



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 Thomas County through our county partner, the Northwest Council on Substance Abuse, Inc.

The Northwest Kansas Council on Substance Abuse, Inc. has three projects with the goal of increasing the well-being of children and youth in Thomas County. The Regional Prevention Center focuses on reducing substance abuse; Smart Start improves the availability and quality of early childhood care and education; and the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect program raises awareness about child abuse and neglect. Join our efforts to make Thomas County a better place to live and to raise children.

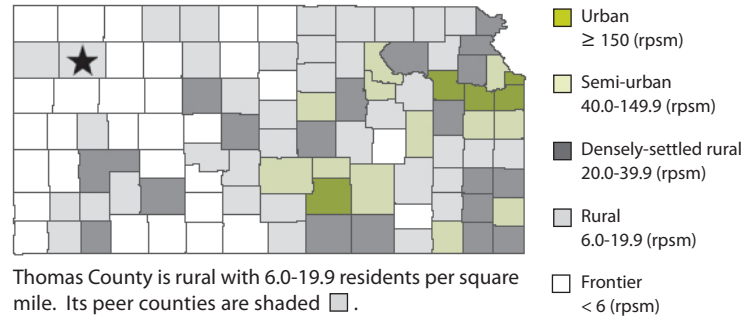


**Regional Prevention Center** | Join the Thomas County Coalition and get involved in helping to reduce underage drinking. For more information about Start Talking Before They Start Drinking, call (785) 460-8177.

**Smart Start** | Call Smart Start at (785) 465-9103 to learn about available early care and education programs and services.

**Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect (PCAN)** | Help the Thomas County Coalition increase awareness about child abuse and neglect. Call (785) 460-8177 for information.

### County Peer Groups



### Demographics

	Thomas	Peers	Kansas
Total Population (all ages)	7,277	271,777	2,802,134
Population Under 18	23.40%	22.16%	25.00%
<b>Under Age 18</b>			
White	91.50%	85.97%	72.59%
Hispanic	4.69%	8.80%	14.14%
African-American	0.81%	1.05%	7.13%
Two or more races	2.05%	2.07%	3.26%
Asian, Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	0.39%	0.27%	2.21%
American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.56%	1.67%	0.96%
Median Household Income	\$43,373	\$41,393	\$47,341

### Online Data Center

Kansas KIDS COUNT data for all 105 counties and the state is available online at [www.kac.org/datacenter](http://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

	Thomas	Peers	Kansas	Thomas	Peers	Kansas
<b>Immunizations</b> 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>	59.0%	65.3%	58.0%	-7.17%	-2.61%	-4.07%
<b>Prenatal Care</b> Percent of live births to mothers who received adequate or adequate-plus prenatal care. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	77.00%	76.25%	77.39%	-1.67%	-0.82%	-1.06%
<b>Low Birth Weight Babies</b> Percent of live births weighing under 5.5 lbs. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	2.94%	7.37%	7.11%	-0.25%	0.12%	-0.07%
<b>Teen Violent Deaths</b> 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	70.8	47.1	12.579	3.180	-0.675
<b>Youth Tobacco Use</b> 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>	13.87%	16.10%	13.02%	0.49%	-0.43%	-0.76%
<b>Youth Binge Drinking</b> 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>	7.29%	16.20%	15.23%	-1.06%	-0.66%	-0.48%
<b>Asthma</b> Number per 1,000 children under 18 hospitalized for asthma. <i>Current data from 2007; rate per 1,000.</i>	2.33	1.62	1.86	0.32	0.00	0.02
<b>Mental Health</b> Number per 1,000 children under age 18 hospitalized for mental health. <i>Current data from 2007; rate per 1,000.</i>	1.17	2.13	2.73	-0.14	-0.03	-0.09

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Education Indicators	Current Rate			Trend Rate		
	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. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	0.00	7.88	7.14	0.00	0.12	0.43
<b>Head Start</b> Number of Head Start slots available per 100 children 3-4 years of age below 100% of poverty. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	171.8	88.2	58.5	7.3	-0.2	-0.6
<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b> Percent of elementary schools that offer pre-kindergarten or Four-Year-Old At-Risk program. <i>Current data from 2009.</i>	66.67%	50.74%	43.97%	-10.00%	0.01%	0.32%
<b>All-Day Kindergarten</b> Percent of elementary schools that offer all-day and every day kindergarten. <i>Current data from 2009.</i>	66.67%	75.00%	78.57%	6.67%	7.46%	10.23%
<b>Reading Proficiency</b> Percent of 5th graders meeting standards, exceeding standards or scoring exemplary on reading assessments. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	83.56%	86.99%	84.24%	2.63%	4.05%	3.02%
<b>AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress)</b> 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%	96.8%	90.2%	0.00%	-0.80%	-0.85%
<b>High School Graduation</b> Percent of 9th grade public school students enrolled in the 2004-05 school year who graduated in 2008. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	94.69%	93.32%	89.44%	0.36%	0.37%	0.39%
<b>Child Care Subsidies</b> Average monthly number of children participating in the Kansas ChildCare Assistance program. <i>Current data from 2008; not depicted as a rate.</i>	32	1,141	21,211	-4.2	-56.4	1,017.0

Economic Indicators	Current Rate			Trend Rate		
	Thomas	Peers	Kansas	Thomas	Peers	Kansas
<b>Poverty (County Level)</b> Percent of children under 18 years of age living below 100% of poverty. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	11.90%	15.47%	14.67%	0.06%	0.41%	0.25%
<b>Free and Reduced Lunch</b> Percent of public school children participating in the free and reduced price lunch program. <i>Current data from 2009.</i>	40.45%	43.72%	42.69%	0.15%	0.62%	0.51%
<b>EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)</b> Percent of federal tax returns claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit. <i>Current data from 2006.</i>	12.85%	14.02%	14.02%	x	x	x
<b>Maternal Education</b> Percent of live births to mothers without a high school diploma. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	10.78%	17.61%	18.15%	0.73%	0.06%	-0.01%

x = data unavailable. For more information, please visit the Data Notes and Sources at [www.kac.org/kidscount](http://www.kac.org/kidscount).

