State of Kansas 2024 Civil Asset Forfeiture Report

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Background

The Kansas Legislature passed the Kansas Standard Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Act (KSASFA, or "the Act"), K.S.A. 60-4101, et seq., in 1994. This act governs the process by which a law enforcement agency may seize and take ownership of property used in the commission of a crime. In 2018, the Kansas Legislature passed K.S.A. 60-4127 requiring all Kansas law enforcement agencies, including Police Departments (PDs), Sheriff's Offices (SOs), and state law enforcement agencies, to report asset seizure and forfeiture information to the Kansas Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Repository (KASFR).

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) launched the KASFR website¹ in accordance with the 2018 legislation to provide Kansas law enforcement agencies with a method to report asset seizure and forfeiture information. The website allows the KBI to collect and maintain the reports submitted by law enforcement agencies and provide relevant information about asset seizures and forfeitures in the state to Kansas citizens and the Legislature.

In addition to collecting information, the website makes the information publicly available in two formats. One format available allows data to be downloaded in a spreadsheet for sorting and research purposes. The other format provides visual representations of the statewide data in interactive charts and graphs on dashboards. The visuals allow a user to interact with the dashboards to filter the data in various ways. For instance, when viewing the map of the state, the information can be restricted to a single county by clicking on that county.

There are two different forms for submitting civil asset forfeiture data; the *Incident Report Form* and the *Annual Report Form*.

The *Incident Report Form* collects information related to the seizure of property once there is a completed forfeiture action. The data collected on an *Incident Report* includes, but is not limited to, information such as:

- The county from which the property was seized
- The name of the seizing law enforcement agency
- The date the property was seized
- The case numbers from associated criminal and civil actions
- The demographics of the owner(s) and/or the possessor(s) of the property
- Information pertaining to the arrest, prosecution, and disposition of the criminal case related to the forfeiture
- The initiating law enforcement activity leading to the forfeiture action
- The legal authority under which property was seized
- The primary criminal offense leading to the seizure
- The location of the seizure
- The estimated value of any property seized for forfeiture
- The agency disposition of the seized property (forwarded to the prosecutor for civil filing or returned to the owner)
- The nature, quantity, and value of any contraband seized
- The rationale for transfer of any state forfeiture action to federal agency
- State civil forfeiture case disposition information
- Whether the possessor was represented by legal counsel
- Whether ownership of forfeited property was claimed/denied by the possessor
- Whether there were any additional interest holder(s)
- The total value of currency/property forfeited to agency
- Any costs, fees, and shared proceeds associated with forfeiture case

¹The Kansas Asset Seizure and Forfeiture Repository website can be found at https://kasfr.kbi.ks.gov/

The *Annual Report Form* is a financial summary for each agency's three forfeiture fund accounts. The accounts include the state forfeiture fund, pending state forfeiture fund, and federal forfeiture fund. The state forfeiture fund is a law enforcement agency's account for currency and proceeds from the sale of forfeited property on completed state forfeiture cases. The pending state forfeiture fund is an agency's account for holding seized currency for which there has been no completed forfeiture action. The federal forfeiture fund is a law enforcement agency's account that holds federally shared forfeited funds and proceeds from the sale of property on completed forfeiture cases through federal court as part of the federal Equitable Sharing Program.²

The KBI uses this information to determine whether an agency is in substantial compliance of the Act's reporting requirements as defined in the KASFR Handbook.³ To be in substantial compliance, an agency's forfeiture fund accounts must each have less than a \$5,000 difference between the actual beginning balance as reported, minus expenditures, plus deposits in comparison with the ending balance reported on the annual form; and less than a 10% difference if less than \$5,000. The agency's *Annual Report* must also substantially match the amounts on the incident reports received for currency forfeited and currency deposits during the reporting period. In addition to the substantial match requirements above, starting in the 2022 reporting year, each agency's beginning balance of the current year must substantially match the ending balance of the previous year's annual report.

The reporting requirements went into effect July 1, 2019. The 2024 Annual Report contains activity within the forfeiture fund accounts between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.

While the KSASFA requires only that a report of non-compliant Kansas law enforcement agencies be submitted to the Kansas Legislature, the KBI has included additional information from the KASFR, in this report, to provide a more comprehensive picture of asset forfeiture actions in our state. The following charts and graphs summarize that information.

