



Maternal & Child Health in Kansas

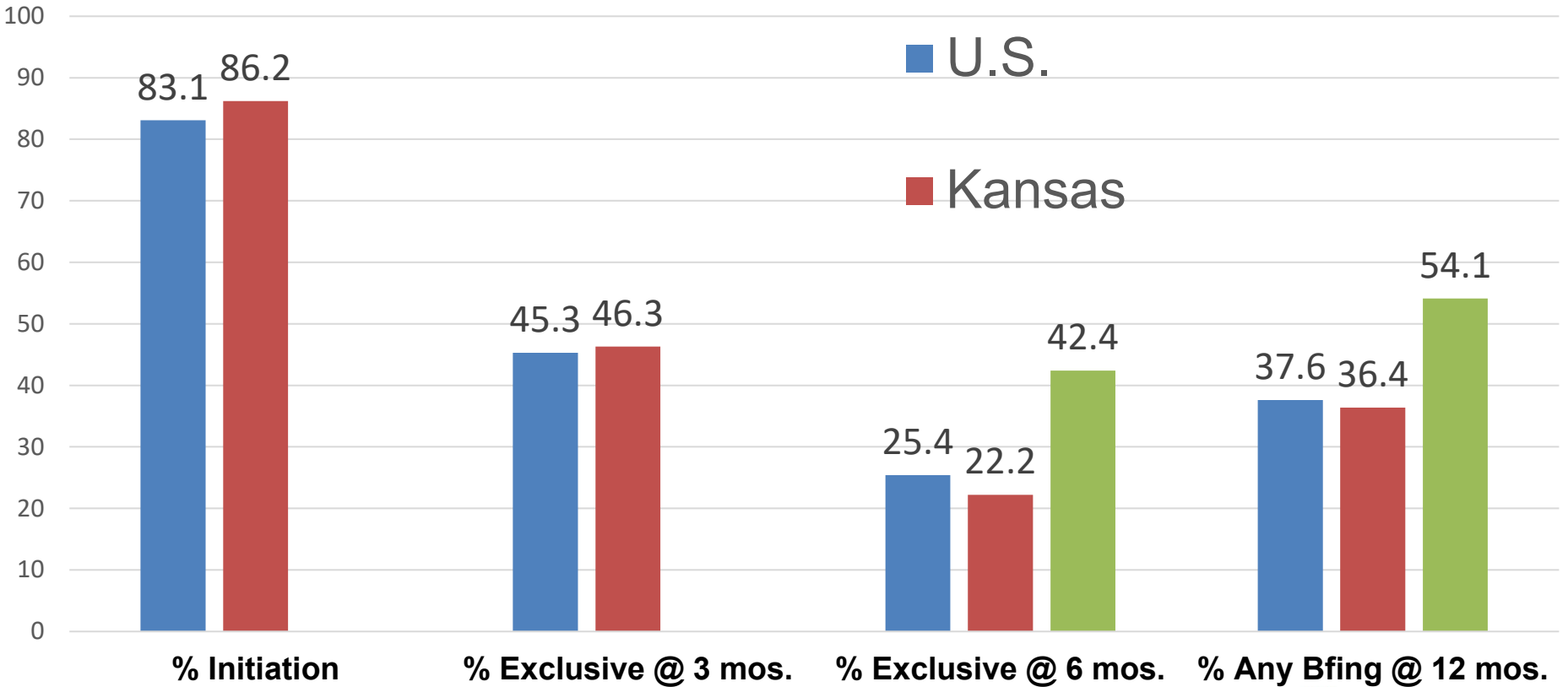


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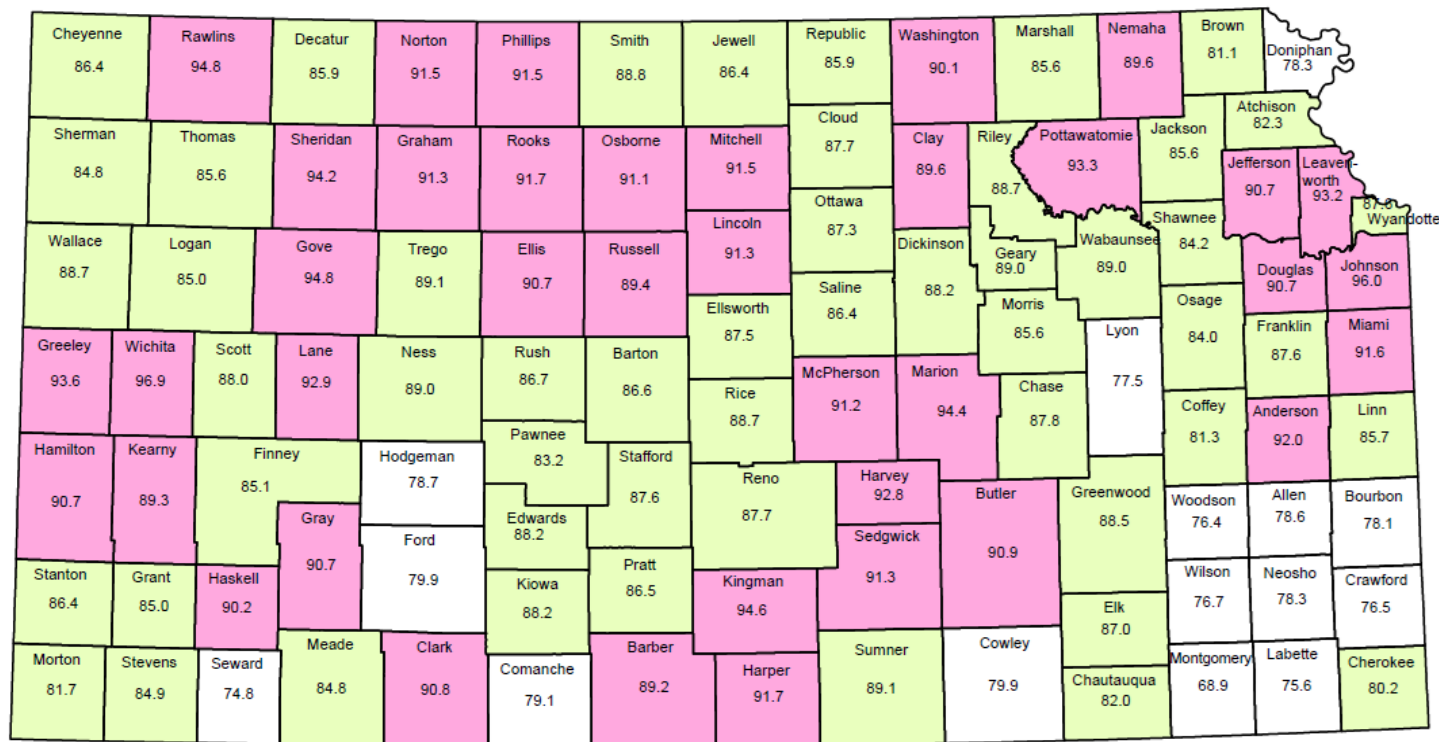
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Breastfeeding Rates



Percent of live births by initiation of breastfeeding* by county of residence Kansas, 2019 - 2021



