

Introduction

The 2006 edition of the *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics* is a summary of data compiled from vital event records for the 2006 calendar year. The content of this report includes summaries of vital events (live births, stillbirths, abortions, deaths, marriages, and marriage dissolutions) documented by certificates and reports filed with the Office of Vital Statistics, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics. Residence data are presented for births and deaths, while occurrence data are presented for marriages and marriage dissolutions. Reported abortions include both residence and occurrence events and may be presented in either format. Please note that age-adjusted deaths rates by county of residence have been added to [Table 34](#).

A change to reporting of Hispanic origin and race on revised certificates has resulted in the development of a population-group approach to reporting statistics by race and ethnicity. These population or ethnic groups display data by mutually exclusive groups of race and Hispanic origin categories. They are more closely aligned to the way each group perceives itself and are therefore more useful in measuring health disparity among population groups. This publication is the first issued by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to use this methodology. Existing tables/charts have been modified to reflect these new population groups and new tables have been added ([Tables 6, 21, 46, 64, 65](#)). Further explanation is available in the Technical Notes.

This document provides its' users with an overview of the events contributing to the health status of Kansans. The facts contained in this report are essential for effective health policy decisions and program planning. It is designed to provide governmental agencies, businesses, industries, and citizens with information on vital statistics in Kansas.

Comments concerning the format or content of this report are welcomed. The *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics* is a **summary** of the health data collected by the State of Kansas on vital events. More detailed information is available upon request. The information contained in this report may be obtained electronically by contacting the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Division of Health, Center for Health and Environmental Statistics, Office of Health Assessment (785-296-5644) or e-mail ksommer@kdhe.state.ks.us. The *Annual Summary of Vital Statistics* is also available on the Internet at the KDHE home page on the World Wide Web. The address is: <http://www.kdheks.gov/ches/>. For copies of this report please call (785) 296-8627.

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