

KANSAS 2007 KANSAS KIDS COUNT DATA

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KIDS COUNT is a national and state-by-state project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation to track the status of children in the United States. In its 15th year, Kansas KIDS COUNT has been redesigned to include many new indicators. Our goal is to provide an improved analysis of the status of Kansas children and families in terms of Health, Education and Economic Security. By providing policymakers and citizens with benchmarks of child well-being, KIDS COUNT seeks to enrich local and state discussions concerning ways to secure better futures for all children. Each year Kansas Action for Children partners with counties across Kansas in order to provide a more in-depth analysis for various parts of the state. The 2007 county partners are Crawford, Douglas, Ellis, Ford, Harvey, Johnson, Lyon, Marion, Rice, Riley, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Thomas and Wilson.

2007 Kids Count Indicators at a Glance

HEALTH

- Immunizations
- Prenatal Care
- Low Birth Weight Babies
- Uninsured Children*
- Teen Violent Deaths
- Youth Tobacco Use
- Youth Binge Drinking
- Asthma*
- Mental Health*

EDUCATION

- Early Head Start
- Head Start
- Pre-Kindergarten*
- All-Day Kindergarten*
- Reading Proficiency*
- AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)*
- High School Graduation
- Child Care Subsidies*

ECONOMIC

SECURITY

- Poverty (State Level)
- Poverty (County Level)
- Free and Reduced Lunch*
- Food Stamps*
- Home Ownership*
- Parents' Employment*
- Maternal Education

*identifies new indicators



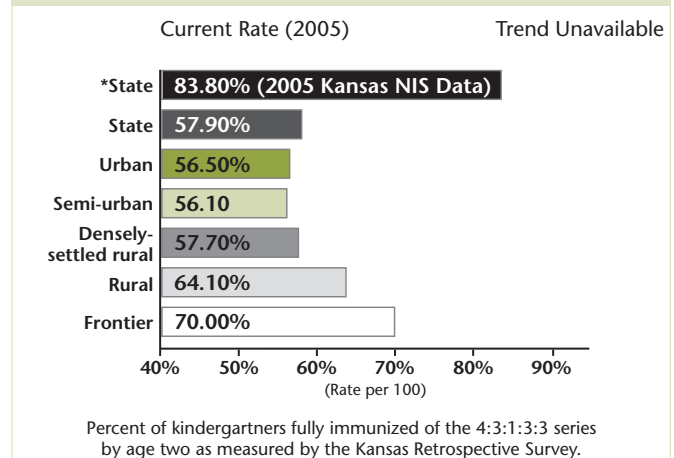
KANSAS ACTION FOR CHILDREN

It is the mission of Kansas Action for Children to advocate for policies and programs that improve and ensure the physical, emotional and educational well-being of all Kansas children and youth. Since 1979, KAC has been an independent and nonpartisan voice on their behalf.

Kansas has experienced substantial improvements in on-time immunizations for two-year-olds. In only three years the state has gone from 43rd in the nation to 12th. Multiple efforts have contributed to this increase, including greater collaboration with WIC clinics in the state to track immunization records, provide referrals to doctors, and have nurses in the clinic administer immunizations. Continuing to reach children through more WIC clinics serving counties with historically low immunization rates is a critical part of the strategy to improve the on-time immunization rates to 90 percent, a goal of Healthy Kansas 2010.

