

# Poverty

# Stinks.

According to the most recent Census data, 15.5% of people in Kearney live in poverty. This is the equivalent of a family of four living on \$30,000 or less per year. All of these individuals would exceed the seating capacity at Cope Stadium at Foster Field. Over 17% of children under 18 years old live in poverty, which is over 1000 children.

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# Did you bring something to read?

Students who do not read proficiently by 3rd grade are 4 times more likely to drop out of school. Poverty and lack of access to books are two of the factors we're fighting for children in the Kearney area.

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# Foster care leaves a mark on our community.

Last year there were over 200 children in foster care on any given day in the geographical area covered by the United Way of the Kearney Area. Children who experience abuse and neglect are more likely to have mental and behavioral health challenges, become incarcerated, homeless or have a teenage pregnancy.

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# Let one go, but not this one.

Did you know that 9% of people under 65 years old in Kearney don't have health insurance? This leaves nearly 2500 people vulnerable to neglecting important medical needs.

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# Don't scroll past this.

Violence in dating and family relationships against women and children has a long lasting impact. Vulnerable people who have been physically, verbally, emotionally or sexually abused often experience mental health challenges. PTSD, anxiety and depression can significantly disrupt a person's life, even after they've escaped an abusive situation.

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