

Total Households

The count of total households includes the total number of occupied housing units, be it a house, an apartment, mobile home, group home, or single room. According to the U.S. Census, households will always equal the number of occupied housing units in 100 percent tabulations. This data can provide insight into the growth and overall health of a locality. Decreasing households can indicate a declining population, or an increase in average household size. Conversely, an increase in total households can indicate a growing population, or it can also indicate decreasing household size.

Planning Areas - Household data from planning areas repeat the theme of declining population established in the older portions of the city from 1980 to 2000. From 1980 to 2000, North, Central, and East Topeka, and Downtown, all experienced a decline in the total number of households. Downtown and East Topeka showed growth or stability from 2000-2010. Downtown increased by 4.7% and East Topeka remained fairly stable at -0.2%. Central Topeka continued to decline by -5.5%. South Topeka, while increasing from 1980 to 1990, declined from 1990 to 2010 by a total of -5.4%. In contrast, those fringe areas around the periphery of the Topeka urbanized area all continued to experienced gains in the number of households between 2000 and 2010, as similar to population. Southwest Topeka grew by 22.5% between 2000 and 2010. Table 7 provides data on the growth of households in incorporated Topeka and its planning areas for the time period 1980 to 2010.

TABLE 6: Total Households	Households				% Change			Actual Change		
	1980	1990	2000	2010	80-90	90-00	00-10	80-90	90-00	00-10
Topeka	46,256	49,936	52,190	53,943	8.0%	4.5%	3.4%	3,680	2,254	1,753
Planning Areas										
Far North - 1	2,616	2,890	3,624	4,430	10.5%	25.4%	22.2%	274	734	806
North Topeka - 2	3,026	2,853	2,755	2,677	-5.7%	-3.4%	-2.8%	-173	-98	-78
West Topeka - 3	9,519	10,809	12,559	13,237	13.6%	16.2%	5.4%	1,290	1,750	678
Central Topeka - 4	13,202	12,220	11,864	11,211	-7.4%	-2.9%	-5.5%	-982	-356	-653
Downtown - 5	2,314	1,555	1,219	1,276	-32.8%	-21.6%	4.7%	-759	-336	57
East Topeka - 6	7,231	6,698	6,654	6,638	-7.4%	-0.7%	-0.2%	-533	-44	-16
South Topeka - 7	13,362	14,076	13,674	13,338	5.3%	-2.9%	-2.5%	714	-402	-336
Southwest Topeka - 8	1,125	3,631	5,505	7,184	222.8%	51.6%	30.5%	2,506	1,874	1,679
Far South - 9	1,161	1,963	2,423	2,969	69.1%	23.4%	22.5%	802	460	546
Far East - 10	1,301	2,028	2,443	2,635	55.9%	20.5%	7.9%	727	415	192
Planning Area Total	54,857	58,723	62,720	65,595	7.0%	6.8%	4.6%	3,866	3,997	2,875

Average Household Size

Planning Areas - Within the various planning areas in the City and surrounding the City, results were mixed in terms of the growth or decline of average household size. Of particular interest is the actual increase in average household size in those planning areas and how it relates to population loss or growth. Of those planning areas that lost population or remained fairly stable (Central Topeka, North Topeka, and South Topeka), these planning areas continued to experience an increase in average household size. The average household size in Central Topeka has been increasing with each Decennial Census since 1970. Of those planning areas that experienced the most population growth between 2000 and 2010 (Southwest Topeka, Far South, West Topeka, and Far North), these areas have been experiencing a steady decline in average household size. East Topeka, which experienced an increase in population between 2000 and 2010, saw a corresponding increase in household size.

Downtown, which also increased in population between 2000 and 2010, saw a decrease in household size. Southwest Topeka, which has experienced the highest population growth since 1970, has seen a corresponding decline in average household size in all years since 1970. The average household size in the City of Topeka itself slightly rose in 2010.

Race and ethnicity may sometimes be a factor affecting average household size with minority groups traditionally having larger or extended families living together as one household. This has traditionally been true of the Hispanic origin population, which within Topeka has doubled or increased threefold in each of the planning areas since 1970.

