



KHPA Testimony on Safety Nets to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee

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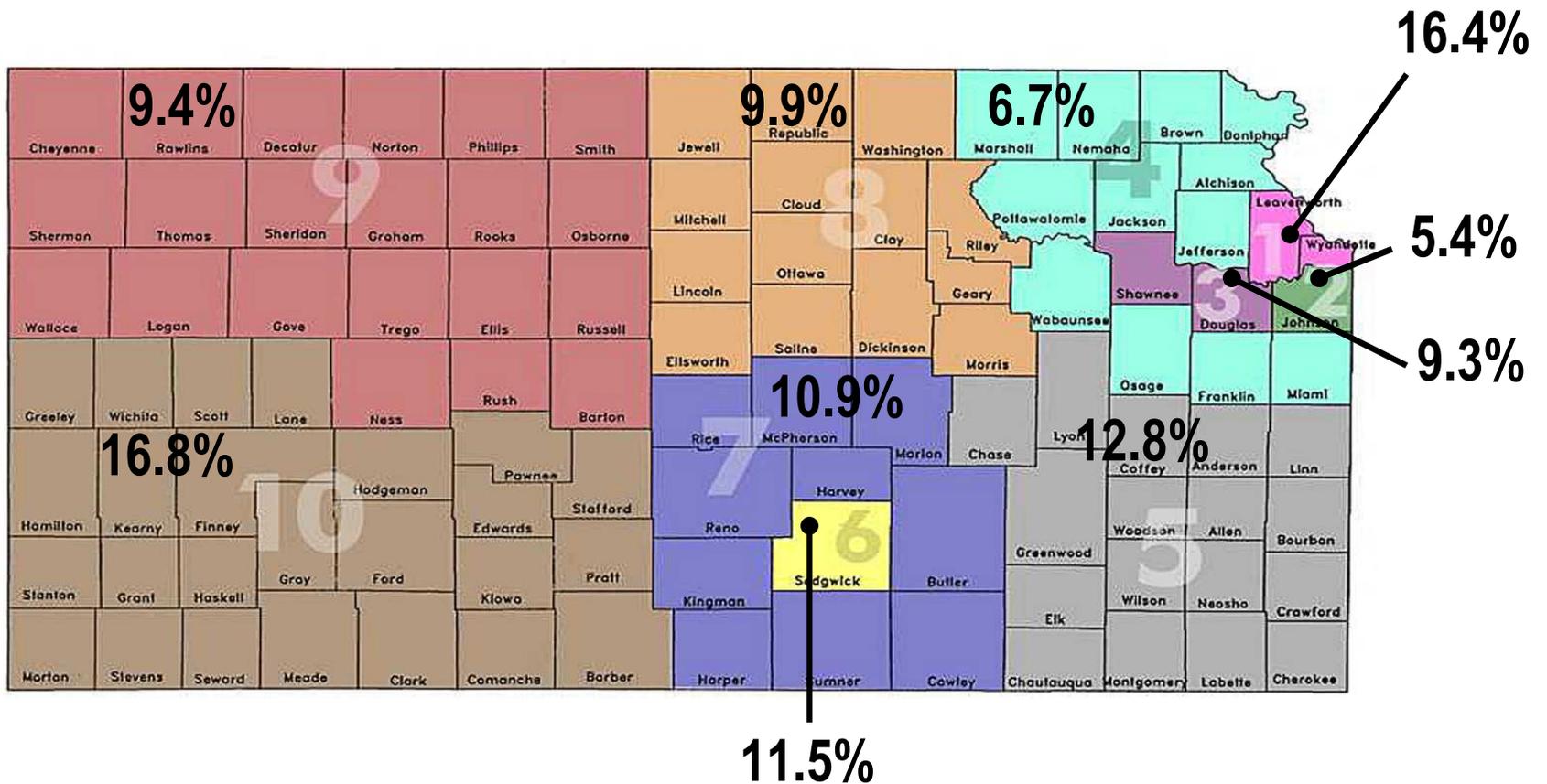


Importance of Safety Nets

- Safety nets serve uninsured and low-income Kansans across the state.
- Safety nets provide access to primary care, preventive services, and medical homes for populations who otherwise would have no access to these health care services.
- Until Kansas can provide health insurance to the 300,000 uninsured, safety nets will remain a critical part of the health care system in Kansas.

