

2024



Basehor City Hall

1600 N. 158th Street

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Pete Heaven

Special Counsel

History of Basehor



Basehor was officially founded in 1889 by brothers Ruben and Ephraim Basehor who were of Pennsylvania Dutch origin. They came to Kansas in 1854, which is when a lot of people like to say Basehor's origin began. The brothers had lived in Lawrence, Kansas and worked like everyone else. Through Ephraim's years of working, he was buying land and eventually was able to officially start building the city.

The brothers worked for a farmer until they could buy the land and move from Lawrence.

Basehor's location was originally a large piece of land that was given to the Delaware Native Americans by the U.S. Government.

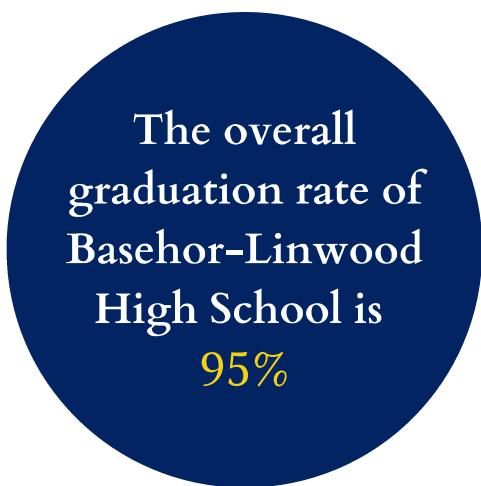
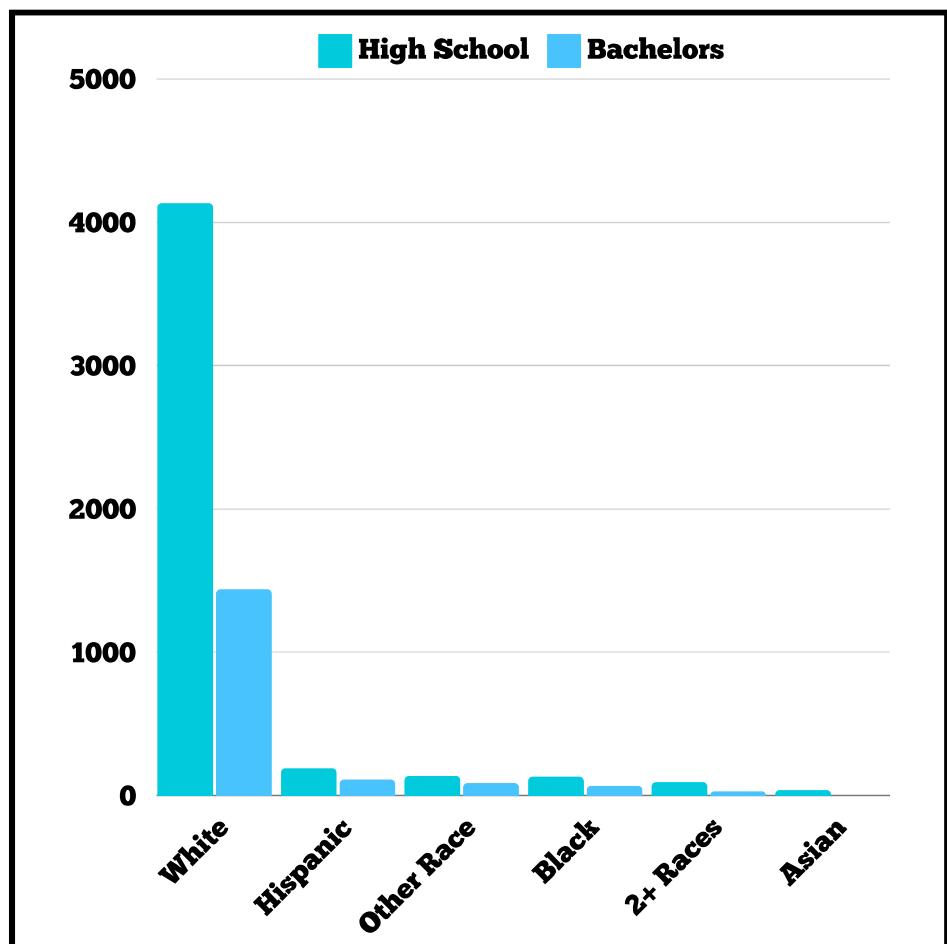
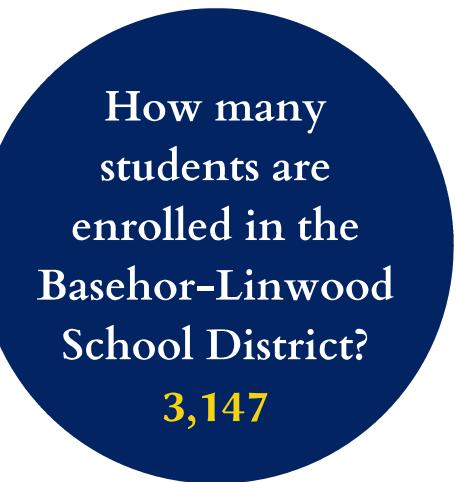
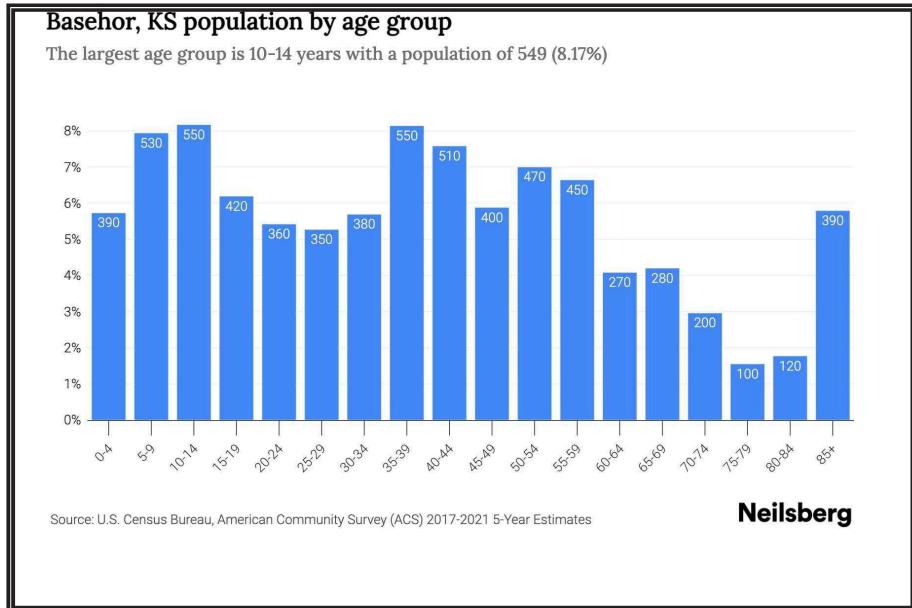
Population 1970: 724*

