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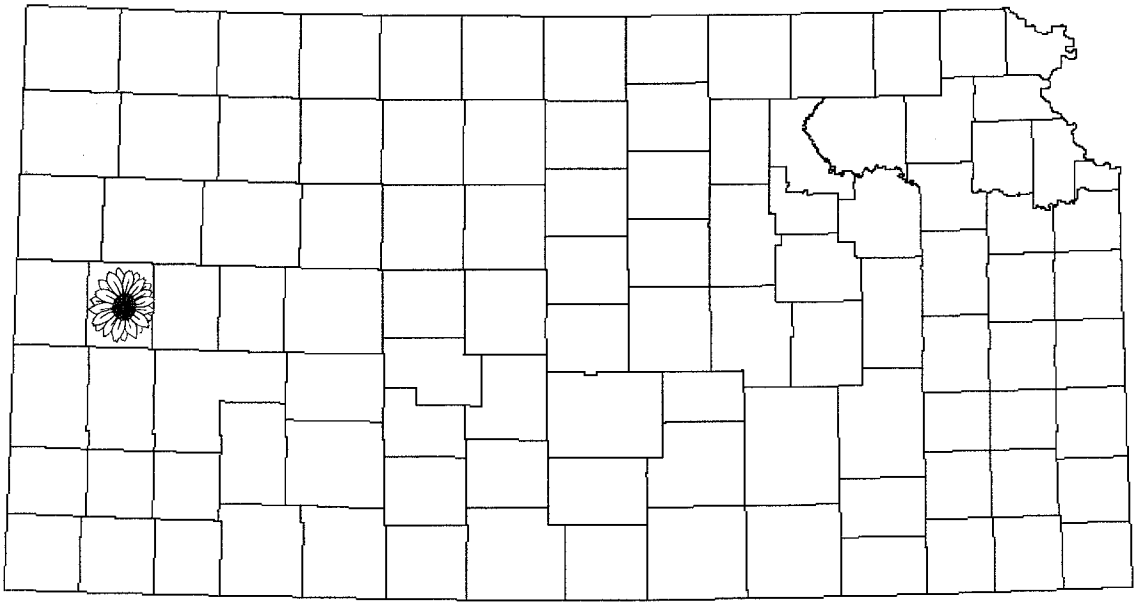

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FOREWORD

This second edition of the *Kansas County Health Profile* presents demographic, economic, education, crime, health resources, maternal child health, death and disease information for your county in tables, graphs, and maps. A large portion of the information is also summarized for your county's population density peer group, Kansas, and the U.S.

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GETTING STARTED

The *Kansas County Health Profile* has been designed with community-level users in mind. In particular, we hope it will be a valuable source of information to those communities conducting community health assessments.

Read these quick-start tips before you begin using this edition of your *County Profile*.

❶ **In addition to information for your county, many tables also display the information on three other levels: population density peer groups, state, and national.** (See page iv for more information on population density peer groups.) Use these summary groupings to understand how your county compares to its peers as well as the state and national averages.

❷ **Notice the "Data Sources" and "User Notes" on each table.** These provide important information; however, there is not room on each table to provide complete explanations of the data. Refer to the ***Kansas County Health Profile User's Guide*** for other essential facts.

❸ **Use the *Kansas County Health Profile User's Guide*** hand-in-hand with your *County Profile* as you use the tables. The *User's Guide* can give you valuable information including original data sources and complete definitions of the indicators. It is essential that you understand the limitations of the indicators before using them to make decisions.

❹ **Many data indicators are ranked** from "1", signifying the largest number, percentage, or ratio to "105", signifying the smallest number, percentage, or ratio. Often, several counties tie and are assigned the same rank. Make sure you understand how the data is ranked before you use the ranks to make inferences about your county.

❺ **Data from the *1999 Kansas County Health Profile* are *not* necessarily comparable with the data from the *1994 County Profiles*.** Some data definitions and groupings have changed. See "Comparability Notes" in the *User's Guide* for complete information.

