

Status of American Indian/Alaska Native

Population, Death, and Birth in Kansas, 2011-2015

August 2017

Population

An estimated **61,363** American Indians/Alaska Natives (AI/AN) live in Kansas, making up about **2.1 percent** of the people in the state¹. This number is based on a count of people who report AI/AN alone or combined with one or more races.

Population characteristics ¹	AI/AN*	White [†]
The estimated average individual income is:	\$17,531	\$29,347
Half of the households have an income less than:	\$40,267	\$54,125
The estimated percentage of people living below the poverty level is:	22%	11%
The estimated percentage of occupied housing units with no vehicle is:	9.8%	4.7%
The median age of the population is:	29.5 years	37.9 years

Death

In 2011-2015, over 2,000 AI/AN deaths occurred. AI/AN die at a younger age on average (age 68 for AI/AN compared to age 76 for Whites). AI/AN males died, on average, 7 years earlier than White males (age 66 compared to age 73 respectively). AI/AN females died, on average, 8 years earlier than White females (age 71 compared to age 79 respectively).

Table 1. Ten Leading Causes of Death, By Percent, Race, and Category, Kansas, 2011-2015²

Cause	AI/AN*	White [†]
Heart attack (ischemic heart disease) and other heart disease	18.7%	20.8%
Chronic lower respiratory disease (emphysema, chronic bronchitis)	8.7%	6.8%
Lung cancer (cancers of the trachea, bronchus, lung)	7.7%	5.9%
Other cancer	5.1%	5.5%
Accidents other than motor vehicle accidents	4.9%	3.9%
Stroke (cerebrovascular disease)	4.8%	5.2%
Diabetes	3.3%	2.4%
Kidney disease (nephritis, nephrotic syndrome, nephrosis)	2.3%	2.2%
Suicide	2.3%	1.7%
Colon cancer (cancers of the colon, rectum, anus)	2.1%	1.9%

Bold indicates statistically significant difference.

* AI/AN alone or in combination with other races

† White alone

¹U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2011-2015

²2011-2015 Kansas Vital Statistics (OVS), Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

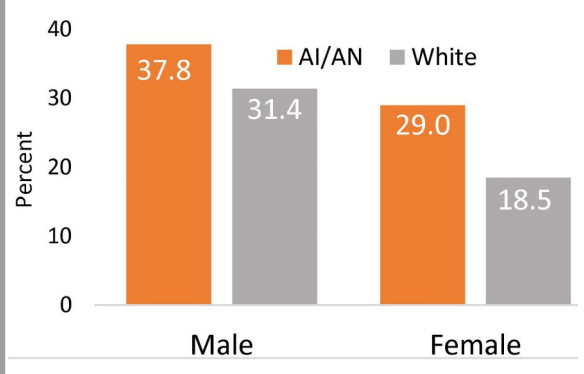
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1 in 3 AI/AN* deaths (33.2%) are related to commercial tobacco.

Tobacco-related deaths are highest among AI/AN* males (37.8%).

Tobacco-related deaths are significantly higher among AI/AN* women (29.0%) than White[†] women (18.5%).

Figure 1. Tobacco-Related Deaths, By Percent, Race, and Sex, Kansas, 2011-2015



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Birth

In 2011-2015, AI/AN* made up an estimated **1.4 percent** of the total births in the state. The average age of AI/AN* mothers at birth was 25.8 years compared to 27.6 for White[†] mothers.

Table 2. Selected Birth Characteristics, By Percent, Race, and Category, Kansas, 2011-2015²

Selected birth characteristics	AI/AN*	White [†]
Initiated breastfeeding (Healthy People 2020 Goal 81.9 percent ³)	79.4%	84.9%
Mothers who completed more than high school education	50.8%	66.0%
Fathers [‡] who completed more than high school education	45.7%	61.5%
Mothers receiving adequate prenatal care (Healthy People 2020 Goal 77.6 percent ³)	75.6%	84.6%
Mothers receiving prenatal care in the 1st trimester	72.4%	81.3%
Teen births	12.7%	6.9%
Reported Cigarette Use Pre-Pregnancy	30.1%	15.6%
Reported Cigarette Use Any Time During Pregnancy	25.6%	13.7%

1 in 3 AI/AN* mothers (32.9%) live in rural counties, slightly more than White[†] mothers living in rural counties (29.1%).²

An estimated 32.2% rural AI/AN mothers smoked during pregnancy, compared to 15.9% of rural White mothers.²

2 in 3 AI/AN* mothers (67.1%) live in urban counties, slightly less than White[†] mothers living in urban counties (70.9%).²

An estimated 22.4% urban AI/AN mothers smoked any time during pregnancy, compared to 12.0% of urban White mothers.²

Figure 2. Live Births by Delivery Pay Source, AI/AN Race*, Kansas, 2011-2015²

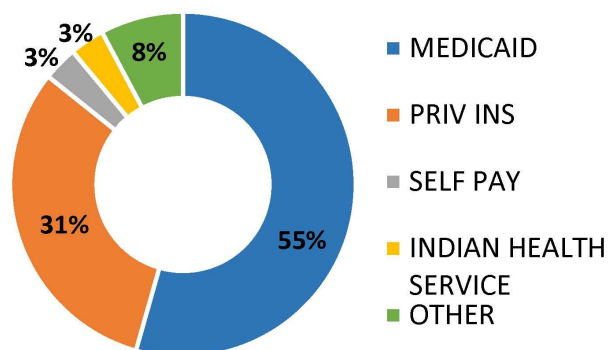
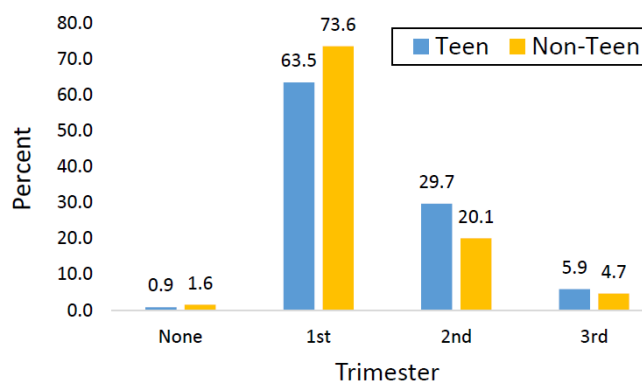


Figure 3. Teen and Non-Teen Live Births: Percent Distribution by Trimester Prenatal Care Began, AI/AN Race*, Kansas, 2011-2015²



* AI/AN alone or in combination with other races

† White alone

‡ Father's information may be incomplete, available for 82.8% of AI/AN births and 91.2% of White births

²2011-2015 Kansas Vital Statistics (OVS), Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

³Healthy People 2020. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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