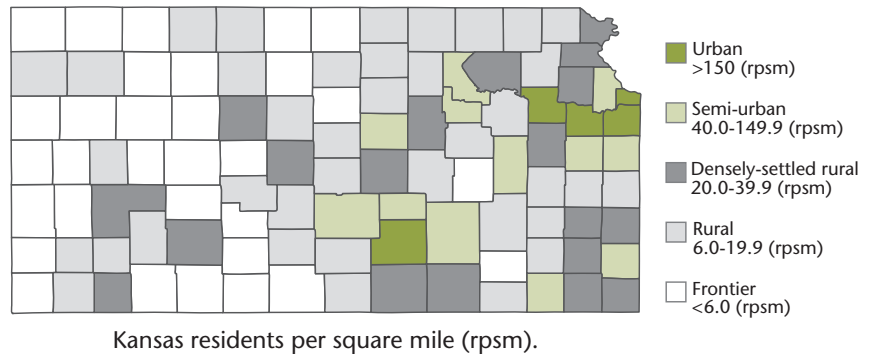
**In addition to data from the 2005 Retrospective Survey, the 2005 National Immunization Survey (NIS) data for Kansas is also displayed. The Retrospective Survey seeks to identify how many kindergartners were immunized with the 4:3:1:3:3 series by the time they turned two years of age, creating a three year lag time for actual immunization rates. The National Immunization Survey is a current sampling of two-year-olds across the state but is not available at the county level. When placed side-by-side, the two data sources provide a clear picture of how much progress Kansas has made over the past three years improving timely immunizations for two-year-olds. For more information, please see the data notes and sources at www.kac.org/kidscount.html.*

Immunizations



PEER GROUPS

New to KIDS COUNT is the inclusion of county peer groups. Kansas counties have been divided into five groups based on population density, allowing counties to compare their data to other counties with similar populations.



DATA NOTES

Complete definitions of the indicators can be found at www.kac.org/kidscount.html. It is important to note that time intervals (current year, trend) and graph scales vary between indicators. Please check each indicator carefully.

Each indicator graph provides the current rate (most recent data available) and trend (average unit change per year) for the county, peer group and the state. Data from previous years may be accessed through CLIKS at www.kac.org.

DEMOGRAPHICS

	Kansas	Urban	Semi-urban	Densely-settled rural	Rural	Frontier
Total Population	2,744,687	1,403,652	539,342	428,754	280,833	92,106
Population Under 18	24.55%	25.61%	23.63%	25.84%	22.89%	22.61%
White	75.18%	70.18%	81.31%	74.23%	89.02%	86.16%
Hispanic	12.19%	12.13%	8.31%	19.88%	7.30%	11.72%
African American	6.75%	10.26%	5.01%	1.97%	0.86%	0.60%
Two or more races	2.96%	3.55%	3.31%	2.09%	1.13%	0.76%
Asian, Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	2.04%	3.05%	1.25%	0.98%	0.30%	0.30%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.88%	0.81%	0.82%	0.88%	1.40%	0.47%
Median Household Income	\$41,664	\$51,258	\$41,129	\$38,018	\$37,179	\$33,600

POVERTY

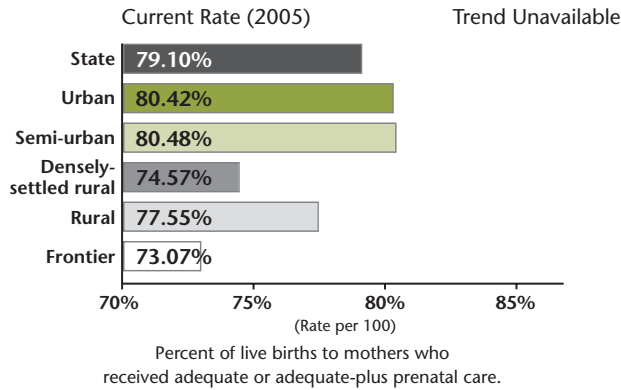
The poverty table is provided for your reference because eligibility for several indicators in KIDS COUNT is determined by a family's poverty level. Please see the Data Notes and Sources for complete definitions of indicators, including eligibility criteria.

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS (FPL)				
Family Size	100%	150%	185%	200%
1	\$10,210	\$15,315	\$18,889	\$20,420
2	\$13,690	\$20,535	\$25,327	\$27,380
3	\$17,170	\$25,755	\$31,765	\$34,340
4	\$20,650	\$30,975	\$38,203	\$41,300
5	\$24,130	\$36,195	\$44,641	\$48,260

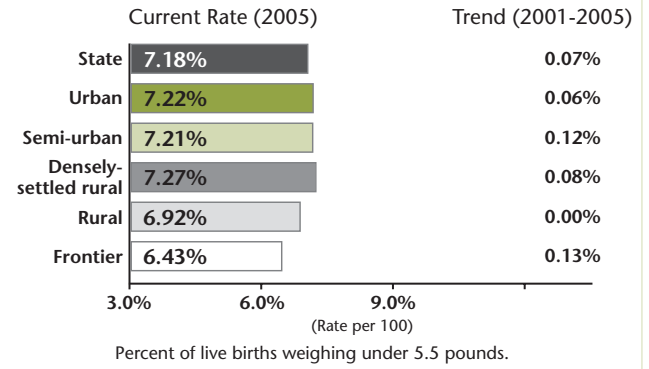
For each additional person, add \$3,480.

