

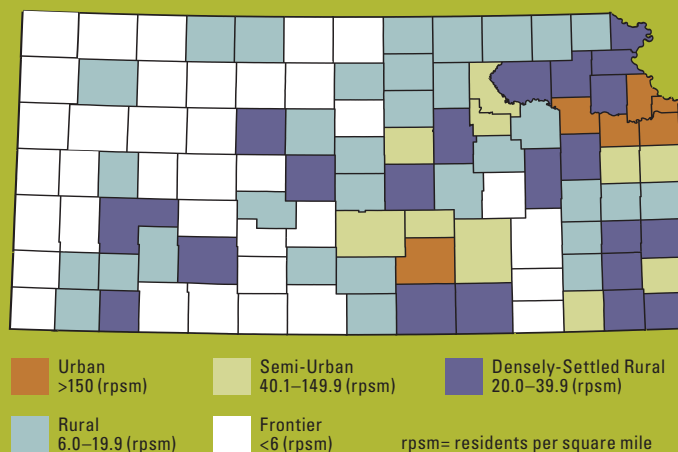


Kansas KIDS COUNT provides an annual snapshot of how children and families are doing statewide, as well as how they compare on a county-by-county basis. The indicators tracked in this fact sheet reflect the current condition of Kansas children and can be used by state and local leaders to craft policies and interventions that can help every child achieve their full potential.

For more Kansas data, visit kac.org/kidscount. To see how Kansas kids compare on a national level, visit datacenter.kidscount.org.

For almost 40 years, Kansas Action for Children has worked to shape health, education, and economic policy that puts children first. Our goal is to make Kansas the best place to raise a child and be a child.

COUNTY PEER GROUPS



Current rate is the most recent data available.

Trend rate is the average unit change per year for the most recent five years.

Peer Groups comprise counties with similar population densities. States assign counties to “peer groups” to better compare data. The five peer groups used in the Kansas KIDS COUNT project were developed by the Kansas Department of Health & Environment. Peer groups are adjusted every 10 years based on U.S. Census data.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Total Population, Population under age 18 and Racial Compositions show the number or percent for respective categories as of July 1, 2016. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, County-Level Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic Origin File 2012–16.

Median Household Income is the household income at which 50% of the household exceed and 50% fall below. The number represents the dollar amount for calendar year 2015. Data are based on the U.S. Census Bureau’s Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE). The trend represents 2011–2015.

EDUCATION INDICATORS

Early Head Start is the number of Early Head Start slots available per 100 children birth through 3 years of age living in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold. Data for 2013 through 2016 are provided by the Kansas Head Start Association. Data prior to 2013 are provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Region VII and Early Head Start providers. Due to the change in source, changes between 2012 and 2013 may be attributed to change in methodology or a change in the number of slots available. Children living below poverty data are based on poverty estimates and population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the number of slots available for federal fiscal year 2016. The trend represents the average annual change in slots available for federal fiscal years 2012–16.

Head Start is the number of Head Start enrollment slots available per 100 children 3–4 years of age living in families with income below the U.S. poverty threshold. Data for 2013 through 2016 are provided by the Kansas Head Start Association. Data prior to 2013 are provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Region VII. Due to the change in source, changes between 2012 and 2013 may be attributed to change in methodology or a change in the number of slots available. The rate for 2013 represents the number of slots available for federal fiscal year 2013 and reflects some cuts due to sequestration. Children living below poverty data are based on poverty estimates and population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the number of slots available for federal fiscal year 2016. The trend represents the average annual change in slots available for federal fiscal years 2012–16.

Pre-Kindergarten is the percent of public elementary schools that offer pre-kindergarten or 4-year-old At-Risk program five days a week. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents academic year 2016–17. The trend rate represents the average annual change for academic years 2012–13 through 2016–17.

All-Day Kindergarten is the percent of public elementary schools that offer all-day kindergarten five days a week. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents academic year 2016–17. The trend rate represents the average annual change for academic years 2012–13 through 2016–17.

Basic Reading Proficiency is the percentage of 3rd through 8th graders that met their basic grade level standard or above in the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. Kansas introduced a new assessment after 2013, meaning comparison of data prior and after this year is inapplicable. The current rate represents academic year 2015-16. The two-year trend represents academic years 2014-2015 and 2015-2016.

High School Graduation is the percentage of students graduating from high school within four years. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents the percent of high school graduates in 2015-2016 that entered high school during the 2012-2013 academic year. The trend represents the percent of high school graduates in academic years 2011-2012 through 2015-2016.

