

Kansas Maternal and Child Health Universal Home Visiting



The Kansas Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Universal Home Visiting program is a brief in-home prevention service available to all pregnant women and families with infants up to 1 year old. The program provides individualized in-home support, health information, and referrals for pregnant women and families with infants up to the age of one year old to improve health outcomes for mothers and infants. It is voluntary, has no income requirements, and is provided at no cost to families.

Funding

State Funding

- » Children's Initiatives Fund (CIF) through Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE):
 - FY21 \$250,000
 - FY22 \$250,000
 - FY23 \$1,652,876
 - FY24 \$1,652,876
 - FY25 \$1,660,924

Universal Home Visiting Expansion

CIF funding for Universal Home Visiting increased in FY23 from \$250,000 to \$1,652,876. In FY23, the additional funding was provided to existing MCH grantees through a competitive process. The 16 expansion grantees began implementation in October 2023. In FY24 and FY25, all funding was available through the competitive MCH grant application.

30%

increase in families served in FY23

27%

increase in families served in FY23 to FY24

17%

projected increase in families served for FY25 over FY24

8%

projected increase in home visits for FY25 over FY24

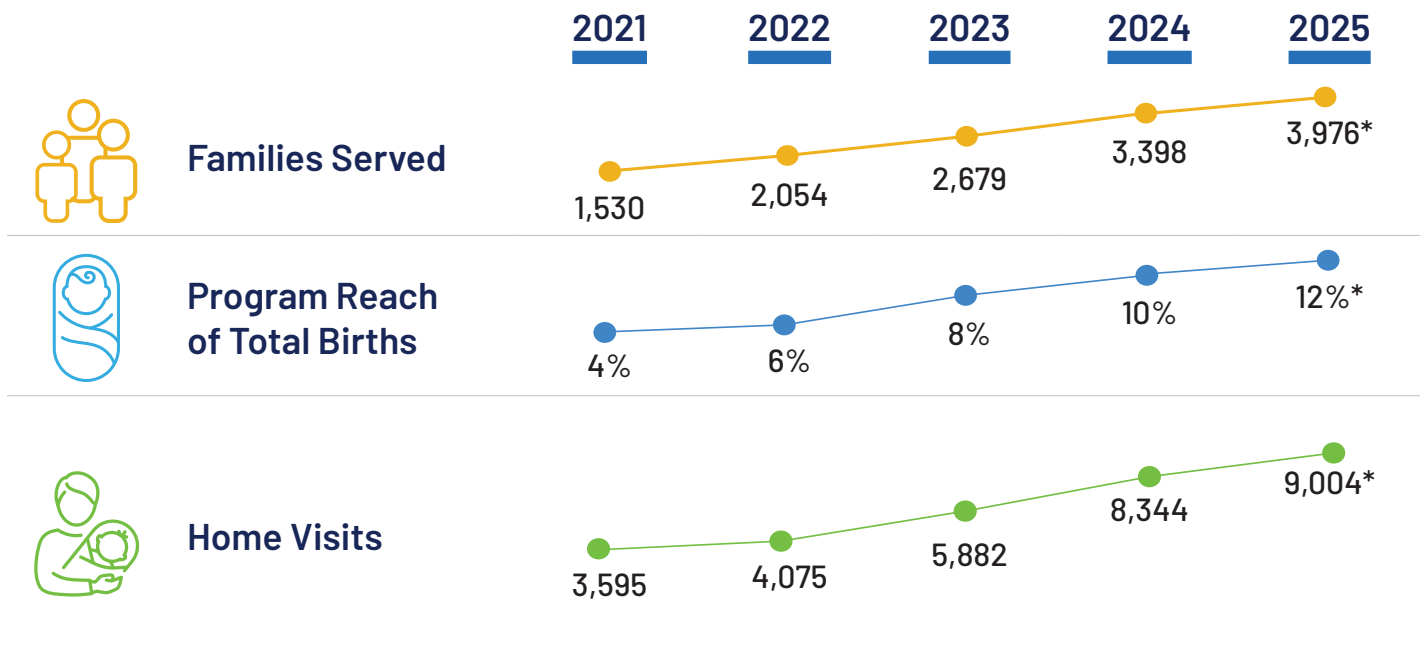
44%

increase in home visits in FY23

42%

increase in home visits from FY23 to FY24

Universal Home Visiting Change over Time by Fiscal Year



*Projected based on mid-year numbers

Family Experiences of Home Visiting

Evaluators interviewed MCH Universal Home Visiting families from programs that received expansion funding in FY23. Overall, families expressed gratitude and appreciation for the program, highlighting the value of the information and support home visitors provided them.

“It’s a perfect timing sort of thing, right after you have a baby to have someone that’s a nurse come over and make sure that you guys are healthy. So, they just they cover all the bases, too, from mental health to physical health.”
~ Family in Barton County

“They brought a lot of information and other items for me and my baby and even my two older kids. Having the resources to help you and your family in life changing times is very important. I appreciate the help they provided and the information.”
~ Family in Pawnee County

“My home visitor wanted to help. She treated me like I was a family member or a good friend. She saw I was struggling, and she helped me so much. I would have been so lost. I am really hopeful that this grant will stay for an extended period of time, so that families can get the help that they need.” ~Family in Clay County