



Change in KanCare Enrollment by KDHE Region, February 2020-June 2022

The Kansas Health Institute (KHI) studied Medicaid enrollment during the pandemic and identified neighborhoods that may be most at risk of disenrollment once annual reviews and eligibility redeterminations resume. Using enrollment data provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), KHI identified neighborhoods where KanCare enrollees may be at higher risk of disenrollment once unwinding begins. Two criteria were used to evaluate neighborhoods, excess growth in coverage and churn.

1. New enrollees in neighborhoods where KanCare enrollment grew more quickly during the pandemic than before the pandemic are assumed to be at higher risk of disenrollment once unwinding begins.
2. New enrollees in neighborhoods that experienced higher rates of churn, where people re-enrolled in Medicaid within one year after being disenrolled during an eligibility redetermination, are assumed to be at a higher risk of being disenrolled once unwinding begins.

Figure 1 shows KanCare enrollment growth from February 2020-June 2022 by KDHE region. It also shows the percentage of new enrollees by region who may be at a higher risk of disenrollment.

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KDHE Region	February 2020 Enrollment	June 2022 Enrollment	Enrollment Growth (Change)	Percent Change in Enrollment	Enrollment Growth in Areas with Higher Risk of Disenrollment	Percent of Enrollment Growth at Risk of Disenrollment
Southwest	31,726	40,646	8,920	28.1%	5,002	56.1%
South Central	122,459	156,935	34,476	28.2%	18,104	52.5%
Northeast	159,780	199,472	39,692	24.8%	20,167	50.8%
North Central	38,500	46,063	7,563	19.6%	3,356	44.4%
Northwest	16,995	21,067	4,072	24.0%	1,799	44.2%
Southeast	46,276	55,718	9,442	20.4%	3,745	39.7%
Kansas Total	422,182	520,159	97,977	23.2%	52,173	53.3%

Note: Regions do not equal state totals because some enrollees were missing geographic information. More county-level data was available for June 2022 than for February 2020.

Source: Kansas Health Institute analysis of KanCare enrollment data provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.