### **Economic Index Update**

# Healthy-Wealthy-Wise

## **Reno County**

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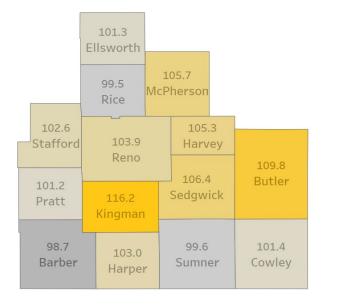
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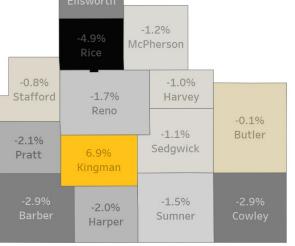


### **Current Index**

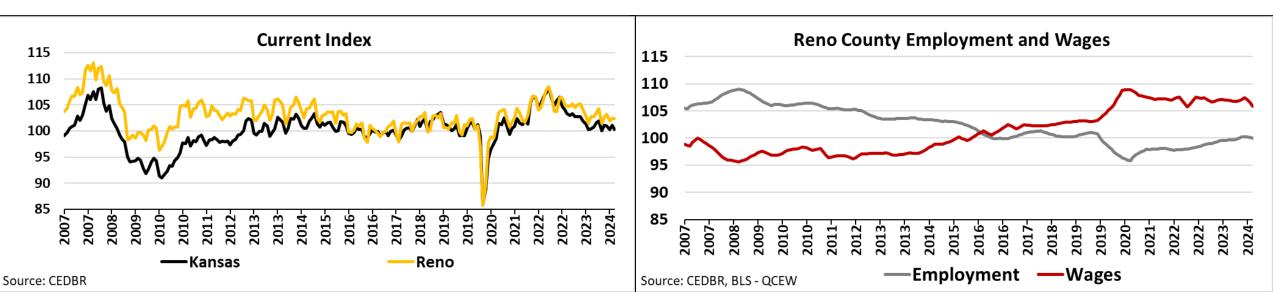
