State of Children's Health in the Kansas City Region Presentation to Weighing In Coalition

Children's Mercy Kansas City

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Why a CHA?

 Provides perspective of what is happening across the community

Helps to better gauge gaps and needs

 Leverages ACA requirement for non-profit hospitals

CHA Methodology- 2018-19

Community Conversations

Neighborhood residents

Four agencies host conversations, 130 participants

Key Informant On-line Survey

Representatives from health, government, legal, business and nonprofit fields

300 invited, 107 responses

Telephone Survey

Randomly selected, stratified sample of families with at least one child living at home

1000 Families from Jackson, Clay, Johnson and Wyandotte Counties

Secondary Data Analysis

National, State, Local and Internal Sources

Population
Characteristics
Social &
Economic
Factors
Health Data



Health happens where children live, learn, and play





Demographics of Children in the Kansas City Region

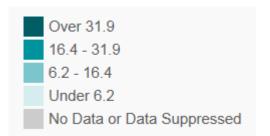
- Close to 450,000 children or just over a quarter of the total population
- Largest number of children live in Jackson County
- In Wyandotte County 40% of total pop are children
- The number of Hispanic children by county ranges from approx. 5,400 in Clay to 22,400 in Jackson.

Weston Kickapoo Smithville Platte City Kearney Excelsion Springs Leavenworth Liberty Lansing Missouri City Gladstone Orrick Fairmount Parkville. Sibley Basehor Buckner Kansas City Independence KANSASITURNPIKE Shawnee Raytown Blue Springs vood Oak Grove De Soto Overland Park Lee's Summit Lotawana Grandview Olathe Lone Jack Greenwood New Century Belton Pleasant Aubry Edgerton Strasburg Spring Hill

Children in Poverty

Ages under 18 years (%) Kansas City Region ACS 2012 -2016 by Tract

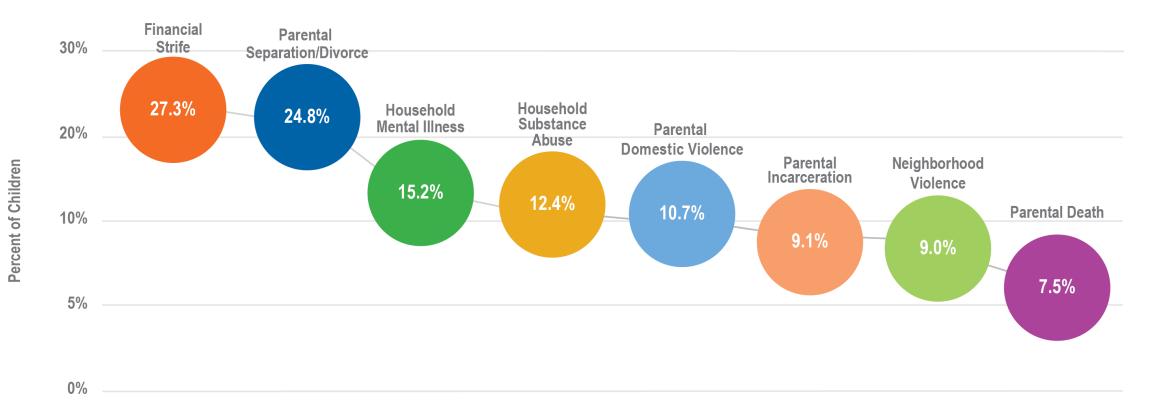
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Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

(Total Service Area Children Age 0-17, 2018)



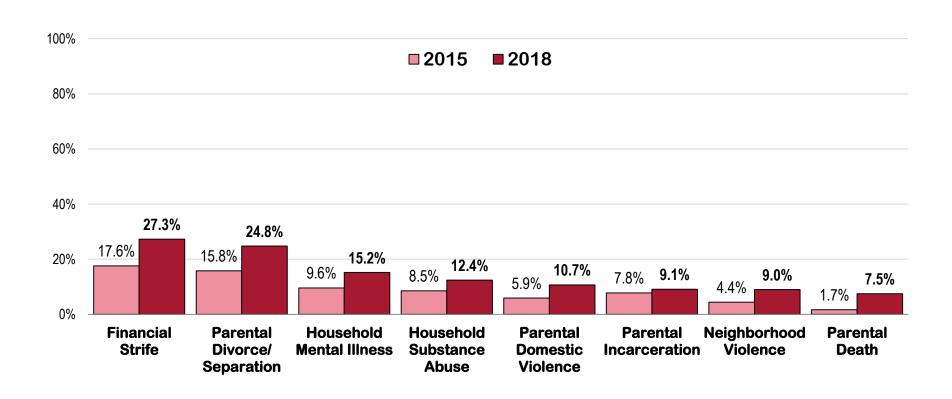
Sources:

• 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 338-345]

• Asked of all respondents about a randomly selected child in the household.

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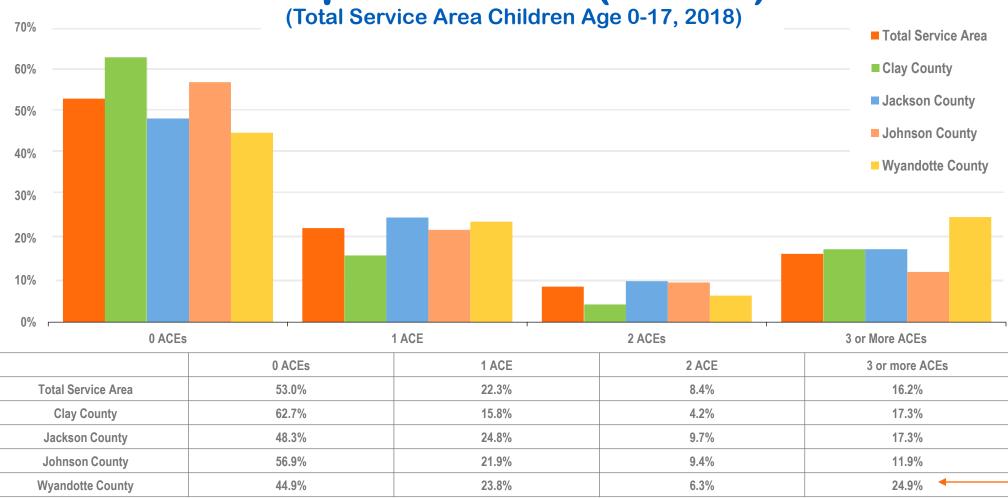
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8.0% in 2015

^{• 2018} PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 365]

Districts with Over 100 Students who Identify as Homeless*

2017-18 School Year

District		# Student Homeless
Kansas City, Missouri		1,200
Independence		964
Kansas City, Kansas		942
Raytown		532
North Kansas City		514
Hickman Mills		482
Fort Osage	0.000 atualanta	462
Olathe	8,002 students	427
Shawnee Mission	ALL Districts in the for	Jr 346
Hogan	counties	326
Excelsior Springs	SY17-18	166
Turner		137
Lee's Summit		125
Liberty		121
Center		119
Smithville		117
Blue Valley		112

