

Economic Index Update

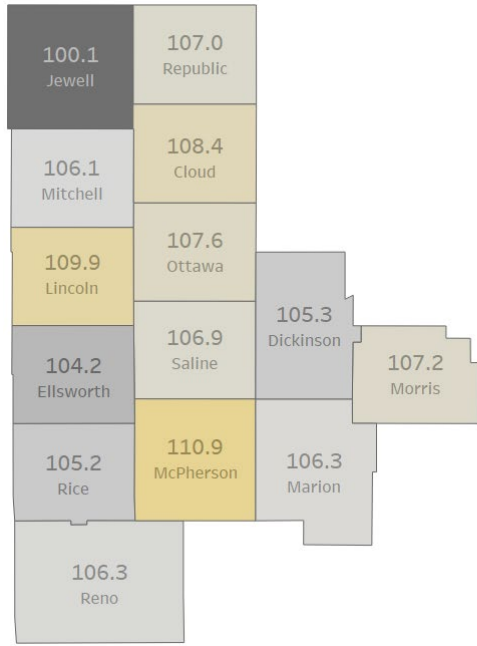
Healthy-Wealthy-Wise

Saline County

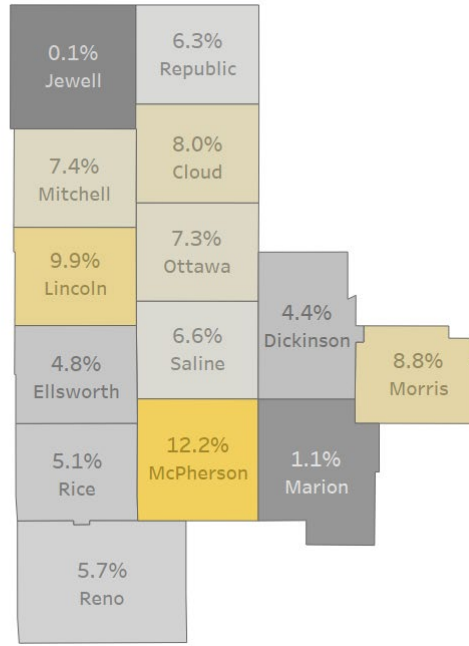
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Current Index