The Uninsured

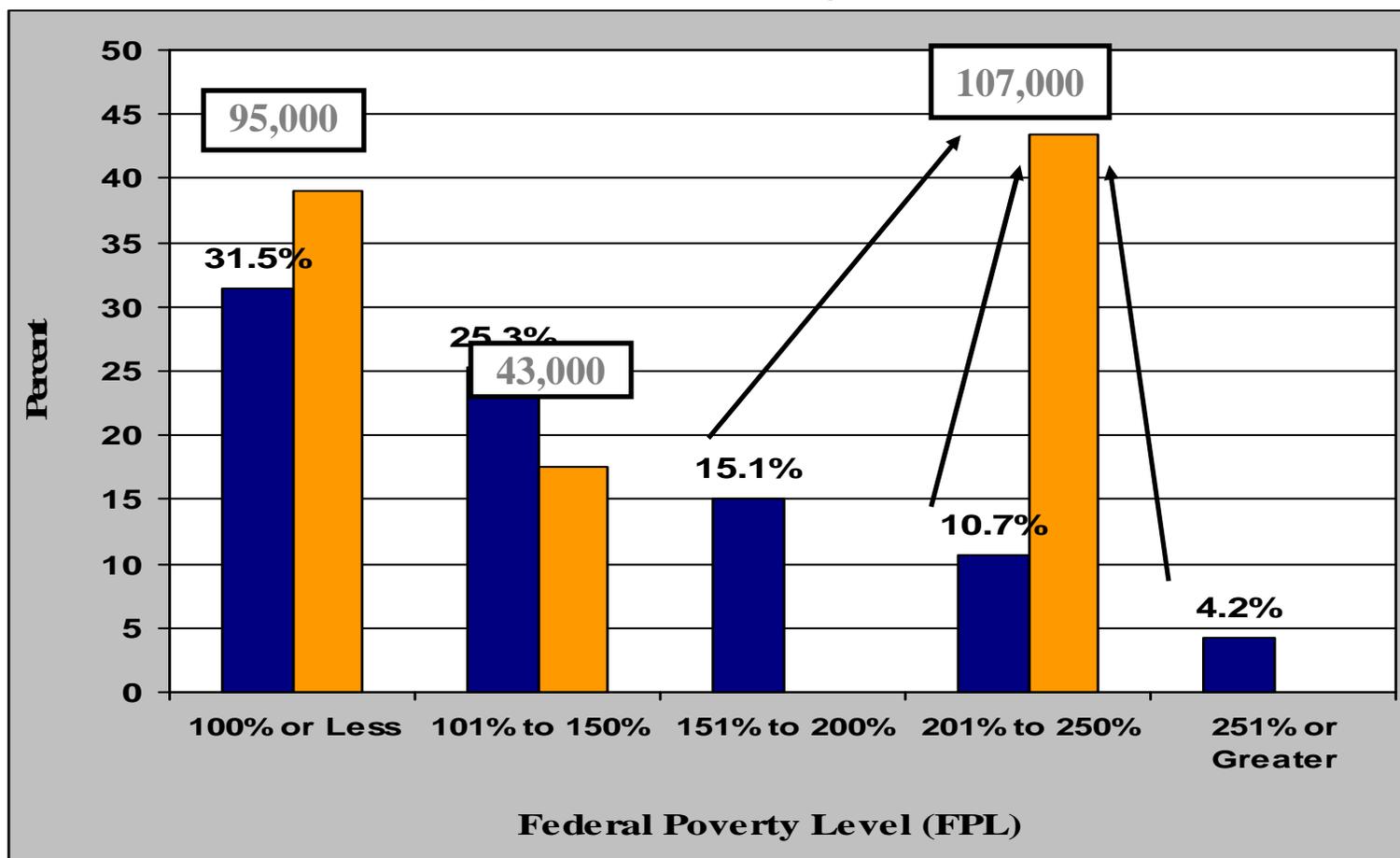
Total Uninsured in Kansas: 10.5%



Source: Kansas Health Insurance Study, 2001. Kansas Insurance Dept.