#### 2023 Current Index

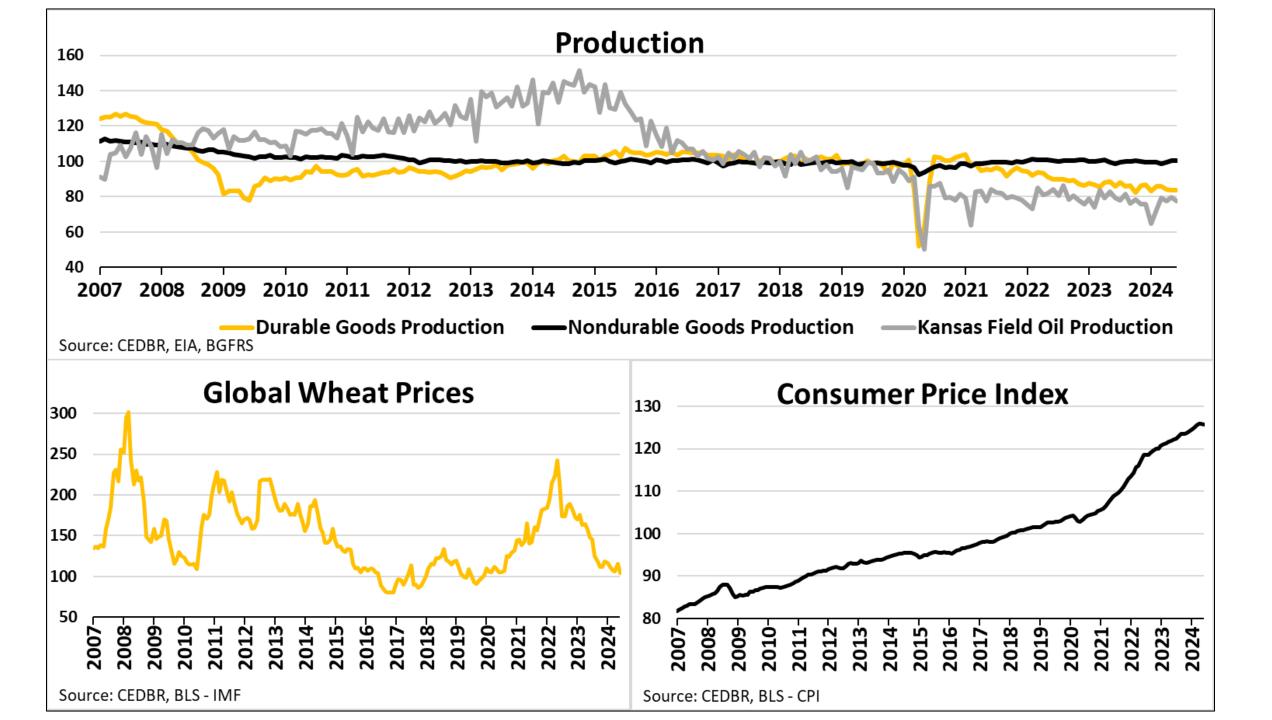


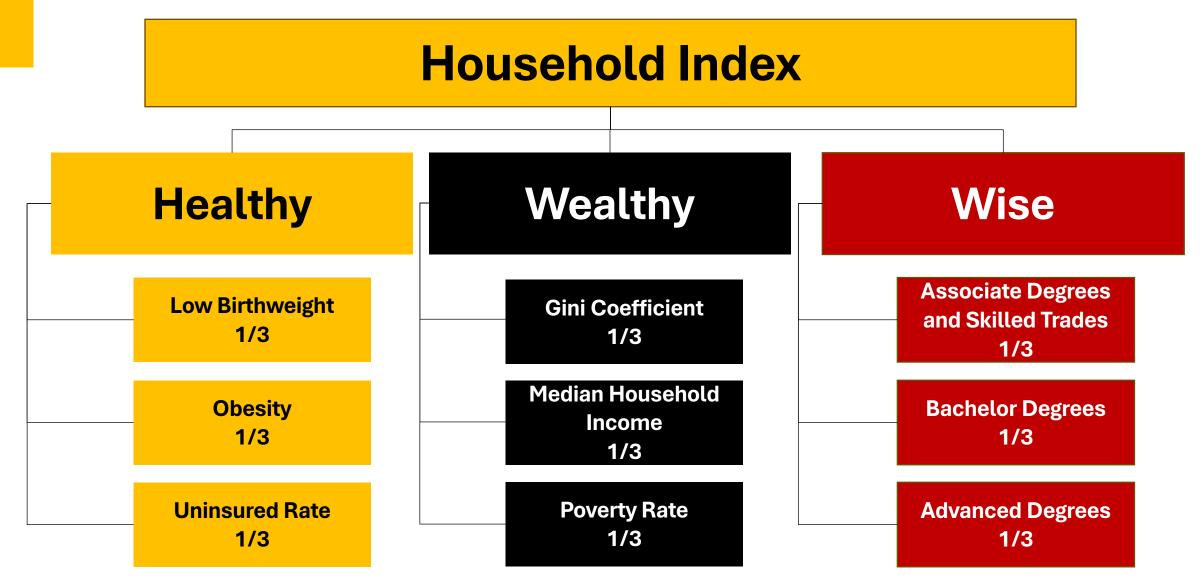
## Y/Y Current Index Growth – 2022-23



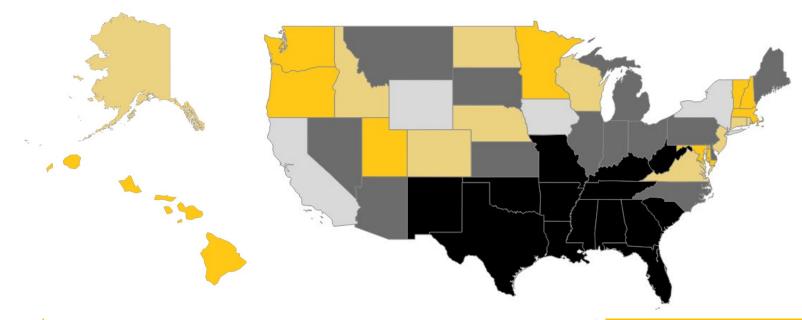
- Regionally, most counties are better off than in 2018 (the base year)
- Reno County remains above average but declined in 2022-23 due to faltering employment and wage growth.