HEALTH

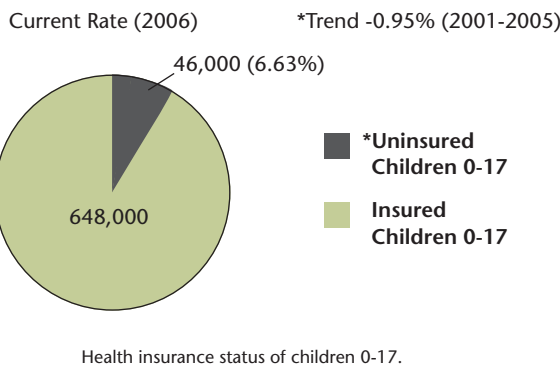
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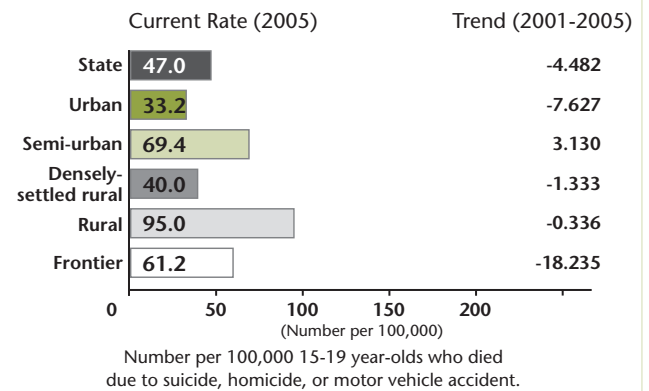
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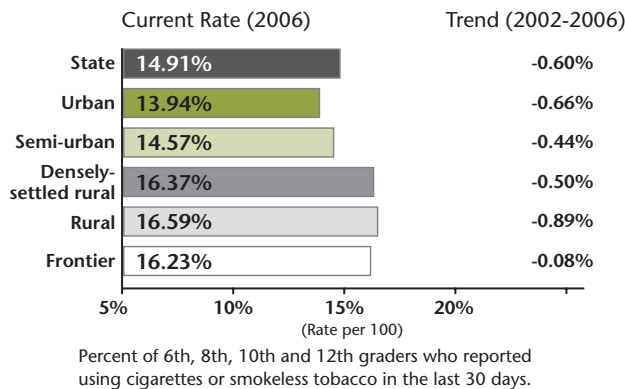
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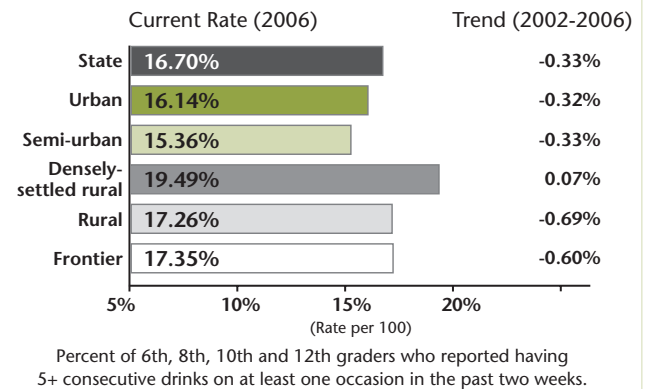
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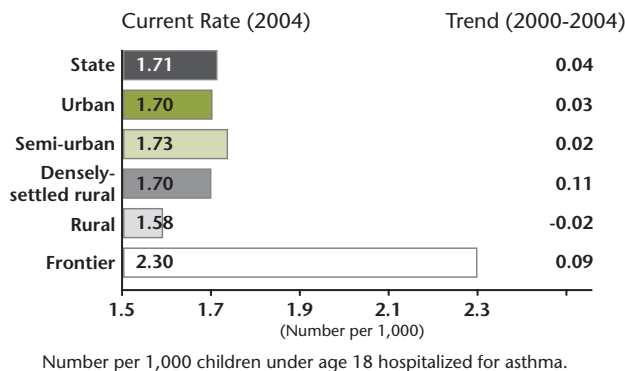
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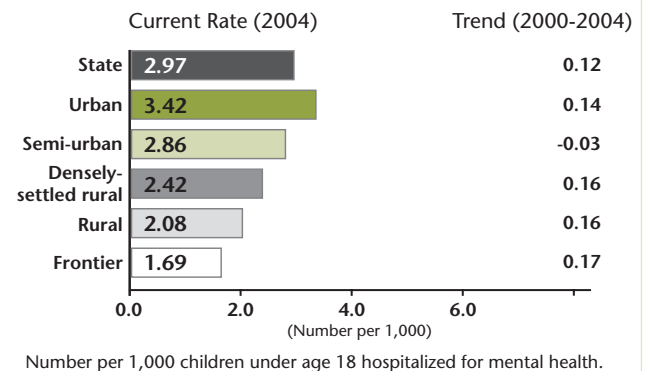
Youth Binge Drinking



