

Background

Since 2000, the City of Topeka has measured the “health” of its neighborhoods to determine priorities for planning and funding assistance. Based on a medical theme, 5 “**Vital Signs**” are used as indicators of overall “Health” conditions and trends. Health ratings are indicators to provide insight and visibility which in turn can be used to improve neighborhood conditions.

Vital Signs	Source
▪ Poverty Level	<i>2009-2013 US Census Bureau 5-Year American Community Survey</i>
▪ Public Safety (Part 1 Crimes per 100 Persons)	<i>2013-14 Topeka Police Department and City of Topeka Planning Department</i>
▪ Residential Property Values	<i>2014 Shawnee County Appraiser’s Office</i>
▪ Single Family Homeownership	<i>2014 Shawnee County Appraiser’s Office and City of Topeka Planning Department</i>
▪ Boarded Houses (nuisance securements & unsafe structures)	<i>2014 City of Topeka Department of Neighborhood Relations</i>

Each vital sign contains a score ranging from the most desirable condition (4 points) to the least desirable condition (1 point). The score for each vital sign is added together into a composite average score to determine the block group/neighborhood’s overall health as shown below:

Composite Health Classifications

Healthy – optimal conditions (3.4 – 4.0)

Out Patient – favorable conditions (2.8 – 3.2)

At Risk – emerging negative conditions (2.0 – 2.6)

Intensive Care – seriously distressed conditions (1.0 – 1.8)

The resulting health maps show the neighborhoods throughout the city and the **Census Block Groups**—geographic areas used by the U.S. Census Bureau to provide neighborhood-level data. Some block groups overlap established neighborhood boundaries and neighborhoods may contain more than one block group. Health ratings are calculated for each block group to show how it ranks using the five vital signs.

The Topeka Planning Department recently updated the City’s 2014 Neighborhood Health Map, part of the Neighborhood Element of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. This is the latest compilation of health data. The original Health Map was established in 2000 and updated in 2003, 2007, and 2011.

Short Term NIA Block Group Trends (2011 – 2014)

2011 – 2014 Short Term Improvement in NIAs and Non-NIAs			
Block Group	Neighborhood	2011	2014
11:3	East Topeka North	I.C.	A.R.
11:3	East Topeka South	I.C.	A.R.
22:1	Greater Auburndale*	O.P.	H.
9:3	Oakland	O.P.	H.
10:1	Oakland	O.P.	H.

2011 – 2014 Short Term Decline of NIAs and Non-NIAs to At-Risk			
Block Group	Neighborhood	2011	2014
13:3	Central Highland Park	O.P.	A.R.
4:3	Central Park	A.R.	I.C.
21:2	Elmhurst/Norton*	H.	O.P.
31:3	Highland Acres	O.P.	A.R.
30:011	Highland Crest	O.P.	A.R.
5:1	Historic Old Town	A.R.	I.C.
5:3	Historic Old Town	O.P.	A.R.
40:4	Monroe	O.P.	A.R.
21:3	Norton/Randolph*	O.P.	A.R.
9:1	Oakland	O.P.	A.R.
37:3	SE 45 th & Topeka*	H.	A.R.
27:11	SW 21 th & Gage*	O.P.	A.R.
28:3	SW 37 th & Topeka*	O.P.	A.R.

“H” = Healthy

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“A.R.” = At Risk

“I.C.” = Intensive Care

*Non-NIA neighborhoods or areas

Long Term NIA Block Group Trends (2000 – 2014)

2000 – 2014 Long Term Improvement in NIAs and Non-NIAs			
Block Group	Neighborhood	2000	2014
13:1	Central Highland Park	A.R.	O.P.
13:4	Central Highland Park	A.R.	O.P.
4:4	Chesney Park	I.C.	A.R.
40:1	Downtown*	I.C.	A.R.
40:2	Downtown*	I.C.	A.R.
31:01	East End	A.R.	O.P.
11:1	East Topeka North	I.C.	A.R.
11:3	East Topeka North	I.C.	A.R.
11:3	East Topeka South	I.C.	A.R.
12:1	East Topeka South	I.C.	A.R.
4:1	Historic Holliday Park	I.C.	A.R.
28:2	Likins Foster	A.R.	O.P.
9:2	Oakland	A.R.	O.P.
9:3	Oakland	O.P.	H.
10:1	Oakland	O.P.	H.
4:1	Tennessee Town	I.C.	A.R.
5:3	Tennessee Town	I.C.	A.R.
6:1	Ward Meade	A.R.	O.P.
6:2	Ward Meade	I.C.	A.R.
6:3	Ward Meade	I.C.	A.R.

