

2022 KIDS COUNT® Data Notes and Sources

DEMOGRAPHICS

Median household income is the household income at which 50% of households exceed and the other 50% fall below. The number represents the dollar amount for calendar year 2021. Data are based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE). Trend represents 2019-2021.

Total population, population under age 18, and racial compositions shows the number or rate for respective categories as of July 1, 2021. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, Population and Housing Unit Estimates, 2021 Vintage, Annual County Resident Population Estimates by Age, Sex, Race, and Hispanic origin.

STATE-LEVEL DATA

Poverty

Poverty (American Community Survey State Level) is a one-year estimate of the percentage of children under age 18 living in families below 100%, between 100–149%, 150–199% and above 200% of the U.S. poverty threshold, as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget. Data are from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1-year estimates. The current rate represents calendar year 2021. The trend represents the average annual percent change between the years 2019-2021.

Food Insecurity

Food Insecurity refers to the USDA's measure of 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. Food-insecure households are not necessarily food insecure all the time. Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between

important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods. Data are provided by Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap. The current number represents calendar year 2021. The trend represents calendar years 2019-2021.

Parents' Employment

Parents' Employment is the percent of all children under age 18 living in families where no parent has regular, full-time employment, which is defined as working 35+ hours a week for 50 weeks in the previous 12 months. Data are from the Census Bureau's American Community Survey. The current rate represents the percent for calendar year 2021. The trend represents the average annual change for 2019-2021.

Uninsured Children

Uninsured Children (State Level) is the percent of children under age 19 without health insurance. Data are provided by the American Community Survey, 1-year Estimates of the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the annual percentage for calendar year 2021. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for calendar years 2019-2021.

ECONOMIC

Poverty

Poverty (County Level) is the estimated 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 based on the U.S. Census Bureau's Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE). Current rate represents the percentage for calendar year 2021. Trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2019-2021.

Free and Reduced-Price Lunch

Free and Reduced-Price Lunch is the percentage of public school students who are approved for the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program at the beginning of the academic year. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents academic year 2021–2022. Trend represents the average annual change for academic years 2019–2020 through 2021–2022.

Maternal Education

Maternal Education is the percentage of live births to mothers who have not received a high school degree, as indicated on the birth certificate. Data are provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current year represents the percent for calendar year 2021. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2019–2021.

SNAP Benefits

SNAP Benefits is the average monthly enrollment of children 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 by Kansas Department for Children and Families. The current number represents the average monthly enrollment number for state fiscal year 2021. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for state fiscal years 2019–2021.

TANF Benefits

TANF Benefits is the average monthly enrollment of children in the Temporary Assistance for Families 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 by the Kansas Department for Children and Families. The current number represents the average monthly enrollment number for state fiscal year 2021. Trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for state fiscal years 2019–2021.

EDUCATION

Early Head Start

Early Head Start is the number of Early Head Start slots available per 100 children from birth through 3 years of age living in families with incomes below the U.S. poverty threshold. Data prior to 2013 are provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Region VII Office. Data since 2013 are provided by the Kansas Head Start Association. Data for children living below poverty are based on the poverty estimates and population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the number of slots available for federal fiscal year 2021. The trend represents the average annual change in slots available for federal fiscal years 2019–2021.

Head Start

Head Start is the number of Head Start enrollment slots available per 100 children 3–4 years of age living in families with income below the U.S. poverty threshold. Data prior to 2013 are provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Region VII Office. Data since 2013 are provided by the Kansas Head Start Association. Data for children living below poverty are based on the poverty estimates and population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the number of slots available for federal fiscal year 2021. The trend represents the average annual change in slots available for federal fiscal years 2019–2021.

Pre-Kindergarten

Pre-Kindergarten and 4-year-old At Risk Programs is the percent of public elementary schools that offer pre-kindergarten or 4-year-old At-Risk program five days a week. Public non-elementary buildings with such programs are also included in the numerator and the denominator. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current number represents academic year 2021–2022. The trend rate represents the average annual change for academic years 2019–2020 through 2021–2022.

All-Day Kindergarten

All-Day Kindergarten is the percent of public elementary schools (with or without kindergarten program) that offer full-day kindergarten five days a week, as opposed to half-day or every other day format. Public non- elementary buildings with a kindergarten program are also included in the calculation. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents academic year 2021-2022. The trend rate represents the average annual change for academic years 2019-2020 through 2021-2022.