Source: Kansas and Missouri Departments of Education,

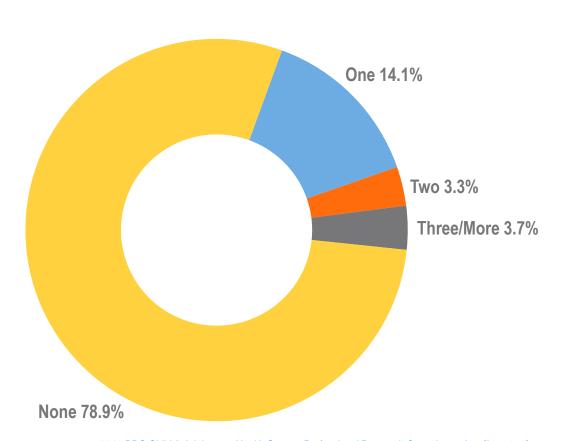
McKinney-Vento definition of homeless

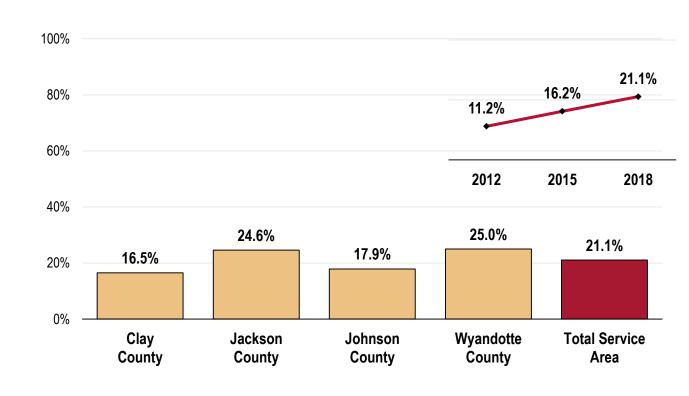
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Moved Residences Past Year

(Total Service Area, 2018)



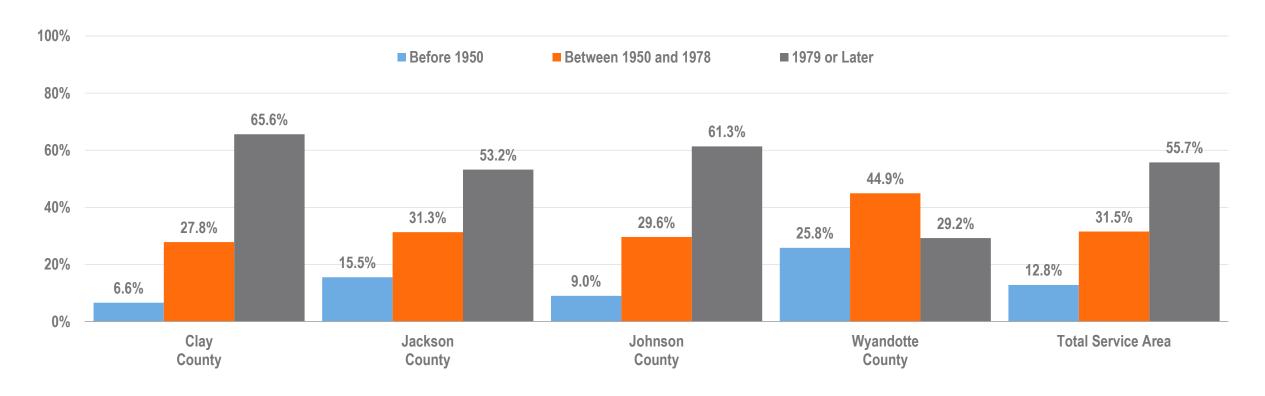


Sources:

• 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 352]

Year Home Was Built

(Households With Children; Total Service Area, 2018)



Sources:

• 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 356]

Notes:

Reflects the total sample of respondents.

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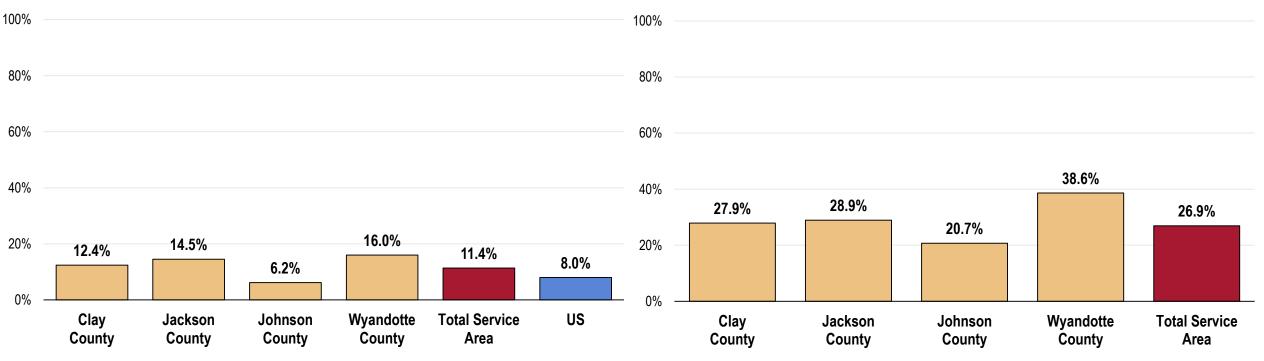


Someone Smokes Tobacco Inside the House

(Total Service Area, 2018)

Someone Smokes Tobacco Outside the House

(Total Service Area, 2018)



Sources: • 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 102]

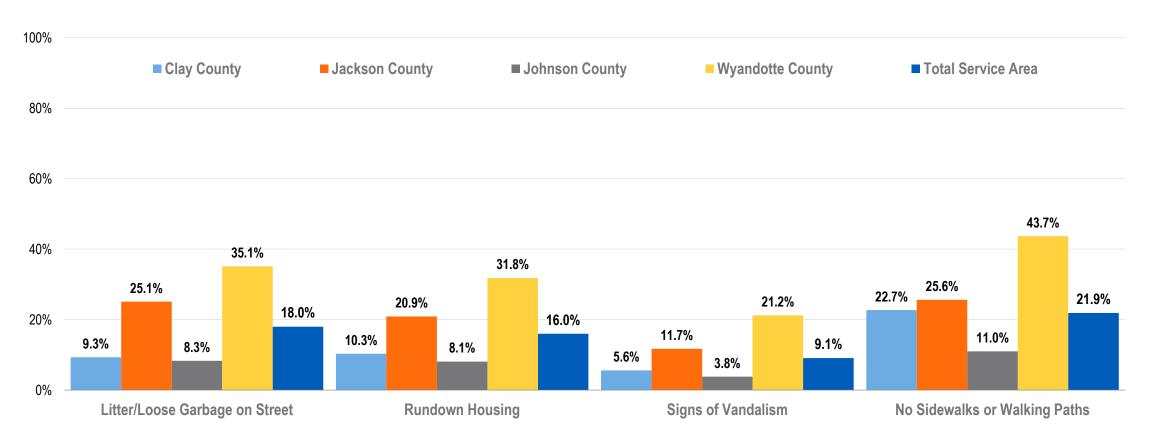
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Notes: • Asked of all respondents.

