



KIDS COUNT - a joint project of the Annie E. Casey Foundation and Kansas Action for Children - provides statistical data on the education, health and economic well-being of Kansas children and their families. Utilizing KIDS COUNT, policymakers and community leaders are empowered to make data-driven decisions that will improve the lives of Kansas children and ensure the future prosperity of our state.

KIDS COUNT is made possible in Ellis County through our county partner, Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas at the Smoky Hill Foundation.

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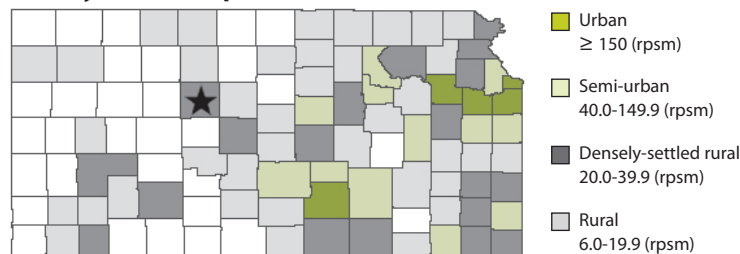
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The Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas at the Smoky Hill Foundation is committed to a vision of change for Northwest Kansas – a vision where all children are healthy and able to reach their full potential. The Regional Prevention Center’s role has evolved to provide the infrastructure to support local community prevention efforts and to assist communities in building the capacity to address health and problem behaviors.



The Regional Prevention Center of NWKS Prevention Philosophy: Just as medical researchers have found risk and protective factors for heart disease and other health issues, research has identified factors that are placing children, families and communities at risk for interrelated problems. This research has also identified approaches that build protection and developmental assets in children.

County Peer Groups



Ellis County is densely-settled rural with 20.0-39.9 residents per square mile. Its peer counties are shaded .

- Urban ≥ 150 (rpsm)
- Semi-urban 40.0-149.9 (rpsm)
- Densely-settled rural 20.0-39.9 (rpsm)
- Rural 6.0-19.9 (rpsm)
- Frontier < 6 (rpsm)

Demographics

	Ellis	Peers	Kansas
Total Population (all ages)	27,801	424,887	2,802,134
Population Under 18	20.15%	25.34%	25.00%
Under Age 18	White	89.33%	72.59%
	Hispanic	5.76%	14.14%
	African-American	1.26%	7.13%
	Two or more races	2.29%	3.26%
	Asian, Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	1.04%	2.21%
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.31%	0.96%
Median Household Income	\$43,354	\$43,561	\$47,341

Online Data Center

Kansas KIDS COUNT data for all 105 counties and the state is available online at www.kac.org/datacenter. In addition to a county profile displaying all child well-being indicators, the Data Center offers custom maps, line graphs and rankings of individual indicators. Or, to view national KIDS COUNT data across states, visit <http://datacenter.kidscount.org>.

Current Rate

Rate per 100, unless otherwise noted, for the most recent year data is available

Trend Rate

Average change per year during the most recent five years data is available

Health Indicators

Immunizations

Percent of kindergartners fully immunized of the 4:3:1:3:3 series by age two measured by the Kansas Retrospective Survey. *Current data from 2007; trend represents most recent 4 years.*

Ellis: 71.0% Peers: 56.8% Kansas: 58.0% Ellis Trend: -5.03% Peers Trend: -4.74% Kansas Trend: -4.07%

Prenatal Care

Percent of live births to mothers who received adequate or adequate-plus prenatal care. *Current data from 2007.*

Ellis: 79.19% Peers: 72.62% Kansas: 77.39% Ellis Trend: -1.24% Peers Trend: -1.06% Kansas Trend: -1.06%

Low Birth Weight Babies

Percent of live births weighing under 5.5 lbs. *Current data from 2007.*

Ellis: 4.68% Peers: 6.63% Kansas: 7.11% Ellis Trend: -0.67% Peers Trend: -0.22% Kansas Trend: -0.07%

