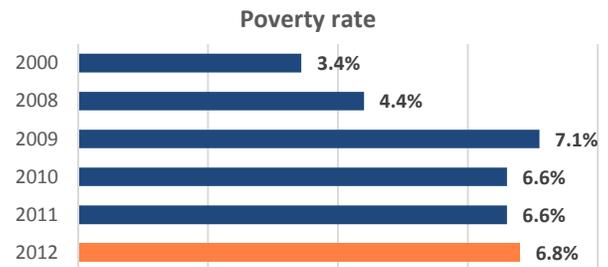
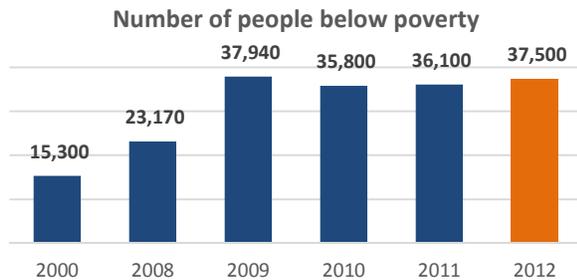


Johnson County Poverty Trends

1 in 15 county residents, 37,500, live in households with income below 100% of the federal poverty level, according to the 2012 American Community Survey. Region-wide, only Jackson County, Missouri, had more poor residents. In 2000, 1 in 30 Johnson County residents lived in poverty.

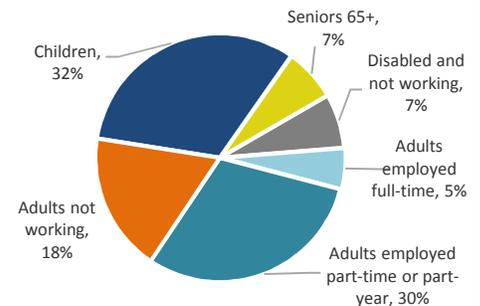
In 2012, 6.8% of the county's residents had income below the poverty level, virtually no change from the poverty level the previous three years. The poverty rate has doubled since 2000. The poverty threshold was about \$19,000 for a family of 3 when measured in 2012.



Who is Poor in Johnson County?

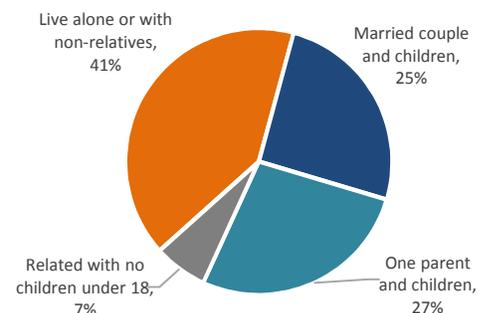
Share of poverty by ability to work

- Children, seniors and disabled adults account for almost 1 in 2 of the poor; these are people who are not going to be able to participate in the workforce.
 - 1 in 3 of the poor are children under 18.
 - About 1 in 7 are either over age 65 or disabled and unable to work.
- Slightly more than 1 in 2 of the poor are working age adults.
 - 2/3 of the working age poor worked full time, part-time or temporary.
 - 1/3, or fewer than 7,000, working age adults who are poor did not work in the 12 months captured by the 2012 American Community Survey.



Share of poverty by living arrangement

- Slightly more than half of the poor live in family households that include children under 18.
 - Of those, about half live in a married couple family and half live in a family headed by an unmarried adult, most often a female.
- A small portion of the poor, 7%, live with one or more people they are related to, but no children under age 18.
- 4 in 10 of the poor, about 15,000 people, are "unrelated individuals" defined as people of any age who are not members of a family or subfamily.
 - More than 7 in 10 of unrelated individuals below poverty are age 35 or older.
 - Females are more likely than males to be poor at every age and account for 3 in 5 of the unrelated individuals who are poor.
 - 60% of poor unrelated individuals worked some in the past 12 months, although few worked full-time.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau – American Community Survey, 2012 1-year estimates. Some calculations by UCS.

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