

Differing approaches of two similar cities

Here are a few ways Columbia compares to and differs from Lawrence, Kansas, in population and services provided to unhoused people.

Columbia, Mo.



Population in 2020: 126,254

Homeless population (2020): 238

Avg. high/low temp: 89°F / 23°F

Overnight warming centers:

The Wabash Bus Station is a temporary warming shelter if temperatures are predicted to fall below 9 degrees.

Lawrence, Kan.



Population in 2020: 94,934

Homeless population (2020): 408

Avg. high/low temp: 90°F / 21°F

Overnight warming centers:

The Community Building opens at 35 degrees or below. If the center reaches its 75 people max, the East Lawrence Recreation Center will open.