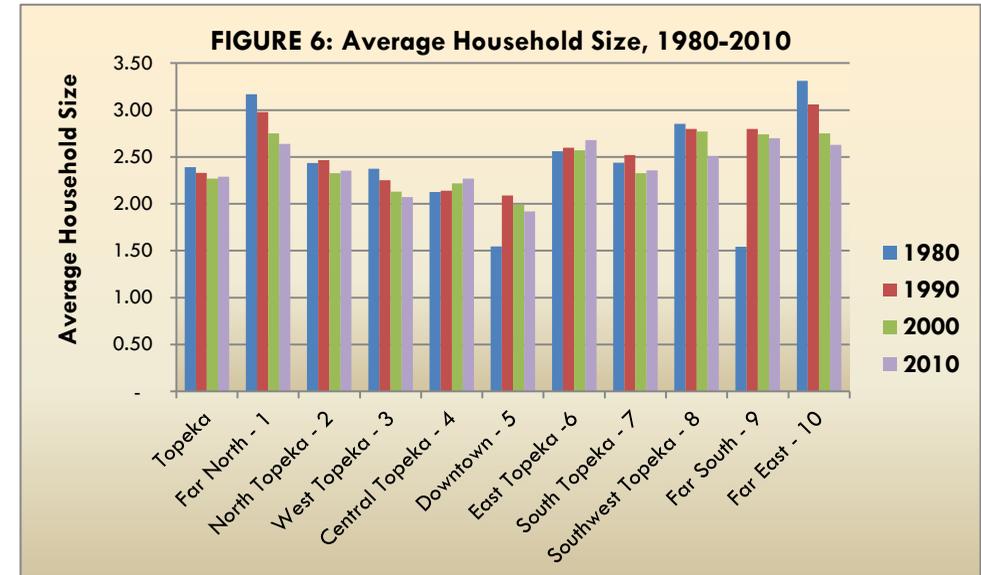
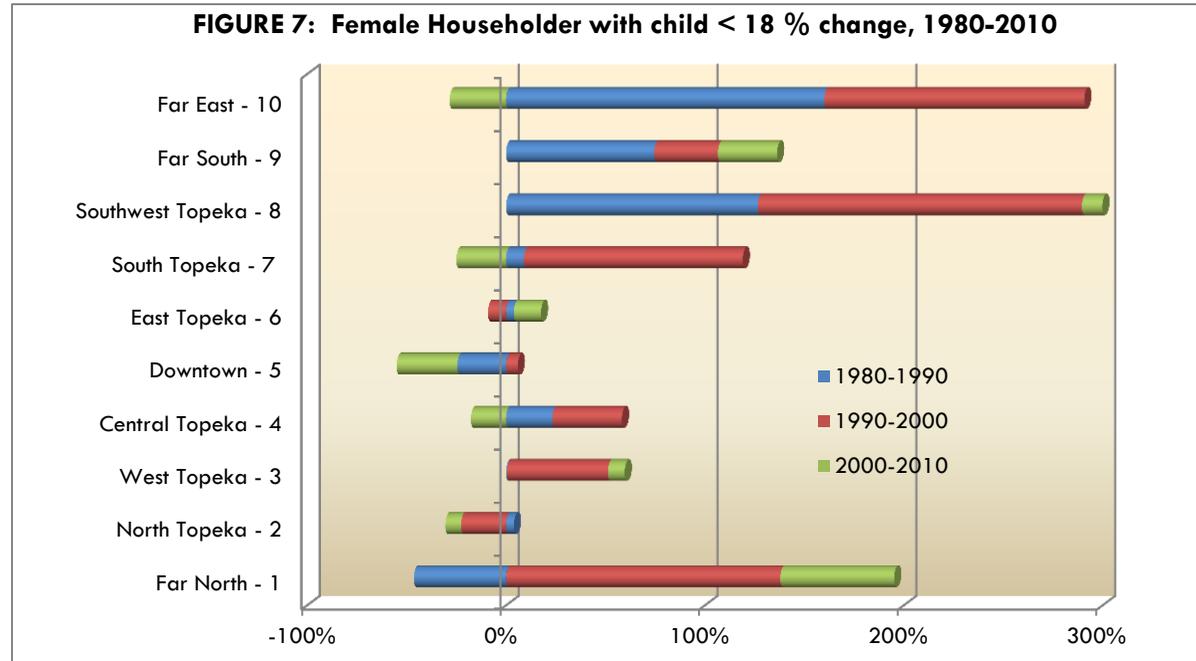


TABLE 7: Average Household Size	Average Household Size				Actual Change		
	1980	1990	2000	2010	80-90	90-00	00-10
Topeka	2.39	2.33	2.27	2.29	-0.06	-0.06	0.02
Planning Areas*							
Far North - 1	3.17	2.98	2.75	2.64	-0.19	-0.23	-0.11
North Topeka - 2	2.43	2.47	2.33	2.36	0.03	-0.14	0.03
West Topeka - 3	2.37	2.25	2.13	2.07	-0.12	-0.12	-0.06
Central Topeka - 4	2.13	2.14	2.22	2.27	0.01	0.08	0.05
Downtown - 5	1.55	2.09	1.99	1.92	0.54	-0.10	-0.07
East Topeka - 6	2.56	2.60	2.57	2.68	0.04	-0.03	0.11
South Topeka - 7	2.44	2.52	2.33	2.36	0.08	-0.19	0.03
Southwest Topeka - 8	2.85	2.80	2.77	2.51	-0.05	-0.03	-0.26
Far South - 9	1.54	2.80	2.74	2.70	1.26	-0.06	-0.04
Far East - 10	3.31	3.06	2.75	2.63	-0.25	-0.31	-0.12
Avg of Planning Areas	2.44	2.57	2.46	2.41	0.14	-0.11	-0.04

Female Head of Household

The occurrence of single mothers increased between 2000 and 2010 at a much faster rate in Topeka and Shawnee County than the nation or statewide as a whole.