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Neighborhood Characteristics

(Total Service Area, 2018)



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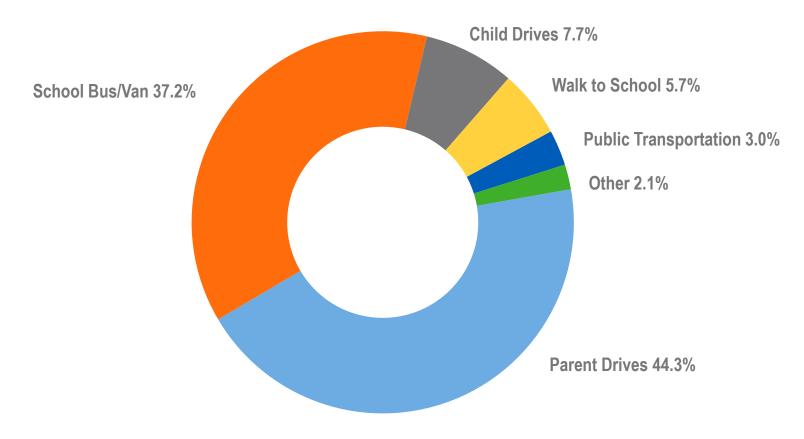
- •. 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 348-351]
- Notes: Reflects the total sample of respondents

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Transportation to Child's School

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17, 2018)



Sources:

2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 320]

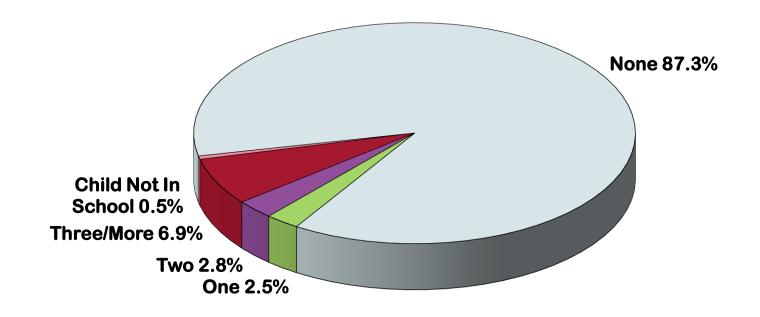
Asked of all respondents with a randomly selected child age 5-17 at home; excludes those who are homeschooled

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School Days Missed in the Past Year Because Child Felt Unsafe at School or on the Way to/from School

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17, 2018)

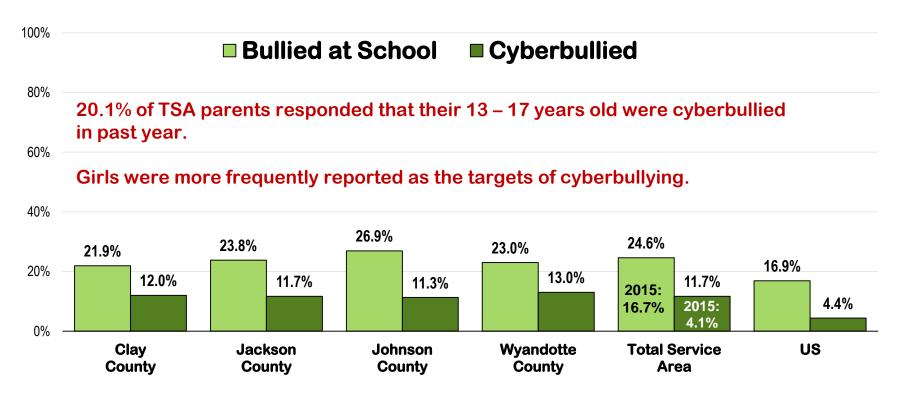




[•] Asked of all respondents for whom the randomly selected child in the household is age 5-17.

Child Was Bullied in the Past Year

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17, 2018)



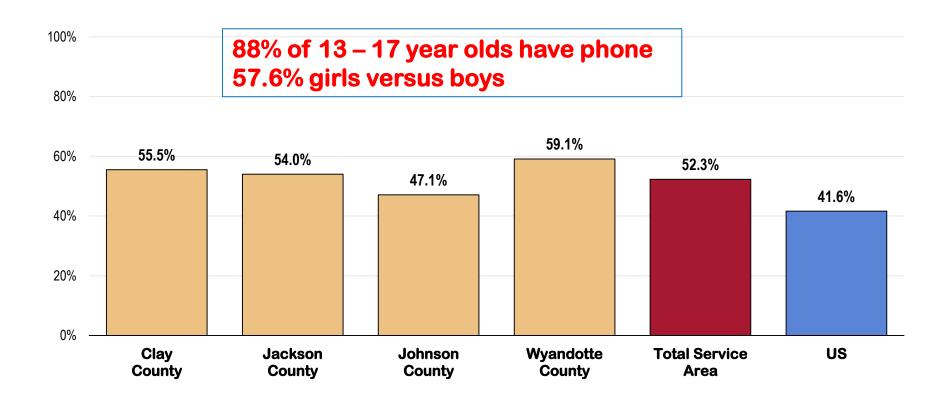
- Sources: 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 74-75]
 - 2017 PRC National Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- lotes: Asked of those respondents for whom the randomly selected child in the household is age 5 to 17.
 - Cyberbullying includes electronic bullying such as through email, chat rooms, instant messaging, websites, or texting.





Child Has Own Smartphone

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17, 2018)



Sources: • 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 123]

• 2017 PRC National Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Notes: • Asked of all respondents for whom the randomly selected child in the household is age 5-17.



Emerging Issue: Vaping

- "Teenagers see vaping as 'cool' and a mature thing to do, being a rebel without the risk of smoking. However, we know there are risks with vaping as well. This vaping seems to appeal to boys and girls alike and all in the suburbs, we see it in middle school kids into high school." Key Informant- Physician
- In Jackson and Clay counties just over 11% of high school students responded that they had used an ecigs, mods or vapes
- Over 24% of Jackson County and 29% Clay County high school students believe that peers would think it was 'pretty cool' or 'very cool' if you used ecigs, mods or vapes
- Over 10% of Wyandotte County high school students and 21.56% (higher than the state average of 17.8%) of Johnson County high school students have tried ecigs, mods, or vapes

Parent Support of Perceived Health Issues by Age Span

Under 6 years

- Obesity, Nutrition, Exercise
- Vaccinations
- Asthma
- Respiratory

6 – 11 years of age

- Colds and Flu
- Obesity, Nutrition, Exercise
- Mental Health
- ADHS

12 – 17 years of age

- Mental Health
- Colds and Flu
- Obesity, Nutrition, Exercise
- Illegal Drugs
- STDs



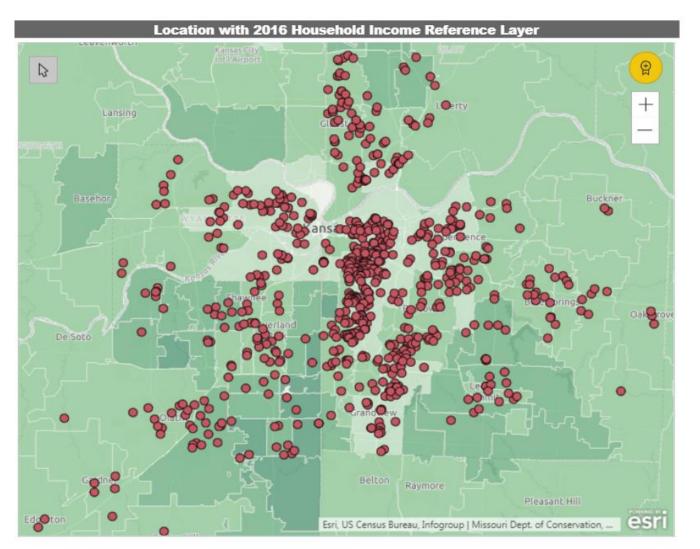
Children with Special Conditions

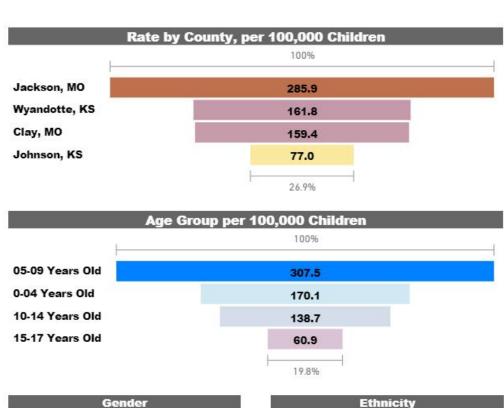
- 17.2% of children in the TSA identified with speech/language problems
- 37.2% of children in the TSA have a condition that requires a prescription(s)
- 15.2% children in the TSA have a condition that requires special therapy
- Wyandotte County children have the highest prevalence
- All three conditions increased since 2012 and 2015.

