57% of all Topeka's total households were families, as compared to 66% in both Kansas and the nation.

Average family and household size in Topeka is slightly lower than in Kansas as a whole.

44% of all Topeka's family households with children (under the age of 18), were headed by single parents. 33% of those were headed by a single female only.

Comparatively, 32% of all U.S. family households containing children (under the age of 18) were headed by single parents, with 24% being female headed only. 30% of all Kansas family households containing children are single-parent headed, with 21% being female headed only.

Definitions:

Household: Includes all people who occupy a housing unit. One person is designated the householder or head. All households are either "family" or "non-family".

Family Household: Consists of the household and one or more persons living in the household who are related to the household by birth, marriage or adoption. May also contain individuals not related to the household.

Non-family households: Consists of a household living alone or with nonrelatives only. (i.e. roommates or unmarried partner)

Husband-wife household: A husband and his or her spouse of the opposite sex are members of the same household.

Same sex spousal households: may either be classified "family" or "non-family" depending on the presence of another person related to the household.