Child Care Subsidies is the average monthly enrollment of children in the Kansas Child Care Assistance Program. The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly numbers calculated at the end of a state fiscal year. Data are provided by the Kansas Department for Children and Families. The current number represents the average monthly number for state fiscal year 2016. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children served for state fiscal years 2012–16.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Poverty (State Level) is the one-year estimate of the percentage of children under age 18 living in families below 100%, between 100–149%, 150–199% and above 200% of the U.S. poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-year estimates. The current rate represents calendar year 2016. The trend represents the average annual percent change between the years 2012–2016.

Poverty (County Level) is the estimated percentage of children under 18 years of age who live in families with incomes below 100% of the U.S. poverty threshold as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Data are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE). The current rate represents the percentage for calendar year 2015. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2011–15.

Free and Reduced Price Lunch is the percentage of public school students who are approved for the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program at the beginning of the academic year. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents academic year 2016–17. The trend represents the average annual change for academic years 2012–13 through 2016–17.

Parents' Employment is the percent of all children under age 18 living in families where no parent has regular, full-time employment which is defined as working 35+ hours a week for 50 weeks in the previous year. Data are from the American Community Survey. The current rate represents the percent for calendar year 2015. The trend represents the average annual change for 2011–15.

Maternal Education is the percentage of live births to mothers who have not received a high school degree, as indicated on the birth certificate. Data are provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current year represents the percent for calendar year 2015. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2011–15.

SNAP Benefits is the average monthly enrollment of children in the Kansas Food Assistance Program. The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly numbers calculated at the end of a state fiscal year. Data are provided by Kansas Department for Children and Families. The current number represents the average monthly number for state fiscal year 2016. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for state fiscal years 2012–16.

TANF Benefits is the average monthly enrollment of children in the Temporary Assistance for Families Program. The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly numbers calculated at the end of a state fiscal year. Data are provided by the Kansas Department for Children and Families. The current number represents the average monthly number for state fiscal year 2016. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for state fiscal years 2012–16.

HEALTH INDICATORS

Immunizations is the percentage of kindergartners who received all recommended immunizations by 35 months of age of the 4:3:1:3:3 series (DTP, Poliovirus, MMR, Hepatitis B and Haemophilus Influenzae B). Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on a retrospective survey of immunization certificates conducted each fall at the time of enrollment in kindergarten. The current rate is for the 2014–15 academic year. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for academic years 2012–13 to 2014–15. The indicator was not updated.

Prenatal Care is the percentage of live births to mothers who received Adequate or Adequate-Plus Prenatal Care Utilization (APNCU) index. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current rate represents the annual percentage for calendar year 2016. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2012–16.

Low Birth Weight Babies is the percentage of live births that are low birth weight (under 2,500 grams, or 5.5 pounds). Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current rate represents the annual percentage for calendar year 2016. The trend represents the average annual percentage change for calendar years 2012–16.

Infant Mortality is the number of deaths of infants (under 12 months) per 1,000 live births. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current rate represents the number of deaths per 1,000 live births for calendar year 2016. The trend represents the average annual change in deaths per 1,000 live births for calendar years 2012–16.

Teen Violent Deaths is the number of deaths (from homicide, suicide, and motor vehicle accidents) of teens 15–19 years of age per 100,000 teens of the same age range. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. Population estimates data are from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the number of deaths per 100,000 for calendar year 2015. The trend represents the average change in deaths per 100,000 for calendar years 2011–15.

Uninsured Children (State Level) is the percent of children under age 18 with no health insurance. Data are provided by the American Community Survey of the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the annual percentage for calendar year 2016. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for calendar years 2012–16.

Uninsured Children (County Level) is the percentage of children under age 19 with no health insurance. Data are provided by the Small Area Health Insurance Estimate (SAHIE) of the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the annual percentage for calendar year 2015. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for calendar years 2011–15.

Mental Health is the number of child hospital discharges of mental health diagnoses per 1,000 children under age 18. Mental health diagnoses range from Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG) 880–887, which also cover all the medical DRGs in the Major Diagnostic Categories 19 – Mental Diseases and Disorders. Data are provided by the Kansas Hospital Association and Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Population estimates data are from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the number of discharges per 1,000 children for federal fiscal year 2016. The trend represents the average annual discharges per 1,000 children for federal fiscal years 2012–16.

Medicaid Enrollment is the average monthly enrollment of children under age 19 in Medicaid. The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly numbers calculated at the end of a calendar year. Data are provided by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The current number represents the average monthly number for calendar year 2016. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for calendar years 2012–16.

CHIP Enrollment is the average monthly enrollment of children under age 19 in the Children' Health Insurance Program. The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly numbers calculated at the end of a calendar year. Data are provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The current number represents the average monthly number for calendar year 2016. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for calendar years 2012–16.