

Data Walk: Cowley County POVERTY

What This Measures:

The percent of children in families below 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level living in single-parent households compared to two-parent households.

CHILDREN IN POVERTY

More than 3/4 of children in poverty in Cowley County live in single-parent households.

Family Status of Children Living in Poverty in Cowley County, 2016-2020 5-Year Estimate



17.8%
of children
in Cowley County
live below the
Federal Poverty
Level (FPL)

\$23,030
FPL for a family
of 3 in 2022

22.1%

Living With Two Parents

77.9%

Living With One Parent

Note: Number of own children living in families earning less than 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL; \$23,030 for a family of three in 2022) = 1,398 children or 17.8 percent of all children in Cowley County.

Source: Kansas Health Institute analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (2016-2020) 5-year Estimates Table B05010.

Single parents are more likely to live in poverty when compared to cohabiting couples, and **single mothers** are much more likely to be poor when compared to single fathers. Single parents, more so than partnered parents, experience structural and economic barriers as well as stigma that can lead to inadequate resources and employment opportunities. Compared to their peers, **children in poverty** are more likely to have **physical health problems** like low birth weight or lead poisoning and are also more likely to have **behavioral and emotional problems**.

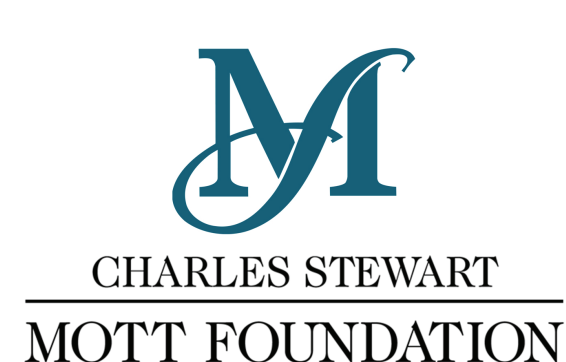
(Source: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, County Health Rankings, Stokes et al. (American Heart Journal Plus))



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