# Healthy, Wealthy, and Wise – Kansas ranks below the national median



- Healthy Below Median
  - High obesity rates
  - Many uninsured
- Wealthy Near Median
  - Low wealth polarization
  - Lagging incomes
- Wise Above Median
  - Associate and Bachelor

Kansas Healthy-Wealthy-Wise Index, 2025				US Healthy-Wealthy-Wise Ranks, 2025						
		Value	Rank	State	Healthy-Wealthy-Wise	Healthy	Wealthy	Wise		
Healthy Ranking	Obesity Rate	35.8%	4	Colorado	2	4	1	1		
	Uninsured Rate	10.3%	4	Kansas	4	4	3	2		
	Low Birthweight	7.2%	2	Missouri	5	5	4	4		
Wealthy Ranking	Gini Coefficient	45.6%	2	Nebraska	2	3	2	2		
	Median Household Income	\$72,639	4	Oklahoma	5	5	5	5		
	Poverty Rate	11.5%		Source: CEDBR, County Health Rankings - NCHS, Census - ACS 5-Year Estimates						
Wise Ranking	Associate Degrees and Skilled Trades	31.1%	2	Midwest Region						
	Bachelor Degrees	22.0%	2	<ul> <li>Colorado and Nebraska lead</li> </ul>						
	Advanced Degrees	13.1%	3							

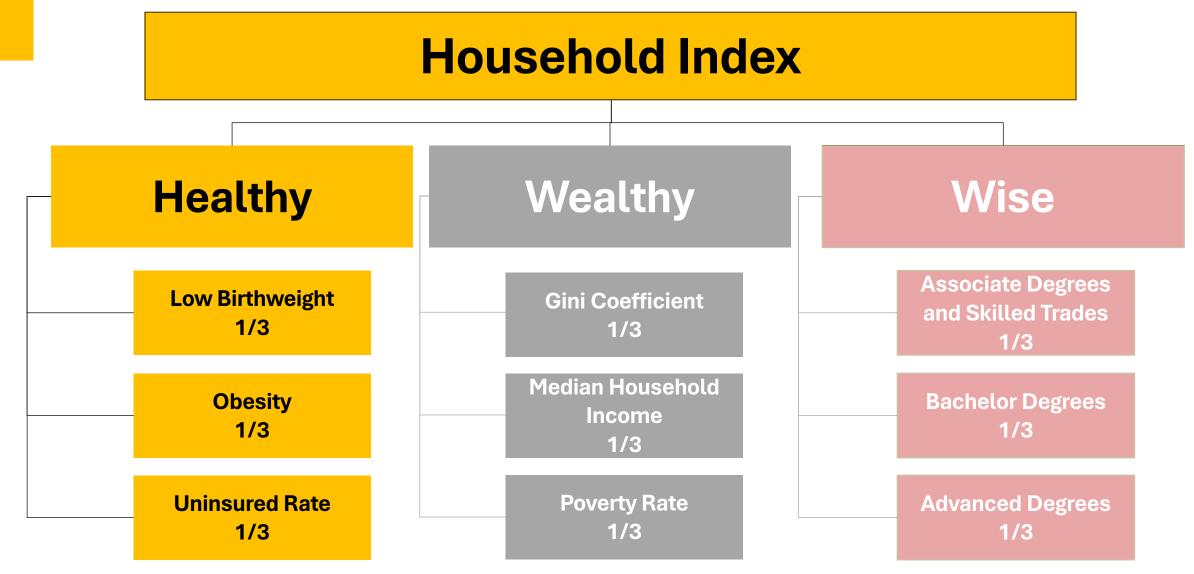
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Missouri and Oklahoma lag