Asthma

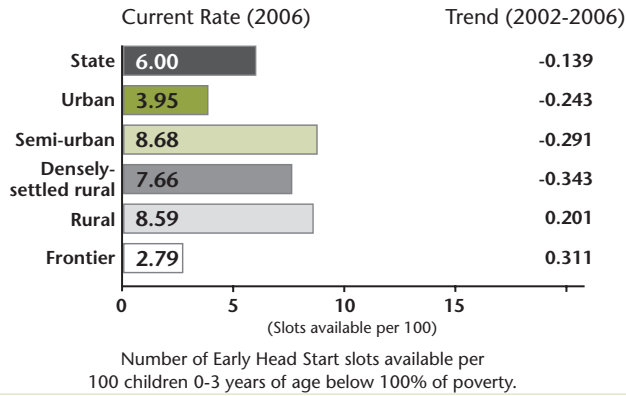


Mental Health

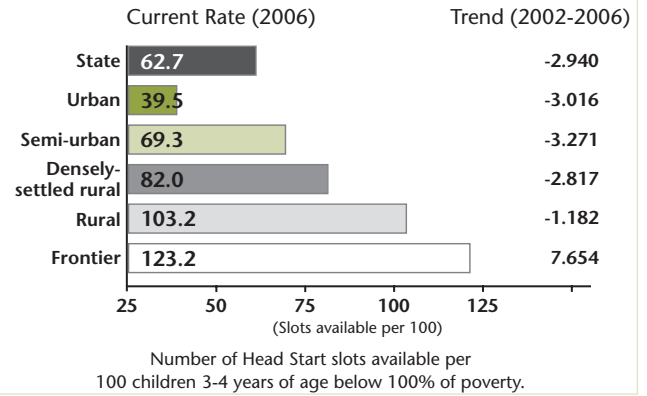


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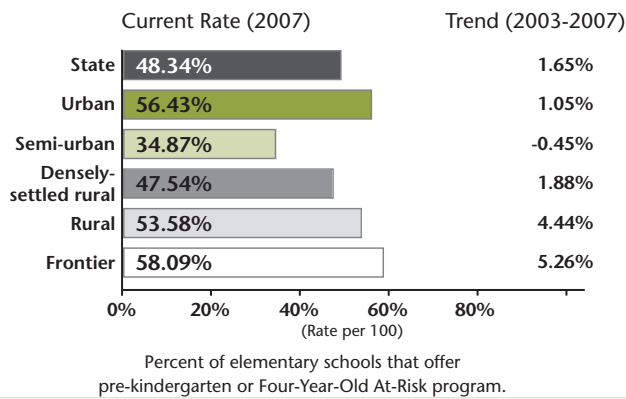
Early Head Start



