

# Neodesha Rural Health Works



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HEALTH WORKS**



Communities Building Affordable & Sustainable Healthcare Systems

## Education Data

### Introduction

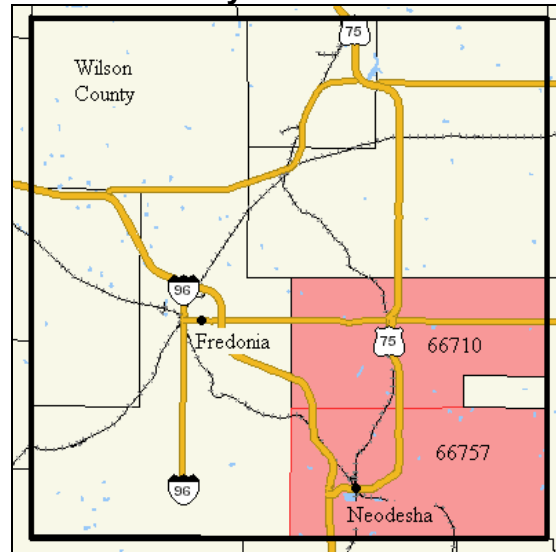
Kansas Rural Health Works (KRHW) is dedicated to helping rural communities build affordable and sustainable local health care systems. Health care is important to seniors, young families and companies. But rural health care systems are facing many challenges: hospitals are closing; services have been cut; doctors won't come to the area or they don't stay; Medicare and Medicaid payments are too low. Rural residents can revitalize their local health care system. KRHW provides the tools. Local visionary leadership puts these tools to work. KRHW helps communities keep health care dollars at home. Sponsored by the Kansas Rural Health Options Project with funding from the Office of Rural Health Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration.

### Education Data Summary

Following are a variety of data and statistics about the K-12 school system in Wilson County that may have implications related to local health care needs. The data in this case reflects information reported by the school districts located in Wilson County.

- Following overall patterns in the general population, total student enrollment in the Wilson County K-12 educational system has steadily declined since the mid-1990s.
- As the student population has declined, the student-to-teacher ratio has slowly declined.
- The trend in the student dropout rate has generally been declining in Wilson County over the past decade.
- The trend in student-on-student and student-on-faculty violence has generally decreased over time.

### Wilson County Health Market Area



ZIP codes within the Wilson County Health Area. Source: Claritas, Inc. 2009

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## Wilson County School Districts

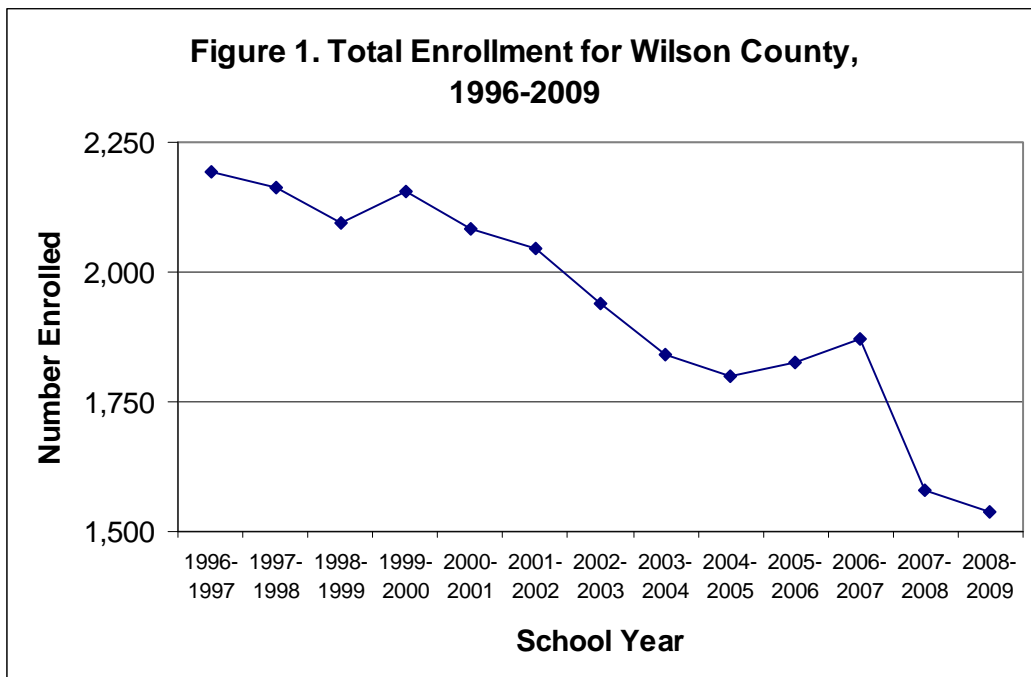
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USD 461 Neodesha

