



**Johnson County Income Trends Hold Steady
2010 American Community Survey Data Released for Local Communities**

Today, the U.S. Census Bureau released findings from the 2010 American Community Survey (ACS)*. Highlights related to income trends are presented in this first analysis. Over the next months, UCS will use the new 2010 ACS to produce fact sheets specific to Johnson County and a six-county Kansas City area.

POVERTY: New census figures indicate a leveling off of poverty in Johnson County after dramatic growth in 2009. The county’s poverty rate was 6.6 percent in 2010, essentially unchanged from 2009, but up from 4.2 percent in 2007. **Nearly 36,000 people were estimated to fall below the federal poverty level in 2010.** (The poverty level for a family of four was between \$22,223 and \$22,859, based on how many members of the family are children.)

Even as Johnson County poverty numbers leveled out, poverty numbers continue to rise in other areas, to 15.3 percent nationwide, 14.3 percent in Kansas and 12.7 percent for the 6-county Kansas City metropolitan area.

A second measure of household economic security is 200 percent of the federal poverty level – income at two times the poverty level. More than 60,000 Johnson County residents fall between 100 and 200 percent of the poverty level. When combined with the 36,000 living below poverty, **nearly 96,000 people are living with low-incomes**, or 17 percent of the population.

INCOME: Median household income in Johnson County was also essentially unchanged between 2009 and 2010 after a significant decline between 2008 and 2009. The 2010 estimated **median income of \$71,000** is the same as the 2007 median income, when not adjusted for inflation.

HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE: Census data estimates **52,000 County residents**, or 9.5 percent of the population, were without **health insurance coverage in 2010**, a rate similar to 2009. For the unemployed, a larger percentage were found to be without health insurance in 2010 than in 2009 – 44 percent in 2010 compared to 34 percent in 2009.

First Look at Johnson County 2010 Poverty Data

	2010	2010	2007	2007	2000	2000
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Low-Income: Below 200% Federal Poverty Level						
All Ages	95,900	17.1%	74,200	14.3%	48,200	10.8%
Children Low Income (0-17)	29,500	20.7%	22,500	16.6%	14,700	12.2%
Working Age Adults (18-64)	55,600	16.3%	43,700	13.1%	27,600	9.7%
Seniors Low Income (65+)	10,800	18.7%	5,200	10.3%	5,900	14.3%
Poor: Below 100% Federal Poverty Level						
All Ages	35,800	6.6%	22,000	4.2%	15,300	3.4%
Children in Poverty (0-17)	11,800	8.3%	7,500	5.5%	4,300	3.6%
Working Age Adults (18-64)	20,700	6.1%	12,900	4.0%	9,400	3.3%
Seniors in Poverty (65+)	3,300	5.7%	1,600	3.1%	1,500	3.6%

Rounded to the nearest 100

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Decennial Census 2000, ACS 2007, 2010. Some calculations by UCS.

* The American Community Survey is an annual data product based on a sample of the population and is therefore most useful when considered as a portrait of characteristics of a geographic area. The margin of error for Johnson County poverty data is plus or minus 5,513 people.

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