



# Data Walk: Sedgwick County POVERTY



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## What This Measures:

Children in poverty in Sedgwick County by type of household.

# More than two-thirds of children in poverty

in Sedgwick County (69.2 percent) live in single-parent households.

## Family Status of Children Living in Poverty in Sedgwick County, 2018–2022 Five-Year Estimate

**30.8%**  
Living with Two Parents

**69.2%**  
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) = 21,404 children or 17.2% of all children in Sedgwick County.

Source: Kansas Health Institute analysis of U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey (2018–2022) 5-year Estimates Table B05010.

**17.2%** of children in Sedgwick County live below the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

**\$23,030** FPL for a family of three in 2022.

**Why this is important:** Single parents are more likely to live in poverty when compared to cohabiting couples, and single mothers are much more likely to experience poverty 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. (2021) in American Heart Journal Plus)

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