USD 484 Fredonia

Kansas Department of Education, 2009

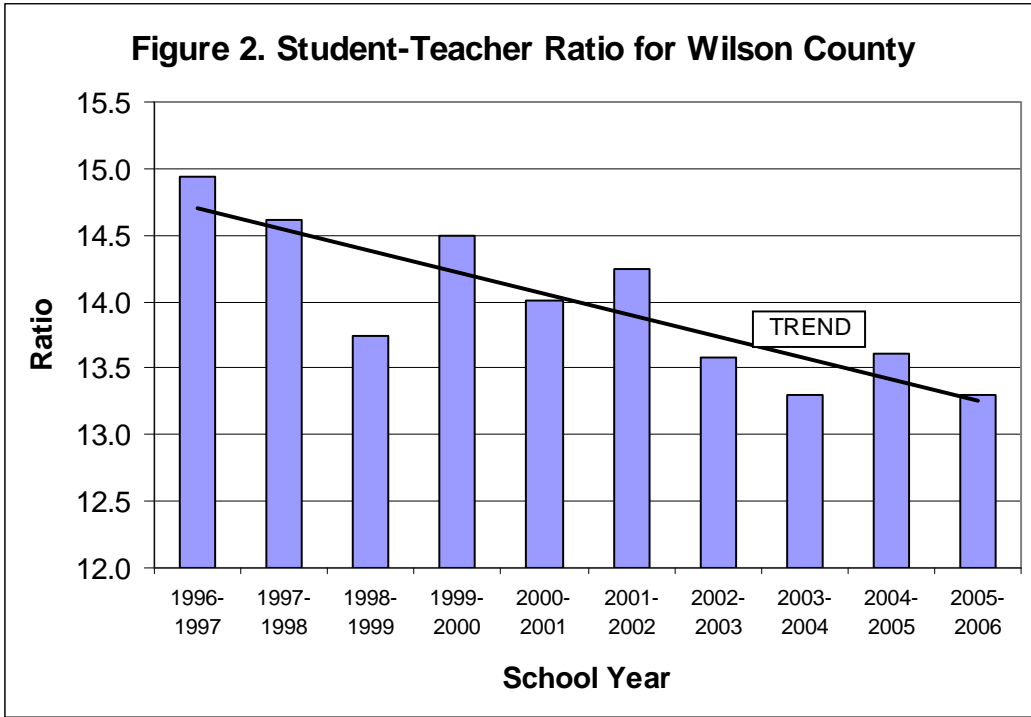
Following overall patterns in the general population, total student enrollment in the Wilson County K-12 educational system has steadily declined since the mid-1990s. Enrollment was about 1,540 in the 2008-09 school year, down from nearly 2,190 in 1996-97.



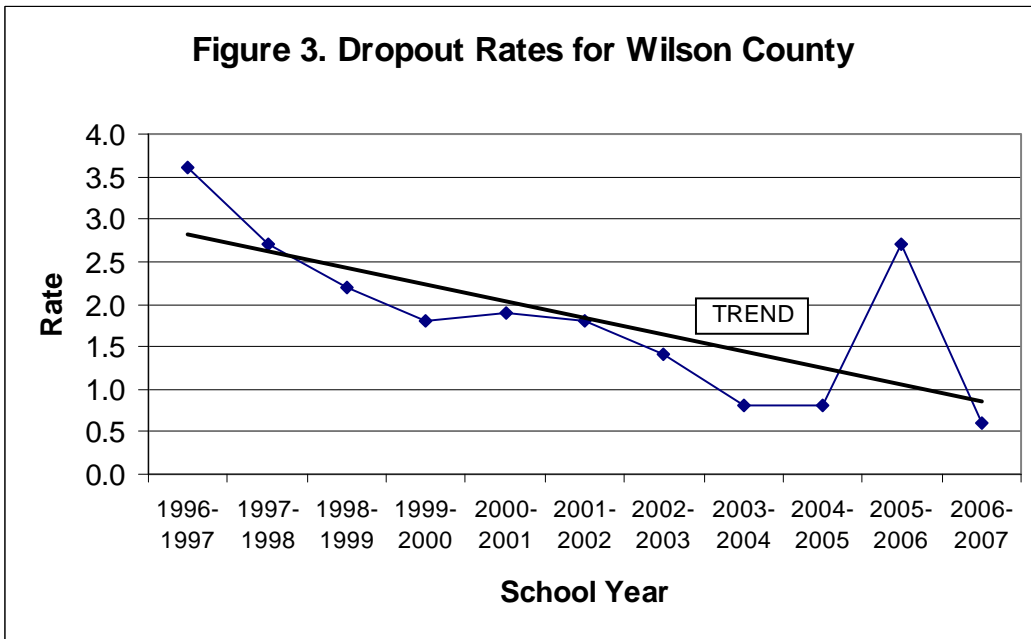
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As the student population has declined, the student-to-teacher ratio also has declined. The ratio of about 13.5 students per teacher permits fairly close attention for each of the students.

