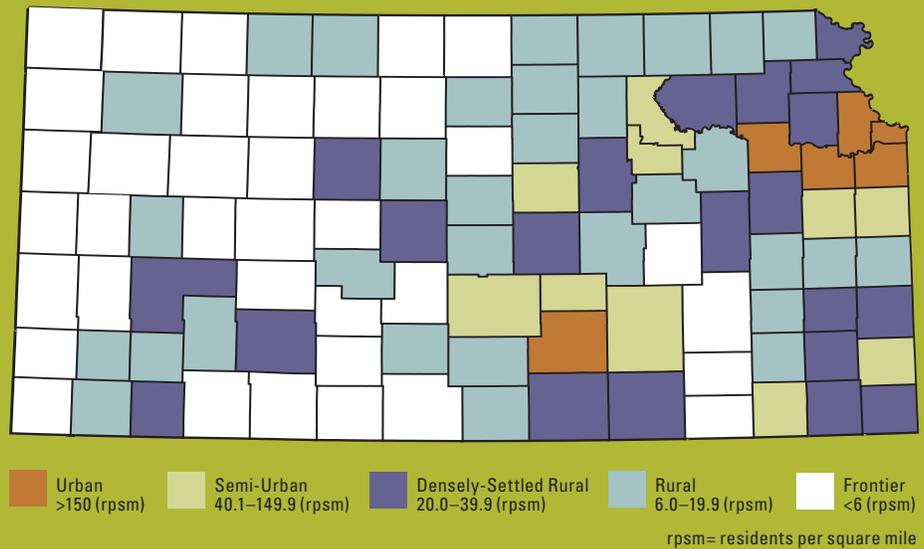




Kansas KIDS COUNT provides an annual snapshot of how Kansas children are doing statewide, and how they compare on a county-by-county basis. For more Kansas data, visit [kac.org/kidscount](http://kac.org/kidscount). To see how Kansas kids compare on a national level, visit [datacenter.kidscount.org](http://datacenter.kidscount.org).

For more than 35 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 live, work and raise a family.

## 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.

## HEALTH INDICATORS

**Immunizations** is the percentage of kindergartners who received all recommended immunizations by age 2 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 2013-14 academic year. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for academic years 2009-10 to 2013-14.

**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 2013. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2009-13.

**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 2013. The trend represents the average annual percentage change for calendar years 2009-13.

**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 2014. The trend represents the average annual change in deaths per 1,000 live births for calendar years 2010-14.

**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 2013. The trend represents the average change in deaths per 100,000 for calendar years 2009-13.

**Youth Tobacco Use** is the percentage of youth in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 who reported using tobacco products (cigarettes or smokeless tobacco) in the 30 days prior to completing the Communities that Care Survey on substance use and other social behaviors. Data are provided by the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center. The current rate represents the average percentage for academic year 2014-15. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for academic years 2010-11 to 2014-15. Due to a change in state policy requiring parental consent to participate in the survey, there are fewer counties with sufficient participation to report. With this change in methodology, no statewide rate was reported.

**Youth Binge Drinking** is the percent of youths in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12 who reported taking five or more consecutive drinks on at least one occasion in the two weeks prior to completing the Communities that Care Survey on substance use and other social behaviors. Data are provided by the Southeast Kansas Education Service Center. The current rate represents the annual percentage for academic years 2014-15. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for academic years 2010-11 to 2014-15. Due to a change in state policy requiring parental consent to participate in the survey, there are fewer counties with sufficient participation to report. With this change in methodology, no statewide rate was reported.

**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 2014. The trend represents the average annual discharges per 1,000 children for federal fiscal years 2010–14.

**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 2014. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for calendar years 2010–14.

**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 2013. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for calendar years 2009–13.

## 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 and 2014 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 2014. The trend represents the average annual change in slots available for federal fiscal years 2010–14.

**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 and 2014 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 2014. The trend represents the average annual change in slots available for federal fiscal years 2010–14.

**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 2014. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for calendar years 2010–14.

**CHIP Enrollment** is the average monthly enrollment of children under age 19 in the Children's 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 2014. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for calendar years 2010–14.

**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 2014–15. The trend rate represents the average annual change for academic years 2010–11 through 2014–15.

**Full-Day Kindergarten** is the percent of public elementary schools that offer full-day kindergarten five days a week. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents academic year 2014–15. The trend rate represents the average annual change for academic years 2010–11 through 2014–15.

**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. Beginning in academic year 2009–10, Kansas began using the Four-Year Adjusted Cohort formula. In previous years Kansas used the No Child Left Behind formula. The current rate represents the percent of high school graduates in 2013–14 that entered high school during the 2010–11 academic year. The trend represents the percent of high school graduates in academic years 2009–10 through 2013–14. KSDE suggests that no comparisons be made between graduation data from 2009 and earlier and graduation data from 2010 and later.

**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 2014. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children served for state fiscal years 2010–14.

## 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 2014. The trend represents the average annual percent change between the years 2010–2014.

**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 2013. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2009–13.

**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 2014–15. The trend represents the average annual change for academic years 2010–11 through 2014–15.

**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 2013. The trend represents the average annual change for 2009–13.

**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 2013. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2009–13.

**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 2014. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for state fiscal years 2010–14.

**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 2014. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for state fiscal years 2010–14.

## DEMOGRAPHICS

**Total Population, Population under age 18 and Racial Compositions** show the number or percent for respective categories as of July 1, 2015. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates, County-Level Age, Sex, Race and Hispanic Origin File 2010–14.

**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 2013. Data are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE).