



**VALUE THEM BOTH**

# KANSAS: NOW A "HAVEN" FOR UNLIMITED ABORTION?

Abortion Industry attorneys are celebrating Kansas as "a haven state in the Midwest"<sup>1</sup> for unlimited abortion. Passage of the VALUE THEM BOTH state constitutional amendment on August 2, 2022, is the only way to protect women and babies in the heartland from this predatory industry.

How did we get here? Kansas became one of the most pro-abortion states in the country after a 2019 ruling by the State Supreme Court discovered and created a nearly unlimited right to abortion in the Kansas Constitution. Even the most basic limits on the abortion industry are now "presumed unconstitutional."<sup>2</sup> Kansas is the "new New York"<sup>3</sup> when it comes to abortion!

Abortion Industry lawyers state that Kansas will even be a destination state "if federal laws protecting abortion are overturned or significantly limited or undercut in other states."<sup>4</sup>

Seizing upon this new, horrific legal landscape, Kansas abortionists began filing lawsuits to block the state's bipartisan, broadly supported abortion limits that protect preborn babies and mothers.<sup>5</sup> Taxpayer-funded abortions in Kansas, up to the moment of birth, are almost certain to happen without the VALUE THEM BOTH Amendment.

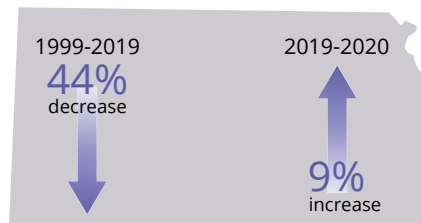
In fact, abortions in Kansas are already increasing. For the first time in three decades, the number of Kansas abortions climbed by a staggering 9.1%, for a total of 7,512 lives lost.<sup>6</sup> 52% of these abortions were performed on non-Kansas residents.

"Texas, up from 25 abortions [in Kansas] in 2019 to 289 abortions [in Kansas] in 2020; Oklahoma, up from 85 to 277; and Arkansas, up from 40 to 74. The number of Missouri residents obtaining an abortion in Kansas climbed by 23, pushing that annual total to 3,201."<sup>7</sup>

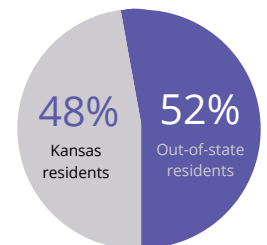
The Missouri numbers show precisely why Planned Parenthood announced plans for a new clinic in Kansas City, Kansas<sup>8</sup>—easy access across the state line.

Get involved. Join the fight to save babies and protect moms.

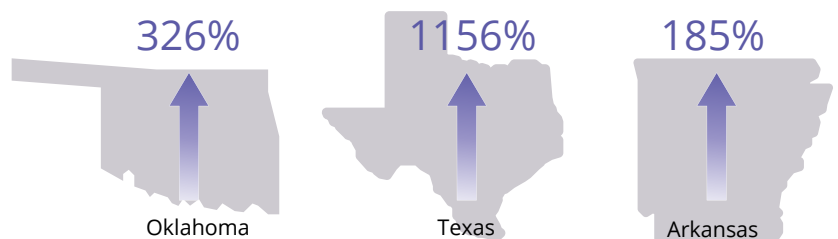
## ANNUAL # OF ABORTIONS IN KANSAS



## ABORTIONS IN KANSAS BY STATE 2020



## 2019-2020 INCREASE IN OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS GETTING ABORTIONS IN KANSAS



<sup>1</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/kansas-supreme-court-rules-state-constitution-protects-abortion-rights-bars-law-that-aimed-to-ban-procedure/2019/04/26/54361c4a-6834-11e9-8985-4cf30147bdca\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/kansas-supreme-court-rules-state-constitution-protects-abortion-rights-bars-law-that-aimed-to-ban-procedure/2019/04/26/54361c4a-6834-11e9-8985-4cf30147bdca_story.html)

<sup>2</sup> <https://lozierinstitute.org/impact-of-the-strict-scrutiny-standard-of-judicial-review-on-abortion-legislation-under-the-kansas-supreme-courts-decision-in-hodes-nauser-v-schmidt/>