2023 Current Index

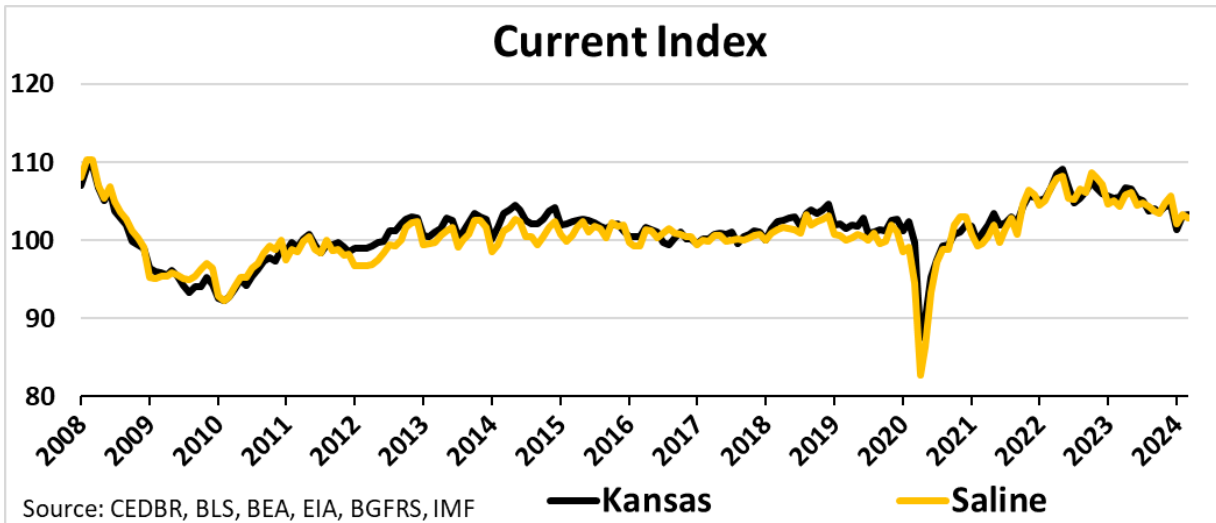


Y/Y Current Index Growth – 2022-23

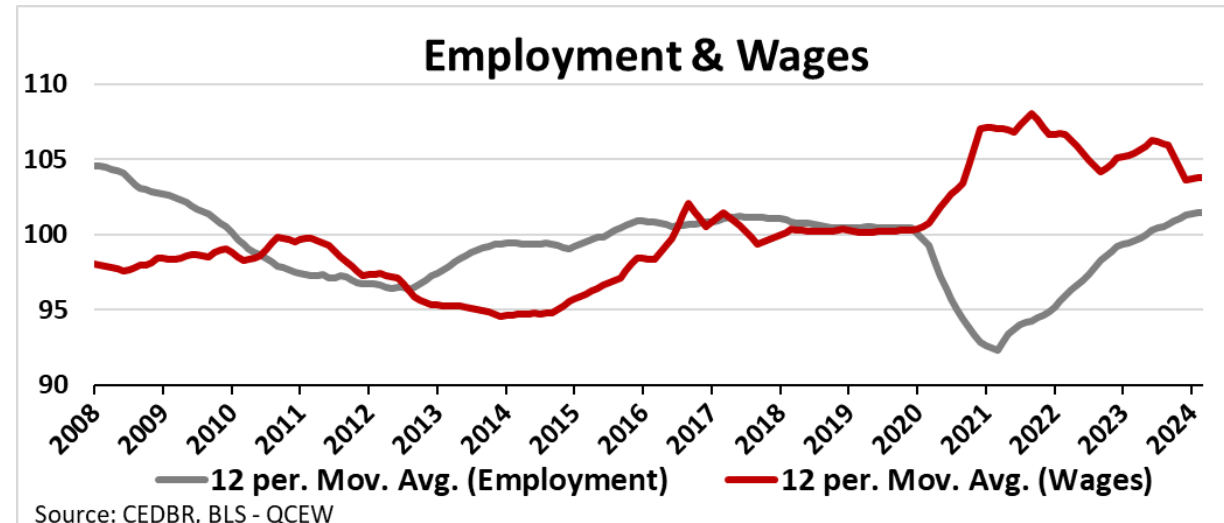


- Regionally, all counties are better off than in 2018 (the base year)
- Saline County has generally followed state trends
- Employment recovery continues but remains below pre-2008
- Wages grew strongly from 2020-2021, but have lost steam since 2022

Current Index



Employment & Wages



Household Index

Healthy 1/3

Low Birthweight
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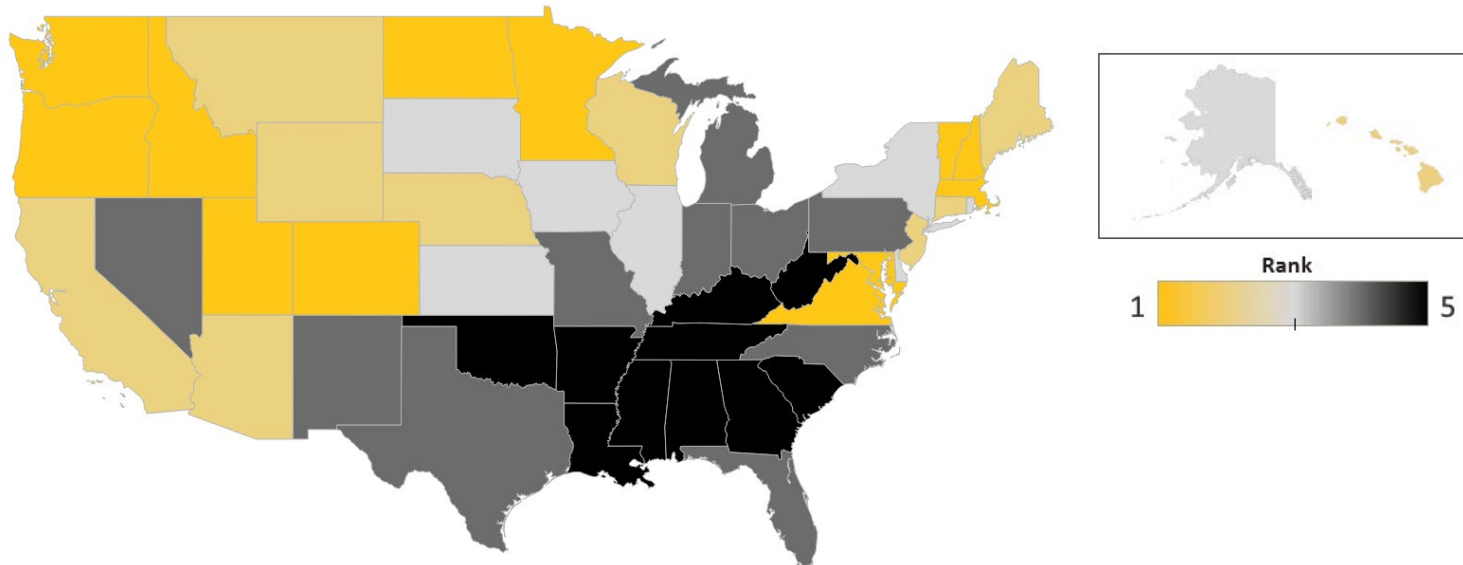
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Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise – Kansas ranks near the national median