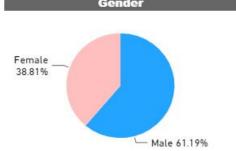
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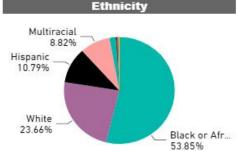


Asthma UC/ED/Hospitalization at Children's Mercy >4 times Annual Visits, 2016-2018







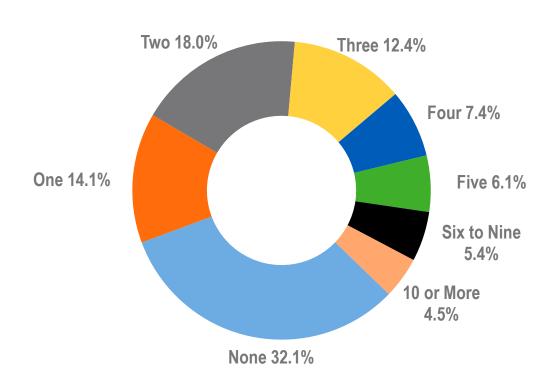


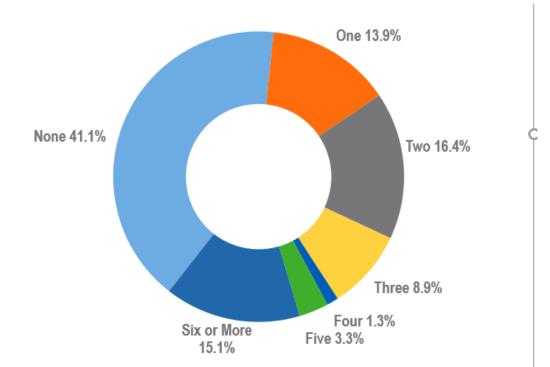
School Days Missed Due to Illness or Injury or Asthma

Number of School Days Missed in the Past Year Due to ILLNESS OR INJURY

Number of School Days
Missed Due to ASTHMA in the Past Year

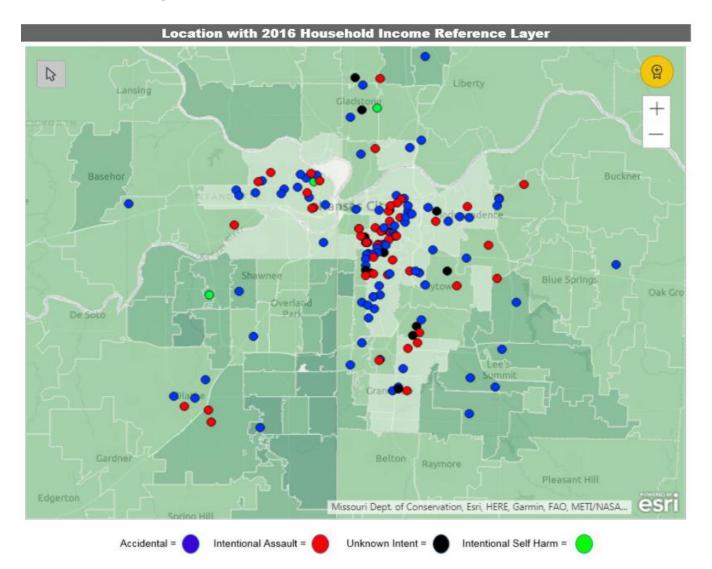
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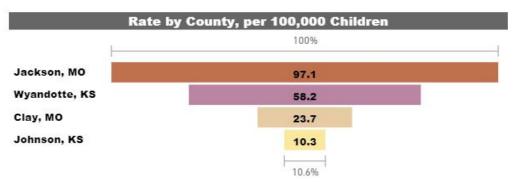


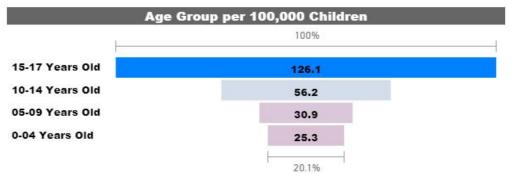


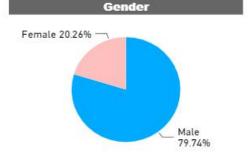


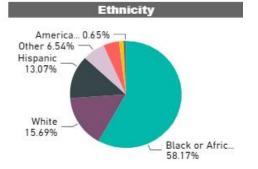
Firearm Injuries- Fatal and Nonfatal Seen in the Children's Mercy ED, 2016-2018









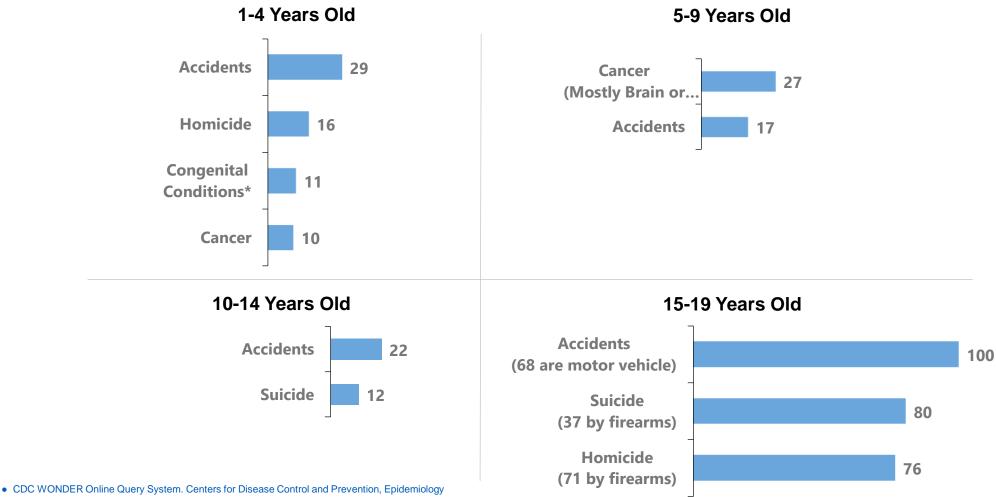






Leading Causes of Death By Age Group

(Number of Deaths by Cause, Total Service Area, 2013-2017)



Sources:

CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology
 Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted January 2019.

*Congenital conditions include congenital malformations, deformations and chromosomal abnormalities.

