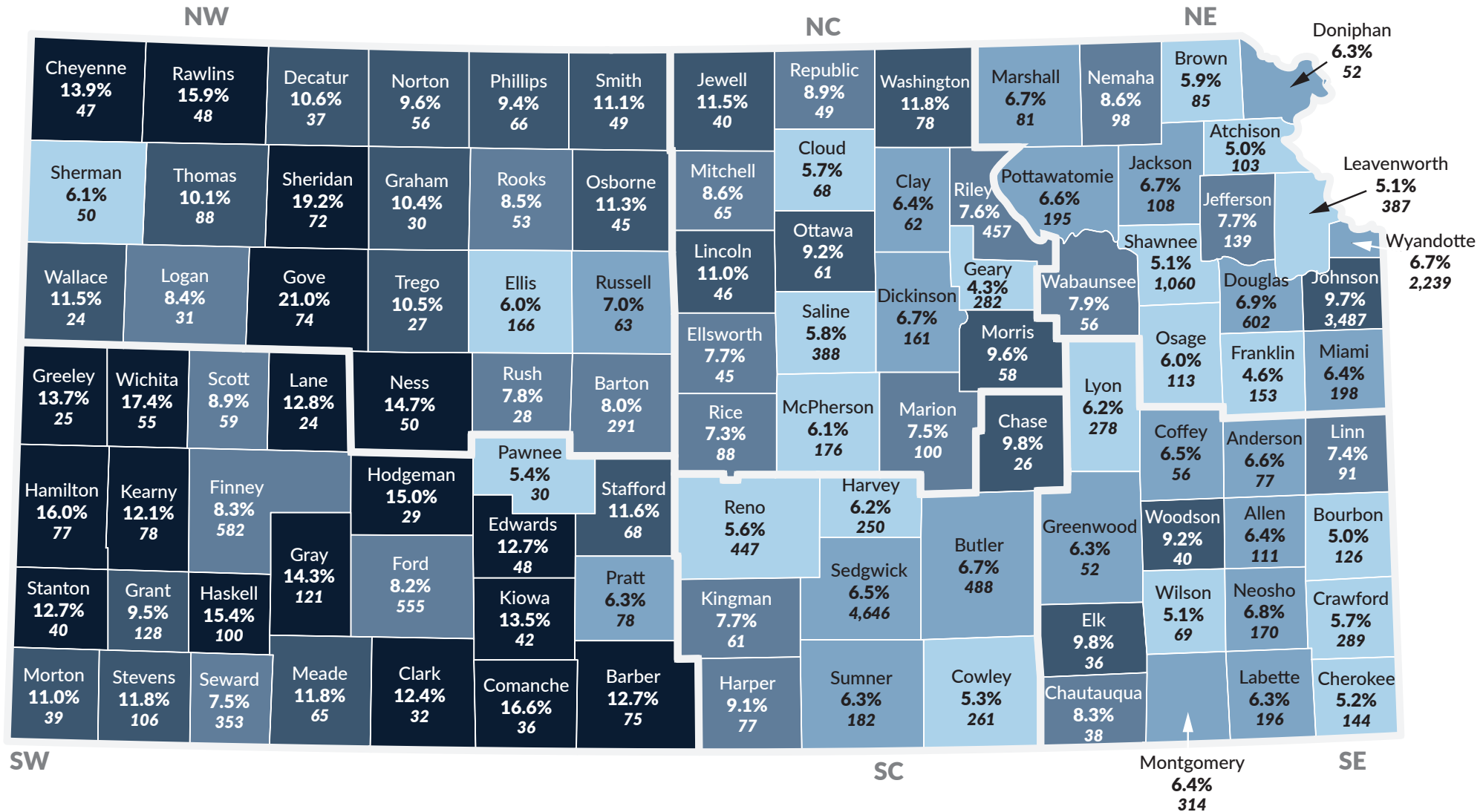


WHERE DO UNINSURED KANCARE ELIGIBLE CHILDREN LIVE?