U.S. Healthy-Wealthy-Wise Index, 2024



- **Healthy** – Near Median
 - **High obesity**
 - **Low birthweights**
- **Wealthy** – Near Median
 - **Low wealth polarization**
 - **Lagging incomes**
- **Wise** – Above Median
 - **Associate and Bachelor**

Kansas Healthy-Wealthy-Wise Index 2024

		Rank	Value
Healthy	Obesity Rate	4	35.8%
	Low Birthweight Rate	2	7.2%
	Preventable Hospitalization Rate	3	2.7%
Wealthy	Gini Coefficient	2	0.46
	Median Household Income	4	\$69,747
	Poverty Rate	3	11.6%
Wise	Associate Degrees	2	31.4%
	Bachelor Degrees	2	21.7%
	Advanced Degrees	3	13.0%

Neighboring State Ranks

State	HWW Index	Healthy	Wealthy	Wise
Colorado	1	2	1	1
Kansas	3	3	3	2
Missouri	4	4	4	4
Nebraska	2	3	2	2
Oklahoma	5	4	4	5

Midwest Region

- Colorado and Nebraska **lead**
- Missouri and Oklahoma **lag**

Saline County ranked **above the median** in household conditions

Healthy-Wealthy-Wise 2024				
County	Healthy-Wealthy-Wise Index	Healthy	Wealthy	Wise
Cloud	1	2	4	1
Dickinson	2	4	2	2
Ellsworth	2	2	2	3
Jewell	5	5	5	4
Lincoln	3	3	4	1
Marion	1	1	3	1
McPherson	1	1	1	1
Mitchell	3	3	3	1
Morris	3	1	4	4
Ottawa	1	1	1	1
Reno	3	3	4	3
Republic	1	1	2	2
Rice	2	4	2	2
Saline	2	3	3	2

- **Healthy:** Near Median
- **Wealthy:** Near Median
- **Wise:** **Above Median**
- The north-central region has broadly strong households
- Strong regional labor force interconnection

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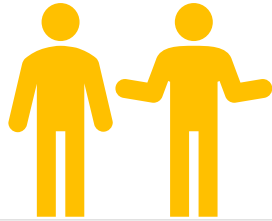
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Household health impacts the economy in many ways



People

Lost Personal Income

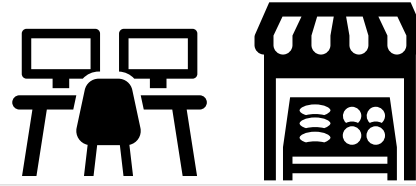
- Time Off Work
- Lower Job Security
- Lost Advancement Opportunities

