

2024 Kansas KIDS COUNT County Fact Sheets | Data Notes and Sources

Percentage of Kids Under the Poverty Line

The percentage of children under 18 years of age who live in families with incomes below 100% of the U.S. poverty threshold as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Data are collected by Kansas Action for Children from the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE). Current data is from 2023.

Demographics

Median household income is the household income at which 50% of households exceed and the other 50% fall below. Data are collected by Kansas Action for Children from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Table B19013. Current data is from 2023.

Total population, population under age 18, and racial compositions show the number or percent for respective categories. Data are collected by Kansas Action for Children from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, B01001 Series. Current data is from 2023.

Poverty (Families)

Poverty is the percentage of all families below 100%, between 100–149% and 150–199%, and above 200% of the U.S. poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Data are collected by Kansas Action for Children from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Table B17026. Current data is from 2023.

Uninsured Children

Uninsured children is the percentage of children under age 19 without health insurance. Data are collected by Kansas Action for Children from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Table B27001. Current data is from 2023.

Food Insecurity

Food insecurity is the percentage of children under age 18 living in food insecure households. "Food

insecure" is defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a lack of access, at times, to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members and limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate foods. Data are collected by Kansas Action for Children from Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap. Current data is from 2022.

Parents' Employment

Parents' Employment is the percentage of all children under age 18 living in families where at least one parent worked in the past 12 months. Data are collected by Kansas Action for Children from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimates, Table S2302. Current data is from 2023.

Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-Kindergarten is the percentage of schools that offer pre-kindergarten or 4-year-old At-Risk programs. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas State Department of Education. Current data represents academic year 2023 - 2024.

Reading Proficiency

Reading Proficiency is the percentage of 3rd through 8th graders that met their basic grade level (level 2) standard or above in the English Language Arts (ELA) state assessment. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas State Department of Education. Current data represents academic year 2023 - 2024.

High School Graduation

High school graduation is the percentage of students graduating from high school within four years. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents the percent of high school graduates in 2022 - 2023 that entered high school during the 2018 - 2019 academic year.

Free and Reduced-Price Lunch

Free and Reduced-Price Lunch is the percentage of public school students who are enrolled in the Free and Reduced-Price Lunch Program at the beginning of the academic year. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents academic year 2023 - 2024.

Food Assistance (SNAP) Enrollment

SNAP enrollment is the average monthly number of children enrolled in the Kansas Food Assistance Program. The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly enrollment numbers calculated at the end of a state fiscal year. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas Department for Children and Families. The current number represents the average monthly enrollment in FY 2023.

Poverty (Children)

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Medicaid Enrollment

Medicaid enrollment is the average monthly number of children under age 19 enrolled in Medicaid. The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly enrollment numbers calculated at the end of a calendar year. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The current number represents the average monthly enrollment for calendar year 2023.

CHIP Enrollment

CHIP enrollment is the average monthly number of children under age 19 in enrolled the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly enrollment numbers calculated at the end of a calendar year. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The current number represents the average monthly enrollment for calendar year 2023.

Prenatal Care Access

Prenatal care access is the percentage of live births to mothers who received adequate or better prenatal care as defined by the Adequate or Adequate- Plus Prenatal Care Utilization (APNCU) index. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current rate represents the average percentage for calendar years 2021-2023.

Child Care Assistance

Child care assistance is the average monthly number of children enrolled in the Kansas Child Care Assistance Program. The average monthly number is the mean of the 12 monthly enrollment numbers calculated at the end of a state fiscal year. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas Department for Children and Families. The current number represents the average monthly enrollment number for FY 2023.

Child Care Center and Family Child Care

Licensed child care facilities is the numbers of a) child care centers and b) day care homes with state licenses or temporary permits. Data are provided to Kansas Action for Children by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Current data is from 2023.

Note on Data Trends

Trends are determined based on the magnitude of change from the previous year of data collected. An upward trend indicates a change greater than +0.005%, while a downward trend indicates a decline of more than -0.005%. Anything within that range is assigned no change.