Reading Proficiency

Reading Proficiency is the percentage of 3rd through 8th graders that met their basic grade level (level 1) standard or above in the English Language Arts (ELA) assessment. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. Kansas introduced a new assessment after 2013, meaning comparisons of data prior to and after this year are not applicable. The current rate represents academic year 2021-2022. The trend represents academic years 2019-2020 through 2021-2022.

High School Graduation

High School Graduation is the percentage of students graduating from high school within four years. Data are provided by the Kansas State Department of Education. The current rate represents the percent of high school graduates in 2021-2022 that entered high school during the 2017-2018 academic year.

HEALTH

Prenatal Care

Prenatal Care is the percentage of live births to mothers who received Adequate or Adequate-Plus Prenatal Care Utilization (APNCU) index. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current rate represents the annual percentage for calendar year 2021. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2019-2021.

Low Birth Weight Babies

Low Birth Weight Babies is the percentage of live births that are low birth weight (under 2,500 grams, or 5.5 pounds). Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current rate represents the annual percentage for calendar year 2021. The trend represents the average annual percent change for calendar years 2019-2021.

Infant Mortality

Infant Mortality is the number of deaths of infants (under 12 months) per 1,000 live births. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. The current rate represents the number of deaths per 1,000 live births for calendar year 2021. The trend represents the average annual change in deaths per 1,000 live births for calendar years 2019-2021.

Immunizations

Immunizations is the percentage of kindergartners who received all recommended immunizations by 35 months of age of the 4:3:1:3:3:1:4 series (DTP, Poliovirus, MMR, Hepatitis B, Haemophilus Influenzae B, Varicella, and Pneumococcal Vaccines). Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on a retrospective survey of immunization certificates conducted each fall at the time of enrollment in kindergarten. The current rate is for kids entering kindergarten at the beginning of the 2018-19 academic year.

Breastfeeding

Breastfeeding shows the percentage of infants that were exclusively breastfed through 6 months. Data are from the National Immunization Survey (NIS) two-year average numbers reported by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The current rate represents the CDC Breastfeeding Report Card 2020, using results from the 2018 and 2019 National Immunization Survey for the 2017 births cohort. The trend represents the average annual percent change over the latest five report years 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018 and 2020.

Teen Violent Deaths

Teen Violent Deaths is the number of deaths (from homicide, suicide, and motor vehicle accidents) of teens 15–19 years of age per 100,000 teens of the same age range. Data are from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and are based on Vital Statistics. Population estimates are from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the number of deaths per 100,000 for calendar year 2021. The trend represents the average change in deaths per 100,000 for calendar years 2019–2021.

Uninsured Children

Uninsured Children (County Level) is the percentage of children under age 19 without health insurance. Data are provided by the Small Area Health Insurance Estimate (SAHIE) of the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the annual percentage for calendar year 2021. The trend rate represents the average annual percentage change for calendar years 2019–2021.

Mental Health

Mental Health is the number of child hospital discharges of mental health diagnoses per 1,000 children under age 18. Mental health diagnoses range from Diagnosis-Related Groups (DRG) 880–887, which also cover all the medical DRGs in the Major Diagnostic Categories 19 – Mental Diseases and Disorders. Data are provided by the Kansas Hospital Association and Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Population estimates are from the U.S. Census Bureau. The current rate represents the number of discharges per 1,000 children for federal fiscal year 2021. The trend represents the average annual discharges per 1,000 children for federal fiscal years 2019–2021.

Medicaid Enrollment

Medicaid Enrollment is the average monthly enrollment of children under age 19 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 by Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The current number represents the average

monthly enrollment number for calendar year 2021. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in Medicaid for calendar years 2019–2021.

CHIP Enrollment

CHIP Enrollment is the average monthly enrollment of children under age 19 in 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 by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The current number represents the average monthly enrollment number for calendar year 2019–2021. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children enrolled in CHIP for calendar years 2019–2021.

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT

Child Care Assistance

Child Care Assistance is the average monthly enrollment of children 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 by the Kansas Department for Children and Families. The current number represents the average monthly enrollment number for state fiscal year 2021. The trend represents the average monthly change in the number of children served for state fiscal years 2019–2021.

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 by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The current year represents the number for state fiscal year 2021.