

## AARP Livability

The AARP Livability Index scores neighborhoods and communities across the U.S.

<https://livabilityindex.aarp.org/>

## Americans for the Arts

Arts Data and Impact

<https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-program/reports-and-data/research-studies-publications/americans-for-the-arts-publications/research-reports>

## BearFacts

Bureau of Economic Analysis: US Department of Commerce web site supports state and county level data for economic indicators, such as personal income, GDP, employment, and earnings by workplace.

<https://www.bea.gov/data/by-place-county-metro-local>

## Bureau of Economic Analysis

National, International, regional, and industry-based economic data.

<https://www.bea.gov/data>

## Child Care Aware of Kansas

Child care supply and demand reports by county, reports are updated biannually.

<https://ks.childcareaware.org/data-research/>

**U.S. Census:** Social, Economic, Housing and Demographic Characteristics, by city, county, state, nation.

<https://data.census.gov/cedsci/>

This website has changed. Feb 2022 Tutorial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpB72-z9-cA>

## Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Health data and statistics collected by the CDC

<https://www.cdc.gov/datastatistics/>

## County Business Patterns, U.S. Census

Highlights county business patterns useful in studying economic activity of small areas and analyzing changes over time. <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/cbp.html>

## County Health Rankings

Annual rankings provide a revealing snapshot of how health is influenced by where we live, learn, work, and play. The data provide a starting point for change in communities.

<https://www.countyhealthrankings.org/>

## Data.gov

Home of the US Government's Open Data.

<https://www.data.gov/>

### **Distressed Communities Index, Economic Innovation Group**

This index ranks the economic well-being of every community in the U.S. It uses seven different metrics to assess the economic status of every zip code area.

<https://eig.org/dci>

### **Educational Finance Statistics by School District**

Allows you to search and compare the finances of a school district related to peer districts, including student characteristics.

<https://nces.ed.gov/ccd/districtsearch/>

### **Feeding America, Map the Meal Gap**

An interactive map which shows the number of people who need food assistance by county.

<http://map.feedingamerica.org/>

### **HUD**

HUD provides interested researchers with access to the original datasets generated by the Office of Public Development & Research (PD&R), including the American Housing Survey, median family incomes and income limits, as well as microdata from research initiatives on topics such as housing discrimination, the HUD-insured multifamily housing stock, and the public housing population.

[https://www.huduser.gov/portal/pdrdatas\\_landing.html](https://www.huduser.gov/portal/pdrdatas_landing.html)

### **Independent Sector**

Data about the value of donated volunteer hours

<https://independentsector.org/>

### **Kaiser Family Foundation**

Health and demographic information by state.

<https://www.kff.org/statedata/?state=KS>

### **Kansas Communities that Care**

Student data regarding alcohol and drug use and age of first initiation, as well as gambling data

<http://www.kctcdata.org/>

### **Kansas Department of Education Data Central**

Includes Building Report Card, K-12 Reports, Child Nutrition and Wellness, School Finance, Educational Directory Reports.

<https://datacentral.ksde.org/>

### **Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE)**

Birth data, infectious diseases, mortality, life expectancy, vital statistics, often by city or county.

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/655/Local-State-Health-Data>

### **Kansas Environmental Public Health Tracking Program**

An amazing resource for environmental data, including a video about how to use it.

<https://keap.kdhe.ks.gov/ephtm/> Video: <https://vimeo.com/851409956>

### **Kansas Health Foundation**

America's Health Rankings, Kids Count, State Budget 101, State of Obesity Report  
[https://kansashealth.org/latest-updates/?\\_categories=resources](https://kansashealth.org/latest-updates/?_categories=resources)

### **Kansas Health Matters**

Health, Economy, Education, Environment, Government & Politics, Public Safety, Social Environment, Transportation from Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and its collaborators.  
<https://www.kansashealthmatters.org/>

### **Kansas Kids Count**

KIDS COUNT provides an annual snapshot of how Kansas children are doing when compared to their peers on the national, state and county levels.  
<https://datacenter.kidscount.org/locations/index/17-kansas-action-for-children>

### **Kansas Prevention Collaborative**

Behavioral Health indicators for suicide, opioid use, student alcohol use, student depression, student perception of and favorable attitudes toward marijuana use, problem gambling knowledge of treatment options.  
<https://kansaspreventioncollaborative.org/all-resources/>

### **K-State Research and Extension County Specific Demographics**

A wide list of resources with county-specific data.  
[https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee\\_resources/programming/pdc/table\\_of\\_contents/County-Specific-Demographics.html](https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/employee_resources/programming/pdc/table_of_contents/County-Specific-Demographics.html)