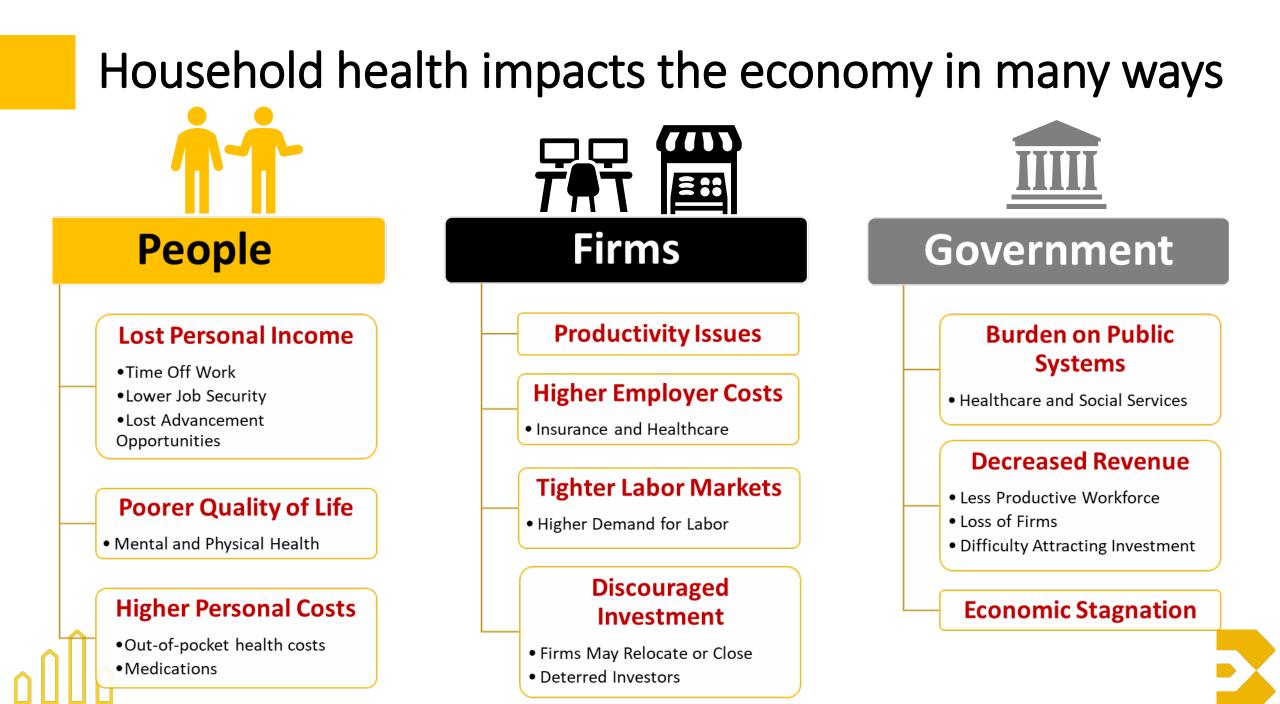
# Reno County ranked among the below the median in household conditions

Healthy-Wealthy-Wise Index, 2025									
County	HWW	Healthy	Wealthy	Wise					
Cloud	2	2	3	2					
Dickinson	3	4	2	3					
Ellsworth	1	2	1	3					
Jewell	5	4	5	4					
Lincoln	3	3	5	1					
Marion	2	2	3	3					
McPherson	1	1	1	1					
Mitchell	3	3	5	1					
Morris	4	2	5	4					
Ottawa	1	1	2	2					
Reno	4	5	3	3					
Republic	2	1	5	2					
Rice	2	3	2	2					
Saline	4	4	4	2					
Source: CEDBR, County Health Rankings - NCHS									

- Healthy: Bottom 20%
- Wealthy: Near Median
- Wise: Near Median
- The region has generally strong household indicators
- Strong regional labor force interconnection, including the Wichita metropolitan.



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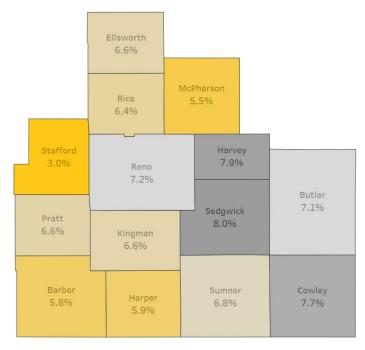