Poorer Quality of Life

- Mental and Physical Health

Higher Personal Costs

- Out-of-pocket health costs
- Medications



Firms

Productivity Issues

Higher Employer Costs

- Insurance and Healthcare

Tighter Labor Markets

- Higher Demand for Labor

Discouraged Investment

- Firms May Relocate or Close
- Deterred Investors



Government

Burden on Public Systems

- Healthcare and Social Services

Decreased Revenue

- Less Productive Workforce
- Loss of Firms
- Difficulty Attracting Investment

Economic Stagnation

Healthy – Saline ranks near the state median

Low Birthweight Rate

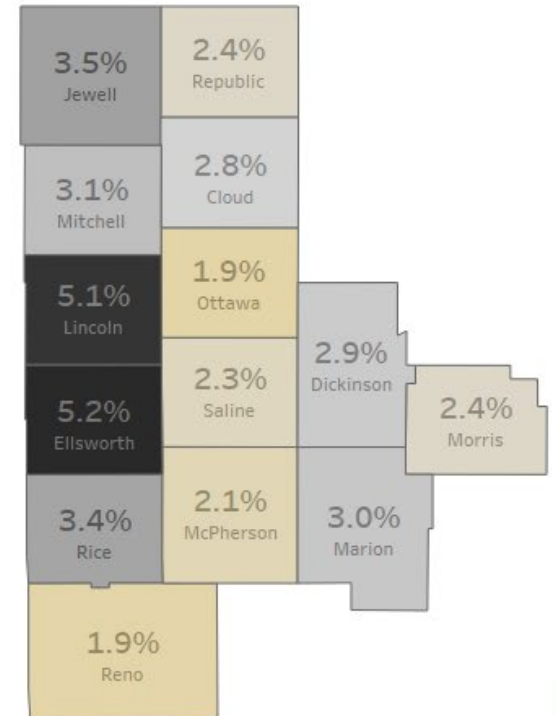
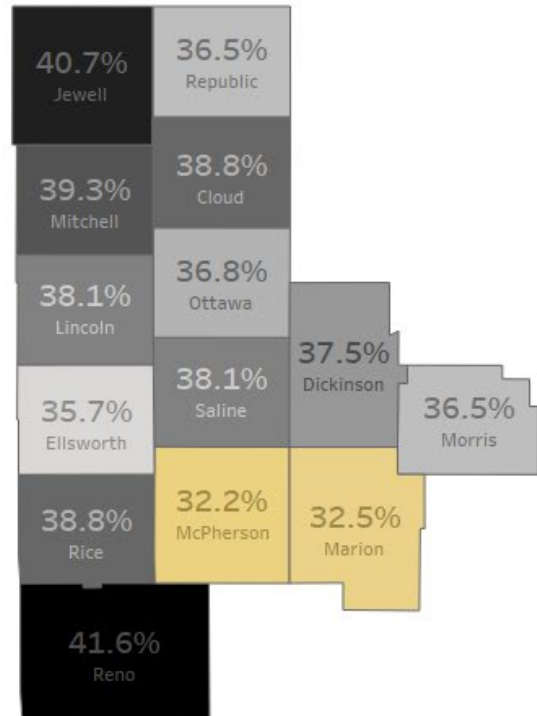
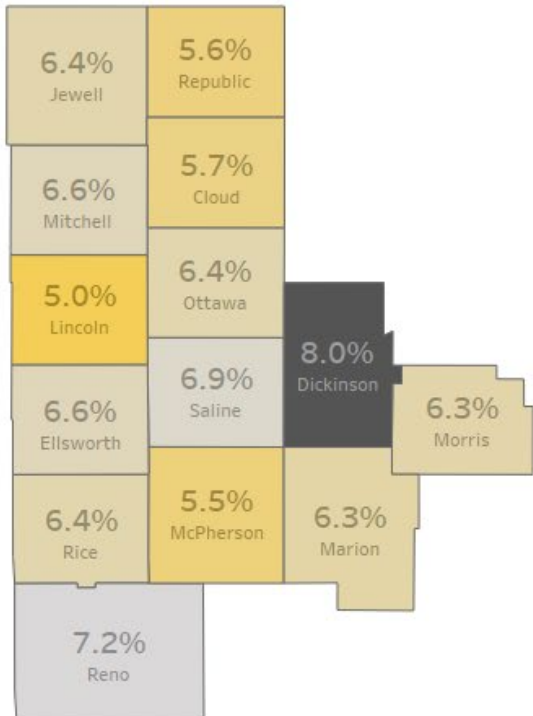
Obesity Rate

Preventable Hospitalizations Rate

	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	7.0%	7.2%	0.2%
Saline	7.4%	6.9%	-0.4%

	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	32.4%	35.8%	3.4%
Saline	36.4%	38.1%	1.7%

	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	5.1%	2.7%	-2.4%
Saline	3.9%	2.3%	-1.6%