Population 2024 - 8,152*

(*Estimate)



City of Basehor Demographics



Legislative Priorities

The City of Basehor Governing Body annually adopts a set of Legislative Priorities each year for the City's state and federal elected officials. The City of Basehor wishes for those elected officials to keep these priorities in mind when considering voting for legislation.



Legislative Funding Dedicated to Public Safety

The City of Basehor supports legislative funding for public safety to assist with recruitment, retention, safety equipment, training, and general needs. Public safety officers such as police officers are an incredibly important part of the community.

Maintaining Home Authority Rule

The City of Basehor supports the ability of local elected officials to make decisions for their communities, particularly local tax and revenue decisions, as called for by the Home Rule Amendment of the Kansas Constitution approved by voters in 1960. Basehor urges the Kansas Legislature to respect the philosophy of local control and honor the Home Rule Amendment of the Kansas Constitution.



Legislation Funding for Public Amenities

The City of Basehor supports legislation funding for public amenities such as community centers, parks, and other community betterment facilities. These public amenities provide quality of life for Basehor residents.

Property Tax Relief by Fixing the Property Tax Calculation Formula

The City of Basehor supports updates to the property tax calculation formula that provides property tax relief to residents while also maintaining the City's authority to set its property tax rate. Currently, the City of Basehor only controls one factor out of five in the property tax calculation formula. The City of Basehor supports legislation that would provide residents relief, such as capping the amount of increase of a home value for taxation purposes.



Legislation Funding for Infrastructure

The City of Basehor supports legislation funding for local infrastructure, such as expansion and improvements of the road system as well as a clean water supply. The importance of well maintained and supported infrastructure is incredibly important to the health and safety of a community.

Preventing Unfunded Mandates

The City of Basehor supports the prevention of regulations and mandates issued by state and federal levels of government to the local government without also providing funding for the implementation of those regulations and mandates.

Basehor Linwood School District

Innovation Academy

Basehor Linwood High School's Innovation Academy Program has worked with the City of Basehor on multiple occasions giving students the chance to see what it is like to work on City projects. Students were able to help in the process of creating an upcoming park, 155th Street improvements, a new roundabout, and creating this list of legislative priorities. During their first semester, students Chloe Murkin and Danilo Djukic worked on establishing what the legislative priorities should be and the best fits to keep the City moving forward with their goals. Next students Benjamin Villanueva, Adelyn Elliott, and Zoe Falgren took this project on in their second semester and created the final copy of this list to assist the City of Basehor with promoting their priorities and goals. These students wish to thank the City of Basehor for this opportunity.

