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Life Expectancy Estimates Available Neighborhood-by-Neighborhood in Reno County

Census Tract-Level Data can help leaders, advocates, residents create healthier communities

(Hutchinson, Kansas) For the first time ever, public health officials, community leaders, and others working to improve health in Kansas can access census tract-level data to measure and compare differences in life expectancy neighborhood-by-neighborhood. The United States Small-Area Life Expectancy Estimates Project (USALEEP) is a joint effort of the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems (NAPHSIS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

These census tract-level life expectancy estimates—based on state death records and population estimates from the U.S. Bureau of the Census—have previously been unavailable nationwide. Access to estimates like these helps public health experts quantify how people living just a few miles apart can have vastly different opportunities for a long life. With this kind of information, community leaders can examine the factors that may be influencing differences in longevity—such as access to health care, safe and affordable housing, educational opportunities, and other factors that impact the health of community members—and target solutions more effectively.

Here in Reno County, the data shows that average life expectancy ranges from 70 to 83.4.

- **Within the city of Hutchinson, the census tracts with the highest average life expectancy are in the northwest portion of the city.**
- **Inside Hutchinson, the census tract with the lowest life expectancy of 70 years is from Monroe to Plum in between Avenue B and 7th Avenue. In contrast, the neighborhood directly to the north of this one, between 7th Avenue and 23rd Avenue, sees a much higher average life expectancy of 79.3 years.**
- **The census tract that contains South Hutchinson has an average life expectancy of 70 years.**
- **The census tracts in all the areas of the county outside of Hutchinson and South Hutchinson share average life expectancies that range from 76.4 to 82.7 years.**

“What’s important about having this data broken down by census track is the ability to differentiate segments of our county more specifically,” said Nicholas Baldetti, Director of the Reno County Health Department. “These maps confirm that a direct association between where we live, learn, work and play and our overall health as represented by expected years of life. This data, communicated in this way, becomes a vital tool for policy and decision makers in addressing and targeting health initiatives in our community.”



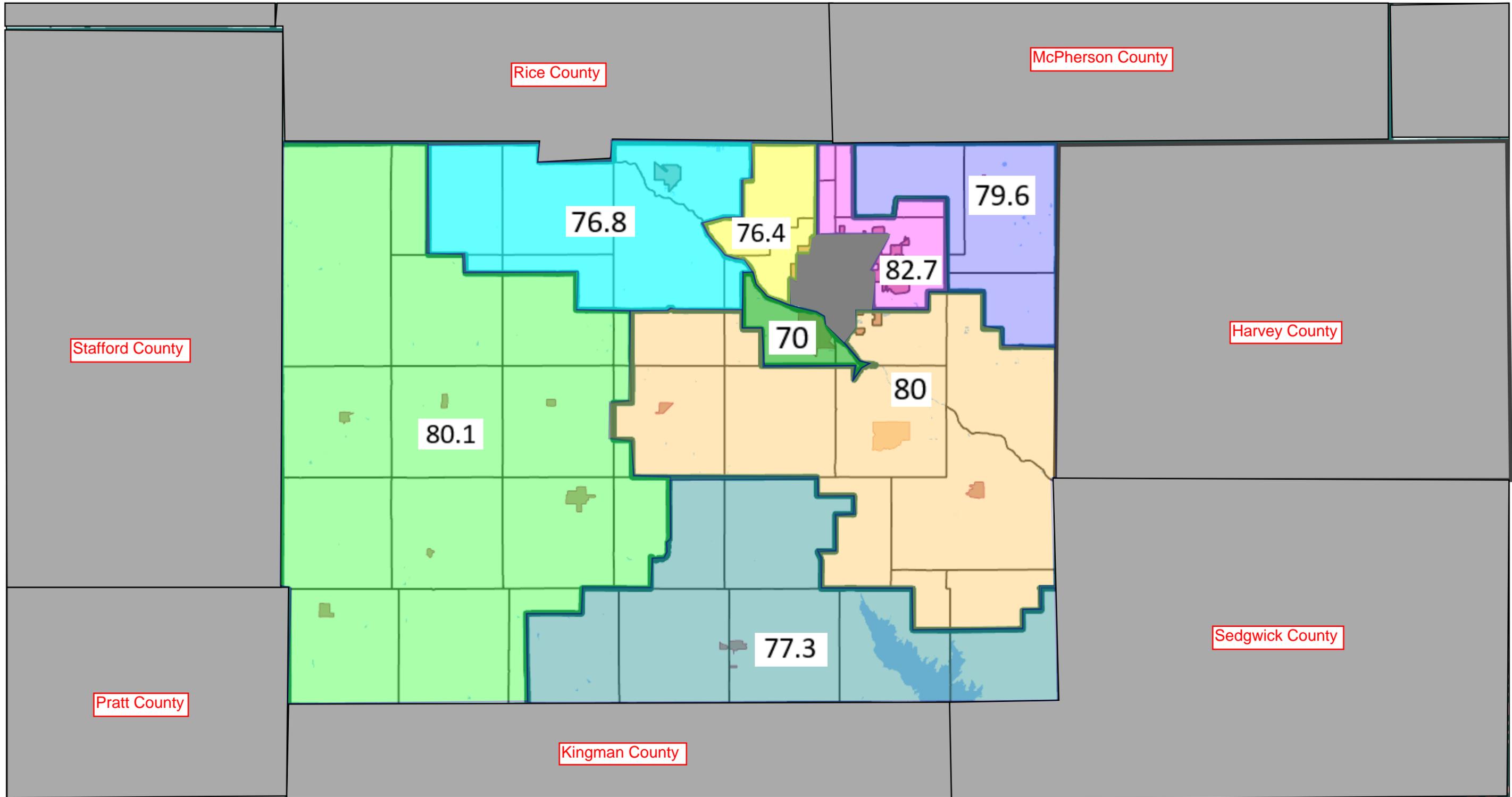
For more information on USALEEP and to access life expectancy estimates for your neighborhood, please visit <https://rwjf.org/lifeexpectancy> or the Reno County Health Department at www.renogov.org/health for more information about this project. And for opportunities to take action locally, the County Health Rankings' [What Works for Health](#) is a searchable tool providing evidence-informed policies, programs, systems, and environmental changes that can make a difference locally. [CDC's Division of Community Health](#) website also provides examples of communities taking action to improve the health of their residents.