2000 – 2014 Long Term Decline in NIAs			
Block Group	Neighborhood	2000	2014
4:3	Central Park	O.P.	A.R.
11:2	East Topeka North	A.R.	I.C.
31:3	Highland Acres	O.P.	A.R.
30:011	Highland Crest	A.R.	I.C.
5:1	Historic Old Town	A.R.	I.C.
15:3	Jefferson Square	O.P.	A.R.
9:1	Oakland	H.	A.R.
15:1	Quinton Heights Steele	O.P.	A.R.

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S.O.R.T (Stages of Resource Targeting)

Since 2003, the City of Topeka has used a targeted approach for reinvestment in the most distressed neighborhoods. SORT (Stages of Resource Targeting) combines the majority of the City's federal housing funds from HUD with local infrastructure funds and reinvests those dollars into a 4-5 block area of two (2) *At Risk/Intensive Care* neighborhoods over a 2-year period. The funding implements neighborhood plans developed by the city and neighborhood improvement associations. Below are the neighborhoods and their block groups that have received SORT funding between 2003 and 2011, and their composite health scores from 2000 and 2014.

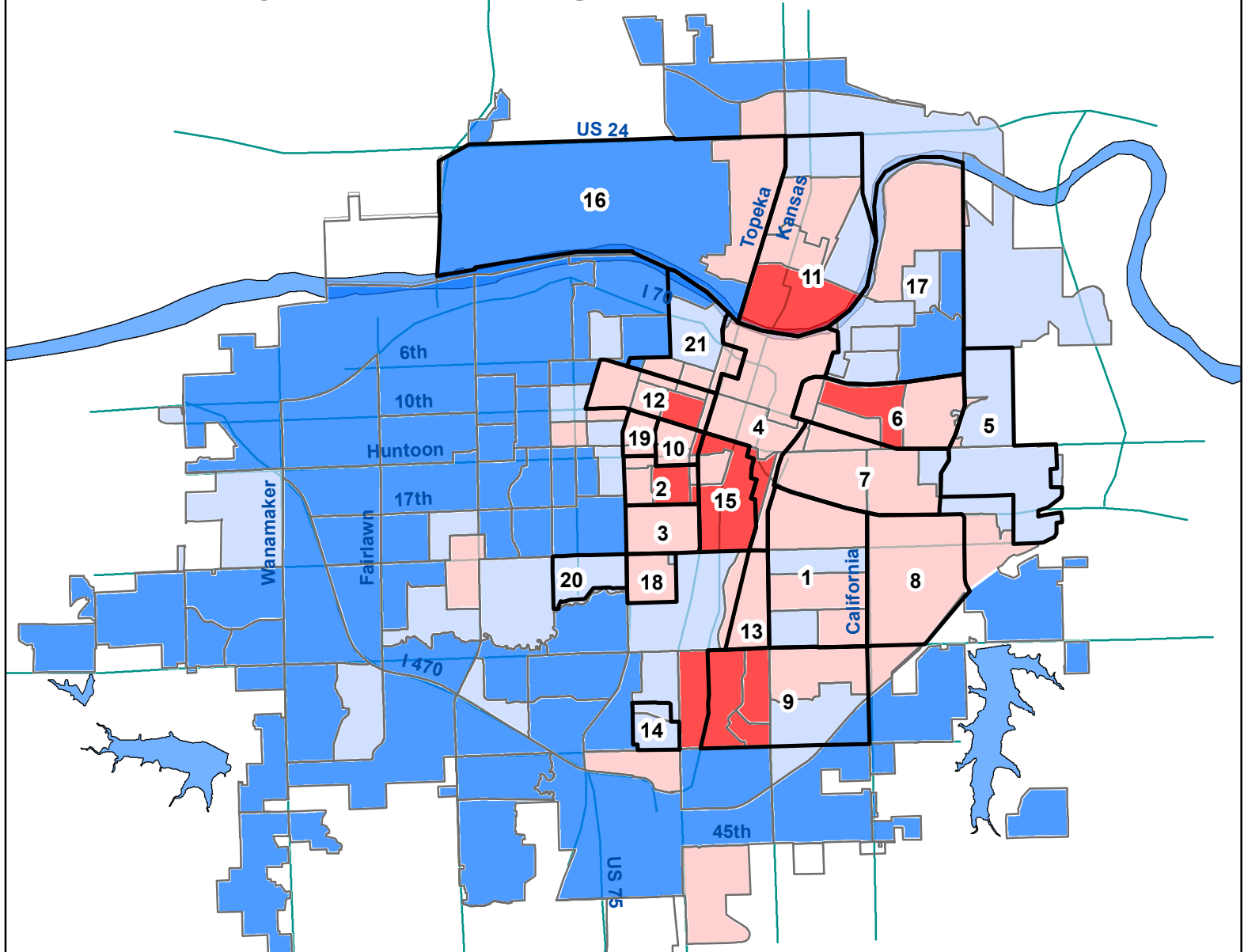
Target Area Changes from 2003-2011

YEAR	NIA	BLOCK GROUP	HEALTH SCORE	
			2000	2014
2003	East Topeka South	11:3	1.0	2.2
		12:1	1.4	2.0
		40:2	2.0	2.0
2003	Monroe	40:3	1.6	1.4
		40:4	2.4	2.0
2003	Tennessee Town	4:1	1.8	2.4
		5:3	1.4	2.6
2005/2009	Chesney Park	4:4	1.6	2.4
2005	East Topeka North	11:2	2.0	1.8
		11:3	1.0	2.2
2005/2011	Hi-Crest	21:1	1.4	1.6
		29:2	1.4	1.8
		29:4	1.4	1.6
2005	Old Town	5:1	2.0	1.8
		5:3	2.0	2.6
		21:1	2.6	2.4
2007	Central Park	4:2	2.0	2.6
		4:3	2.2	1.8
2007	Holliday Park	4:1	1.8	2.4
		5:2	2.2	2.6