Planning Areas –

- The South Topeka planning area exhibited the greatest overall increase in female heads of households from 1980 to 2000, more than doubling the 1980 count of 762. However, between the years 2000 and 2010, South Topeka actually experienced a loss in female householders with children by -24.9% or 435 total.
- Central Topeka also experienced a sizeable increase in female householders with children, rising from 655 in 1980, to 807 in 1990, to 1,090 in 2000. In 2010, female householders with children declined by -17.6% or 192 households in Central Topeka, which is probably consistent with the overall population and households loss in Central Topeka.
- The Far North and Far South areas saw the greatest increases between 2000 and 2010, which appears consistent with the overall population growth in these planning areas.
- Except for the Far East, Southwest Topeka, and Far North, the rest of the planning areas are above the national and state averages when comparing female head of household with children as a percent of total family households with children as demonstrated on the following page in Figure 9.

TABLE 8: Female Head of Household	Female Head of Household With Children Under 18				% Change			Actual Change		
	1980	1990	2000	2010	80-90	90-00	00-10	80-90	90-00	00-10
	Topeka	3,330	3,672	4,488	4760	10.3%	22.2%	6.1%	342	816
Planning Areas										
Far North - 1	108	58	138	217	-46.3%	137.9%	57.2%	-50	80	79
North Topeka - 2	332	345	267	246	3.9%	-22.6%	-7.9%	13	-78	-21
West Topeka - 3	531	533	804	872	0.4%	50.8%	8.5%	2	271	68
Central Topeka - 4	655	807	1,090	898	23.2%	35.1%	-17.6%	152	283	-192
Downtown - 5	135	102	108	75	-24.4%	5.9%	-30.6%	-33	6	-33
East Topeka - 6	904	939	854	971	3.9%	-9.1%	13.7%	35	-85	117
South Topeka - 7	762	830	1,744	1309	8.9%	110.1%	-24.9%	68	914	-435
Southwest Topeka - 8	49	111	292	322	126.5%	163.1%	10.3%	62	181	30
Far South - 9	102	178	235	305	74.5%	32.0%	29.8%	76	57	70
Far East - 10	20	52	120	86	160.0%	130.8%	-28.3%	32	68	-34
Planning Area Total	3,598	3,955	5,652	5301	9.9%	42.9%	-6.2%	357	1,697	-351

FIGURE 8: Female Householder w/ child as % of Total Family Households w/ child

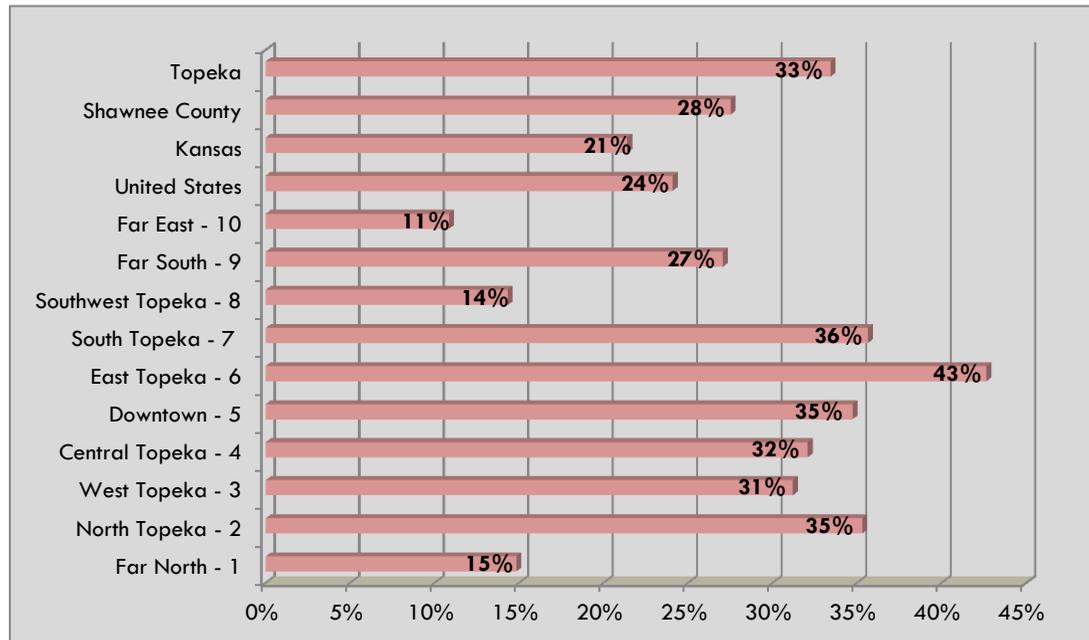


Figure 8: The 2010 Census indicates that nationwide, 24% of all family households with children under 18 are headed by female heads of household. This figure decreases across the state of Kansas, where only 21% of family households with children are headed by females with no husband present. In Shawnee County, this figure jumps to 28%, while within the City of Topeka, nearly 33% of total family households with children are classified as female head of household, no husband present. In 2000, those figures were slightly lower at 22% nationwide, 18% in Kansas, 25% in Shawnee County, and 31% in Topeka. Overall, female head of households with children under 18 have been increasing as a share of total family households throughout the nation, Kansas, Shawnee County and Topeka.