2024 Statewide Totals

Seized Property	
Total Seized Currency	\$2,379,151.36
Total Seized Property	\$1,989,033.05
Total	\$4,368,184.41

Forfeited Property	
Total Forfeited Currency	\$2,019,144.17
Total Forfeited Property	\$1,186,096.05
Total	\$3,205,240.22

The value, or estimated value, of what is seized and what is forfeited is collected on Incident Reports after a final disposition of the completed forfeiture action. Since law enforcement agencies must report asset forfeiture data after the final disposition of the civil forfeiture action, the property may have been seized prior to the beginning of the reporting period, January 1, 2024.

The KSASFA requires every Kansas law enforcement agency to report to the KASFR on or before February 1st of each year. On March 1st of each year, the KBI is required to determine if each agency is in substantial compliance with the reporting requirements of the Act. Agencies who are not compliant are notified and have 30 days to work with the KBI to correct any reporting errors to reach compliance. If an agency fails to file the required reports or achieve substantial compliance, the KBI is required to formally notify the agency and the County or District Attorney of the jurisdiction that the agency may not initiate state forfeiture actions until compliance is achieved. On April 15th of each year, the KBI is required to notify the Kansas Legislature of those law enforcement agencies who are not compliant with the previous year's reporting requirements.

² The Federal Equitable Sharing Program Guide is located at https://www.justice.gov/criminal-afmls/file/794696/download

³ The KASFR Handbook is located at https://kasfr.kbi.ks.gov/res/p/handbook/.

Total Number of Active Law Enforcement Agencies in Kansas: 380

Total Number of Compliant Agencies for 2024: 380

Total Number of Non-Compliant Agencies for 2024: 0

Table 1: Property Seized and Forfeited

The following table breaks down the amount of seized property and forfeited property each agency reported on *Incident Reports*. Please note that a law enforcement agency is required to report anything that was seized *with the intent to forfeit*. That reporting is required once a civil forfeiture is considered complete. A completed civil forfeiture action under the KSASFA means:

- The civil forfeiture case was resolved with a final disposition of forfeiture through the court.
- The county or district attorney declined to file a civil forfeiture case against the seized property.
- The property subject to the seizure was ordered to be returned to the owner by the court.
- The seizing law enforcement agency decided not to forward the civil forfeiture case for filing and returned the property to the owner.
- The property seized under state law was transferred to a federal agency for forfeiture under federal law.

Property Seized and Forfeited Agency Totals						
	Seized			Forfeited		
Agency Name	Seized Currency Total	Seized Property Total - Estimated Value (\$)	TOTAL Seized	Forfeited Currency (\$)	Forfeited Property - Estimated Value (\$)	TOTAL Forfeited
BARTON COUNTY SO	\$10,473.00	\$13,399.00	\$23,872.00	\$10,473.00	\$13,399.00	\$23,872.00
BONNER SPRINGS PD	\$8,750.00	\$37,450.00	\$46,200.00	\$22,125.00	\$20,950.00	\$43,075.00
BOURBON COUNTY SO	\$2,787.32	\$32,500.00	\$35,287.32	\$4,465.32	\$500.00	\$4,965.32
CHANUTE PD	\$10,444.16	\$144,164.00	\$154,608.16	\$11,270.95	\$6,825.00	\$18,095.95
CHEROKEE COUNTY SO	\$8,941.00	\$0.00	\$8,941.00	\$8,941.00	\$0.00	\$8,941.00
DICKINSON COUNTY SO	\$62,201.00	\$42,225.00	\$104,426.00	\$61,517.00	\$42,225.00	\$103,742.00
EDWARDSVILLE PD	\$21,611.00	\$715.00	\$22,326.00	\$21,611.00	\$715.00	\$22,326.00
ELLIS COUNTY SO	\$34,617.00	\$6,500.00	\$41,117.00	\$34,617.00	\$1,500.00	\$36,117.00
EMPORIA PD	\$984.00	\$41,614.99	\$42,598.99	\$984.00	\$32,614.99	\$33,598.99
FORD COUNTY SO	\$11,914.00	\$122,303.44	\$134,217.44	\$11,914.00	\$57,066.44	\$68,980.44
FT SCOTT PD	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$2,900.00	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$2,900.00
GARDNER PD	\$3,966.00	\$0.00	\$3,966.00	\$3,966.00	\$0.00	\$3,966.00