**CNS stands for Central Nervous System.

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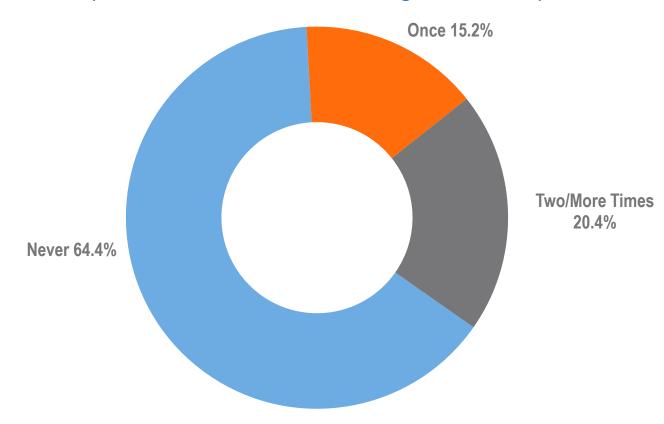
What the Community Says about Mental and Emotional Health

- Key Informants characterized Mental and Emotional Health as a "Major Health Issue" (84.1%) for the community.
- "This is the number-one issue in pediatrics today. The number of grade school, middle school, high school, and college-aged kids with treatable anxiety, depression and other mental health issues is appalling. Weekly I have a patient who has attempted suicide." Key Informant-Physician
- "I just want my children to be happy." Community Conversation- Parent
- "LGBTQ kids are more at risk for mental health issues because of the social isolation and abuse." Key Informant- Community Business Leader
- "I don't know what it feels like to be happy." Community Conversation-Youth



Number of Times Contacted by School About Child's Behavior in the Past Year

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17, 2018)



Sources:

2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 318]

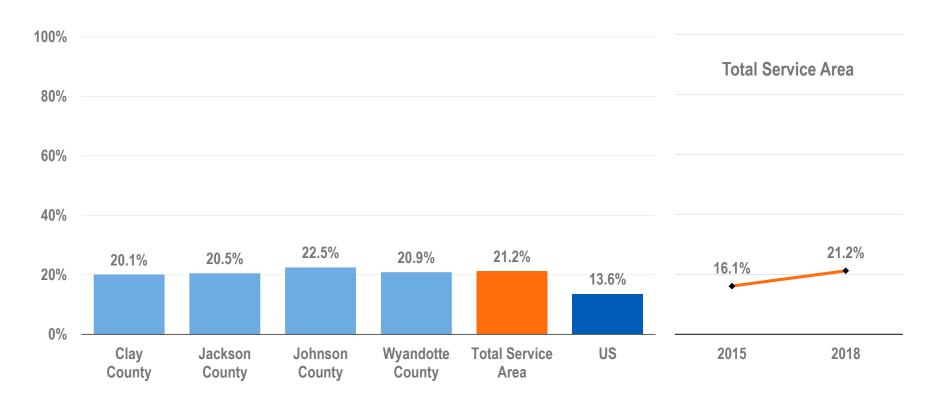
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Child Needed Mental Health Services in the Past Year

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17, 2018)



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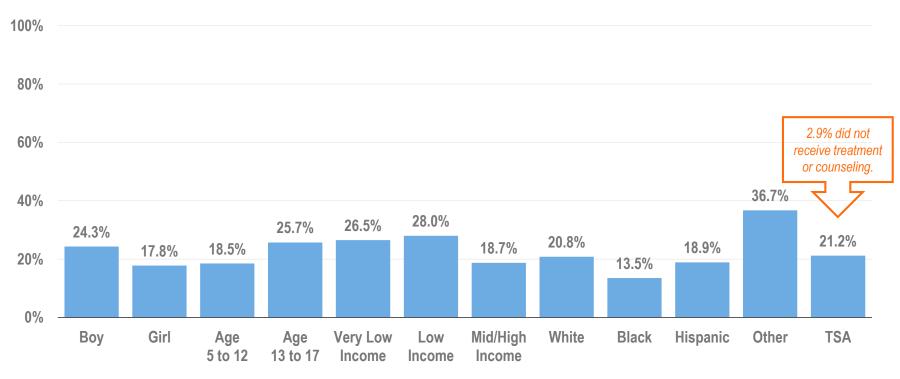
^{• 2018} PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 78]

^{• 2017} PRC National Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.

Asked of respondents for whom the randomly selected child in the household is between the ages of 5 and 17.

Child Needed Mental Health Services in the Past Year

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17, 2018)



Sources:

- 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 78-79]
- Asked of respondents for whom the randomly selected child in the household is between the ages of 5 and 17.
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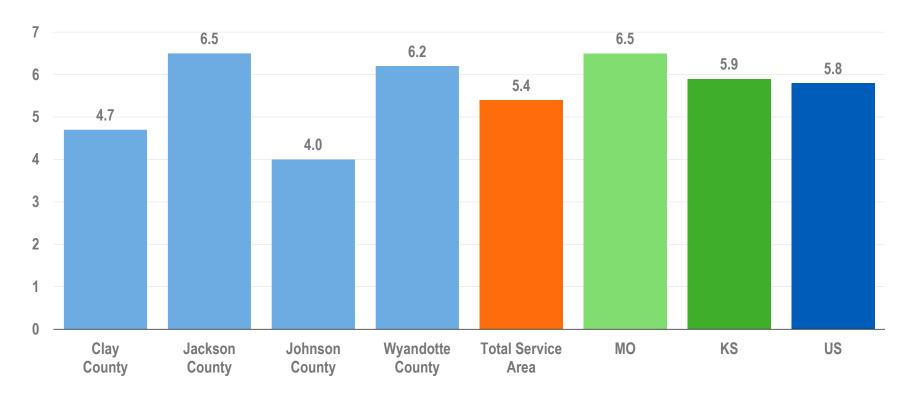
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Infant Mortality Rate

(Annual Average Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births, 2015-2017)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 6.0 or Lower



Sources:

Notes:

- CDC WONDER Online Query System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Epidemiology Program Office, Division of Public Health Surveillance and Informatics. Data extracted December 2018.
- US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. http://www.healthypeople.gov [Objective MICH-1.3]

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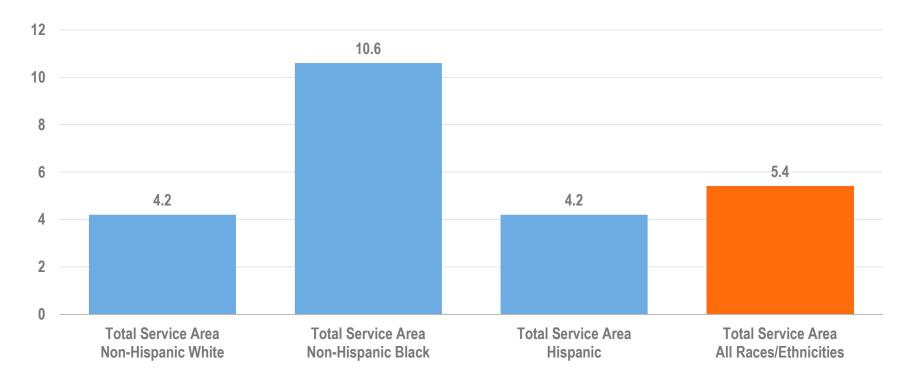
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Infant Mortality by Race/Ethnicity

(Annual Average Infant Deaths per 1,000 Live Births, 2015-2017)

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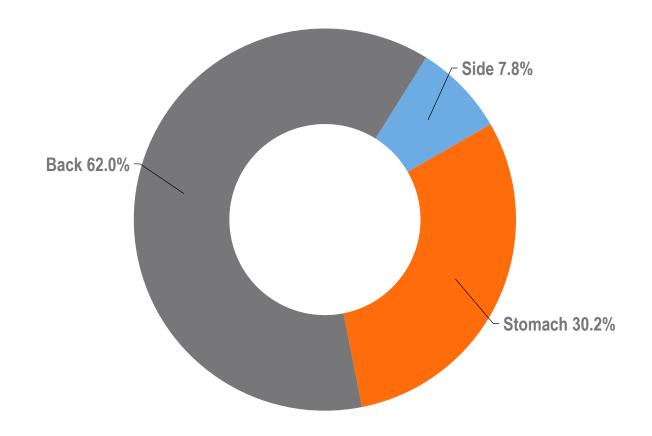
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Position for Laying Baby to Sleep