❻ **Only graphs and maps of selected indicators have been included.** Do not ignore other data contained in tables. Your community may also wish to graph other indicators which you deem important as you conduct your health assessment and implement your intervention(s).

❼ **Understand how to use the maps.** Indicators for almost all maps are grouped into quintiles, i.e., one-fifth of the counties are included in each group. While the quintile groups allow users to visualize differences in counties, the groups do NOT necessarily represent significant and meaningful differences in county indicator values. See the *User's Guide* for a more detailed discussion on using the maps effectively.

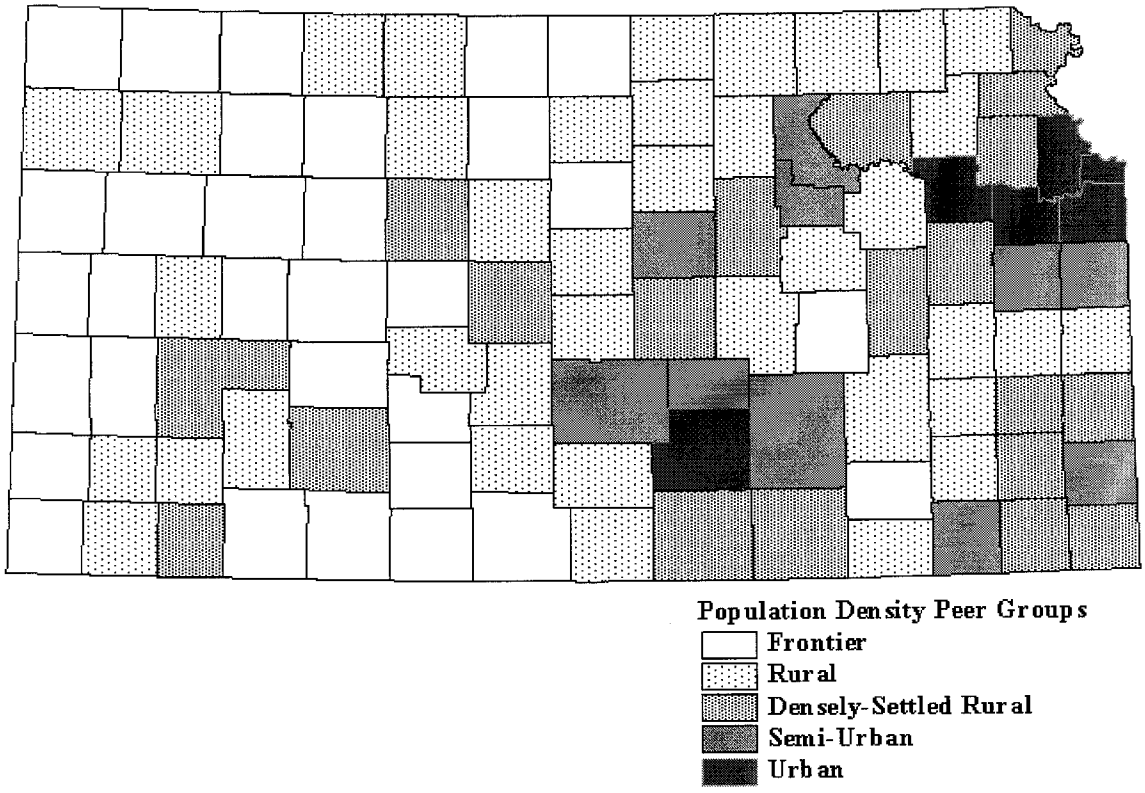
❽ **If you have questions regarding the interpretation and use of *County Profile* data that are not sufficiently answered by the *User's Guide*, contact the Office of Local and Rural Health at (785) 296-1200.**

Population Density Peer Groups

For comparison purposes, most tables contain data summarized by population density peer groups.

