

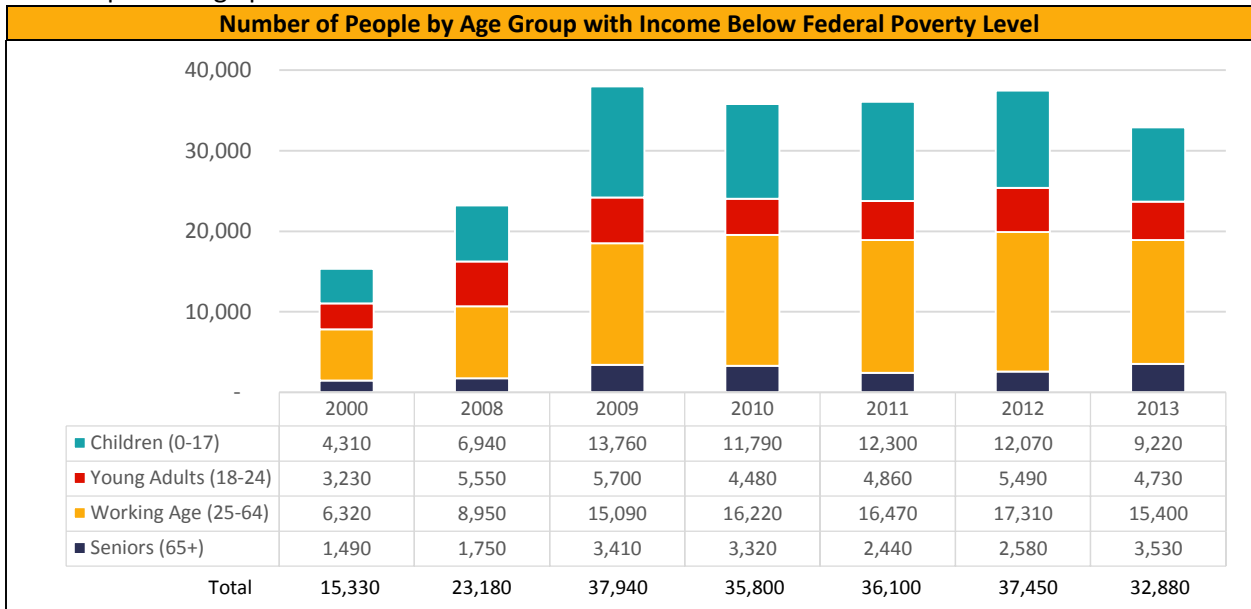


**Poverty in Johnson County, Kansas  
2013 Poverty Data Released September 18, 2014**

In 2013, one in 17 people, or nearly 33,000 county residents, lived below the federal poverty line - \$19,530 for a family of three - according to the U.S. Census Bureau. In Johnson County, the poverty rate was 5.9%, not significantly different from the 6.8% rate in 2012. After four years of economic recovery, the poverty rate has not fallen below pre-recession levels.

Johnson County Poverty Rate by Age Group							
	2000	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Children (0-17)	4.0%	5.1%	10.1%	8.3%	8.7%	8.5%	6.4%
Young Adults (18-24)	9.8%	12.4%	13.0%	11.7%	12.1%	13.7%	11.0%
Working Age (25-64)	2.5%	3.0%	5.0%	5.2%	5.4%	5.6%	5.0%
Seniors (65+)	3.6%	3.3%	6.2%	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	5.3%
County-wide	3.4%	4.4%	7.1%	6.6%	6.6%	6.8%	5.9%

- Child poverty in Johnson County declined between 2012 and 2013, following the national trend. (Child poverty across the state of Kansas, however, did not decline.) Yet, the 6.4% poverty is still higher than the pre-recession rate of 5.1%. Children continue to account for nearly 30% of the poor.
- Young adults ages 18-24 have the highest poverty rate. However the rate and number dropped below the 2008 rate.
- Working age adults ages 25-64 had a poverty rate of 5.0% in 2013, unchanged since 2009 and a full two percentage points above the 2008 rate.
- For senior adults (ages 65+), the poverty rate was 5.3%, statistically unchanged since 2009, but a full two percentage points above the 2008 rate.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census; American Community Survey 1-year estimates. Some calculations by UCS. The American Community Survey is an annual data product based on a sample of the population and therefore most useful when considered as a portrait of characteristics of a geographic area. Number have been rounded. The margin of error for Johnson County poverty data is plus or minus 4,600.

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