Property Seized and Forfeited Agency Totals						
	Seized			Forfeited		
	Seized Currency	Seized Property Total - Estimated	TOTAL	Forfeited Currency	Forfeited Property - Estimated	TOTAL
Agency Name	Total	Value (\$)	Seized	(\$)	Value (\$)	Forfeited
GEARY COUNTY SO	\$37,479.00	\$109,500.00	\$146,979.00	\$37,479.00	\$87,500.00	\$124,979.00
GOODLAND PD	\$12,467.00	\$2,423.00	\$14,890.00	\$7,558.00	\$0.00	\$7,558.00
GOVE COUNTY SO	\$2,621.00	\$7,500.00	\$10,121.00	\$6,371.00	\$0.00	\$6,371.00
GRANDVIEW PLAZA PD	\$755.00	\$38,500.00	\$39,255.00	\$755.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,755.00
GREAT BEND PD	\$1,455.00	\$6,050.00	\$7,505.00	\$1,455.00	\$6,050.00	\$7,505.00
GREENWOOD COUNTY SO	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
HAMILTON COUNTY SO	\$0.00	\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00	\$0.00	\$9,700.00	\$9,700.00
HARVEY COUNTY SO	\$9,715.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,715.00	\$10,715.00	\$0.00	\$10,715.00
HAYS PD	\$8,286.47	\$0.00	\$8,286.47	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
HILLSBORO PD	\$1,067.00	\$2,800.00	\$3,867.00	\$1,067.00	\$2,800.00	\$3,867.00
HUTCHINSON PD	\$27,999.19	\$11,900.00	\$39,899.19	\$27,999.19	\$11,900.00	\$39,899.19
JOHNSON COUNTY SO	\$61,078.00	\$12,571.00	\$73,649.00	\$49,078.00	\$12,571.00	\$61,649.00
JUNCTION CITY PD	\$98,885.19	\$190,500.00	\$289,385.19	\$93,365.19	\$145,500.00	\$238,865.19
KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	\$35,587.06	\$0.00	\$35,587.06	\$35,587.06	\$0.00	\$35,587.06
KANSAS CITY PD	\$108,027.55	\$89,542.60	\$197,570.15	\$103,045.55	\$74,542.60	\$177,588.15
KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL	\$1,277,469.09	\$443,963.00	\$1,721,432.09	\$955,079.09	\$183,203.00	\$1,138,282.09
KANSAS RACING & GAMING COMMISSION	\$54,848.48	\$194,168.59	\$249,017.07	\$52,848.48	\$194,168.59	\$247,017.07
KIOWA COUNTY SO	\$29,023.31	\$21,480.00	\$50,503.31	\$29,023.31	\$17,740.00	\$46,763.31
LENEXA PD	\$49,476.46	\$6,500.00	\$55,976.46	\$48,076.46	\$6,500.00	\$54,576.46
LYON COUNTY SO	\$0.00	\$5,638.00	\$5,638.00	\$0.00	\$638.00	\$638.00
MARYSVILLE PD	\$1,496.00	\$12,000.00	\$13,496.00	\$1,496.00	\$12,000.00	\$13,496.00
MCPHERSON PD	\$7,715.00	\$0.00	\$7,715.00	\$7,715.00	\$0.00	\$7,715.00
MISSION PD	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
MORRIS COUNTY SO	\$8,361.41	\$0.00	\$8,361.41	\$8,361.41	\$0.00	\$8,361.41
OLATHE PD	\$9,318.08	\$19,700.00	\$29,018.08	\$9,318.08	\$19,700.00	\$29,018.08
OSAGE COUNTY SO	\$11,131.00	\$1,013.00	\$12,144.00	\$11,131.00	\$1,013.00	\$12,144.00
OVERLAND PARK PD	\$1,039.69	\$15,975.00	\$17,014.69	\$1,039.69	\$15,975.00	\$17,014.69
PITTSBURG PD	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$4,368.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PRATT PD	\$4,700.00	\$0.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,700.00	\$0.00	\$4,700.00
RENO COUNTY SO DRUG UNIT	\$48,827.96	\$213,855.00	\$262,682.96	\$48,827.96	\$113,855.00	\$162,682.96
RILEY COUNTY PD	\$0.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SEDGWICK COUNTY SO	\$102,880.51	\$419.00	\$103,299.51	\$97,923.51	\$419.00	\$98,342.51
SEDGWICK PD	\$0.00	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
SHAWNEE COUNTY SO	\$12,460.67	\$34,187.00	\$46,647.67	\$12,460.67	\$34,187.00	\$46,647.67
SHAWNEE PD	\$48,200.00	\$0.00	\$48,200.00	\$48,200.00	\$0.00	\$48,200.00