<sup>3</sup> <http://theleaven.org/kansas-is-the-new-new-york-for-abortion/>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/kansas-supreme-court-rules-state-constitution-protects-abortion-rights-bars-law-that-aimed-to-ban-procedure/2019/04/26/54361c4a-6834-11e9-8985-4cf30147bdca\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/kansas-supreme-court-rules-state-constitution-protects-abortion-rights-bars-law-that-aimed-to-ban-procedure/2019/04/26/54361c4a-6834-11e9-8985-4cf30147bdca_story.html)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.christianpost.com/news/judge-strikes-down-kansas-ban-on-dismemberment-abortion.html>

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.kdheks.gov/phi/abortion\\_sum/2020\\_Preliminary\\_Abortion\\_Report.pdf](https://www.kdheks.gov/phi/abortion_sum/2020_Preliminary_Abortion_Report.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://kansasreflector.com/2021/06/01/influx-of-texas-oklahoma-residents-seeking-an-abortion-drives-up-kansas-total-in-2020/>

<sup>8</sup> <https://sunflowerstatejournal.com/planned-parenthood-looks-to-add-new-clinic-in-kc/>

October 2021

# RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!*



**During the month of October, the Catholic Church observes Respect Life Month. We are invited to pray and reflect more deeply on the gift of human life as we help build a culture that cherishes and protects it.**

## OCTOBER 2ND

### RESPECT LIFE MONTH KICK-OFF CELEBRATION

#### ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CHURCH

**Liberated by Truth Pro-Life Conference -- 9am-1pm.** Dr. Bernard Nathanson - the Pro-Life Story of Truth, Conversion & Hope that every American should know. How his powerful story can help us today as we defend life and work to pass the Value Them Both Amendment in Kansas. Registration & Info: [archkck.org/RLM-Conference](http://archkck.org/RLM-Conference)

**Life Will Be Victorious Celebration -- 5pm.** A joyful gathering to recognize the precious gift of life and provide spiritual nourishment for the month and year ahead as we promote the sanctity of all human life. Free and open to all.

**5pm** - Mass with Archbishop Naumann; **6pm** - Complimentary Meal & Live Music on the SMA Parish Lawn; **7pm** - Holy Family School of Faith Candlelight Rosary; **7:30pm** - Free Movie showing in the SMA School Gym

Details at [archkck.org/prolife](http://archkck.org/prolife)

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## OCTOBER 3RD

### DISTRIBUTION OF VALUE THEM BOTH ACTION CARDS IN PARISHES

Learn what you can do to help pass the Value Them Both Amendment on August 2, 2022!

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## OCTOBER 3RD - LIFE CHAIN

The first Sunday in October is Life Chain Sunday - a time to stand in peaceful, prayerful public witness. Contact your parish to find out your location! Atchison: 2-3pm; Emporia: 3-4pm; Johnson County: 1:30-2:30pm; Lawrence: 11:30am-1:00pm; Topeka: 2-3:30pm

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## OCTOBER - 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join the worldwide peaceful vigil to pray for the end of abortion. [40daysforlife.com/en/overlandpark](http://40daysforlife.com/en/overlandpark)

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## ADDITIONAL PRO-LIFE RESOURCES

**Foster Care Ministry "Thrive" Gathering** - visit [archkck.org/prolife](http://archkck.org/prolife) to learn about the wonderful parish efforts being done to serve vulnerable children and the families that care for them. Be inspired and get involved!

**Walking With Moms in Need Parish Initiative** - visit [archkck.org/prolife/activities/walking-with-moms](http://archkck.org/prolife/activities/walking-with-moms) to help your parish support women who are facing difficult pregnancies choose life for their child.

**Learn about the MANY Respect Life issues at:** [www.respectlife.org/articles](http://www.respectlife.org/articles)

Infertility - Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting - Adoption - Post-abortion Healing - Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing - Advance Medical Directives: Planning for Your Future - Assisted Suicide - How to Build a Culture of Life



**PRO LIFE OFFICE**  
Archdiocese of Kansas City in Kansas