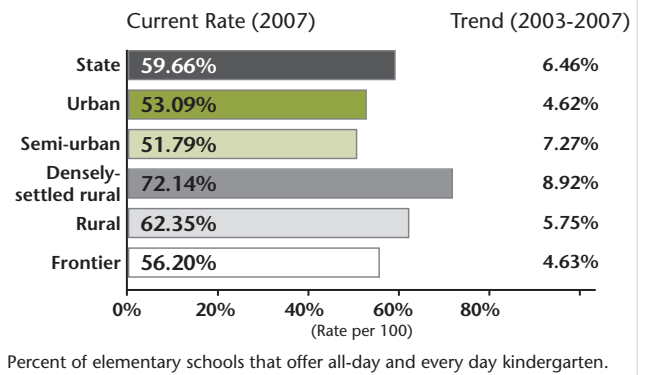
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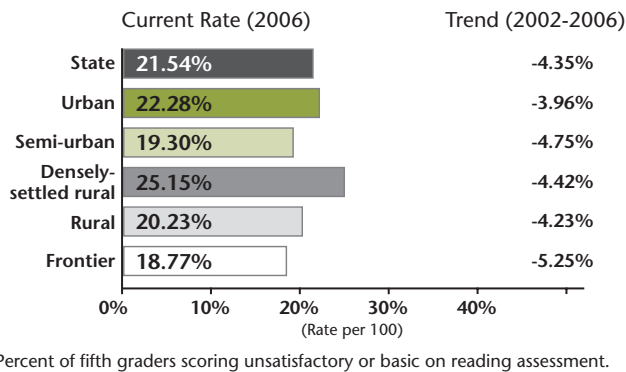
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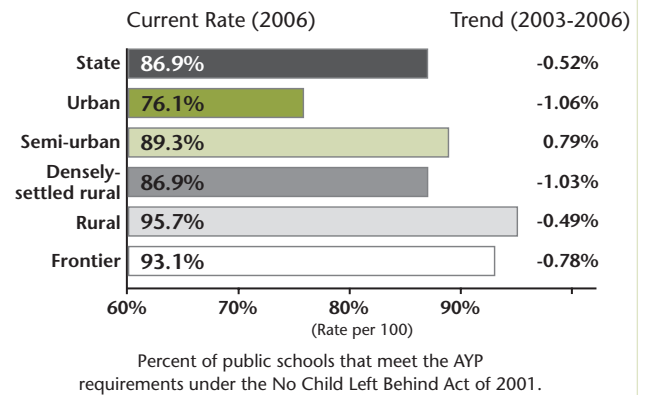
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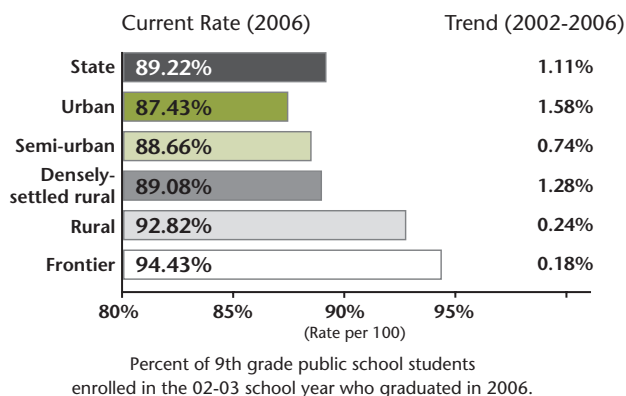
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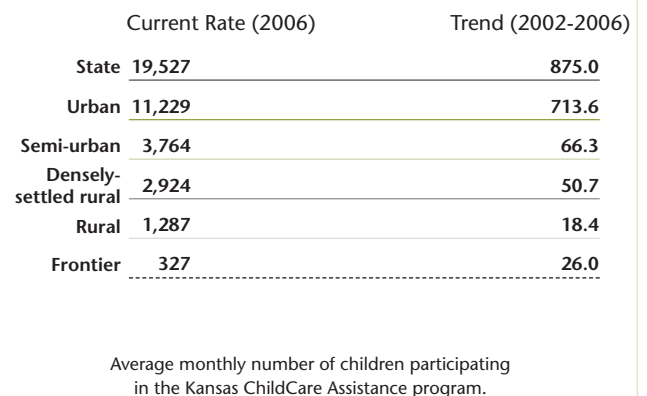
AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)