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Agency Name	Seized Currency Total	Seized Property Total - Estimated Value (\$)	TOTAL Seized	Forfeited Currency(\$)	Forfeited Property - Estimated Value (\$)	TOTAL Forfeited
SOUTH HUTCH PD	\$1,724.00	\$13,000.00	\$14,724.00	\$1,724.00	\$0.00	\$1,724.00
STAFFORD PD	\$9,859.00	\$3,100.00	\$12,959.00	\$9,859.00	\$3,100.00	\$12,959.00
THOMAS COUNTY SO	\$17,544.00	\$3,616.43	\$21,160.43	\$17,544.00	\$3,616.43	\$21,160.43
TOPEKA PD	\$60,290.54	\$0.00	\$60,290.54	\$49,180.03	\$0.00	\$49,180.03
WABAUNSEE COUNTY SO	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00
WICHITA PD	\$33,407.22	\$11,310.00	\$44,717.22	\$33,377.22	\$7,372.00	\$40,749.22
Statewide Totals - January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024	\$2,379,151.36	\$1,989,033.05	\$4,368,184.41	\$2,019,144.17	\$1,186,096.05	\$3,205,240.22

Table 2: State Forfeiture Fund Expenditures

K.S.A. 60-4117⁴ defines the acceptable use of state forfeiture funds by listing approved expenditure categories. The table below breaks down each of those categories and the total spent by Kansas law enforcement agencies during the reporting period.

State Expenditure Category	Total
Evidence purchase funds (A)	\$37,800.00
Law enforcement operations (A)	\$615,377.71
Overtime (A)	\$244.27
Training expenses (B)	\$98,137.88
Building & facilities (C)	\$185,532.10
Law enforcement equipment (D)	\$2,056,112.59
Vehicles (D)	\$644,096.16
Administrative/multi-use equipment (E)	\$25,587.33
Joint law enforcement/non-law enforcement use (E)	\$9,991.85
Professional services (F)	\$105,207.19
Travel expenses (G)	\$32,597.91
Employee/partner/citizen recognitions (H)	\$31,422.85
Prevention/awareness programs (I)	\$101,615.11
Grant match (J)	\$0.00
Transfers to other law enforcement agencies (K)	\$185,734.02
Transfers to a state, county or local governmental agency or community non-profit (L)	\$0.00
Total cost of forfeiture action: Safekeeping, publication, plaintiff's attorney fees, etc.	\$464,851.51
Total Expenditures State Forfeiture Fund All State Agencies	\$4,594,308.48

⁴ K.S.A. 60-4117 can be found at

https://www.kslegislature.gov/li/b2025 26/statute/060 000 0000 chapter/060 041 0000 article/060 041 0017_section/060_041_0017_k/

Table 3: Federal Forfeiture Fund Expenditures

Law enforcement agencies have the opportunity to receive federal civil asset forfeiture proceeds through the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury Equitable Sharing Programs. These programs allow law enforcement agencies to transfer civil forfeiture cases to a federal agency, where the civil forfeiture case will be filed through the federal courts. The local agency then receives a portion of the proceeds. The Guide to Equitable Sharing ⁵ provides information on this program, including how a law enforcement agency can spend federal forfeiture funds. The table below displays the statewide total for each federal expenditure category made by Kansas law enforcement agencies during the reporting period.