Figure 1. Kansas Children Age 0-18 Likely Eligible for KanCare: Uninsured Rate and Number by County and by Region, 2018



County
Percent Uninsured
Number Uninsured

	4.3%-6.2%	6.3%-7.0%	7.1%-9.1%	9.2%-11.8%	11.9%-21.0%		
KDHE Region	NC	NE	NW	SC	SE	SW	Kansas
Uninsured Rate	6.6%	7.1%	9.1%	6.4%	6.2%	9.4%	7.1%
Number Uninsured	2,224	9,156	1,395	6,438	2,087	2,845	24,145

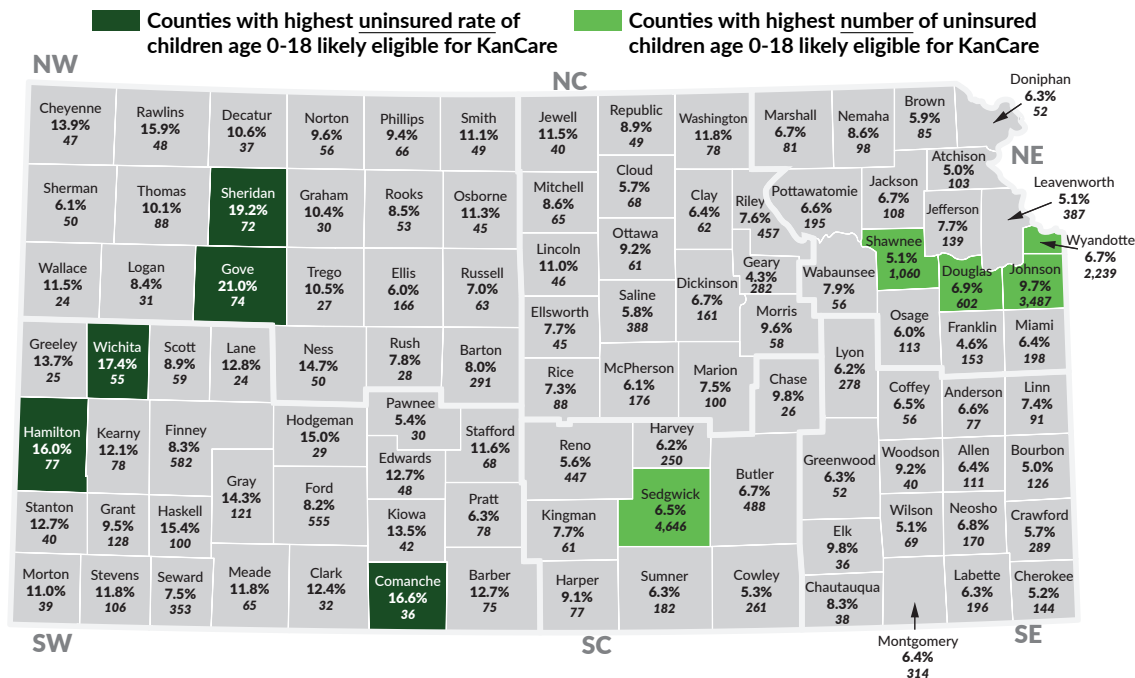
Nearly Half of Uninsured KanCare-Eligible Children Live in Five Counties

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>.

Public health insurance through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is a key source of coverage in Kansas for children whose families have low income.

These programs are jointly financed with federal and state funds, and administered in Kansas through KanCare. In 2018, Medicaid or CHIP was available for children living in low-income families that earned less than 240 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) (\$60,240 for a family of four in 2018).

Most (92.9 percent) children eligible for KanCare were insured in 2018.



KEY POINTS

- ✓ Counties in the Southwest and Northwest regions of the state generally had the highest uninsured rates for children likely eligible for KanCare. Out of 46 counties in Western Kansas, 41 had uninsured rates for children likely eligible for KanCare that were higher than the statewide rate (7.1 percent).
- ✓ Nearly half (49.8 percent) of uninsured children likely eligible for KanCare lived in one of the five most populous counties – Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte – representing 12,034 children.

Note: Uninsured Kansas children age 0-18 likely eligible for Medicaid/CHIP (based on income alone) = 24,145. Children living in families with incomes less than or equal to 250 percent of the federal poverty level (\$62,750 for a family of four in 2018) were used as a proxy for those eligible for Medicaid/CHIP, which is 240 percent of FPL (\$60,240 for a family of four in 2018) because all income categories are not available in the data. The uninsured rate is calculated by dividing the number of uninsured children likely eligible for KanCare by the total number of children likely eligible for KanCare. 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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