

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](http://kac.org/kidscount). To see how Kansas kids compare on a national level, visit [datacenter.kidscount.org](http://datacenter.kidscount.org).

The KIDS COUNT partner in Thomas County is:

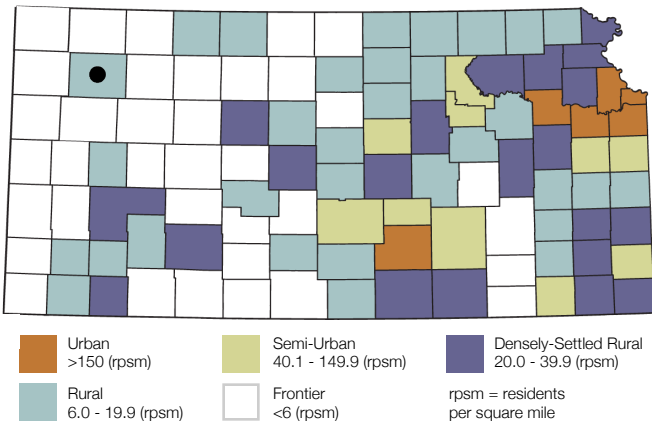
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**COUNTY PEER GROUPS**

Thomas is defined as Rural



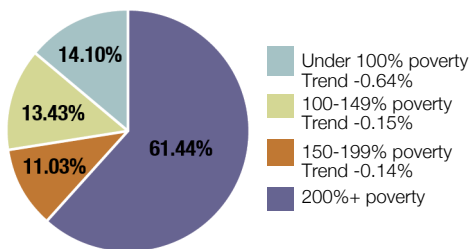
**DEMOGRAPHICS**

	THOMAS	PEERS	KANSAS
Median Household Income	\$50,574	\$50,324	\$53,802
Total Population of County (all ages)	7,892	231,485	2,907,289
Population of County (under 18)	23.15%	23.57%	24.59%
White	86.99%	82.35%	66.76%
Hispanic	8.07%	11.98%	18.22%
African-American	0.68%	1.02%	6.37%
Two or more races	2.68%	2.96%	5.05%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.36%	1.06%	0.76%
Asian, Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	1.22%	0.63%	2.84%

**STATE LEVEL DATA**

**POVERTY**

Poverty status of Kansas children under 18.

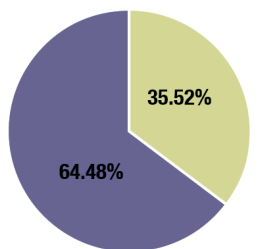


The difference between state-level poverty rates depicted in the pie graph and the county-level rates indicated on the next page is due to the data year. To compare the county's poverty rate with that of its peer counties, use the poverty row in the Economic indicators section on the next page. If only referencing state's poverty rates, use the more recent state-level data available in this pie graph.

Current Rate 2016 | Trend 2012-2016

**HOME OWNERSHIP**

Home ownership among Kansas families with children under 18.

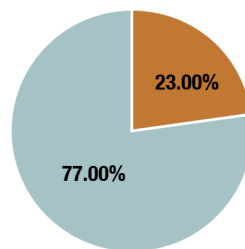


Percent of households with children under 18 who do not own their home  
Percent of households with children under 18 who own their home\*

\*Current Rate 2016 | Trend -0.28%, 2012-2016

**PARENTS' EMPLOYMENT**

Employment status of Kansas parents with children under 18.

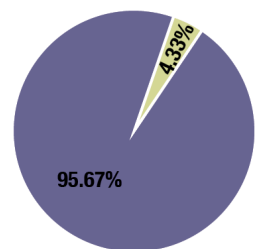


Percent of children with no parent working 35+ hours a week for 50 weeks\*  
Percent of children with at least one parent working 35+ hours a week for 50 weeks

\*Current Rate 2015 | Trend -0.30%, 2011-2015

**UNINSURED CHILDREN**

Health insurance status of Kansas children under 18.