Teen Violent Deaths

Number per 100,000 15-19-year-olds who died due to suicide, homicide, or motor vehicle accident. *Current data from 2007; rate per 100,000.*

Ellis: 47.6 Peers: 54.5 Kansas: 47.1 Ellis Trend: 0.715 Peers Trend: -1.489 Kansas Trend: -0.675

Youth Tobacco Use

Percent of 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders who reported using cigarettes or smokeless tobacco in the last 30 days. *Current data from 2008.*

Ellis: 11.39% Peers: 14.70% Kansas: 13.02% Ellis Trend: -2.18% Peers Trend: -0.79% Kansas Trend: -0.76%

Youth Binge Drinking

Percent of 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders who reported having 5+ consecutive drinks on at least one occasion in the past two weeks. *Current data from 2008.*

Ellis: 13.98% Peers: 17.67% Kansas: 15.23% Ellis Trend: -2.49% Peers Trend: -0.55% Kansas Trend: -0.48%

Asthma

Number per 1,000 children under 18 hospitalized for asthma. *Current data from 2007; rate per 1,000.*

Ellis: 1.99 Peers: 2.06 Kansas: 1.86 Ellis Trend: -0.04 Peers Trend: 0.03 Kansas Trend: 0.02

Mental Health

Number per 1,000 children under age 18 hospitalized for mental health. *Current data from 2007; rate per 1,000.*

Ellis: 0.36 Peers: 2.53 Kansas: 2.73 Ellis Trend: -0.04 Peers Trend: 0.09 Kansas Trend: -0.09

Current Rate
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Trend Rate
Average change per year during the most recent five years data is available

Education Indicators

	Ellis	Peers	Kansas	Ellis	Peers	Kansas
Early Head Start Number of Early Head Start slots available per 100 children 0-3 years of age below 100% of poverty. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	39.57	10.62	7.14	0.81	0.47	0.43
Head Start Number of Head Start slots available per 100 children 3-4 years of age below 100% of poverty. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	133.1	72.2	58.5	-15.4	-3.1	-0.6
Pre-Kindergarten Percent of elementary schools that offer pre-kindergarten or Four-Year-Old At-Risk program. <i>Current data from 2009.</i>	85.71%	42.68%	43.97%	5.54%	-0.29%	0.32%
All-Day Kindergarten Percent of elementary schools that offer all-day and every day kindergarten. <i>Current data from 2009.</i>	100.00%	80.49%	78.57%	3.75%	10.03%	10.23%
Reading Proficiency Percent of 5th graders meeting standards, exceeding standards or scoring exemplary on reading assessments. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	93.24%	82.85%	84.24%	2.38%	3.15%	3.02%
AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) Percent of public schools that meet the AYP requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	100.0%	93.4%	90.2%	0.00%	0.85%	-0.85%
High School Graduation Percent of 9th grade public school students enrolled in the 2004-05 school year who graduated in 2008. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	96.54%	89.30%	89.44%	0.33%	0.20%	0.39%
Child Care Subsidies Average monthly number of children participating in the Kansas ChildCare Assistance program. <i>Current data from 2008; not depicted as a rate.</i>	137	2,738	21,211	7.3	-29.8	1,017.0

Economic Indicators

	Ellis	Peers	Kansas	Ellis	Peers	Kansas
Poverty (County Level) Percent of children under 18 years of age living below 100% of poverty. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	10.80%	17.58%	14.67%	-0.13%	0.54%	0.25%
Free and Reduced Lunch Percent of public school children participating in the free and reduced price lunch program. <i>Current data from 2009.</i>	33.79%	51.07%	42.69%	0.50%	0.53%	0.51%
EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit) Percent of federal tax returns claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit. <i>Current data from 2006.</i>	11.35%	16.71%	14.02%	x	x	x
Maternal Education Percent of live births to mothers without a high school diploma. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	9.35%	23.81%	18.15%	-0.39%	-0.17%	-0.01%

x = data unavailable. For more information, please visit the Data Notes and Sources at www.kac.org/kidscount.