### **KU Institute for Policy and Social Research**

Kansas Census and Economic data.  
<https://ipsr.ku.edu/ksdata/>

### **National Criminal Justice Reference Service**

NCJRS gives extensive reference and referral services to help you find answers to your questions about crime and justice-related research, policy, and practice.  
<https://www.ncjrs.gov/>

### **National Equity Atlas**

Dismantling structural racism and advancing equity — just and fair inclusion — is an urgent moral and economic imperative that will only grow in importance as our population grows more diverse.  
<https://nationalequityatlas.org/indicators>

### **PolicyMap**

Mapping application, analytics platform, and data licensing services are built for non-GIS professionals, data-literate researchers, and everyone in between.  
<https://www.policymap.com/>

## *Data Sources (Cont.)*

### **Robert Wood Johnson**

Health data including County Health Rankings, City Health Dashboard, National Equity Atlas, US Small-area Life Expectancy Estimates Project and Opportunity Atlas.

<https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/collections/better-data-for-better-health.html>

### **Google Scholar**

A simple way to search scholarly literature, including court opinions.

<https://scholar.google.com/>

### **Social Vulnerability Index (CDC Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry)**

Social vulnerability refers to the potential negative effects on communities caused by external stresses on human health. Such stresses include natural or human-caused disasters, or disease outbreaks.

Reducing social vulnerability can decrease both human suffering and economic loss.

<https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/placeandhealth/svi/index.html>

### **Stats America**

Your one-stop destination for economic development data sites and tools.

<http://www.statsamerica.org/>

### **TIGERweb**

TIGERweb is another service of the U.S. Census Bureau, which allows you to create maps tracking specific info by city or state.

[https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerwebmain/TIGERweb\\_main.html](https://tigerweb.geo.census.gov/tigerwebmain/TIGERweb_main.html)

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## Agriculture

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### Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Agricultural Safety

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/aginjury/default.html>

### Data.gov

Home of the US Government's Open Data, Agriculture data is included.

<https://www.data.gov/>

### Farm Bureau Fast Facts about Agriculture and Food

National data about agriculture and food.

<https://www.fb.org/newsroom/fast-facts>

### Kansas Department of Agriculture

Economic Impact by County/crop

<https://agriculture.ks.gov/about-kda/kansas-agriculture>

### U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

State and county data on agricultural Indicators

<https://www.nass.usda.gov/AgCensus/>

### U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Animal Production Data

<https://www.usda.gov/topics/animals/animal-production>

### U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Information Center for agricultural law, alternative farming, animal welfare, food and nutrition, food safety, Invasive Species, Rural, Water and Agriculture.

<https://www.nal.usda.gov/main/information-centers>

### *Species specific data sources (examples):*

*See the professional associations for each agricultural product.*

#### US Poultry & Egg Association

Economic Data for poultry and eggs

<https://www.uspoultry.org/economic-data/>

#### American Sheep Industry Association

Economic Data for sheep and goat operations

<https://www.sheepusa.org/resources-materials-fastfacts>

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### Trails

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#### American Trails

Resource Library for building trails,

<https://www.americantrails.org/resource-library>

#### Connecticut Greenways and Blueways Best Practices

Presentation by UCONN Extension

<https://communities.extension.uconn.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/1301/2020/02/BROWN-IEDC-Presentation-Trails-as-Economic-Development-Engines.pdf>

#### Headwaters

Comprehensive Trails Benefits Library

<https://headwaterseconomics.org/trail/>

#### Iowa DOT Trail Towns Guide

Downloadable handbook for implementing economic trail-oriented strategies.

<https://iowadot.gov/iowabikes/trails/web-pdf/EconHandbook/HANDBOOK.pdf>

#### Trail Towns

Revitalize rural communities by growing outdoor tourism and small businesses.

<https://www.trailtowns.org/>

#### The Trail Town Guide and Webinars

From Rails to Trails Conservancy, a Manual on how to successfully run a trail town program.

**PDF Manual:** <https://www.railstotrails.org/resource-library/resources/the-trail-town-guide/?collection=Benefits+of+Trails>

**Webinars:** <https://www.railstotrails.org/build-trails/webinars/>

#### Economic Development Impact of Trails in Kansas

K-State Research and Extension First Friday e-Calls, April 3, 2021

**Recording:** <https://mediasite.k-state.edu/mediasite/Play/905a10da64ec453093127aeb2c24be951d>

**PDF** of Sunflower Foundation presentation, including tips and guides for building trails (Slides 45-46) and Ottawa, KS experience:

<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/community/business/entrepreneurship/Trails%2004.02.21.pdf>

#### Urban Land Institute

Economic Value of Trails/green space and real estate. (“Don’t let the name fool you, this site has lots of resources.” Elizabeth Burger, Sunflower Foundation.)

<http://uli.org/wp-content/uploads/ULI-Documents/Active-Transportation-and-Real-Estate-The-Next-Frontier.pdf>

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