Percent of children without insurance\*  
Percent of insured children

\*Current Rate 2016 | Trend -0.57%, 2012-2016

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**Current Rate**  
Rate per 100, unless otherwise noted,  
for the most recent year of data available

**Trend Rate**  
Average change per year, unless  
otherwise noted, for the most recent five  
years of data available

EDUCATION INDICATORS	THOMAS	PEERS	KANSAS	THOMAS	PEERS	KANSAS
<b>EARLY HEAD START</b> Number of Early Head Start slots available per 100 children (0-3 years of age) below 100% of poverty. Current data from 2016.	34.94	15.11	8.34	7.19	1.38	0.51
<b>HEAD START</b> Number of Head Start slots available per 100 children (3-4 years of age) below 100% of poverty. Current data from 2016.	123.20	57.60	42.20	2.60	0.10	0.20
<b>PRE-KINDERGARTEN</b> Percent of elementary schools that offer Pre-Kindergarten or Four-Year-Old At-Risk programs. Current data from 2016-17 school year.	33.33%	63.64%	52.89%	-6.67%	0.52%	0.48%
<b>ALL-DAY KINDERGARTEN</b> Percent of elementary schools that offer all-day and every day kindergarten. Current data from 2016-17 school year.	100.00%	83.64%	88.68%	3.33%	0.45%	0.63%
<b>READING PROFICIENCY*</b> Percent of 3rd through 8th graders meeting standards, exceeding standards or scoring exemplary on reading assessments. Current data from 2015-16 school year.	70.85%	78.97%	77.75%	-7.83%	-2.40%	-1.87%
<b>HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION</b> Percent of 9th grade public school students enrolled in the 2012-13 school year who graduated in 2016. Current data from 2015-16 school year.	85.26%	90.47%	87.18%	-1.49%	0.58%	0.59%
<b>CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES</b> (Not depicted as rate) Average monthly number of children participating in the Kansas Child Care Assistance program. Current data from 2016.	12	464	11,214	-9	-91	-1,649

\*The trend rate for the Reading Proficiency indicator is based on the most recent two years of data available.

ECONOMIC INDICATORS	THOMAS	PEERS	KANSAS	THOMAS	PEERS	KANSAS
<b>POVERTY</b> Percent of children under 18 living below 100% poverty. Current data from 2015.	12.03%	16.34%	16.90%	-0.30%	-0.37%	-0.51%
<b>FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH</b> Percent of public school children participating in the free and reduced price lunch program. Current data from 2016-17 school year.	43.98%	49.23%	48.44%	-0.51%	-0.29%	-0.29%
<b>MATERNAL EDUCATION</b> Percent of live births to mothers without a high school diploma. Current data from 2015.	8.41%	12.92%	12.70%	-1.27%	-0.62%	-0.73%
<b>SNAP BENEFITS</b> (Not depicted as rate) Average monthly enrollment of children in the Kansas Food Assistance Program. Current data from 2016.	204	7,726	123,081	-7	-160	-3,717
<b>TANF BENEFITS</b> (Not depicted as rate) Average monthly enrollment of children in the Kansas Temporary Assistance for Families Program. Current data from 2016.	6	430	9,384	-3	-137	-2,876

HEALTH INDICATORS	THOMAS	PEERS	KANSAS	THOMAS	PEERS	KANSAS
<b>IMMUNIZATIONS</b> (Not updated from previous year)* Percent of kindergarteners fully immunized of the 4:3:1:3:3 series at 35 months of age. Current data from 2014-15 school year.	91.00%	85.30%	79.00%	16.00%	5.09%	4.00%
<b>PRENATAL CARE</b> Percent of live births to mothers who received adequate or adequate-plus prenatal care. Current data from 2016.	82.05%	82.52%	83.38%	0.42%	0.57%	0.47%
<b>LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES</b> Percent of live births weighing under 5.5 lbs. Current data from 2016.	5.88%	5.90%	6.98%	0.30%	-0.20%	-0.06%
<b>INFANT MORTALITY</b> Number of deaths, under age 1, per 1,000 live births. Current rate from 2016.	16.81	5.06	5.86	4.30	-0.37	-0.14
<b>TEEN VIOLENT DEATHS</b> Number per 100,000 of 15 to 19-year-olds who died due to suicide, homicide or motor vehicle accident. Current data from 2015.	150.60	45.40	29.90	30.12	-2.41	-0.97
<b>UNINSURED CHILDREN</b> Percent of children under 18 with no health insurance coverage. Current data from 2015.	5.20%	6.60%	5.10%	-0.40%	-0.40%	-0.50%
<b>MENTAL HEALTH</b> Number per 1,000 children under 18 hospitalized for mental health. Current data from 2016.	0.00	2.79	5.08	-0.06	0.15	0.57
<b>MEDICAID ENROLLMENT</b> (Not depicted as rate) Average monthly enrollment of children under 19 in Medicaid. Current data from 2016.	475	18,611	255,529	-1	689	8,355
<b>CHIP ENROLLMENT</b> (Not depicted as rate) Average monthly enrollment of children under 19 in the Children's Health Insurance Program. Current data from 2016.	124	3,726	41,252	5	-230	-1,488

\*The trend rate for the Immunizations indicator is based on the most recent three years of data available.