Lower Income = More Uninsured

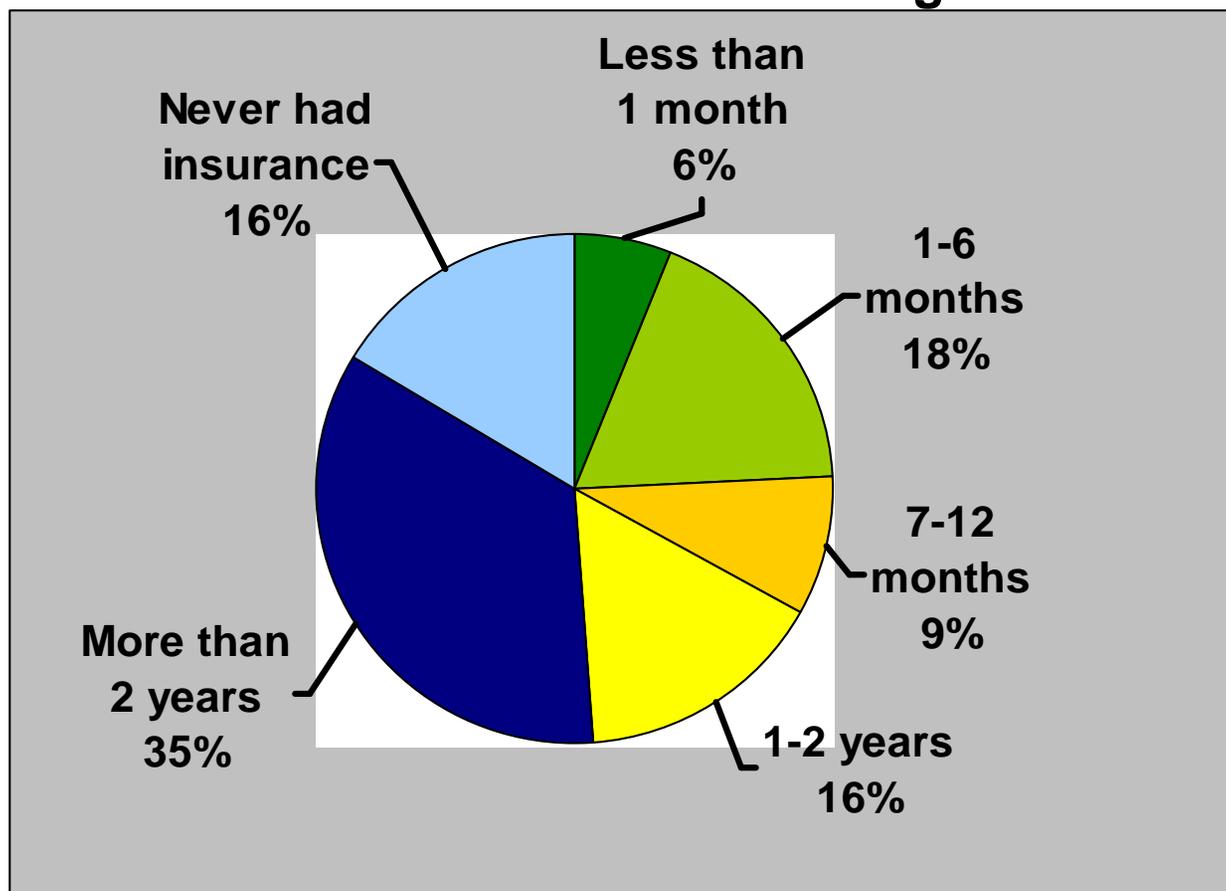
**Uninsured Kansans under Age 65 by Income
and Distribution of Uninsured**



Source: Kansas Health Insurance Study, 2001. Kansas Insurance Dept.

Most Kansans Uninsured for More Than A Year

**Length of Time Without Health Coverage:
Uninsured Kansans Under Age 65**



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KHPA Reforms Positively Impacting Safety Net Clinics

- **Personal Responsibility**
 - Promote Health Literacy
- **Medical Homes:**
 - Define medical homes in statute
 - Implement statewide Community Health Records
 - Promote insurance card standardization to include Medicaid ID cards
 - Increase Medicaid provider reimbursement rates
- **Health Prevention:**
 - Provide dental care for Pregnant women in Medicaid
 - Improve tobacco cessation within Medicaid
 - Expand cancer screenings

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