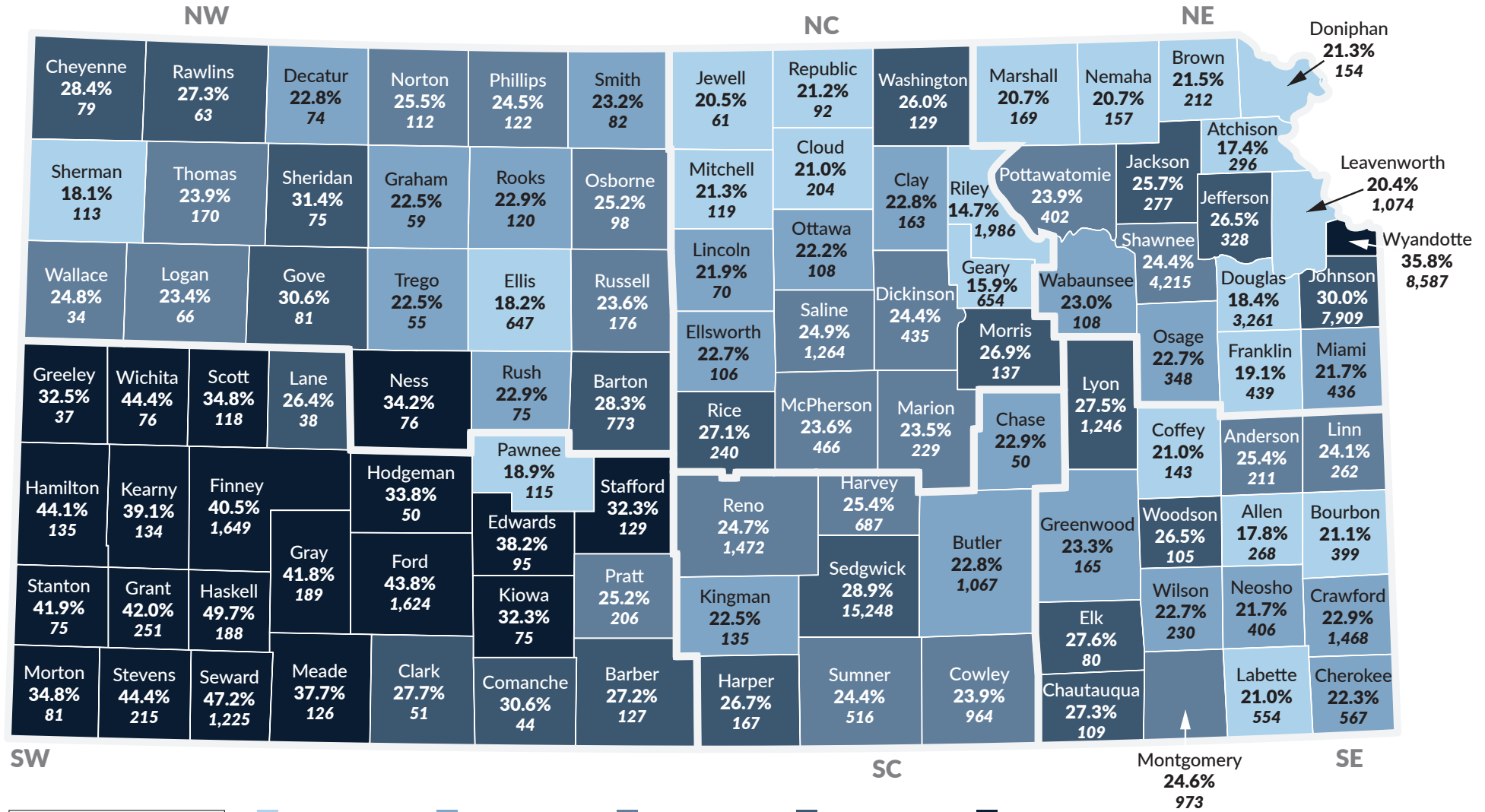


# WHERE DO UNINSURED KANSAS ADULTS LIVE WHO WOULD BE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID IF EXPANDED?

Figure 1. Uninsured Rate and Number by County for Kansas Adults Potentially Eligible for Medicaid, if Expanded, 2018



KDHE Region	NC	NE	NW	SC	SE	SW	Kansas
Uninsured Rate	19.3%	26.8%	23.6%	27.5%	23.4%	39.9%	26.4%
Number Uninsured	6,463	28,372	3,150	20,306	7,186	7,053	72,530

# Half of Uninsured Adults Who Would Be Eligible for Medicaid, if Expanded, Live in Five Most Populous 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 is a key source of coverage for adults with low income in Kansas. The Medicaid program is jointly financed with federal and state funds and is administered in Kansas through KanCare.

