

SOLVING THE POVERTY EMERGENCY



KANSAS KIDS FACE A POVERTY EMERGENCY.

Some **103,000** children in the state live at the poverty line or below. That means a family of three earning **\$21,330** a year or less. More than **41,000** children in the state live in extreme poverty, in which a family of three makes less than **\$11,000** a year.

Unfortunately, state restrictions prevent kids and families from accessing the help they need. We can remove these barriers and solve the poverty emergency. But only if we know the facts.

CURRENT 2019 KANSAS POVERTY GUIDELINES BASED ON FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES

FAMILY SIZE	ANNUAL PRE-TAX INCOME
1 👤	\$12,490
2 👤👤	\$16,910
3 👤👤👤	\$21,330
4 👤👤👤👤	\$25,750
5 👤👤👤👤👤	\$30,170
6 👤👤👤👤👤👤	\$34,590
7 👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	\$39,010
8 👤👤👤👤👤👤👤👤	\$43,430

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,420 for each additional person.

MAXIMUM CASH ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS

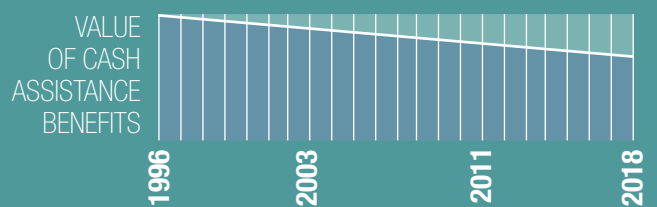
PERSONS IN PLAN	RURAL COUNTY	HIGH COST COUNTY	HIGH POPULATION COUNTY	HIGH COST HIGH POPULATION COUNTY
1	\$168	\$170	\$175	\$186
2	\$263	\$265	\$271	\$284
3	\$349	\$352	\$259	\$375
4	\$421	\$425	\$432	\$449
5	\$487	\$490	\$499	\$517
6	\$557	\$561	\$571	\$592
7	\$618	\$622	\$632	\$653
8	\$679	\$683	\$693	\$714

Add \$61 to each column for each additional person.



The amount of cash assistance available to families is very limited: at maximum, **a family of three can receive just \$429 per month.**

Kansas has never increased the amount of cash assistance benefits since the program began in 1996, meaning benefits have lost one-third of their value over time.



WHAT IS TANF?

The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, or TANF, is a safety net program designed to alleviate hardship for poor families.

The federal government provides funding to states for TANF through block grants. States receive significant flexibility on how to distribute those dollars.

Direct cash assistance to families is a core component of TANF, but Kansas spends less than \$1 of every \$12 of its TANF block grant on cash assistance for families.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN TANF?

Only Kansas families with very low incomes are eligible to participate in the TANF cash assistance program.

Only families with children can qualify for TANF cash assistance.



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WHOM DOES SNAP REACH?



Three in four SNAP participants are in families with children



One in three are in families with members who are elderly or have disabilities



Half are in working families



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