KU at Work: Reno County
The following profile highlights the services and support that KU provides to Reno County

Educating Leaders

Students

KU has 277 students from Reno County: 159 undergraduate, 73 graduate, and 45 at the KU Medical Center.

KU students from Reno County have significant support in the form of grants, scholarships, and fellowships. As of the fall census, $711,404 in federal, state, institutional, and outside/private grants, scholarships, and fellowships have been awarded on all campuses to 140 Reno County students for FY 2015.

Of the fall KU students, 522 have transfer credit from Hutchinson Community College.

KU has 1,359 alumni from Reno County.

Building Healthy Communities

Business

KU has partnerships with 15 businesses in Reno County.

- 7 businesses in Reno County partner with KU for career services
- 6 businesses participated in KU continuing education programs
- 2 businesses have provided charitable giving to KU Endowment

Public Safety

KU provides public safety training to the state for law enforcement, fire and rescue response. In FY 2014, 268 law enforcement officers and 158 fire and rescue officials from Reno County were trained at KU.

Healthcare – KU Medical Center

Enhancing Student Education

- 13 Reno County physicians serve as volunteer KU Medical Center faculty, providing medical students with hands-on training in rural communities as part of the Rural Preceptorship Program.
- Nurses across Kansas can now advance their careers from home, thanks to an innovative agreement between the KU School of Nursing and 18 regional community colleges, including Hutchinson Community College. The agreement provides nurses who have an associate’s degree in nursing from a
participating college an easier transition to earning their bachelor of science in nursing through KU’s online RN-to-BSN program.

Strengthening the Health Care Workforce

- 149 KU Medical Center graduates live and/or practice in Reno County.
- 3 health care providers have been placed in Reno County since 2004 through the Kansas Recruitment and Retention Center, which provides placement assistance to rural health organizations and seeks to enhance the quality and quantity of health care professionals in rural Kansas.
- 5 Reno County physicians received funding through the Kansas Bridging Plan, a loan-forgiveness program offered to primary care medical residents who agree to practice in rural Kansas.
- 20 enrollments in KU Medical Center continuing education courses and conferences by Reno County health care professionals in Fiscal Year 2014.
- 86 professional education and administrative visits in Reno County occurred in FY14 via telemedicine, an interactive video technology that eliminates distance as a barrier to health care, continuing education and interprofessional collaboration. The technology is operated by the University of Kansas Center for Telemedicine and Telehealth.

Advancing Health Care Access

- Reno County residents saw KU Medical Center health care providers 5 times via telemedicine in FY14.
- Reno County residents made 46 visits to KU Medical Center health care providers in outreach clinics held outside of Kansas City in FY14.