(Total Service Area Parents of Infants Under One Year of Age; 2018)





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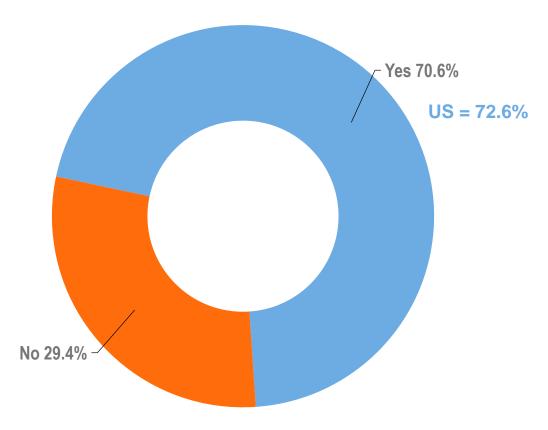


^{• 2018} PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 333]

Asked of all respondents whose randomly selected child is under one year of age (n = 41).

Child Was Ever Fed Breast Milk

(Total Service Area, 2018)
Healthy People 2020 Target = 81.9% or Higher



Sources:

- 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 113]
- 2017 PRC National Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. http://www.healthypeople.gov [Objective MICH-21.1]

Notes:

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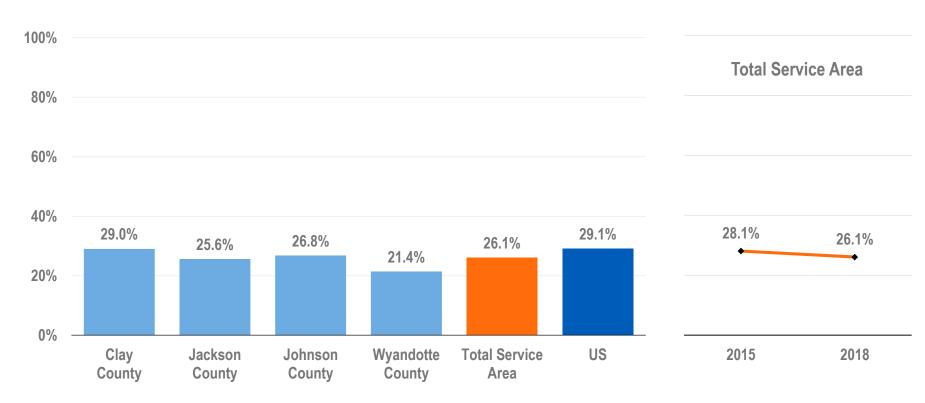
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Child Was Exclusively Breastfed for at Least 6 Months

(Total Service Area, 2018)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 25.5% or Higher



Sources:

- 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 130]
- 2017 PRC National Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. http://www.healthypeople.gov [Objective MICH-21.5]

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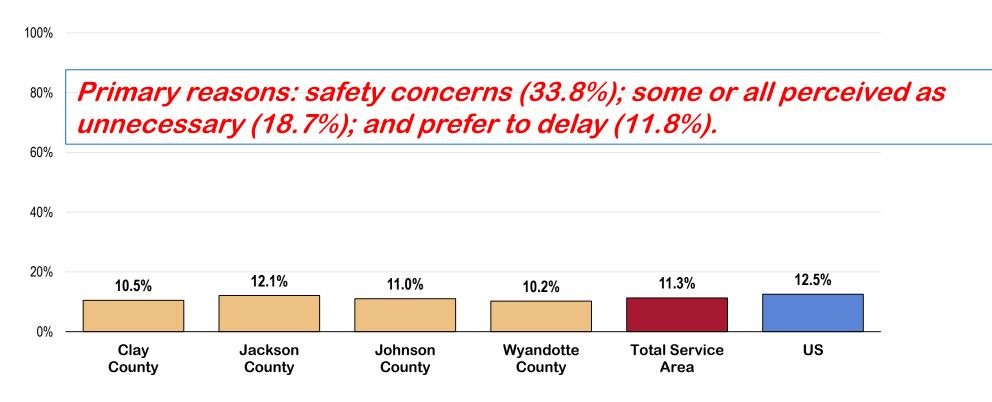
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If Respondent Had a Newborn, Would NOT Want Him/Her to Get All Recommended Vaccinations

(Total Service Area Parents, 2018)



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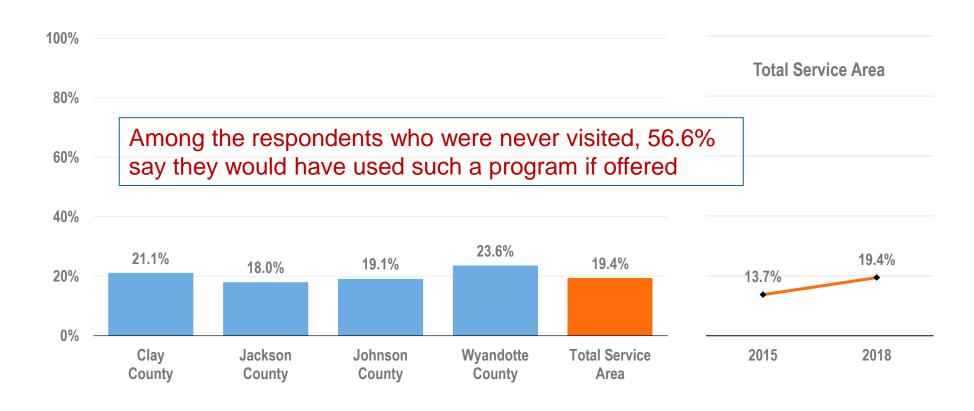
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Person from an In-Home Visiting Program Visited the Home

(Total Service Area Parents, 2018)



Sources:

2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 334-335]

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What Families Say About Access

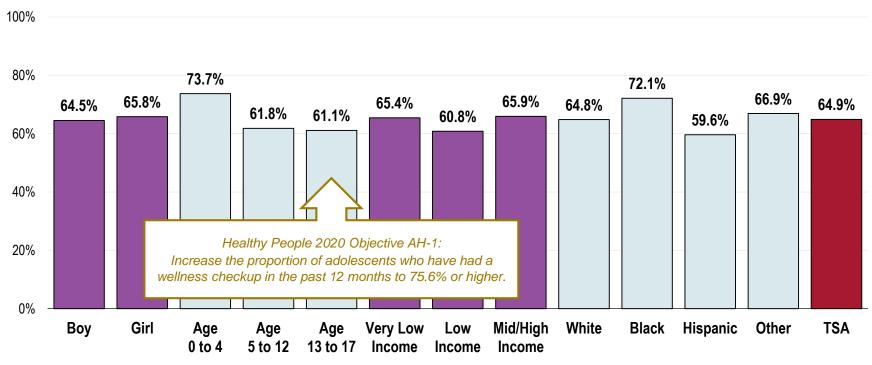
- "And with, with me, um I usually try to plan [medical] appointments around my pay schedule. So if she [participant's daughter] gets a prescription for something. Or if I have to pull her [from school], I can have her make sure she eats for that day." Food Insecurity Focus Group Participant
- "If I have enough time I can find the transportation to get to a medical appointment, but if they want me to bring my child in right away I often can't find a ride." Community Conversation Parent
- "When I call my doctor's office with a problem, they always tell me to go to the Emergency room." Community Conversation Parent
- "There use to be a clinic at my school. I liked going to that clinic. I don't know why it's no longer there." Community Conversation Parent
- "Sometimes you have to wait so long to be seen and then they don't tell you anything." Community Conversation Parent

