

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.

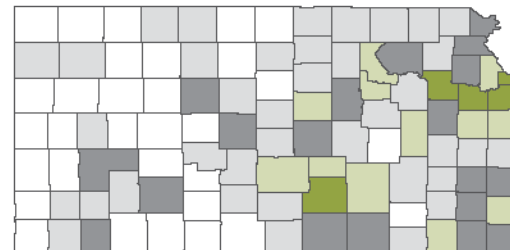


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Kansas Action for Children (KAC) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to shaping health, education and economic policy that improves the lives of Kansas children and their families. For nearly 30 years, KAC has worked to provide the next generation of Kansans with the opportunities they need to reach their fullest potential:

- **A healthy start.** Children who are healthy when they start school have a greater capacity to learn, to focus their attention and to interact with their peers. Allowing all Kansas children access to quality health care and on-time immunizations will lead to fewer chronic illnesses, fewer school absences and a healthier community for all of us.
- **A quality early learning environment.** The ability to form relationships, as well as life-long learning skills, depends on appropriate brain stimulation during the critical first five years of a child's life. Providing all Kansas children with access to early childhood education programs and safe learning environments will prepare them for success in school and in life.
- **An opportunity for economic success.** Kansas families must have the opportunity to meet their children's most basic needs. Ensuring this opportunity for all Kansas children requires that essential supports for families are a priority in the state budget process and that state finances are managed in a fiscally-sound manner.

## County Peer Groups



Kansas counties have been divided into five peer groups based on the number of residents per square mile (rpsm), allowing counties to compare their data to counties with similar population density.

- 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)

## KS Demographics

2,764,075	Total Population (all ages)
25.17%	Population Under 18
74.29%	White (<18)
12.68%	Hispanic (<18)
6.88%	African-American (<18)
3.02%	Two or more races (<18)
2.14%	Asian, Native Hawaiian & other Pacific Islander (<18)
0.95%	American Indian or Alaskan Native (<18)
\$42,861	Median Household Income

## CLIKS

CLIKS (Community-Level Information on Kids) 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.

Health Indicators	Current Rate						Trend Rate*
	Kansas	Urban	Semi-urban	Densely-settled rural	Rural	Frontier	
<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 unavailable.</i>	51.1%	49.5%	52.3%	48.4%	60.3%	61.3%	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>	78.43%	80.22%	78.61%	73.77%	77.21%	70.92%	-0.60%
<b>Low Birth Weight Babies</b> Percent of live births weighing under 5.5 lbs. <i>Current data from 2006.</i>	7.19%	7.29%	7.11%	7.20%	6.91%	6.61%	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>	40.5	42.8	26.2	41.9	44.1	80.9	-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>	13.52%	12.25%	13.01%	15.23%	16.57%	15.55%	-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>	15.60%	14.98%	13.87%	17.38%	17.36%	18.34%	-0.41%
<b>Asthma</b> Number per 1,000 children under 18 hospitalized for asthma. <i>Current data from 2005; rate per 1,000.</i>	1.66	1.87	1.40	1.32	1.36	2.11	-0.05
<b>Mental Health</b> Number per 1,000 children under age 18 hospitalized for mental health. <i>Current data from 2005; rate per 1,000.</i>	2.88	3.30	2.46	2.55	2.54	0.96	-0.01

*Rate per 100, unless otherwise noted, for the most recent year data is available. Peer group designations are indicated on the map above.*

**Current Rate**  
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Peer group designations are located on the reverse side.

**Trend Rate\***

Education Indicators	Kansas	Urban	Semi-urban	Densely-settled rural	Rural	Frontier	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>	6.33	4.50	9.80	7.59	7.51	4.44	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>	56.6	42.5	69.1	71.9	79.1	61.4	-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>	48.96%	56.00%	34.19%	45.45%	51.43%	56.36%	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>	75.58%	78.33%	71.61%	78.79%	72.14%	70.91%	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>	82.32%	81.11%	86.43%	79.91%	83.95%	83.80%	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>	88.9%	77.6%	94.1%	93.7%	94.2%	96.7%	-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>	89.01%	88.04%	88.88%	88.29%	92.74%	92.95%	0.73%
<b>Child Care</b> Average monthly number of children participating in the Kansas ChildCare Assistance program. <i>Current data from 2007; not depicted as a rate.</i>	21,025	12,697	3,902	2,915	1,220	289	1,085
Economic Success Indicators	Kansas	Urban	Semi-urban	Densely-settled rural	Rural	Frontier	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>	15.20%	14.02%	15.61%	17.73%	16.04%	17.11%	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>	39.84%	37.21%	38.63%	47.74%	41.31%	42.75%	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>	14.17%	12.78%	15.66%	17.15%	14.51%	13.43%	x
<b>Maternal Education</b> Percent of live births to mothers without a high school diploma. <i>Current data from 2006.</i>	18.64%	18.32%	14.71%	25.43%	16.88%	20.24%	0.03%

\* = Trend rate represents the average unit change per year for the most recent five years data are available.  
x = Data unavailable. For more information, please visit the Data Notes and Sources at [www.kac.org/kidscount](http://www.kac.org/kidscount).

