

## Water Resources in Kansas

### Kansas Water Office

The Kansas Water Office is the water planning, policy, coordination and marketing agency for the state. The primary statutory function of the agency is the development and implementation of the Kansas Water Plan.

<http://www.kwo.org/>

### Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Agriculture

The Division of Water Resources administers 30 laws and responsibilities including the Kansas Water Appropriation Act which governs how water is allocated and used; statutes regulating the construction of dams, levees and other changes to streams; the state's four interstate river compacts; as well as coordinating the national flood insurance program in Kansas.

<http://www.ksda.gov/dwr/>

### Kansas Groundwater Management Districts

<http://www.ksda.gov/appropriation/content/295>

In Kansas, local units of government, called groundwater management districts, provide water-use administration, planning, and information. Five groundwater management districts were created in the 1970s in the western and central parts of the state. The primary use of ground water in these areas is irrigation, although several districts also face issues of municipal supply. The districts are governed by local boards and have been instrumental in providing information and identifying research and regulatory needs within their boundaries.

### Kansas Water Resources Institute

<http://www.kcare.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=763>

The Kansas Water Resources Institute develops and supports research on high priority water resource problems and objectives, as identified through the state water plan. KWRI facilitates effective communication between water resources professionals and helps disseminate and apply research results.

### Kansas Water Science Center

<http://ks.water.usgs.gov/>

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Web page for the water resources of Kansas provides information on Kansas's rivers and streams, along with information about groundwater, water quality, and many other topics. The Kansas Water Science Center provides current ("[real-time](#)") stream stage in Kansas and [streamflow](#), [water-quality](#), and [groundwater levels](#) for over 200 sites.

The USGS provides National ("[real-time](#)") stream stage and [streamflow](#), [water-quality](#), and [groundwater levels](#) for over 7000 sites.