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Child Visited a Physician for a Routine Checkup in the Past Year

(Total Service Area, 2018)



Sources:

- 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 27]
- US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. http://www.healthypeople.gov [Objective AH-1]

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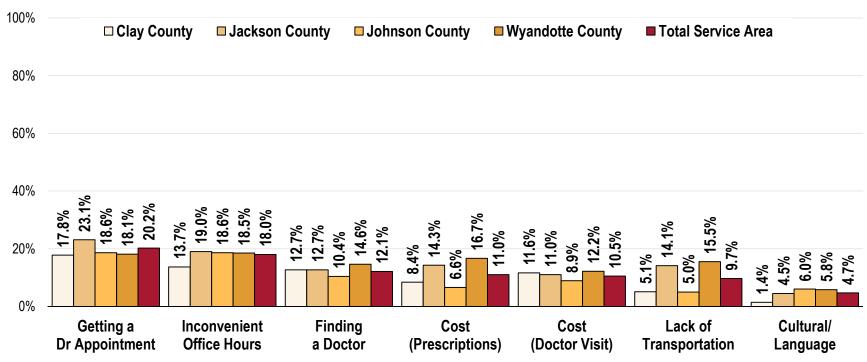
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Barriers to Access Have Prevented Child's Medical Care in the Past Year

(By County, 2018)



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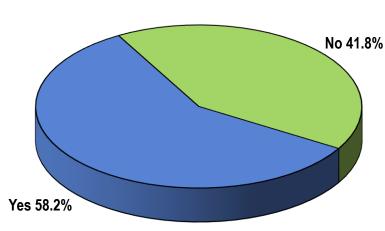
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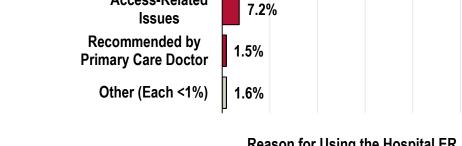
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Emergency Room Visits

(Among Total Service Area Children With Any ER Visits in the Past Year, 2018)





Emergency

After Hours/

Weekend

Don't Know

Access-Related

ER Visit Was for Something That Might Have Been Treated in a Doctor's Office

Reason for Using the Hospital ER Instead of a Doctor's Office or Clinic (Among Those Responding "Yes" at Left)

39.1%

30.8%

19.8%

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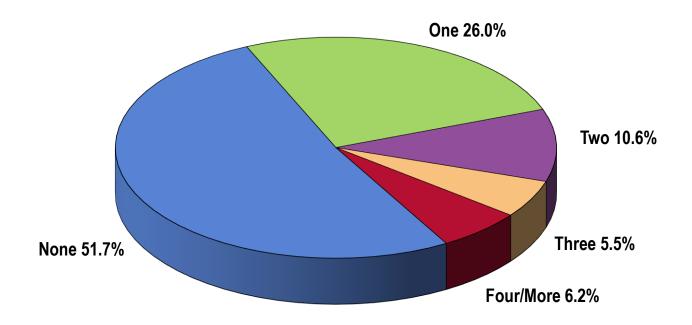
• Asked of respondents for whom the randomly selected child in the household used a hospital ER in the past year

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Number of Visits to an Urgent Care Center or Other Walk-in Clinic in the Past Year

(Total Service Area, 2018)





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Perceived Availability of Community Resources for Obesity, Nutrition, Exercise

Sufficient, Insufficient, not Available

Under 6 years

Sufficient 69.4%

Insufficient 26.7%

Not Available 3.9%

6-11 years

Sufficient 43.4%

Insufficient 52.7%

Not Available 3.9%

12 - 17 years

Sufficient 48%

Insufficient 43.6%

Not Available 7.7%



Key Informant Ratings

Issue	Major Problem	Moderate Problem	Minor Problem	No Problem at all
Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Weight	60.4%	32.1%	7.5%	0.0%
Food Security/ Access to Healthy Foods	43.7%	46.0%	9.2%	1.1%
Access to Parks/Green Spaces/Opportunities for Recreation	18.4%	39.1%	36.8%	5.7%



What Key Informants Said...

"There are various socioeconomic groups that struggle with obesity. Physical education should be a main stay if each day of a child's day and not just every third day. Sleep is also so very important to both weight issues as well as mental health. Later start times for adolescent children has been shown in studies to help with mental health and we also know that poor sleep can lead to more stress and therefore more weight gain. If our kids are running and playing, they burn calories, clear their mind, work on personal interactions and then are actually tired when it's time to go to bed."— Physician

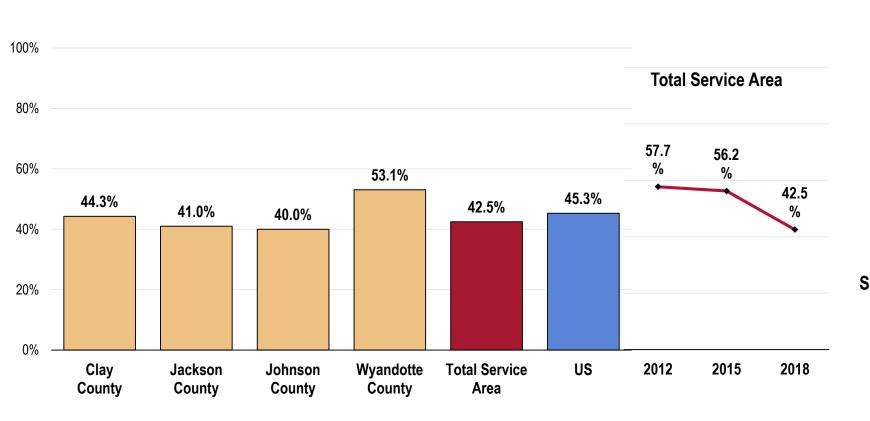
"Establish public events that celebrate physical activity, good nutrition, and overall increased health. Provide more green spaces for families to enjoy celebrating increased physical activity, good nutrition, and overall increase and health, for individual kids, but also for schools as a whole." — Community/Business Leader

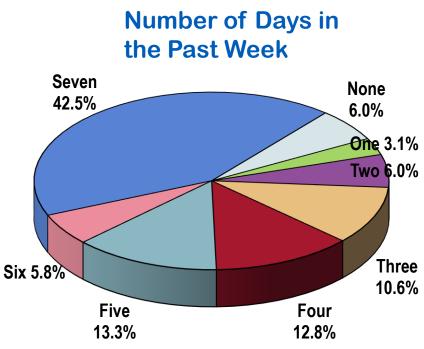
"The biggest health issue in my community is obesity. Parents aren't leading their children how to eat. Many families don't eat meals together. Many families are eating restaurant food and/or processed meals. It's expensive to buy fresh fruit and vegetables. It's tough for most people to get their 10 servings of vegetables in per day." --Physician



Child Was Physically Active for One Hour or Longer on Every Day of the Past Week

(Total Service Area Children Age 2-17, 2018)







