

# KANSAS'S CHILDREN 2003

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**State Population (2001)<sup>1</sup>**

2,694,641\*

**State Population, Children Under 18 (2000)<sup>2</sup>**

712,993\*

**State Poverty Rate (2001)<sup>3</sup>**

7.4%

**State Poverty Rate, Children Under 18 (2001)<sup>4</sup>**

13.6%

**State Poverty Rate, Children Ages 5–17 (2001)<sup>5</sup>**

12.3%

\*Estimated

**CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT**

- In 2000, 19,736 children were reported as abused or neglected and referred for investigation in Kansas, a rate of 27.7 per 1,000 children—a 3% increase from 1990.<sup>6</sup>
- In 2000, 8,356 children were substantiated or indicated as abused or neglected in Kansas, a rate of 11.7 per 1,000 children—a 1% decrease from 1999. Of every 1,000 children, 9.0 were neglected, 6.4 were physically abused, and 3.2 were sexually abused.<sup>7</sup>
- In 2000, 7 children died as a result of abuse or neglect.<sup>8</sup>
- On September 30, 2000, 6,569 children in Kansas lived apart from their families in out-of-home care, compared with 6,774 children on September 30, 1999. In 2000, 26.5% of the children living apart from their families were age 5 or younger, and 21.5% were 16 or older.<sup>9</sup>

**CHILD POVERTY AND INCOME SUPPORT**

- The total number of individual TANF recipients in Kansas increased from 34,859 in December 2001 to 35,870 in June 2002, an increase of 2.9%. The number of families receiving TANF in June 2002 was 13,919, a 1.9% increase from December 2001.<sup>10</sup>
- In 2001, a family of three receiving only TANF and food stamp benefits in Kansas was 48% below the federal poverty level.<sup>11</sup>
- In 2000, Kansas spent \$151,184,181 in TANF funds, including 28.1% on cash assistance, 4.4% on child care, 1.6% on transportation and support activities, and 65.9% on a range of other services.<sup>12</sup>
- In 2000, 6,972 children needed paternity determination services to receive child support.<sup>13</sup>
- In 2002, the fair market rent for a two-bedroom apartment in Kansas was \$554 per month, or 67.2% of the average monthly income for a worker earning the federal minimum wage.<sup>14</sup>

**CHILD CARE, HEALTH, AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

- In 1999, 11,570 Kansas children were in subsidized child care—7% of all eligible children.<sup>15</sup>
- In 2001, 7,897 Kansas children were served by Head Start, a 5.7% increase from 2000.<sup>16</sup>
- In 1999, 88.1% of high school seniors graduated in Kansas, compared with 89.2% in 1998.<sup>17</sup>
- In 1998, 144,723 children under 21 were enrolled in Medicaid—58.7% of the state's total enrollees.<sup>18</sup>
- In 2001, Kansas had 34,241 children enrolled in its State Children's Health Insurance Program—a 23.2% increase from 2000, when 26,306 children were enrolled.<sup>19</sup>
- In 2000, the rate of births to teen mothers was 18 for every 1,000 girls ages 15–19.<sup>20</sup>
- As of December 2001, 2,453 adults and adolescents, as well as 12 children under age 13, were living with HIV/AIDS in Kansas.<sup>21</sup>
- In 2000, an estimated 35,310 residents age 12 or older needed alcohol or substance abuse treatment in Kansas.<sup>22</sup>

**P E R M A N E N T F A M I L I E S F O R C H I L D R E N**

- Of the 1,788 children exiting out-of-home care in 2000, 79.6% were reunited with their birthfamilies.<sup>23</sup>
- Of the 6,569 children in out-of-home care in 2000, 13.3% were living with relatives while in care.<sup>24</sup>
- In 2001, 558 children were legally adopted through the public child welfare agency in Kansas.<sup>25</sup>
- In 2001, more than 16,536 Kansas grandparents had primary responsibility caring for their grandchildren.<sup>26</sup>

**For additional child welfare statistics, references, and pertinent notes, visit CWLA's National Data Analysis System at <http://ndas.cwla.org>.**

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