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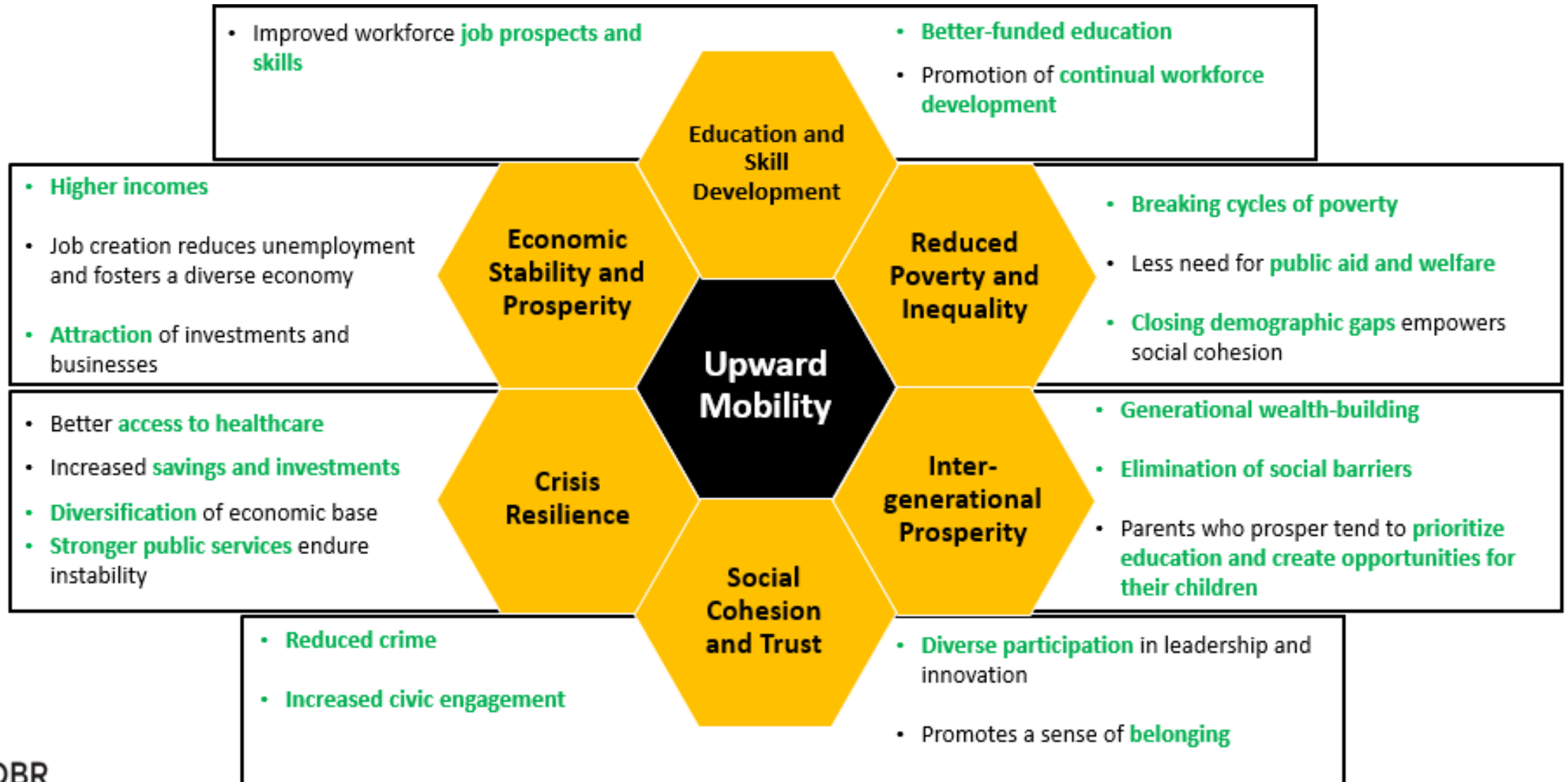
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Upward mobility promotes a strong community, key for an economy to flourish