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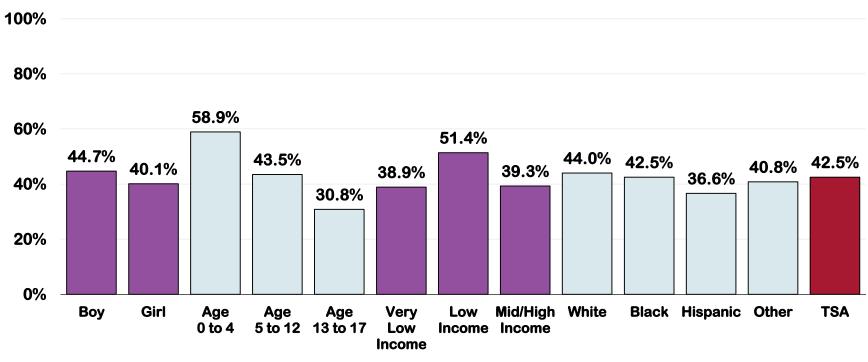
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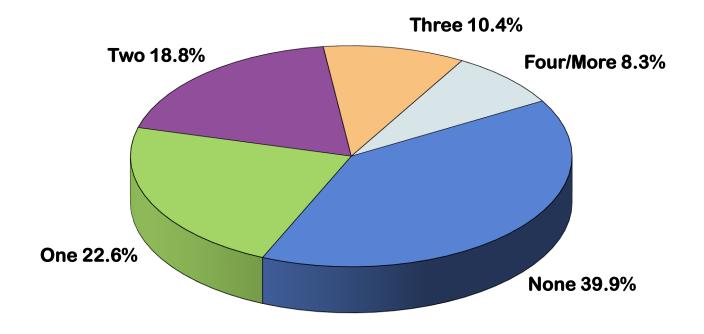
Sources:

- 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Item 107]
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- Hispanics can be of any race. Other race categories are non-Hispanic categorizations (e.g., "White" reflects non-Hispanic White respondents).
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Number of Sports Teams Child Played On in the Past Year

(Total Service Area Parents of Children Age 5-17, 2018)





Asked of all respondents about a randomly selected child age 5 to 17 at home.



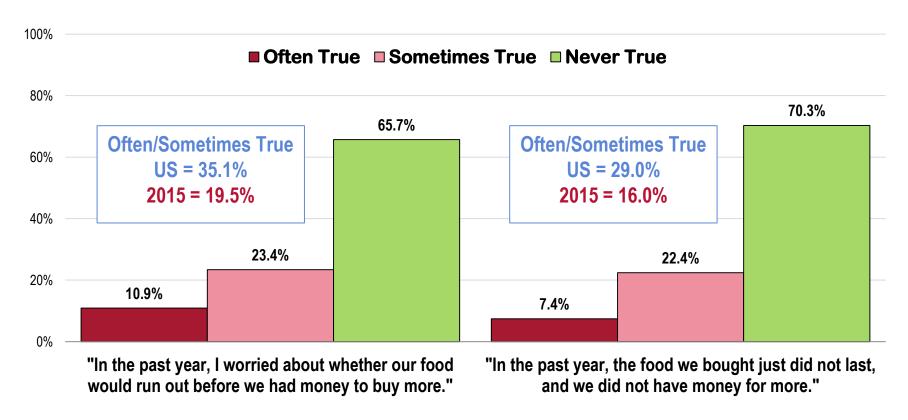
Family Meal Patterns

- Close to 14% of TSA parents report that their child eats fruits and/or vegetables five or more times/day.
 - Increase from 11.1% in 2015 to 13.9% in 2018)
- Over 34% of parents report that their child has had three or more meals from "fast food" restaurants in the past week.
 - Increase from 24.8 % in 2012 and 2015
- Close to 67% of parents report sharing meals as a family an average of at least one a day.
 - Decrease from 72.6 and 72.9% in 2012 and 2015



Food Insecurity

(Total Service Area, 2018)



- 2018 PRC Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc. [Items 329-330]
- 2017 PRC National Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Reflects the total sample of respondents.



What Families Say About Food Insecurity

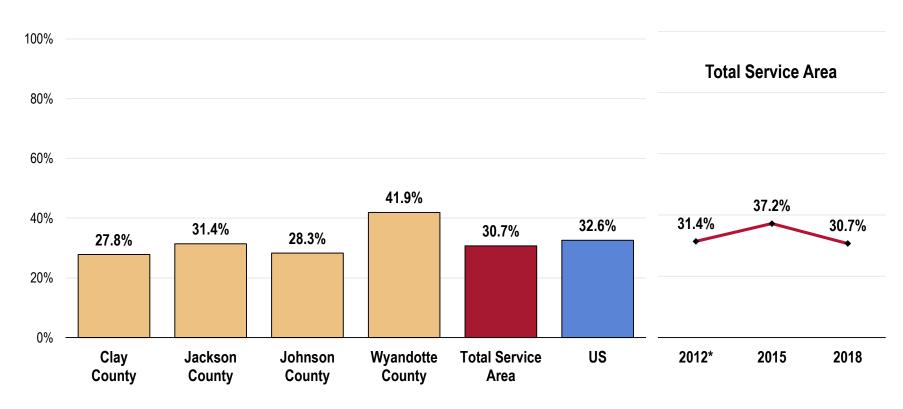
(Six Focus Groups, 30 participants, Summer 2018, conducted at Children's Mercy)

- "...And I have \$35/month for food. That's it. And that's like barring the costs of gas going up, or anything going wrong, or needing an oil change for my car...."
- "But I don't eat to make sure they're fed. (Second participant, "I've done that.")
- "If it wasn't for WIC, then there'd probably be times that we didn't have any [fruits and vegetables] in our house."
- "You should not have to go 2 or 3 neighborhoods away from you to get food."
- "Nothing is close might have to take several buses to get to the grocery store or buy food at a QT or filling station where they mark up food 500%."



Child Is Overweight or Obese

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17 With a BMI in the 85th Percentile or Higher)



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 - 2017 PRC National Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
- Notes: Asked of those respondents for whom the randomly selected child in the household is between the ages of 5 and 17.
 - Overweight among children 5-17 is determined by child's Body Mass Index status at or above the 85th percentile of US growth charts by gender and age.
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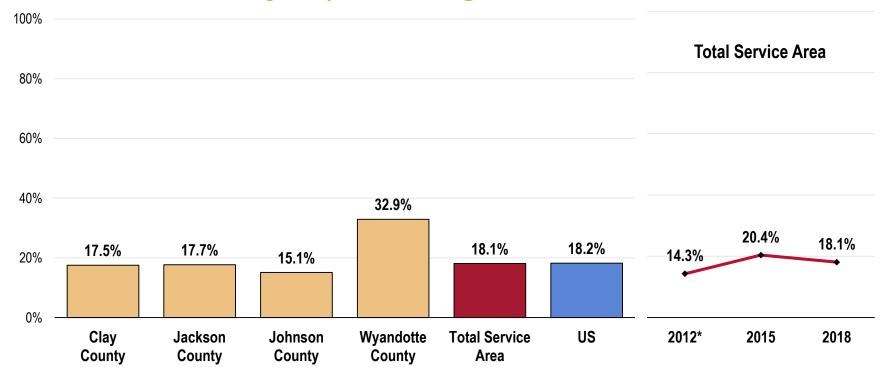
For more information see: The State of Children's Health in the Kansas City Region, 2019, https://www.childrensmercy.org/in-the-community-benefit/community-health-needs-assessment



Child Obesity Prevalence

(Total Service Area Children Age 5-17 with a BMI in the 95th Percentile or Higher)

Healthy People 2020 Target = 14.5% or Lower



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 - 2017 PRC National Child & Adolescent Health Survey, Professional Research Consultants, Inc.
 - US Department of Health and Human Services. Healthy People 2020. December 2010. http://www.healthypeople.gov [Objective NWS-10.4]
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