

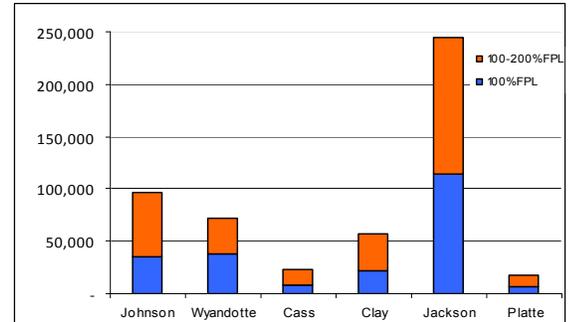
Human Need in Johnson County, Kansas

NUMBER OF PEOPLE AT 100% AND 200% FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL IN METRO KANSAS CITY COUNTIES

Nearly 36,000 Johnson County residents had incomes below the federal poverty level (about \$22,300 for a family of four), based on 2010 data. An additional 60,000 people had income between 100 and 200 percent of the poverty level.

More than 1 in 6 county residents is low-income, or nearly 100,000 people.

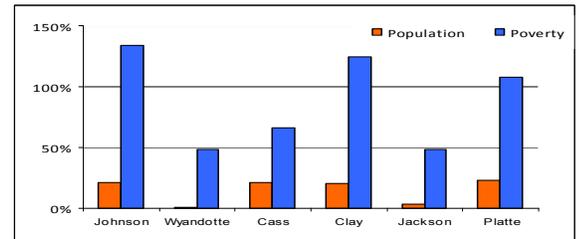
	Johnson	Wyandotte	Cass	Clay	Jackson	Platte	Total
100% FPL	35,792	38,149	7,753	22,213	114,047	7,232	225,186
100-200% FPL	60,093	33,469	15,112	34,572	130,910	10,471	284,627
TOTAL	95,885	71,618	22,865	56,785	244,957	17,703	509,813



GROWTH IN POVERTY COMPARED TO TOTAL POPULATION GROWTH, 2000 - 2010

During the decade, Johnson County's population grew about 20%; at the same time the number of people below the federal poverty level increased 134%. The number in poverty went from 15,300 in 2000 to 35,800 in 2010.

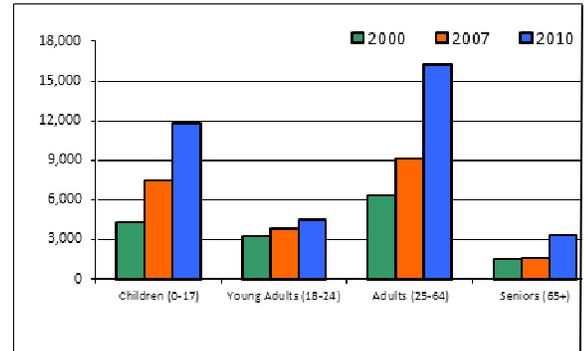
Neighboring suburban counties experienced a similar trend. As a result, 1 in 3 Kansas City area poor now live in one of the suburban counties. At the beginning of the decade, 1 in 4 lived in the suburbs.



POVERTY BY AGE IN JOHNSON COUNTY

The combined poverty rate for all ages in Johnson County in 2010 was 6.6%.

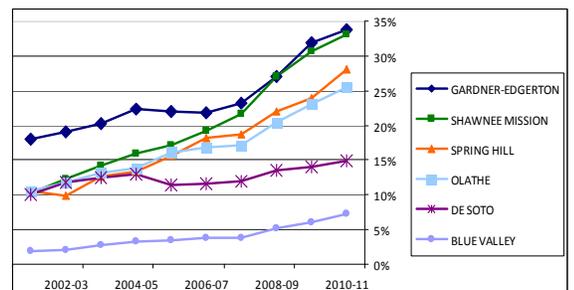
- **Children:** Children (0-17) have an 8.3% poverty rate. Nearly 12,000 children are poor. This age group experienced the largest percentage increase in number during the decade.
- **Young Adults:** Young adults (18-24) have an 11.7% poverty rate. About 4,500 young adults are poor. This age cohort is the smallest and has remained relatively stable over the last decade.
- **Adults:** The poverty rate for adults (25-64) was 5.4%. More than 16,000 working age adults are poor.
- **Seniors:** Seniors (65+) have a 5.7% poverty rate and number about 3,300.



JOHNSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH PARTICIPATION RATE

Last school year, more than 21,000 Johnson County public school students participated in the Federal Child Nutrition Program. The county-wide participation rate was 23%, with two districts' rates at 33%. In the 2002-2003 school year, fewer than 8,000 students, or 16% participated.

This data not only demonstrates that economic hardship for households with children is increasing in Johnson County, but that these households live in every part of the county.



The **Human Service Safety Net** cares for and protects the vulnerable, and provides pathways and opportunities for the disadvantaged to become contributing members of society. This document highlights some of the populations that may benefit from the Human Service Safety Net. (Based on 2010 data)

Very Young Children

Each year about 7,500 babies are born in Johnson County. More than 45,000 county residents are children under the age of 6.

Single Parent Families

1 child in 5 lives with a single mother or father. For most of these 27,500 children, their parents are in the work force (although they may be unemployed).

Uninsured

1 in 9 county residents under the age of 65 does not have health insurance. That represents 51,000 people and 11% of the population. More than ½ live in households with income below 200% of the federal poverty level. For Senior Adults (over 65), 350 are without health insurance.

Racial and Ethnic Diversity

In 2010, 18% of the population was racially and ethnically diverse; up from 11% in 2000. For those under 18, 1 in 4 is diverse. People of color have traditionally had lower incomes and fewer assets as a result of persistent racial disparities.

Persons with Disabilities

43,000 county residents self-reported one or more disabilities that interfere with daily living. That was 8.5% of the 5 years of age and older, civilian non-institutionalized population. The proportion of those with disabilities varies across age groups. Ambulatory and self-care are the most frequent disabilities for seniors. About 10% of those with a disability have income below the federal poverty level.

	17 years or less	18-64 years	65 years or more
Total with disability	3.1%	6.5%	30.4%

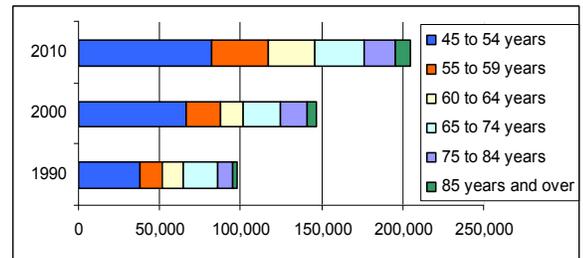
Persons with Mental Illness

The current prevalence estimate is that about 20% of the adult population is affected by mental disorders during a given year. A subpopulation of 5.4% of adults is considered to have a “serious” mental illness (SMI). Children and adolescents with serious emotional disturbance (SED) number approximately 5% to 9% of children ages 9 to 17. (U.S. Surgeon General)

Senior Adults

Adults over age 65 total 60,000 and account for 1 in 9 of the county’s population; up from 1 in 10 in 2000. Slightly more than 1 in 4 seniors lives alone.

The population over age 45 accounted for 60% of the county’s population increase between 2000 and 2010.



Homeless

315 homeless persons were counted on one day in January 2011, a 50% increase above those counted in 2009. These individuals were either in emergency shelter, transitional housing or in places not meant for human habitation. More than 4 in 5 lived in households with children. School districts also count homeless children, using a broader definition which includes households who are doubled-up. During the 2010-11 school year, 902 students were homeless.

Data source: U.S. Census Bureau Decennial Census, American Community Survey 2010, 1-year estimates.

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