Wealthy – Saline County ranks near the median

Gini Coefficient

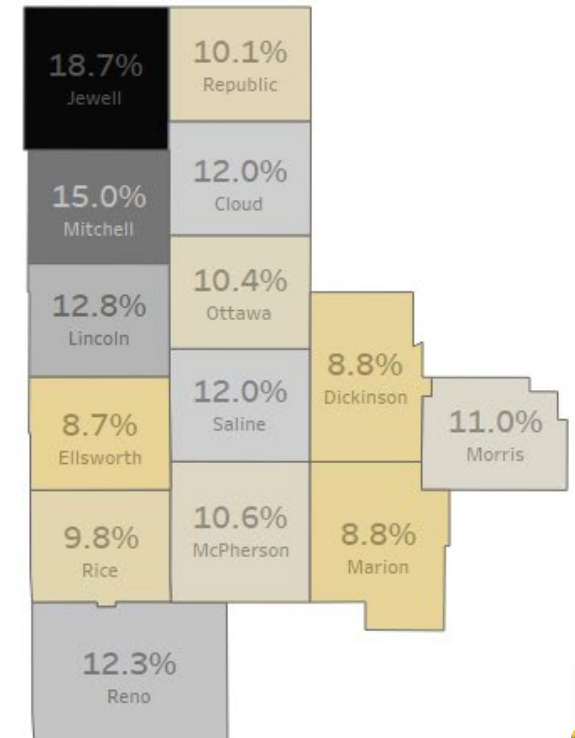
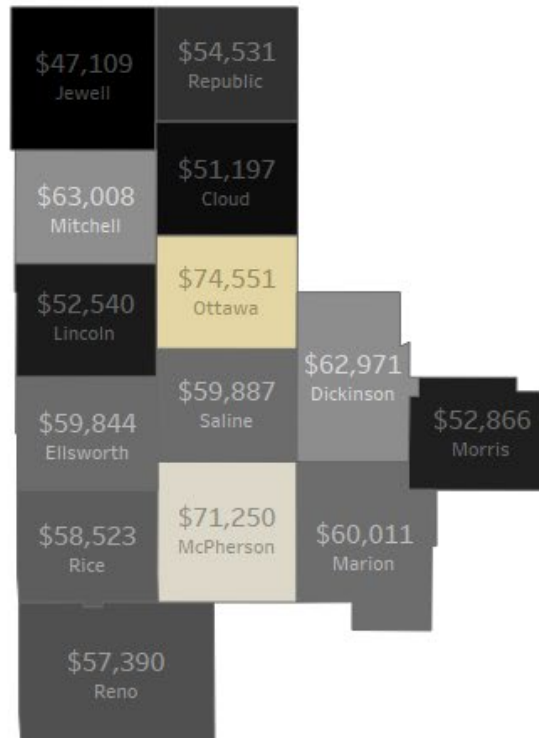
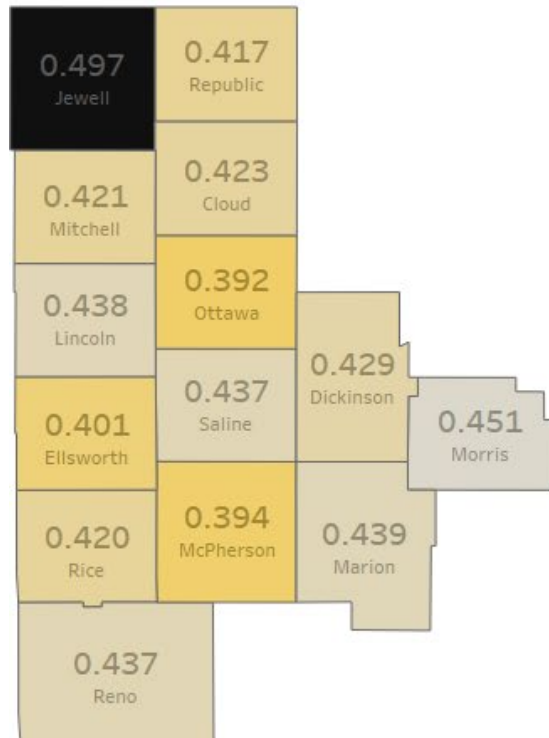
	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	0.458	0.458	-0.1%
Saline	0.438	0.437	-0.2%

Median Household Income

	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	\$ 57,422	\$ 69,747	21.5%
Saline	\$ 50,515	\$ 59,887	18.6%

Poverty Rate

	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	12.4%	11.6%	-0.8%
Saline	12.6%	12.0%	-0.7%



