

UPWARD MOBILITY Data Walk

Overview of Key Findings

About half

(53.8 percent or \$36,996) of the ALICE Survival Budget is needed to cover food, child care and housing costs for a family of four with two children in child care.

Half of Kansas'

10 fastest-growing occupations are in health care, including a mix of lower-wage caregiving roles and higher-wage health care professions.

One-third

of Kansas counties (36 of 105) display high economic connectedness — on average, at least half of Facebook friends of those earning below the median income earn above the median income.



Premium increases in Kansas

for employer-sponsored health insurance have outpaced the rate of inflation over the past 10 years.

First-year job creation rates

by startups noticeably decreased in Kansas and the United States between 2000 and 2010, then remained steady between 2011 and 2025.



Less than half

of younger adults (age 34 or younger) own their home while more than 70 percent of adults age 35 to 84 own their own home.



One in 5 Kansans

have debt in collections, and 15.7 percent of Kansans with student loan debt are 60 or more days delinquent.

Households with the lowest incomes

(bottom 20 percent) pay about 11.4 percent of their income in state and local taxes, while households with the highest income (top 1 percent) pay about 7.5 percent.



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