High School Graduation



Child Care Subsidies

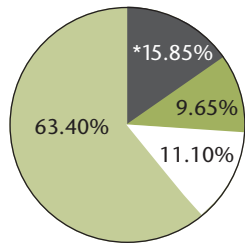


ECONOMIC SECURITY

Poverty (State-Level Only Indicator)

Current Rate (2006)

Trend (2002-2006)



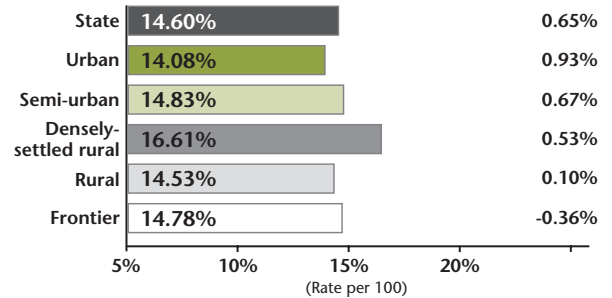
- <100% of poverty
Trend 0.47%
- 100-150% of poverty
Trend 0.13%
- 151-200% of poverty
Trend -0.21%
- >200% of poverty
Trend -0.25%

Poverty status of children under age 18. *The difference between the state poverty rates on the two graphs is due to the data year. To compare county and state rates, use the bar graph. If you are only referencing state poverty data, use the pie graph.

Poverty

Current Rate (2004)

Trend (2000-2004)

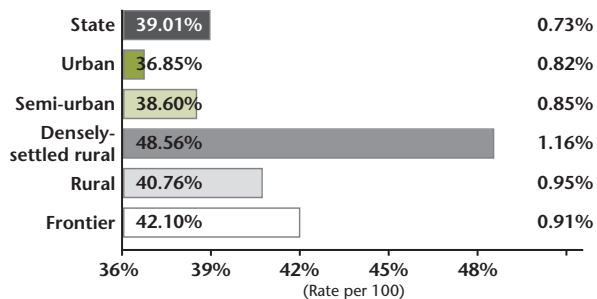


Percent of children under 18 years of age living below 100% of poverty.

Free and Reduced School Lunch

Current Rate (2007)

Trend (2003-2007)

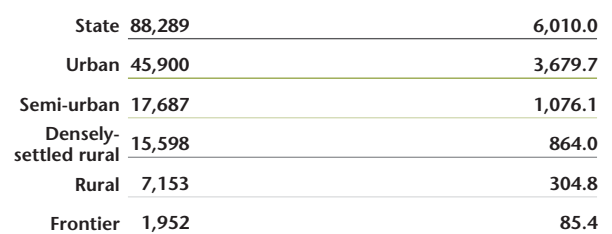


Percent of public school children participating in free and reduced price lunch program.

Food Stamps

Current Rate (2006)

Trend (2002-2006)

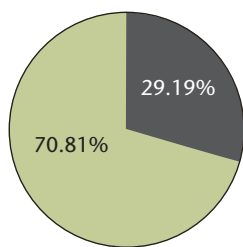


Average monthly number of children living in families that receive food stamps.

Home Ownership (State-Level Only Indicator)

Current Rate (2005)

Trend Unavailable



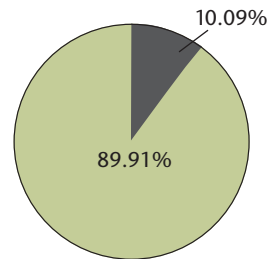
- Households with children under 18 who do not own their home
- Households with children under 18 who own their home

Home ownership status of families with children under age 18.