Federal Expenditure Category	Statewide Total for each Federal Expenditure Category
Evidence purchase (a)	\$0.00
Law enforcement operations and investigations (a)	\$108,500.23
Training and education (b)	\$156,702.49
Law enforcement, public safety and detention facilities (c)	\$447,583.18
Law enforcement equipment (d)	\$561,850.70
Vehicles (d)	\$709,860.77
Joint law enforcement/public safety operations (e)	\$0.00
Contracting for services (f)	\$11,065.00
Law enforcement travel and per diem (g)	\$42,109.96
Law enforcement awards and memorials (h)	\$0.00
Drug, gang and other education or awareness programs (i)	\$24,250.19
Matching grants (j)	\$0.00
Support of community-based programs (k)	\$2,000.00
Non-categorized expenditures/other	\$327,505.47
Transfers to other participating Law Enforcement agencies (With appropriate Waiver)	\$0.00
Salaries (Appropriate Exception Required)	\$89,915.01
Overtime (Appropriate Exception Required)	\$245,019.52
Total Expenditures Federal Forfeiture Fund All State Agencies	\$2,726,362.52

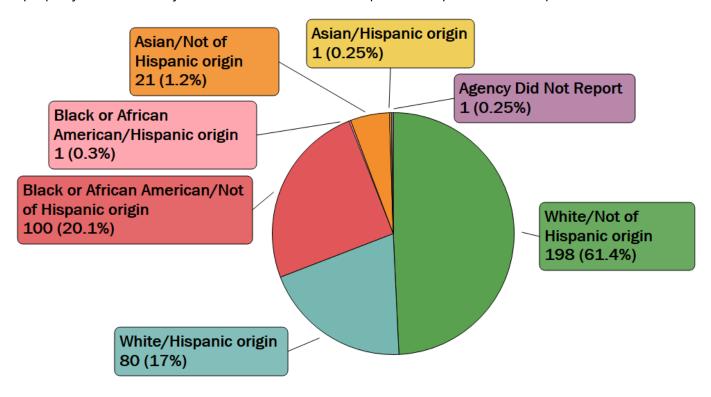
⁵ The Federal Equitable Sharing Program Guide is located at https://www.justice.gov/criminal-afmls/file/794696/download

Table 4: Non-Compliant Agencies

All law enforcement agencies in the state of Kansas were compliant for this reporting period.

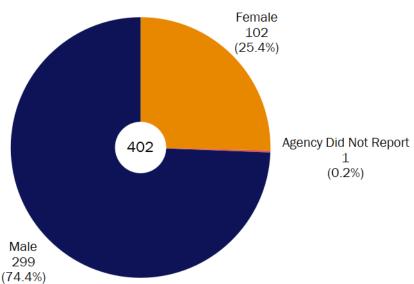
Visual 1: Owner/Possessor Race and Ethnicity

The following chart compares race and ethnicity among all owners or possessors reported on *Incident Reports*. The terms owner and possessor refer to the individual who was in possession of the seized property at the time of the incident leading to seizure. An owner or possessor may or may not claim ownership of the property and there may be more than one owner or possessor per *Incident Report*.



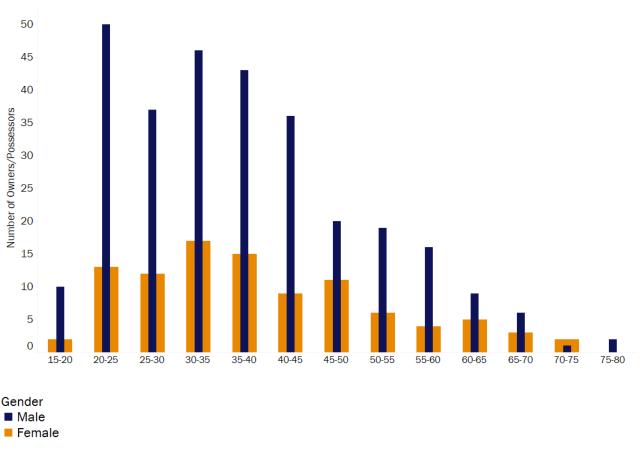
Visual 2: Owner/Possessor Gender

The following chart displays the total number of owners or possessors reported as male and female on *Incident Reports*. The terms owner and possessor refer to the individual(s) who was in possession of the seized property at the time of the incident leading to the seizure. There may be more than one owner or possessor per *Incident Report*.



