

# Community Profile

## Liberty

**Liberty**, the county seat for Clay County, has a population of 30,000. It is just a 15-minute drive on I-35 to downtown Kansas City. It has the small-town feel with its historic square that has been recently revitalized, providing many shopping and dining opportunities. The downtown area is surrounded with many well-preserved homes and landmarks. <http://libertymissouri.gov/> It is a growing and vibrant community with a new shopping center, apartment buildings, senior housing and motels all underway.

### **Major employers:**

**Liberty Hospital** is a major employer in Liberty. It has grown to a 226-bed care center with more than 330 physicians covering all medical specialties and provides a wide range of services. Other major employers include **Hallmark Cards**, **William Jewell College**, **Ford Motor Company**, and **Ferrellgas**.

Below is a link to a magazine published by the local paper, the Courier Tribune, called **Explore Liberty**. It has an introductory article by the mayor, some civic info and then is divided into these areas: Arts, Culture & Entertainment, Shops & Restaurants, History & Heritage, Recreational Activities and Educational Opportunities. It is full color and includes a page with maps of the downtown area and another showing the major highways leading in and out of the city, along with a few landmarks. <http://www.explorelibertymo.com/>

**Liberty Public Schools** is the public school district in Liberty, Missouri. Liberty Public Schools encompasses an almost 85 square mile area with more than 11,000 students grades Preschool through 12th in attendance. The district is the fastest growing school district in the state of Missouri, with much of its growth occurring in the last 12 years. The school district currently has 2 high schools (9-12), 1 alternative high school (9-12), 4 middle schools (6-8), 11 elementary schools (K-5), and 1 pre-school. Here is a link to a You Tube video featuring "A Year of Success for LPS."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ilvH7PaTTw>

To learn more about Liberty Public Schools, you can visit the district website [www.lps53.org](http://www.lps53.org).

## Kansas City

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### **The Region:**

Whether you're on the Kansas or Missouri side, here are a few of the areas that exude KC at its finest.

#### *Orientation Tip*

KC straddles the Missouri-Kansas state line, sometimes causing travelers to wonder which state they are in. You're not alone! Here are a few tips to help: If you are west of State Line Road, you are in Kansas. If you are east of it, you are in Missouri. Follow the Missouri River to the north, and if you are west of it, you are in Kansas. East of it, you're in Missouri.

### **Things To Do:**

Along every boulevard and around every corner, there's something to do that's unique to Kansas City. With a thriving creative arts scene, eclectic mix of entertainment and die-hard sports—it's safe to say there's something for everyone. Find your way in KC by doing it all ... or, at least trying to.

### **Area Attractions:**

#### **Professional Sports**

- <https://www.mlb.com/royals>
- <http://www.chiefs.com/>
- <https://www.sportingkc.com/>
- <http://www.kansasspeedway.com/>

#### **Museums**

- <http://www.theworldwar.org/>
- <https://trumanlibrary.org/>
- <https://nelson-atkins.org/>

#### **Other Family Entertainment**

- <http://www.unionstation.org/>
- <https://www.crowncenter.com/>
- <https://kansascity.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/offers/visit-kc/>
- <https://www.worldsoffun.com/>

#### **Entertainment**

- <http://www.kcstarlight.com/>
- <http://www.newtheatre.com/home.html>
- <http://www.sprintcenter.com/>
- <https://www.kauffmancenter.org/>