Population Density	Population Density Peer Group
Less than 6.0 persons per sq. mi.	Frontier
6.0 - 19.9 persons per sq. mi.	Rural
20.0 - 39.9 persons per sq. mi.	Densely-Settled Rural
40.0 - 149.9 persons per sq. mi.	Semi-Urban
150.0 or more persons per sq. mi.	Urban

The above map shows population density peer groupings of Kansas counties.



Listing of Counties by Population Density Peer Group

Frontier
Barber
Chase
Cheyenne
Clark
Comanche
Decatur
Edwards
Elk
Gove
Graham
Greeley
Hamilton
Hodgeman
Jewell
Kearny
Kiowa
Lane
Lincoln
Logan
Meade
Morton
Ness
Osborne
Rawlins
Rush
Sheridan
Smith
Stanton
Trego
Wallace
Wichita

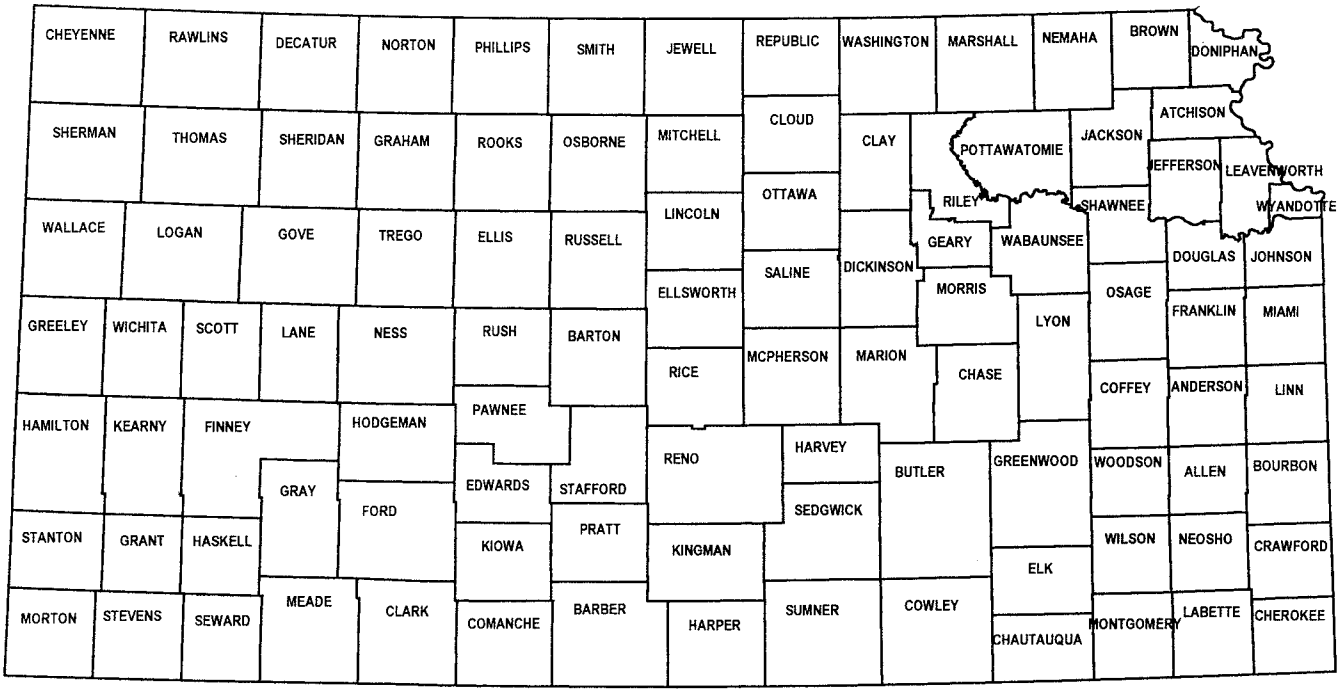
Rural
Anderson
Brown
Chautauqua
Clay
Cloud
Coffey
Ellsworth
Grant
Gray
Greenwood
Harper
Haskell
Jackson
Kingman
Linn
Marion
Marshall
Mitchell
Morris
Nemaha
Norton
Ottawa
Pawnee
Phillips
Pratt
Republic
Rice
Rooks
Russell
Scott
Sherman
Stafford
Stevens
Thomas
Wabaunsee
Washington
Wilson
Woodson