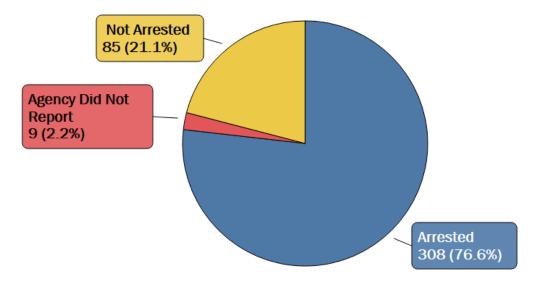
Visual 3: Owner/Possessor Age

The following graph compares owners or possessors reported on *Incident Reports* by age and gender. The terms owner and possessor refer to the individual who was in possession of the seized property at the time of the incident leading to the seizure. There may be more than one owner or possessor per *Incident Report*.



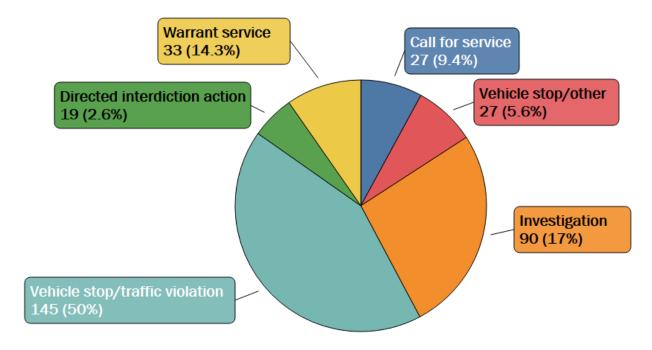
Visual 4: Owner/Possessor Arrested

The following chart displays the total percentage of owners or possessors who were arrested or not arrested as reported on *Incident Reports*. The terms owner and possessor refer to the individual(s) who was in possession of the seized property at the time of the incident leading to seizure.



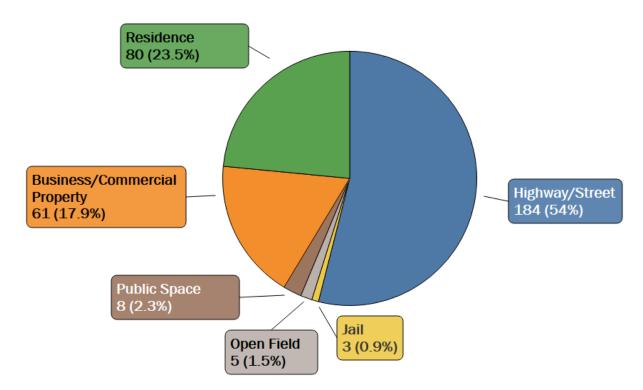
Visual 5: Initiating Law Enforcement Activity

The following chart displays the total number and percentage of *Incident Reports* broken down by the initiating law enforcement activity that led to a seizure.



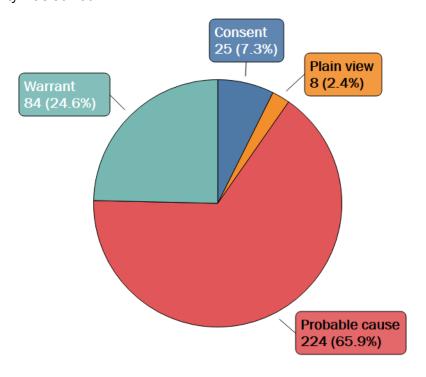
Visual 6: Place of Seizure

The following chart describes the total number and percentage of *Incident Reports* submitted by place of seizure. Due to rounding, percentage totals may not add up to 100%.



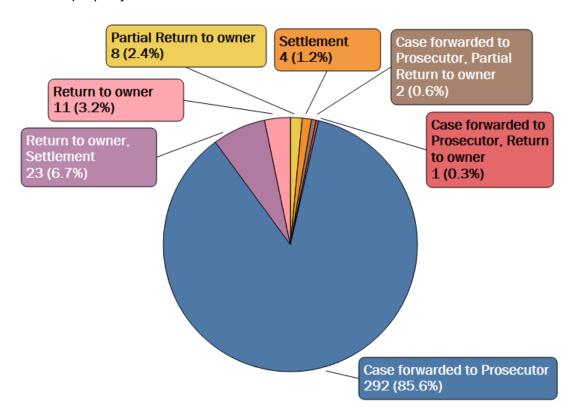
Visual 7: Legal Authority under Which Property was Seized

The following chart displays the total number and percentage of *Incident Reports* submitted by the legal authority under which the property was seized.



