

**Identify your county and state. Briefly describe demographic data for your county, including total population, median income, percentage of residents with health insurance, poverty percentage, and one additional demographic. Compare the data to state averages and discuss your findings.**

The county I am doing this demographic assignment for is Saline County, Salina, Kansas. The total population of Saline county is 46,889 people. The median income is \$52,702. The percentage of residents with health insurance is 9.1%, which is surprising to me as I would have thought it was much higher than that. The poverty percentage is 12.1%. One additional demographic I found interesting was the percentage of the population who has a bachelor's degree or higher – that percentage is only 27.8%. I would have thought that number would be higher as well. I grew up in Saline County and still currently live there, and while there are some rougher parts of the county or town of Salina, I have felt for the most part that it's a good, safe city. For how small Salina is compared to some of the surrounding bigger cities like Wichita or Topeka, I would have guessed some of the percentages to be a little different. Like I mentioned, I would have thought the education percentage would have been higher, as well as the employment rate which is only 64.3 percent. The poverty percentage seems fairly accurate to me, as I am well aware there are people living in poverty in certain areas of Salina. I would have also thought, however, that a much higher percentage of the population would have health insurance, especially if 64 percent of the population is employed (therefore usually having access to health insurance).

**Find the census tract with the highest life expectancy and the tract with the lowest life expectancy within your county. Compare these rates with the state and national averages.**

In Saline County, the census tract with the highest life expectancy is 86.9 years, while the census tract with the lowest life expectancy is 71.2 years. The state average is 78.6 years, which would be very comparable to the average of the life expectancy in Saline County alone. The national average for the United States would be 78.7 years, which is miraculously very similar to the average just for Kansas alone. I would say the life expectancy for the people of Saline County is