Parents' Employment (State-Level Only Indicator)

Current Rate (2006)

*Trend 0.44% (2002-2006)



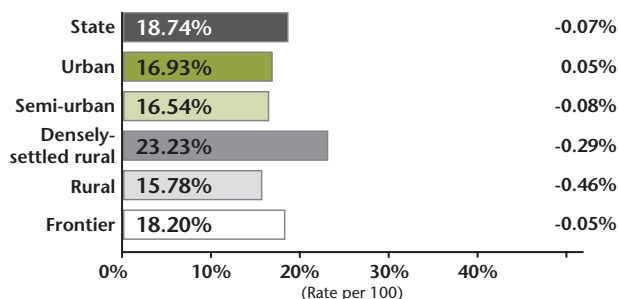
- *Neither parent working 26+ weeks per year
- At least one parent working 26+ weeks per year

Employment status of parents with children under age 18.

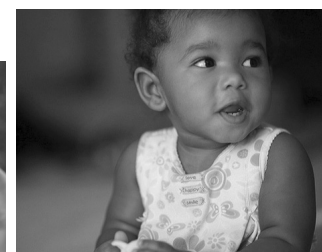
Maternal Education

Current Rate (2005)

Trend (2001-2005)

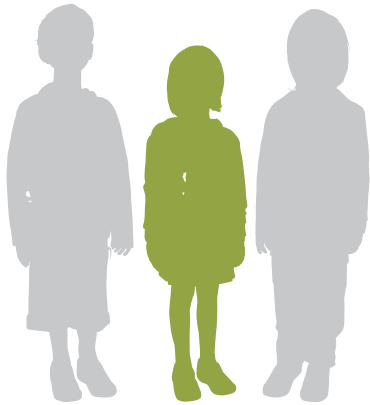


Percent of live births to mothers without a high school diploma.



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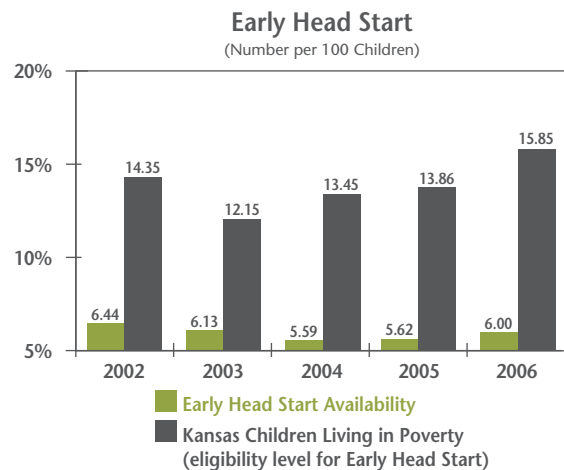
Kansas Children Living In or Near Poverty

The number of Kansas children living in poverty continues to rise despite a strong and growing economy in the state. In 2006, 15.85 percent of Kansas children lived below 100 percent of the poverty line and an additional 20.75 percent of children lived between 100 percent and 200 percent of the poverty line. Combined, more than one out of three children in Kansas is living in a low-income family (less than \$41,300 for a family of four). Economic status affects children's cognitive development, access to healthcare and academic achievement.

Lifting Kansas children and families out of poverty is critical to improving child well-being. Strengthening economic supports for low-income families is essential for combating childhood poverty.

Early Head Start

During the 2007 legislative session policymakers made a commitment to increase the availability and maintain the quality of Early Head Start. This funding for Early Head Start is especially critical because Kansas is seeing an increase in the number of children eligible for the program, those living below 100% of poverty. Statewide, there are only enough spots in Early Head Start programs to serve 6 percent of children that are eligible. Early Head Start helps level the playing field for children and prepares them for school by nurturing their physical, educational and social development. Children who start school behind their peers need extra resources to catch up and by increasing the availability of Early Head Start programs we can ensure that more children will enter kindergarten fully prepared to learn.



CLIKS

Community Level Information on Kids

How CLIKS Can Benefit You

- Strengthen the needs assessment portion of grant proposals
- Assess communities
- Create community/state comparisons
- Promote community awareness

How to Access CLIKS

1. Visit the Kansas Action for Children homepage at www.kac.org
2. Go to Publications & Data
3. Select CLIKS

Use CLIKS in 3 Steps or Fewer

1. Select the data format (profile, line graph, map, ranking, or raw data)
2. Select the geographic area (county or state level)
3. Select the indicator (if necessary)