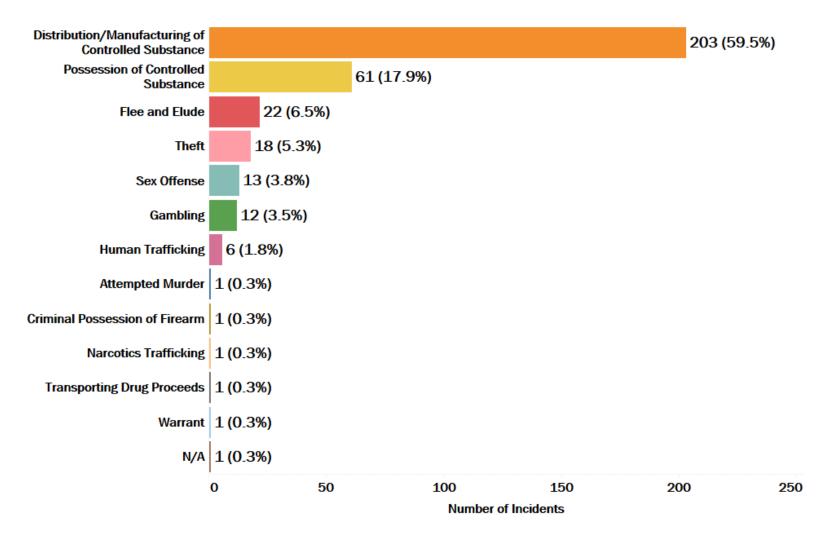
Visual 8: Agency Disposition of Seized Property

The following chart displays the total number and percentage of *Incident Reports* submitted by final disposition category of the seized property.



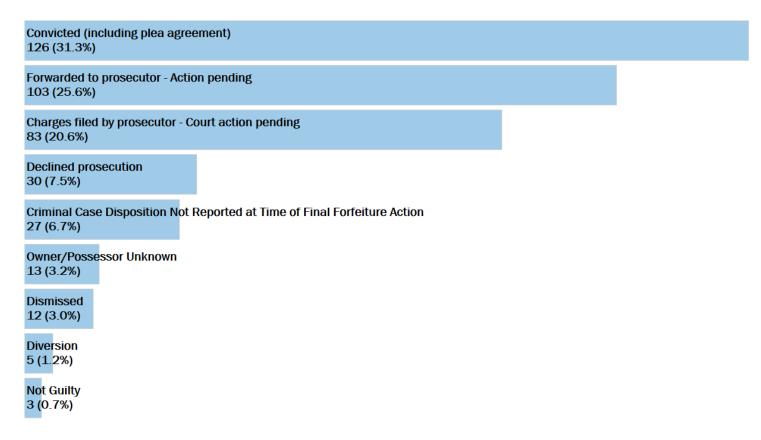
Visual 9: Primary Criminal Offense Related to Seizure

The graph below displays the total number of *Incident Reports* submitted by the primary criminal offense that led to the seizure.



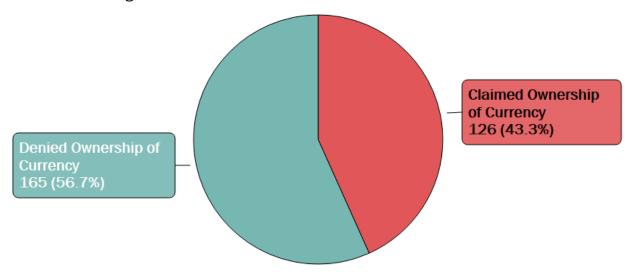
Visual 10: Criminal Case Disposition at Time of Forfeiture Disposition

The graph below displays totals of each category of criminal case disposition for each of the owners or possessors as reported in *Incident Reports*. The terms owner and possessor refer to the individual who was in possession of the seized property at the time of the incident leading to seizure. There may be more than one criminal case disposition per *Incident Report* if there was more than one owner or possessor. Due to rounding, percentage totals may not add up to 100%.