In 2018, Medicaid was available for adults with children whose family income was less than 38 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) (\$9,538 for a family of four in 2018). In recent years, Kansas policymakers have debated expanding the Medicaid program to cover all adults with family income no more than 138 percent FPL (\$16,753 for an individual and \$34,638 for a family of four in 2018).

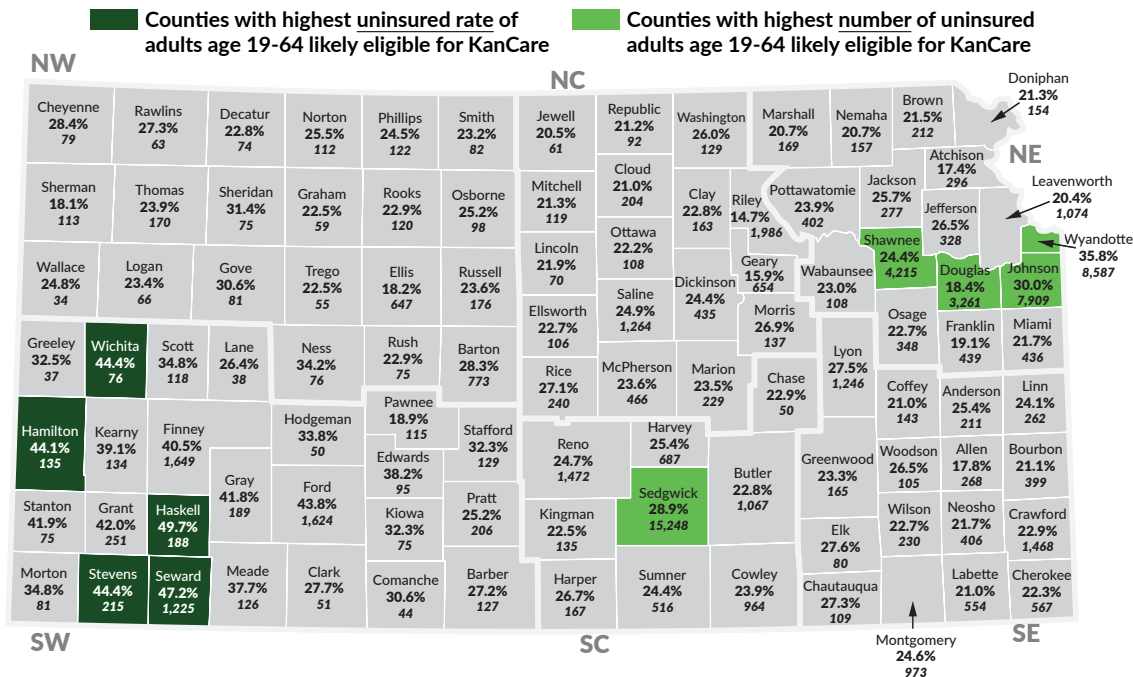
More than a quarter (26.4 percent) of adults potentially eligible for Medicaid if expanded were uninsured in 2018.

Note: Uninsured Kansas adults potentially eligible for Medicaid, if expanded, includes all those age 19-64 with family income  $\leq$  138 percent federal poverty level (FPL) (\$16,753 for an individual and \$34,638 for a family of four in 2018) = 72,530. These estimates likely include some uninsured adults who are currently eligible for Medicaid due to family income or a qualifying status such as disability. The uninsured rate is calculated by dividing the number of uninsured adults with family income at or below 138 percent of FPL by the total number of adults with family income at or below 138 percent of FPL. County-level data in Excel format are available at [bit.ly/SAHIE2020](http://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).



## KEY POINTS

- ✓ Among adults potentially eligible for Medicaid if expanded, counties in Southwest Kansas had the highest uninsured rate (39.9 percent for the region overall). This is more than twice the overall uninsured rate for adults potentially eligible for Medicaid in counties in North Central Kansas, which had the lowest regional uninsured rate for that group, at 19.3 percent.
- ✓ More than half of the uninsured Kansas adults potentially eligible for Medicaid if expanded lived in one of the five most populous counties – Douglas, Johnson, Sedgwick, Shawnee and Wyandotte (54.1 percent or 39,220).

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