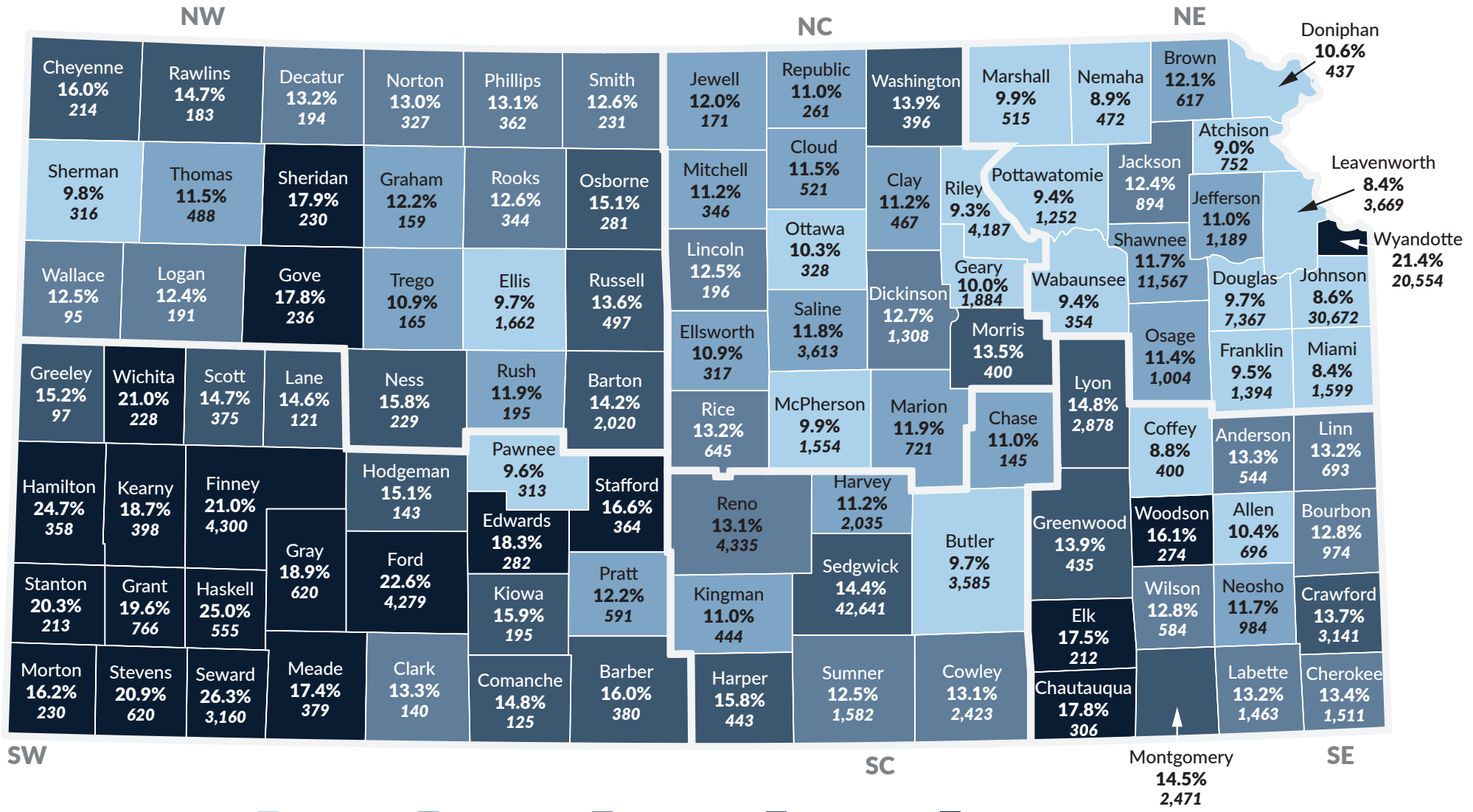


UNINSURED RATE FOR ADULTS HIGHER IN SOUTHWEST REGION

Figure 1. Kansas Adults Age 19-64: Uninsured Rate and Number by County and by Region, 2018