# Healthy – Reno County faces a relatively risky labor market

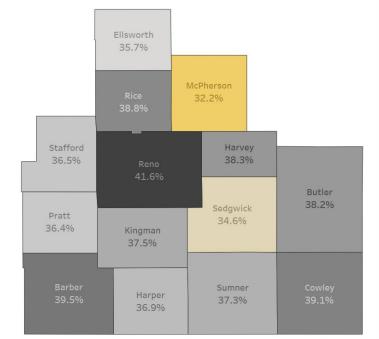
### Low Birthweight Rate

### Obesity Rate

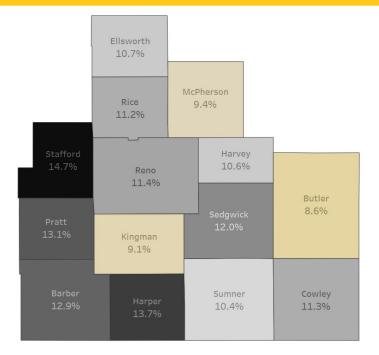
#### Uninsured Rate



 Slightly above average low birthweights

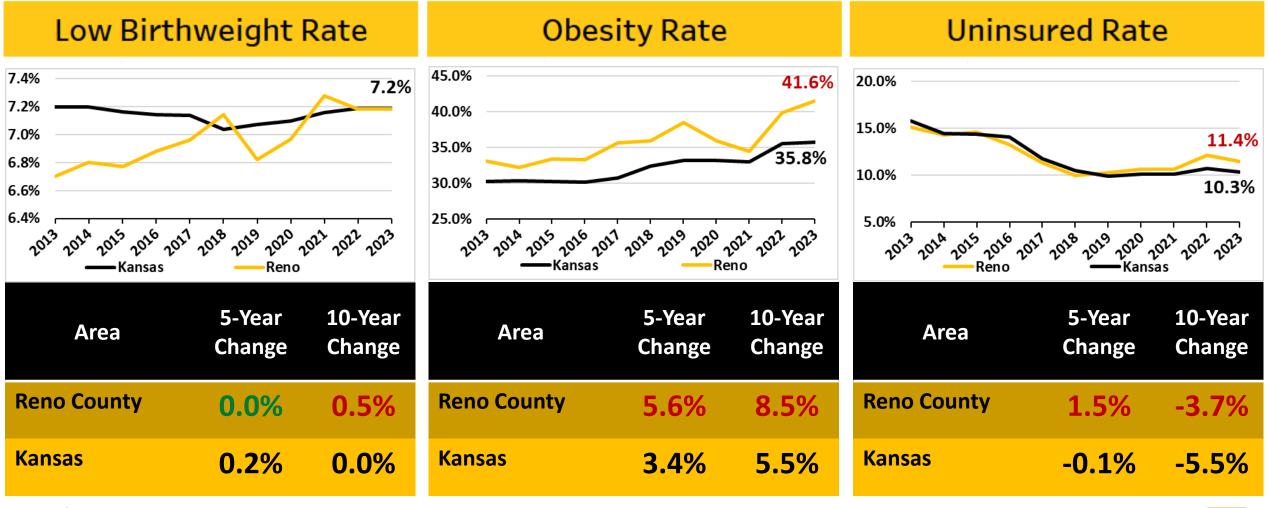


High Obesity Rates compared to most counties statewide

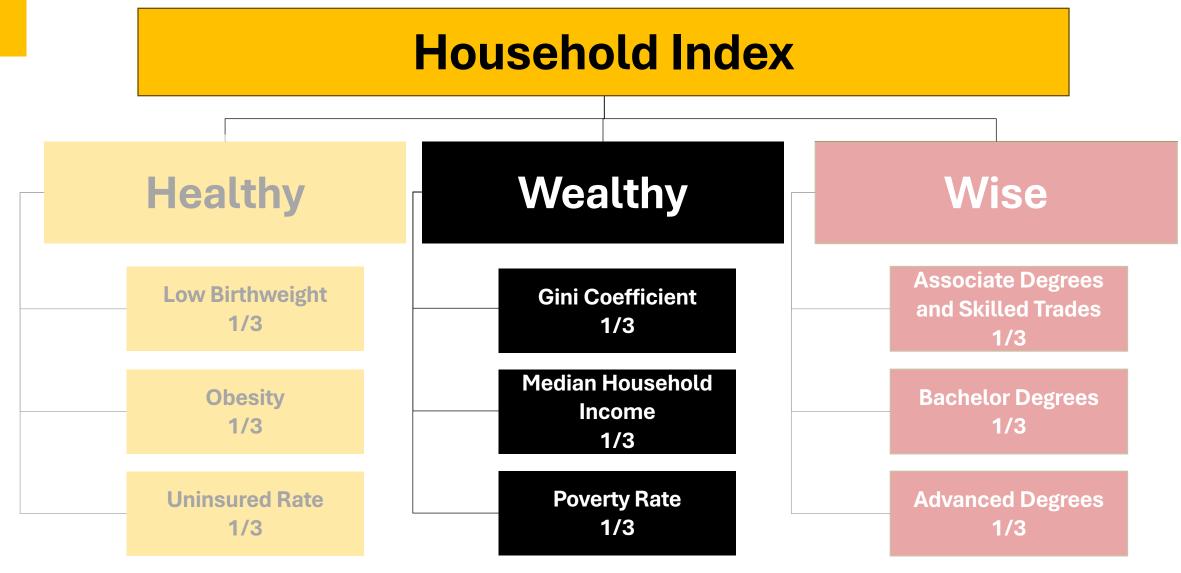


Somewhat higher-thanaverage uninsured rates

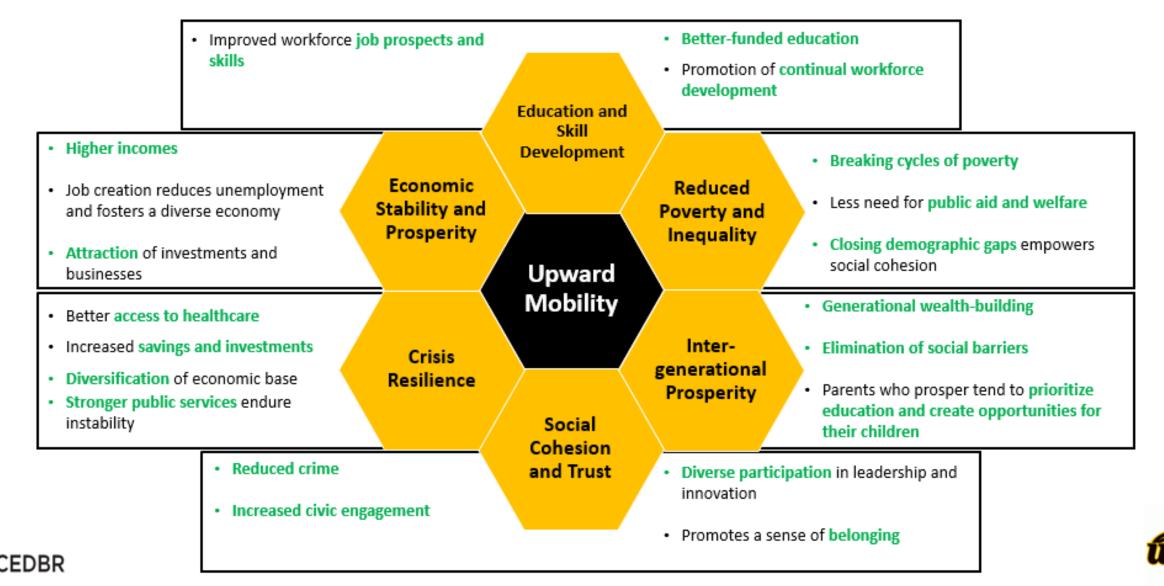
### Health Trends – Risk is rising, particularly in the last 5 years







# Upward mobility promotes a strong community, key for an economy to flourish



### Wealthy – Reno County ranks near the median

Ellsworth

\$66,792

Median Household Income

\$77,701

Harvey

\$73,269

Sedgwick

\$67.675

Butler

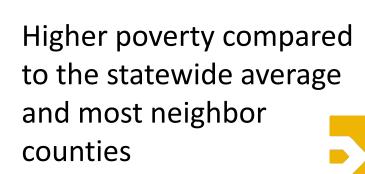
\$80,375

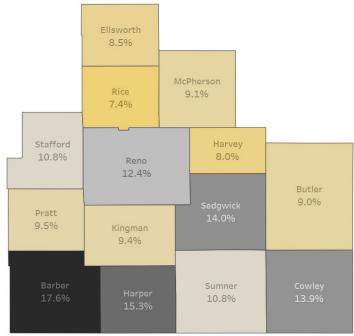
### **Gini Coefficient**

#### Ellsworth Rice 0.415 Stafford 0.438 Reno 0.427 Butler 0.423 0.460 0.436 Kingman 0.411 Barber Sumner Harper 0.446 0.409 0.452 0.440