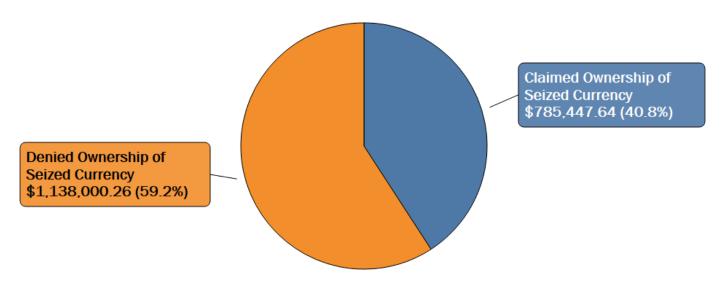
Visual 11: Ownership of Seized Currency Claimed or Denied

The chart below displays state forfeiture cases indicating whether the owner or possessor claimed or denied ownership of the seized currency. These values only include incidents where a state forfeiture case was filed. The terms owner and possessor refer to the individual(s) who was in possession of the seized currency at the time of the incident leading to seizure.



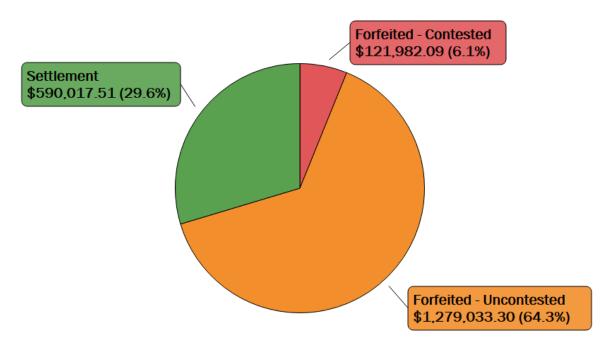
Visual 12: Seized Currency, Ownership Claimed or Denied by Possessor

The following chart displays the total amount of seized currency in which ownership was either claimed or denied by the owner or possessor. These values only include seized currency where a state forfeiture case was filed. The terms owner and possessor refer to the individual(s) who was in possession of the seized property at the time of the incident leading to the seizure.



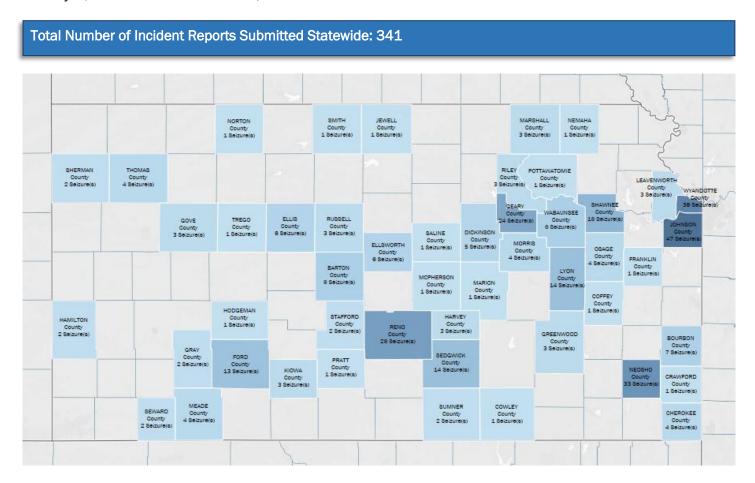
Visual 13: Forfeited Currency, Civil Forfeiture Case Disposition

The chart below displays the amount and percent of currency that was forfeited based on the circumstances of resolution of the civil forfeiture case as reported on *Incident Reports*.



Visual 14: Kansas Map - Number of Incidents by County

The map below shows the total number of *Incident Reports* submitted for each county in Kansas between January 1, 2024 and December 31, 2024.



Conclusion

The information provided in this report is not all-inclusive of the data submitted by Kansas law enforcement agencies. Please refer to the KASFR website for a complete download and additional visualizations of the data. Any questions regarding the content of this report can be directed via email to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation at KASFR@kbi.ks.gov.