County Profiles

Wyandotte County, Kansas

Quick Facts

2015 Population: 160,806
Median Household Income: $40,113
Poverty Rate: 23.9%
Unemployment Rate: 5.7%

Key Findings

After years of population decline, Wyandotte County is seeing slow growth. It is one of only two counties in the region that has not seen an increase in the older adult population since 2000. Poverty is high, with half the population falling below 200 percent of the federal poverty level, but the poverty rate fell slightly, from 24.3 percent in 2014 to 23.9 percent in 2015. The county has a "majority minority" population, with a nearly even split among whites, blacks and Hispanics. Employment is up and the unemployment rate is down, but the county's median household income still lags the region and the nation. Postsecondary educational attainment is also below national and metro averages. Even though the county has seen strong enrollment in health care plans since the Affordable Care Act went into effect, the number of uninsured residents is still high — 22.5 percent uninsured, compared to 13 percent in the U.S. Among Hispanics, the uninsured rate is even higher, at 39.9 percent in 2015. Cancer and heart disease are the leading causes of death in the county.

Information presented in this county profile is the most currently available as of September 2017.

County Data
Leading Causes of Death
Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 people, 2015. Source: KIC Wyandotte Co. Kansas

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* Sample size too small to ensure accuracy

Access to Care, 2016

- **Ratio of Primary Care Physicians per person — 1: 2,340**
- **Ratio of Dentists per person — 1: 2,400**
- **Ratio of Mental Health Providers per person — 1: 780**

Source: County Health Rankings

Health Indicator Trends

Trends for selected health indicators by county from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s County Health Rankings website.

Adults in Poor or Fair Health
Percent of population, self-reported, Wyandotte County, Kan.

Number of Poor Physical Health Days
Average in last 30 days, Wyandotte County, Kansas
Number of Poor Mental Health Days
Average in last 30 days, Wyandotte County, Kansas

Preventable Hospital Stays
Per 1,000 Medicare enrollees, Wyandotte County, Kansas

Births to Teen Mothers
Per 1,000 females ages 15-19, Wyandotte County, Kansas

Sexually Transmitted Infections
Chlamydia rate per 100,000 pop., Wyandotte County, Kansas

Adults who Smoke
Percent smoking every day/most days, Wyandotte Co., Kan.

Low Birth-Weight Babies
Below 5lbs. 8oz. per 1,000 live births, Wyandotte Co., Kan.