



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 Ford County through our county partner, Ford County Kids Count, Inc.

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Ford County Kids Count, Inc. serves as a catalyst in making positive changes to strengthen the future of our children, families and community.

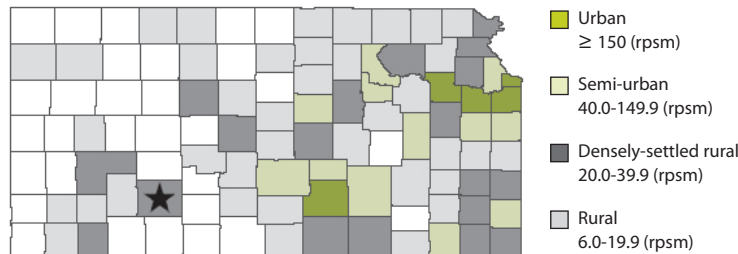
Ford County Kids Count, Inc. and Kansas Action for Children have been collaborating for many years on the Kids Count Data Project. We are proud to continue that partnership with the 2009 Ford County Kids Count Data Project. We hope the information gives members of this community a common direction to move forward to strengthen families and strengthen our community.

The Ford County Kids Count Family Resource and Support Center was founded in 1994 to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the services available to children and families and work to fill the gaps that were found. From day one we have utilized the Kids Count data to help us achieve our goal. Our name was chosen because of that strong link. That is why we are so excited to be a part of the Kansas Kids Count Project.

Over the years we have developed programs that fill an identified need in the community. Those services include teen pregnancy prevention education, parenting education, and child safety education programs.

We hope that the citizens and agencies of Ford County will find the Kids Count data helpful, and that it will help us strengthen families and strengthen our community.

County Peer Groups



Ford County is densely-settled rural with 20.0-39.9 residents per square mile. Its peer counties are shaded [dark grey].

Demographics

	Ford	Peers	Kansas
Total Population (all ages)	33,293	424,887	2,802,134
Population Under 18	31.38%	25.34%	25.00%
Under Age 18			
White	31.30%	71.06%	72.59%
Hispanic	63.78%	22.69%	14.14%
African-American	1.53%	2.18%	7.13%
Two or more races	1.57%	2.53%	3.26%
Asian, Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	1.33%	0.95%	2.21%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.48%	1.03%	0.96%
Median Household Income	\$45,075	\$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			Trend Rate		
	<i>Rate per 100, unless otherwise noted, for the most recent year data is available</i>			<i>Average change per year during the most recent five years data is available</i>		
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Health Indicators

	Ford	Peers	Kansas	Ford	Peers	Kansas
Immunizations Percent of kindergartners fully immunized of the 4:3:1:3:3 series by age two measured by the Kansas Retrospective Survey. <i>Current data from 2007; trend represents most recent 4 years.</i>	68.0%	56.8%	58.0%	-2.94%	-4.74%	-4.07%
Prenatal Care Percent of live births to mothers who received adequate or adequate-plus prenatal care. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	65.22%	72.62%	77.39%	1.30%	-1.06%	-1.06%
Low Birth Weight Babies Percent of live births weighing under 5.5 lbs. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	6.42%	6.63%	7.11%	-0.67%	-0.22%	-0.07%
Teen Violent Deaths Number per 100,000 15-19-year-olds who died due to suicide, homicide, or motor vehicle accident. <i>Current data from 2007; rate per 100,000.</i>	0.0	54.5	47.1	-28.424	-1.489	-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. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	13.04%	14.70%	13.02%	-1.30%	-0.79%	-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. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	22.14%	17.67%	15.23%	-1.15%	-0.55%	-0.48%
Asthma Number per 1,000 children under 18 hospitalized for asthma. <i>Current data from 2007; rate per 1,000.</i>	4.29	2.06	1.86	0.14	0.03	0.02
Mental Health Number per 1,000 children under age 18 hospitalized for mental health. <i>Current data from 2007; rate per 1,000.</i>	0.29	2.53	2.73	-0.08	0.09	-0.09

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Education Indicators

	Ford	Peers	Kansas	Ford	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>	12.35	10.62	7.14	0.19	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>	115.0	72.2	58.5	0.8	-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>	16.67%	42.68%	43.97%	2.42%	-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>	83.33%	80.49%	78.57%	0.30%	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>	74.04%	82.85%	84.24%	2.82%	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>	86.7%	93.4%	90.2%	2.67%	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>	88.81%	89.30%	89.44%	-0.07%	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>	205	2,738	21,211	-10.7	-29.8	1,017.0

Economic Indicators

	Ford	Peers	Kansas	Ford	Peers	Kansas
Poverty (County Level) Percent of children under 18 years of age living below 100% of poverty. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	16.50%	17.58%	14.67%	0.81%	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>	72.27%	51.07%	42.69%	1.36%	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>	19.98%	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>	44.65%	23.81%	18.15%	1.89%	-0.17%	-0.01%

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

