


Riley County Community Needs Assessment

CHILDREN AND YOUTH FINDINGS




84%

are **SATISFIED** with the education their children are receiving

55%



are **SATISFIED** with non-school activities for their children in their community



17%

have had children afraid to attend school/other activities due to **BULLYING**

THIS IS ALMOST THE EXACT SAME AMOUNT AS THE NUMBER WHO ARE **DISATISFIED** WITH THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

11% have lost or quit a job due to childcare issues and 41% report that childcare is not affordable



But

Over 90% who use childcare are satisfied with it

THE TOP RANKED NEEDS FOR CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 12 ARE:

Child care for children ages 0 to 5

Financial assistance to families (for nutrition, childcare, housing, etc.)

Afterschool programs

Parenting education/skills development

Recreational activities

THE TOP RANKED NEEDS FOR YOUTH AGES 13 TO 18 ARE:

Employment opportunities for teens

Opportunities to contribute to the community (e.g., volunteering, leadership development, participation in community decision-making)

Financial skills training

Recreational activities

Bullying/relationship violence prevention

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The 2014 Riley County Community Needs Assessment, conducted by Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research, included the compilation of selected secondary data, administration of a community survey (N=1,126), key informant interviews, and focus groups with persons who were underrepresented in the survey. The following key findings related to physical health were drawn from the methods noted above.

According to the 2010 Census, just over 26% of Riley County family households include children under the age of 18. In comparison, 34.1% of the respondents to the community survey indicated that they have children under the age of 18. In general, data indicates that Riley County children and youth fare well as compared to state averages. Areas of concern are inadequate prenatal care, infant mortality, the rate of children hospitalized for mental health issues, and the number not completing high school. Responses to the survey highlight this issue with child care for young children being the number one need. Affordable and high quality child care also emerged as a primary need during interviews and focus groups. Employment opportunities were identified as the number one need for older youth.

Selected data from secondary sources

Children and Youth	Riley County	Kansas	Source
Percent of births with inadequate prenatal care, 2010-2012	13.4%	11.7%	Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Rate of infant mortality (deaths under age 1 per 1000 live births), 2012	7.65	6.07	Kansas Kids Count
Rate of single parent households (per 1000), 2010	65.22	89.8	Kansas Child and Family Well-being Indicators (KSU and Dept. for Children and Families)
Percent of children under age 18 living below federal poverty line, 2012	19.0%	19.0%	US Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates
Percent of children under 18 with no health insurance coverage, 2011	7.25%	7.07%	Kansas Kids Count
Percent of county population receiving child care assistance, 2010	0.21%	0.65%	Kansas Child and Family Well-being Indicators (KSU and Dept. for Children and Families)
Percent of 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th graders who reported using cigarettes in the last 30 days, 2014	5.61%	5.81%	Kansas Communities That Care Survey
Percent of 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th graders who reported binge drinking (having 5+ consecutive drinks on at least one occasion in the past two weeks), 2014	6.73%	9.76%	Kansas Communities That Care Survey
Percent of 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th graders who reported using marijuana in the last 30 days, 2014	7.96	8.42	Kansas Communities That Care Survey
Rate of children under age 18 hospitalized for mental health (per 1,000 children), 2012	3.94	2.65	Kansas Kids Count

For the full report, go to: www.rileycountycommunityneedsassessment.org