1) Percent of all Inskilled immigrants	(2) Percent of all unskilled natives	Ratio of (1) to (2)
Restaurants	13.3	8.6	1.6
Meatpacking	11.5	0.8	14.3
Construction	8.2	9.2	0.9
Traveler accommod	dation 2.7	1.1	2.4
Grocery stores	2.2	3.2	0.7
Department stores	1.9	2.7	0.7
Hospitals	1.7	2.5	0.7
Landscaping	1.7	0.7	2.3

^{*} High school degree or less Source: Census Bureau