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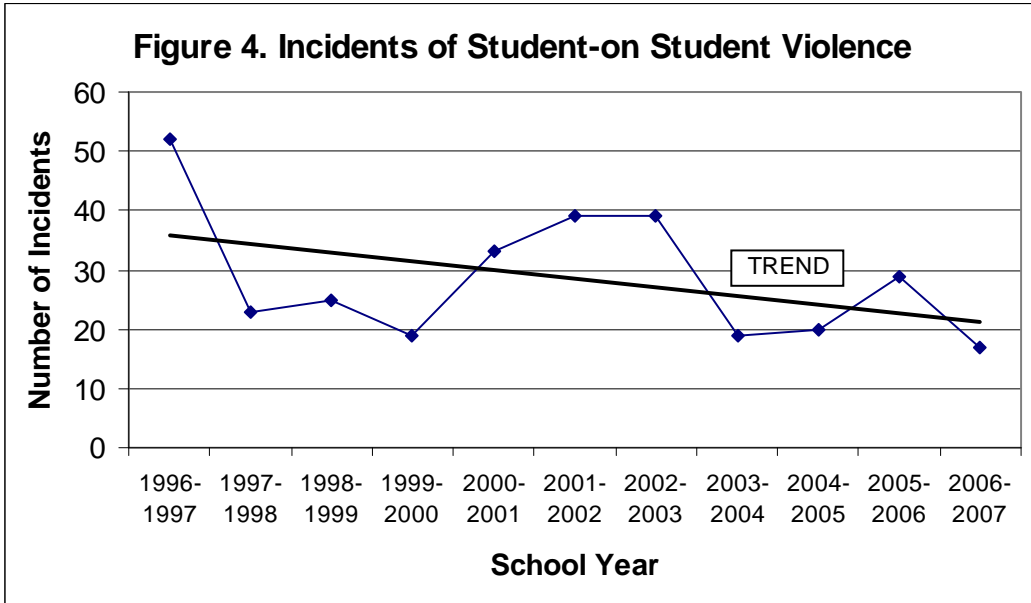


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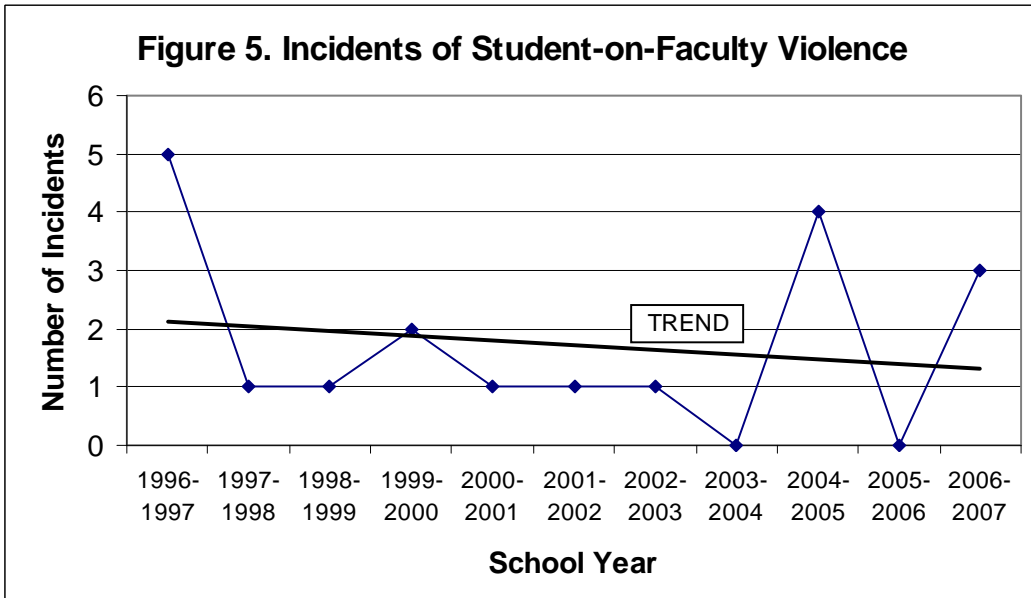
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Violence in the school is extremely disruptive to learning. The trend in student-on-student violence has generally decreased over time. Counting the number of incidents may be misleading, however, since the overall number of students also has declined.



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