County
Percent Uninsured
Number Uninsured

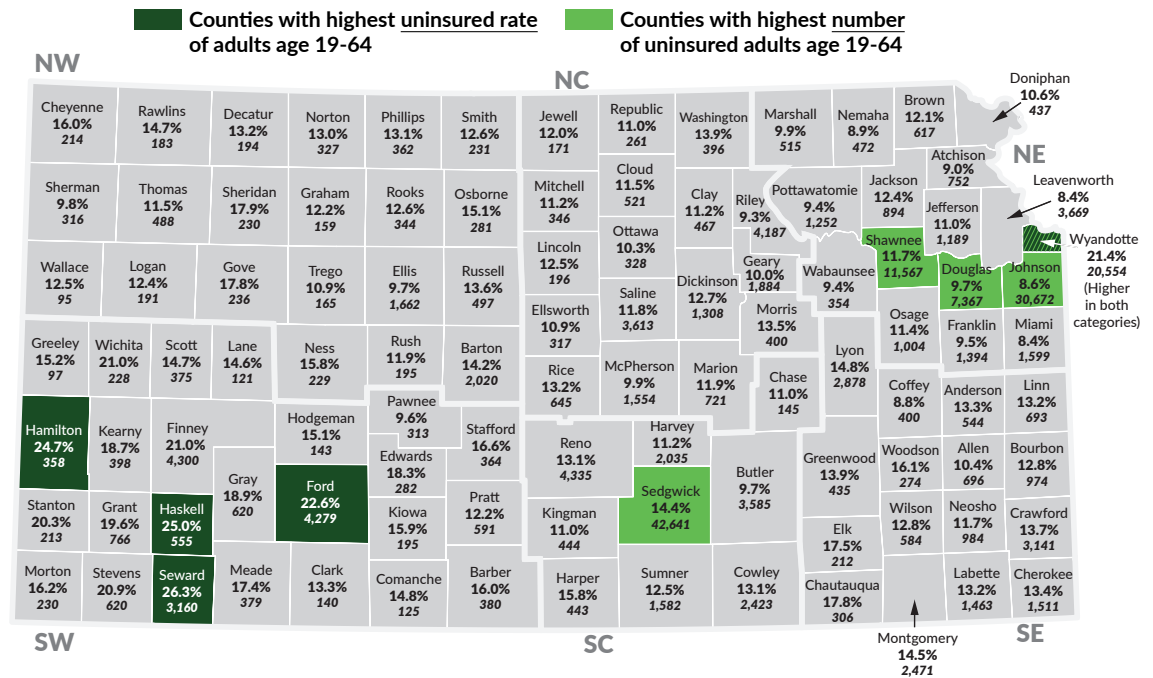
	8.4%-10.6%	10.7%-12.2%	12.3%-13.4%	13.5%-16.0%	16.1%-26.3%		
KDHE Region	NC	NE	NW	SC	SE	SW	Kansas
Uninsured Rate	10.8%	10.9%	12.5%	13.6%	13.5%	20.2%	12.4%
Number Uninsured	17,315	84,308	8,619	57,633	17,566	19,232	204,673

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This fact sheet is one of a series examining health insurance coverage among Kansas counties using the most recent county-level health insurance estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau. Additional analyses of health insurance coverage for adults and kids are available on KHI's website, <https://bit.ly/3mgRc8q>.

In 2018, the uninsured rate among Kansas adults age 19-64 was 12.4 percent (204,673 uninsured adults).

However, as in prior years, health insurance coverage varied widely among Kansas counties, with the highest uninsured rates for adults in counties in Southwest Kansas.



KEY POINTS

- ✓ As in prior years, in 2018 the counties with the highest uninsured rates for adults age 19-64 tended to be in Southwest Kansas.
- ✓ There was more than a three-fold difference between the Kansas county with the highest and lowest uninsured rate among nonelderly adults in 2018: 26.3 percent in Seward County (Southwest Kansas) and 8.4 percent in Leavenworth County (Northeast Kansas).
- ✓ More than half (55.1 percent) of uninsured adults lived in the five most populous counties: Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte.
- ✓ The uninsured rate for Wyandotte County for nonelderly adults was 2.5 times higher than its neighboring Johnson and Leavenworth counties (21.4 percent, 8.6 percent and 8.4 percent, respectively).

Note: Uninsured Kansas adults age 19-64 (not in institutions) = 204,673. The uninsured rate for adults age 19-64 was calculated by taking the number of uninsured adults age 19-64 and dividing by the total number of adults age 19-64. Regions are designated using the Kansas Department of Health and Environment District Office Boundaries map. County-level data in Excel format are available at bit.ly/SAHIE2020.

Source: KHI analysis of data from the U.S. Census Bureau 2018 Small Area Health Insurance Estimates.

About the Data

The Small Area Health Insurance Estimates (SAHIE) from the U.S. Census Bureau is the only data source for single-year, county-specific estimates of health insurance coverage (<http://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/sahie/about.html>). The SAHIE program was created to develop model-based estimates of health insurance coverage for counties and states. SAHIE estimates for health insurance coverage at the state level could differ slightly from those derived from other data sources because of differences in methodology. SAHIE uses information from the American Community Survey (ACS), demographic population estimates, aggregated federal tax returns, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), County Business Patterns, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

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