• Low income polarization for the region

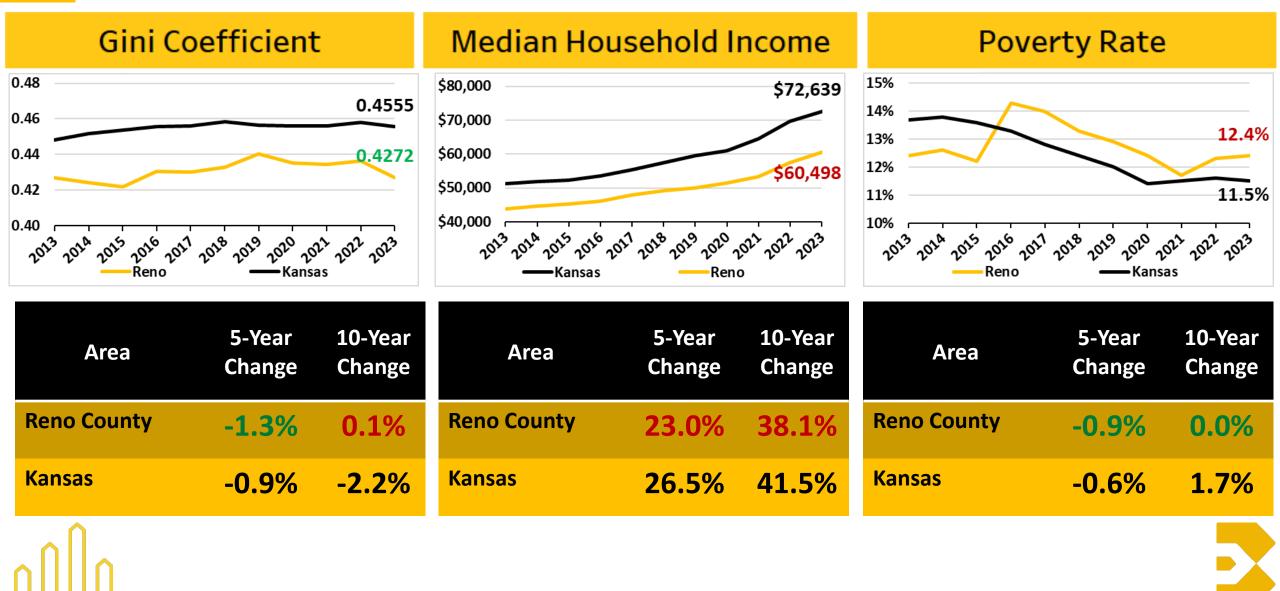
Comparatively low median • incomes for a micropolitan

