



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

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/ephtml/> 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

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

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/>

Robert Woods 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

Agriculture

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>

Trails

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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