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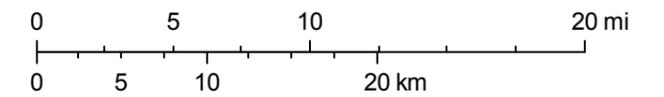
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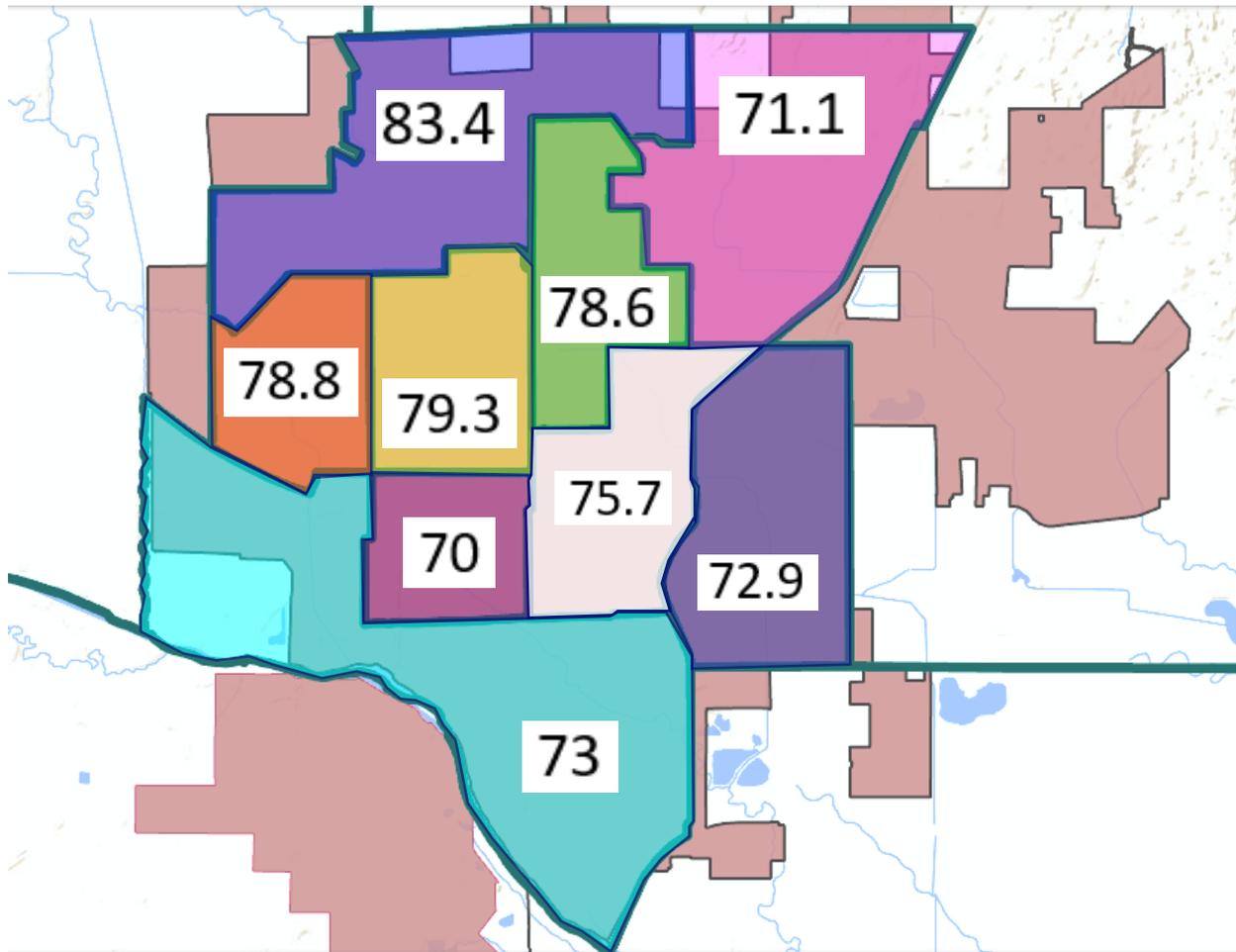
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau
Sources: Esri, USGS, NOAA

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