

2026 KIDS COUNT® DATA PROFILE

# KANSAS

OVERALL SCORE <b>636</b> WORSE	OVERALL RANK <b>14</b>
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<b>ECONOMIC WELL-BEING</b>	SCORE	849 BETTER	RANK	5
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	UNITED STATES			KANSAS		
<b>Children in poverty</b> US 11,117,000   KS 87,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	15% 2019	13% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Children whose parents lack secure employment</b> US 18,420,000   KS 127,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	21% 2019	19% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Children living in households with a high housing cost burden</b> US 22,385,000   KS 140,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	22% 2019	20% 2024	↓ BETTER
<b>Teens not in school and not working</b> US 1,218,000   KS 9,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	5% 2019	5% 2024	STABLE

<b>EDUCATION</b>	SCORE	416 WORSE	RANK	23
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	UNITED STATES			KANSAS		
<b>Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school</b> US 4,277,000   KS 40,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	52% 2015-19	55% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
<b>Fourth graders not proficient in reading</b> US N.A.   KS N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	66% 2019	72% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>Eighth graders not proficient in math</b> US N.A.   KS N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	67% 2019	74% 2024	↑ WORSE
<b>High school students not graduating on time</b> US N.A.   KS N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	13% 2018-19	11% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

**Note:** Rankings show how states compare. Scores range from 0 (worst) to 1,000 (best) and reflect child well-being relative to a 2019 baseline; changes over time indicate progress or decline. Scores are not percentages or a finish line; higher scores indicate better outcomes.

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			KANSAS		SCORE	RANK
						588 WORSE	25
<b>Low birth-weight babies</b> US 308,966   KS 2,654	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	7.6% 2019	7.8% 2024	↑ WORSE	
<b>Children without health insurance</b> US 4,648,000   KS 51,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	
<b>Child and teen deaths per 100,000</b> US 21,189   KS 236	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	28 2019	32 2024	↑ WORSE	
<b>Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese</b> US N.A.   KS N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	28% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↑ WORSE	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			KANSAS		SCORE	RANK
						690 BETTER	22
<b>Children in single-parent families</b> US 23,472,000   KS 183,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	30% 2019	28% 2024	↓ BETTER	
<b>Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma</b> US 7,868,000   KS 66,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	10% 2019	10% 2024	STABLE	
<b>Children living in high-poverty areas</b> US 5,419,000   KS 31,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	5% 2015-19	4% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	
<b>Teen births per 1,000</b> US 137,273   KS 1,515	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	19 2019	15 2024	↓ BETTER	

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