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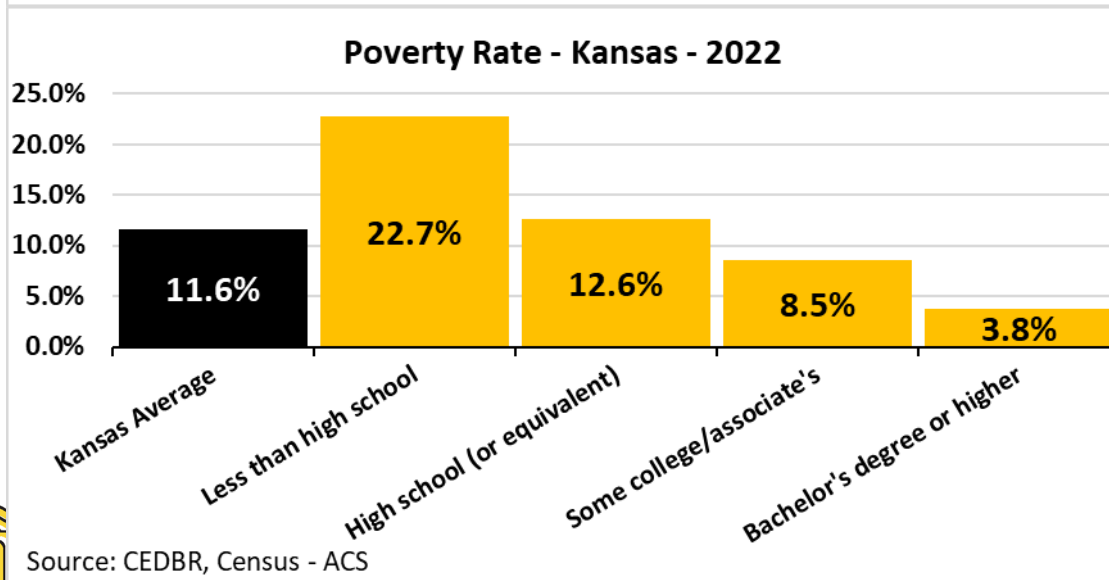
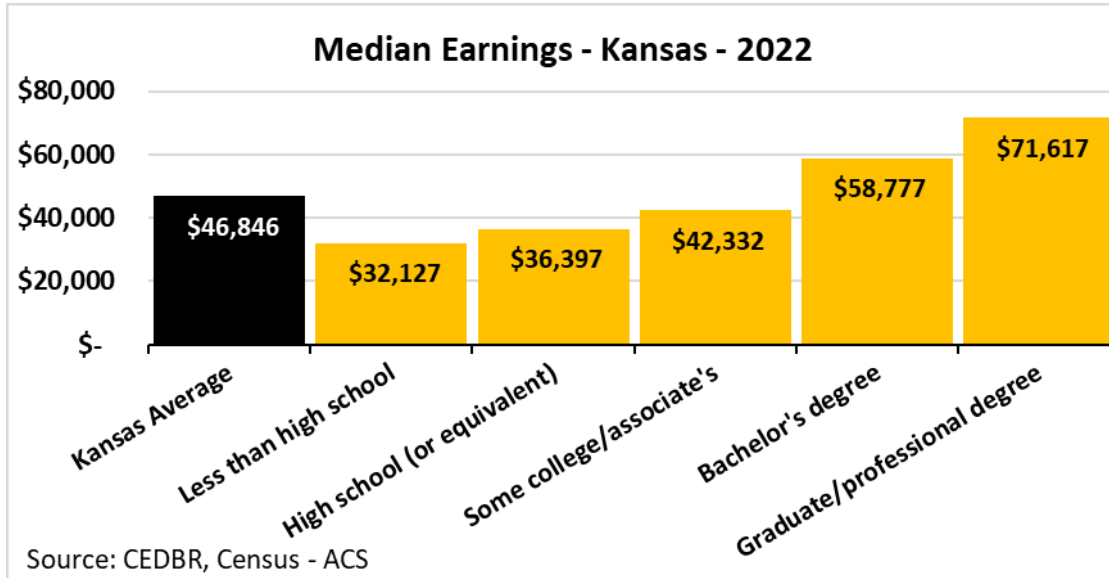
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Educational Attainment Drives...



Increased Productivity, Innovation, and Resilience

Attraction of Higher-Paying Jobs and Industries

Higher Incomes and Wages

Reduced Unemployment and Underemployment

Reduced Poverty and Inequality

Increased Local Spending and Economic Activity



Wise – Rapidly growing education, particularly in skilled trades and associate degrees

Total Education	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	64.7%	66.1%	1.4%
Saline	59.7%	64.1%	4.4%

Some College and Associate Degrees

	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	31.8%	31.4%	-0.4%
Saline	33.5%	35.9%	2.4%

Bachelor Degrees

	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	20.8%	21.7%	0.9%
Saline	18.2%	18.1%	0.9%

Advanced Degrees

	2018	2022	Growth
Kansas	12.1%	13.0%	0.9%
Saline	9.0%	10.1%	1.1%

