



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 Count Kids Count, Inc.

### Ford County Kids Count, Inc.

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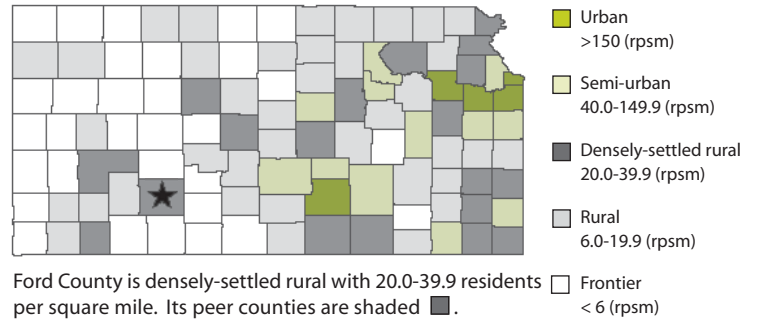
Ford County Kids Count, Inc. and Kansas Action for Children have been collaborating for many years with the Report Card and Kids Count Data Projects. We are proud to continue that partnership with the 2008 Ford County Kids Count Data Project. We hope the information gives members of this community a 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 to 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



### Demographics

	Ford	Peers	Kansas	
Total Population (all ages)	33,783	427,010	2,764,075	
Population Under 18	31.83%	25.81%	25.17%	
Under Age 18	White	73.13%	74.29%	
	Hispanic	59.20%	20.70%	12.68%
	African-American	1.70%	2.01%	6.88%
	Two or more races	1.12%	2.35%	3.02%
	Asian, Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander	1.61%	1.06%	2.14%
	American Indian or Alaskan Native	0.48%	1.01%	0.95%
	Median Household Income	\$36,943	\$39,290	\$42,861

### CLIKS (Community-Level Information on Kids)

CLIKS is a free online tool that allows you to create line graphs, maps and rankings using county-level KIDS COUNT data. To get started, visit [www.kac.org](http://www.kac.org) and click on **Know the Facts** on the left-hand side.

#### 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

	Ford	Peers	Kansas	Ford	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 2006.</i>	42.1%	48.4%	51.1%	x	x	x
<b>Prenatal Care</b> Percent of live births to mothers who received adequate or adequate-plus prenatal care. <i>Current data from 2006.</i>	61.90%	73.77%	78.43%	1.09%	-0.63%	-0.60%
<b>Low Birth Weight Babies</b> Percent of live births weighing under 5.5 lbs. <i>Current data from 2006.</i>	6.91%	7.20%	7.19%	-0.17%	0.00%	0.02%
<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 2006; rate per 100,000.</i>	76.9	41.9	40.5	-4.647	-5.897	-3.065
<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 2007.</i>	13.18%	15.23%	13.52%	-0.68%	-0.72%	-0.67%
<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 2007.</i>	20.48%	17.38%	15.60%	-1.15%	-0.44%	-0.41%
<b>Asthma</b> Number per 1,000 children under 18 hospitalized for asthma. <i>Current data from 2006; rate per 1,000.</i>	1.30	1.32	1.66	-0.16	-0.07	-0.05
<b>Mental Health</b> Number of 1,000 children under age 18 hospitalized for mental health. <i>Current data from 2006; rate per 1,000.</i>	0.74	2.55	2.88	-0.02	0.15	-0.01

# 2008 KIDS COUNT Data | Ford County

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>		

Education Indicators	Ford	Peers	Kansas	Ford	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 2007.</i>	11.09	7.59	6.33	-0.32	-0.24	0.04
<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 2007.</i>	103.7	71.9	56.6	-5.93	-3.99	-2.15
<b>Pre-Kindergarten</b> Percent of elementary schools that offer pre-kindergarten or Four-Year-Old At-Risk program. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	27.27%	45.45%	48.96%	5.45%	0.46%	1.57%
<b>All-Day Kindergarten</b> Percent of elementary schools that offer all-day and every day kindergarten. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	81.82%	78.79%	75.58%	1.82%	11.24%	9.63%
<b>Reading Proficiency</b> Percent of 5th graders meeting standards, exceeding standards or scoring exemplary on reading assessments. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	62.97%	79.91%	82.32%	0.05%	3.68%	3.62%
<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 2007.</i>	80.0%	93.7%	88.9%	0.00%	0.29%	-0.46%
<b>High School Graduation</b> Percent of 9th grade public school students enrolled in the 2003-04 school year who graduated in 2007. <i>Current data from 2007.</i>	92.23%	88.29%	89.01%	0.82%	0.73%	0.73%
<b>Child Care Subsidies</b> Average monthly number of children participating in the Kansas ChildCare Assistance program. <i>Current data from 2007; not depicted as a rate.</i>	242	2,915	21,025	-4.7	12.9	1,085.2

Economic Success Indicators	Ford	Peers	Kansas	Ford	Peers	Kansas
<b>Poverty (County Level)</b> Percent of children under 18 years of age living below 100% of poverty. <i>Current data from 2005.</i>	17.80%	17.73%	15.20%	0.63%	0.77%	0.75%
<b>Free and Reduced Lunch</b> Percent of public school children participating in the free and reduced price lunch program. <i>Current data from 2008.</i>	67.70%	47.74%	39.84%	1.22%	0.53%	0.51%
<b>EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)</b> Percent of federal tax returns claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit. <i>Current data from 2005.</i>	20.85%	17.15%	14.17%	x	x	x
<b>Maternal Education</b> Percent of live births to mothers without a high school diploma. <i>Current data from 2006.</i>	51.77%	25.43%	18.64%	2.44%	-0.01%	0.03%

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

### Poverty

State level data only

Poverty status of children under 18.

Current Rate (2007) | Trend (2003-2007)

*The difference between the state-level poverty rates depicted in the pie graph and the county-level poverty rates indicated above is due to the data year. To compare the county's poverty rate with that of its peer counties and the state, use the Poverty (County-Level) row in the Economic Success Indicators section above. If you are only referencing state poverty rates, use the more recent state-level data available in the pie graph.*

### Home Ownership

State level data only

Home ownership status of families with children under 18.

Current Rate (2006) | Trend Unavailable

### Parents' Employment

State level data only

Employment status of parents with children under 18.

Current Rate (2006) | Trend -0.10% (2002-2006)

### Uninsured Children

State level data only

Health insurance status of children under 19.

Current Rate (2007) | Trend -0.41% (2003-2007)



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