Densely-Settled Rural
Allen
Atchison
Barton
Bourbon
Cherokee
Cowley
Dickinson
Doniphan
Ellis
Finney
Ford
Jefferson
Labette
Lyon
McPherson
Neosho
Osage
Pottawatomie
Seward
Sumner

Semi-Urban
Butler
Crawford
Franklin
Geary
Harvey
Miami
Montgomery
Reno
Riley
Saline

Urban
Douglas
Johnson
Leavenworth
Sedgwick
Shawnee
Wyandotte

County Map and Listing of Most Populated Cities



ALLEN	Iola	FINNEY	Garden City	LOGAN	Oakley	ROOKS	Plainville
ANDERSON	Garnett	FORD	Dodge City	LYON	Emporia	RUSH	La Crosse
ATCHISON	Atchison	FRANKLIN	Ottawa	MARION	Hillsboro	RUSSELL	Russell
BARBER	Medicine Lodge	GEARY	Junction City	MARSHALL	Marysville	SALINE	Salina
BARTON	Great Bend	GOVE	Quinter	MCPHERSON	McPherson	SCOTT	Scott City
BOURBON	Fort Scott	GRAHAM	Hill City	MEADE	Meade	SEDGWICK	Wichita
BROWN	Hiawatha	GRANT	Ulysses	MIAMI	Paola	SEWARD	Liberal
BUTLER	El Dorado	GRAY	Cimarron	MITCHELL	Beloit	SHAWNEE	Topeka
CHASE	Cottonwood Falls	GREELEY	Tribune	MONTGOMERY	Coffeyville	SHERIDAN	Hoxie
CHAUTAUQUA	Sedan	GREENWOOD	Eureka	MORRIS	Council Grove	SHERMAN	Goodland
CHEROKEE	Baxter Springs	HAMILTON	Syracuse	MORTON	Elkhart	SMITH	Smith Center
CHEYENNE	St. Francis	HARPER	Anthony	NEMAHA	Sabetha	STAFFORD	St. John
CLARK	Ashland	HARVEY	Newton	NEOSHO	Chanute	STANTON	Johnson City
CLAY	Clay Center	HASKELL	Sublette	NESS	Ness City	STEVENS	Hugoton
CLOUD	Concordia	HODGEMAN	Jetmore	NORTON	Norton	SUMNER	Wellington
COFFEY	Burlington	JACKSON	Holton	OSAGE	Osage City	THOMAS	Colby
COMANCHE	Coldwater	JEFFERSON	Valley Falls	OSBORNE	Osborne	TREGO	WaKeeney
COWLEY	Arkansas City	JEWELL	Mankato	OTTAWA	Minneapolis	WABAUNSEE	Alma
CRAWFORD	Pittsburg	JOHNSON	Overland Park	PAWNEE	Larned	WALLACE	Sharon Springs
DECATUR	Oberlin	KEARNY	Lakin	PHILLIPS	Phillipsburg	WASHINGTON	Washington
DICKINSON	Abilene	KINGMAN	Kingman	POTTAWATOMIE	Wamego	WICHITA	Leoti
DONIPHAN	Wathena	KIOWA	Greensburg	PRATT	Pratt	WILSON	Neodesha
DOUGLAS	Lawrence	LABETTE	Parsons	RAWLINS	Atwood	WOODSON	Yates Center
EDWARDS	Kinsley	LANE	Dighton	RENO	Hutchinson	WYANDOTTE	Kansas City
ELK	Howard	LEAVENWORTH	Leavenworth	REPUBLIC	Belleville		
ELLIS	Hays	LINCOLN	Lincoln Center	RICE	Lyons		
ELLSWORTH	Ellsworth	LINN	Pleasanton	RILEY	Manhattan		

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