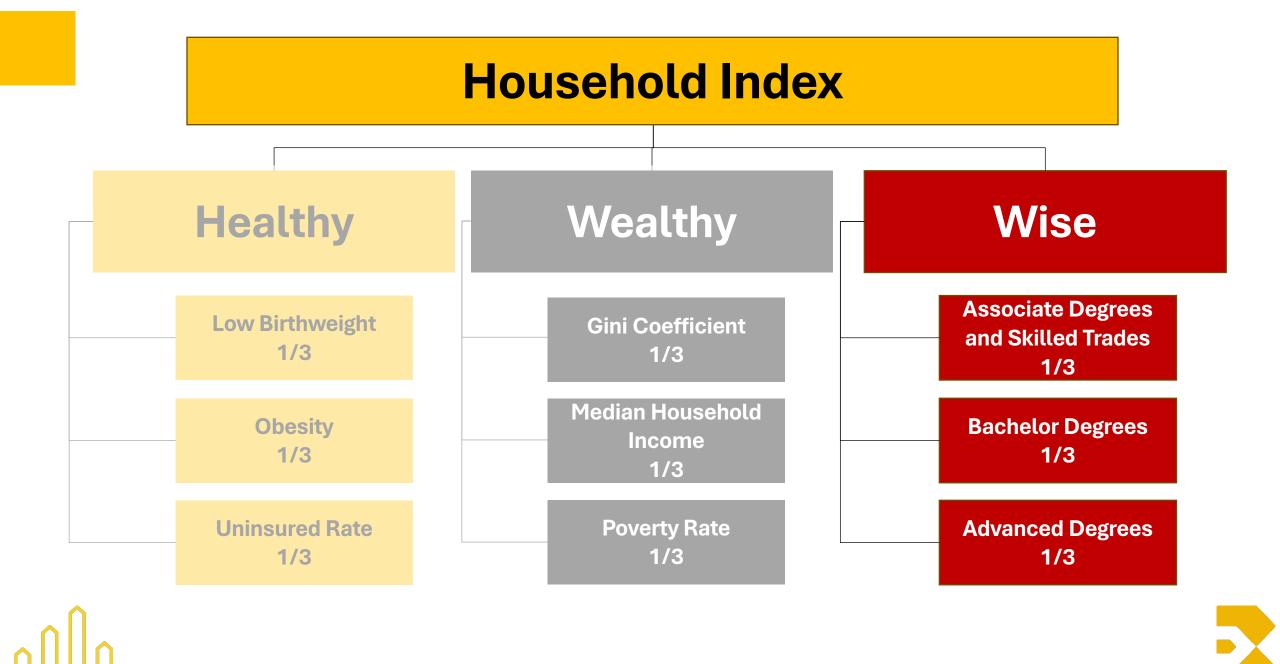




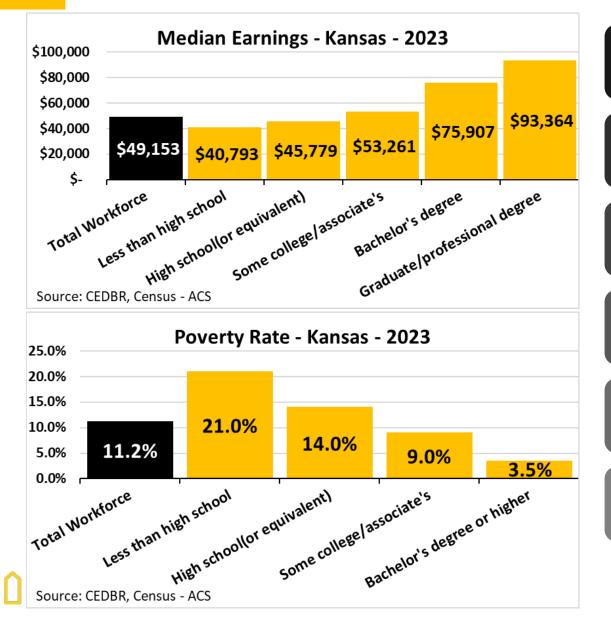
**Poverty Rate** 

# Wealth Trends – Poverty trends better than average, but have rebounded in last few years with slower income growth





### **Educational Attainment Drives...**



Increased Productivity, Innovation, and Resilience

Attraction of Higher-Paying Jobs and Industries

Higher Incomes and Wages

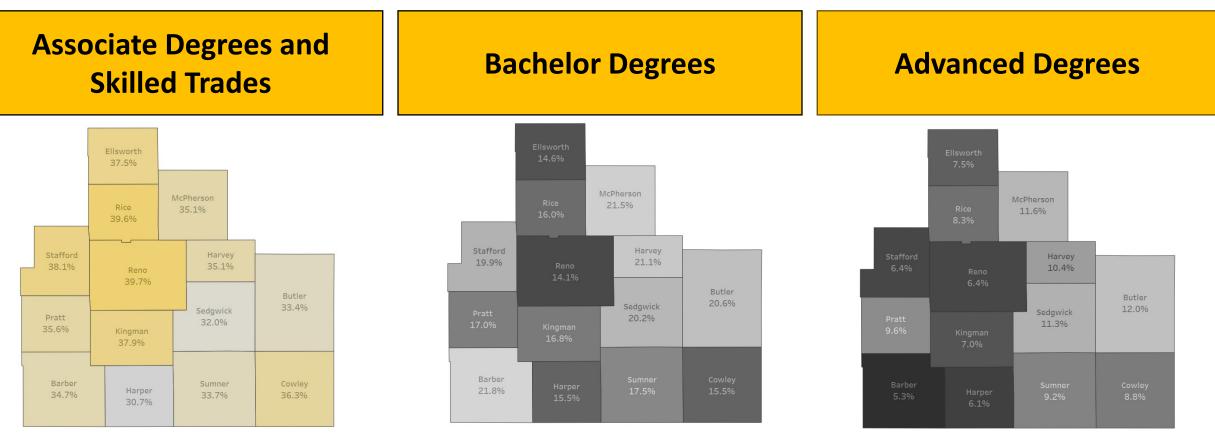
Reduced Unemployment and Underemployment

**Reduced Poverty and Inequality** 

Increased Local Spending and Economic Activity

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# Wise – Top 20% - Highly concentrated in skilled trades and associate degrees



- Largest share of Associate and Skilled Trades in the region
- Relative lack of Bachelor and Advanced degrees

# Education Trends – Slower than average growth in Bachelors+ degrees, but retaining skilled trades