2009	Ward Meade	6:1	2.0	3.0
		6:2	1.0	2.0
		6:3	1.8	2.0
2011	Central Highland Park	13:2	2.4	2.6
		13:3	2.2	2.6
Average Score			1.8	2.2

2013 SORT Grant Recipients: Historic North Topeka East; Oakland

2015 SORT Grant Recipients: Hi-Crest; North Topeka West

City of Topeka Neighborhood Health 2014



NIAs

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Central Highland Park | 12. Historic Old Town |
| 2. Central Park | 13. Jefferson Square |
| 3. Chesney Park | 14. Likins Foster |
| 4. Downtown | 15. Monroe |
| 5. East End | 16. North Topeka West |
| 6. East Topeka North | 17. Oakland |
| 7. East Topeka South | 18. Quinton Heights Steele |
| 8. Highland Acres | 19. Tennessee Town |
| 9. Highland Crest | 20. Valley Park |
| 10. Historic Holliday Park | 21. Ward Meade |
| 11. Historic North Topeka East | |

Health Status

- Healthy
- Out Patient
- At Risk
- Intensive Care

Poverty (% of Persons Below Poverty)

- 0 - 10%
- 11 - 20%
- 21 - 32%
- 33 - 100%
- Not Surveyed

US Census 2009-2013 American Community Survey

Public Safety (Part 1 Crimes per 100 Residents)

- 0 - 12.0
- 12.1 - 18
- 18.1 - 28.0
- 28.1 and higher

Residential Property Values

- \$111,801 +
 - \$73,301 - \$111,800
 - \$43,401 - \$73,300
 - \$0 - \$43,400
 - Not Surveyed
- 2014 Shawnee County Appraiser's Office & Topeka Planning Dept.

Single-Family Home Ownership

- 70 - 100%
 - 50 - 69%
 - 34 - 49%
 - 0 - 33%
 - Not Surveyed
- 2014 Shawnee County Appraiser's Office & Topeka Planning Dept.

Boarded Structures

- 0
 - 1 - 2
 - 3 - 5
 - 6 +
- 2014 Topeka Property Maintenance Department

2013-2014 Topeka Police Dept. & Topeka Planning Dept.