Percent 68.9 - 80.0 80.1 - 89.1 89.2 - 96.9

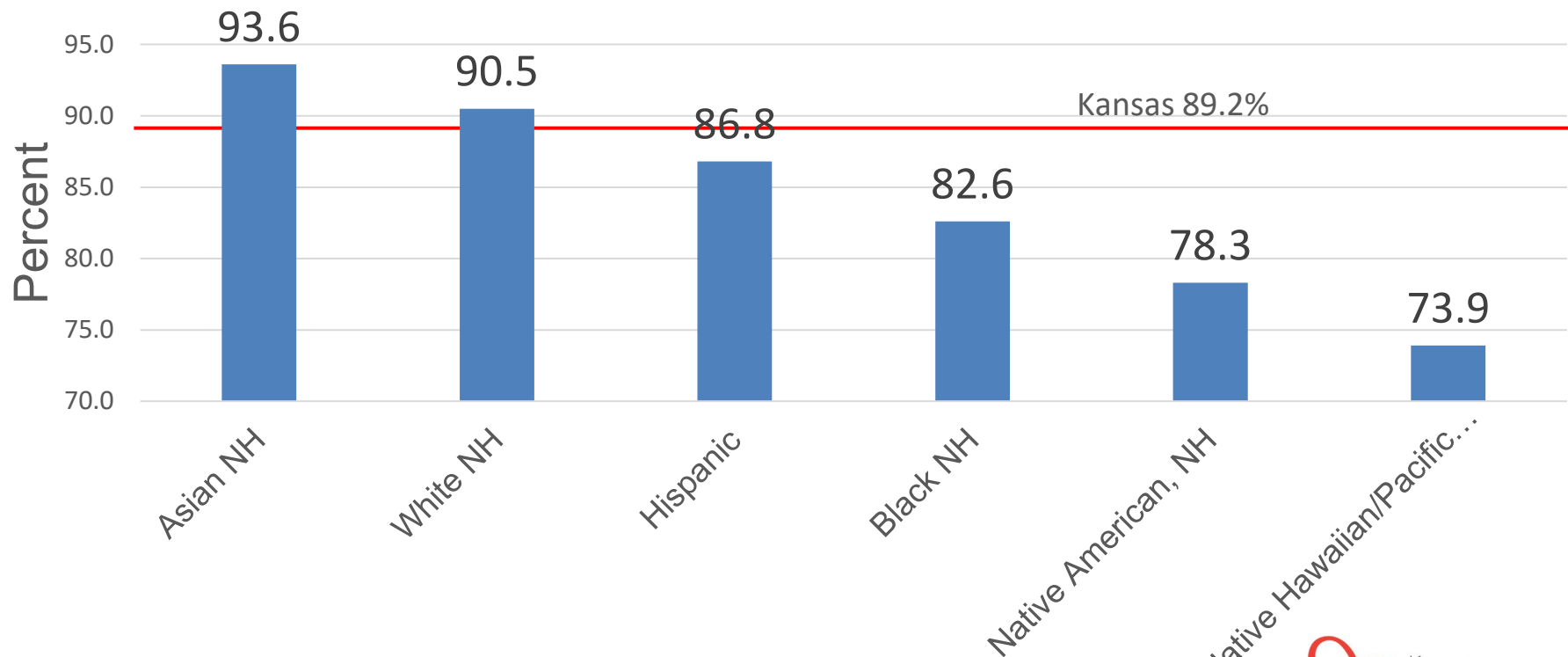
Kansas = 89.2%

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*Missing/unknown breastfeeding status and infants that died shortly after birth were excluded.

Source: Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics. Birth Data (Resident).

Breastfeeding Initiation by Mother's Race & Ethnicity Kansas 2019-2021




Note: NH = non-Hispanic

Source: Birth Certificate Data (Resident), 2019-2021, Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, Kansas Department of Health and Environment



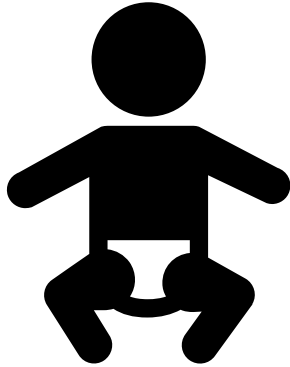
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A woman with curly hair, wearing a blue shirt, is holding a pregnancy test. The test is white with a pink handle. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light color.

American women are more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications than women in other countries, including the UNITED KINGDOM, LIBYA AND KAZAKHSTAN.



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In Kansas -
Black Babies are
2 times
likely to die before their
1st birthday than White Babies



In the U.S. -
Black Women are
3 - 4 more times
likely to die from
pregnancy related causes
than White Women



80% of maternal deaths
can be **prevented**

In her own words. . .

My first child was born by emergency C-section after 24 hours of fruitless labor. My cervix refused to dilate, my baby was getting stressed, and my blood pressure was getting very high. I was on Medicaid, and the night shift doctor was extremely rude and dismissive. She told me to go home and to come back once my cervix had dilated. Fortunately, shift change came and the far more experienced daytime doctor brought me back in to be admitted. If he hadn't done that, I would have gone home, had a stroke, and both my baby and I could have died. Even so, the stress from the long labor made my baby aspirate his meconium, and when he was delivered he stopped breathing. He had to be intubated and was taken to the NICU.

- T. from Overland Park, KS

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Kira Johnson Act



**Provides funding to
community-based
organizations that
are working to
improve maternal
health outcomes**





Social Determinants for Moms Act

Makes critical investments in social determinants of health that influence maternal health outcomes, like housing, transportation & nutrition

Perinatal Workforce Act

Grows & diversifies the perinatal workforce to ensure that every mom in America receives maternity care and support from people she can trust





U.S. Representative
Sharice Davids

Data to Save Moms Act

**Improves data collection
processes & quality measures
to better understand the
causes of the maternal health
crisis in the United States and
inform solutions to address it**



A green rectangular sign with rounded corners and a white border of reflective dots. The sign is mounted on two wooden posts. The text "Next Step" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. The background is a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds.

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