

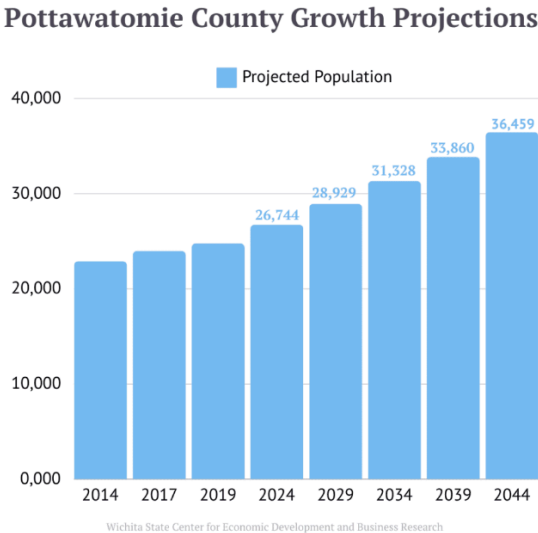
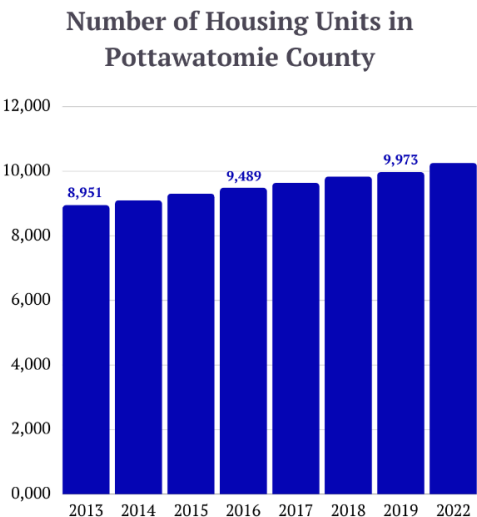
# Pottawatomie County Housing Needs

## Plan Pottawatomie 2040 Demonstrates Need For 14,162 Housing Units

The goal as stated in the county’s strategic planning document is to guide future development, redevelopment, and community enhancement preserving history, culture, and quality of life for current and future residents. Included in the document are population projections that Pottawatomie’s 2040 population will fall within a forecast range of 33,860 to 36,081 people (34,971 as a midpoint), an increase of 11,310 residents from 2016 and will **require 4,189 additional housing units** for a total of 14,162 housing units.

## Number of Housing Units Not Meeting Population Projection Needs

Pottawatomie County, Kansas had 9,973 housing units in 2019. This number hasn’t grown enough over the last five years to keep up with anticipated population. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates Pottawatomie County had 10,400 units in 2023. That is just an average of 85 units per year when we actually needed 199 additional units per year if we started prioritizing this in 2019. As it stands, to catch up, we now need 235 new units per year now through 2040 to meet the median needs.



## Declining Housing Scores

Pottawatomie County currently has a housing score of 49 out of 100, a decrease of 7 points since August. This score reflects factors such as the availability of housing units, affordability relative to household income, and the overall quality of homes. Although rising construction costs and other challenges are affecting housing nationwide, this declining score suggests that potential new residents may choose to look outside of Pottawatomie County for housing.

### Housing

The housing category tracks the availability, affordability and quality of homes within a community.

OVERALL HOUSING SCORE



 <b>18.8%</b>	 <b>39.3</b>	 <b>8.9%</b>
<b>Households Spending at Least 30% of Income on Housing</b> National Average: 23.5%	<b>Work Hours Needed to Pay for Affordable Housing</b> National Average: 40.2	<b>Vacant Houses</b> National Average: 17.6%

#### Ranking Details

Housing Affordability	+
Housing Capacity	+
Housing Quality	+

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