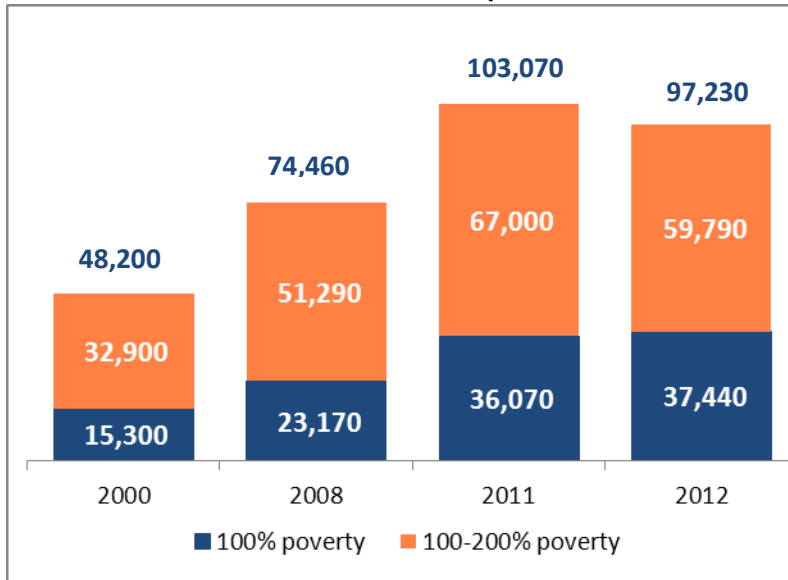




**Johnson County Poverty**

The most recent data on poverty show there was no statistically significant improvement in the Johnson County, Kansas poverty rate in 2012. The U.S. Census Bureau released the American Community Survey, 2012 1-year estimates, September 19, 2013.

**Number of People with Income Below 100% and 200% of the Federal Poverty Level**



The Johnson County poverty rate was 6.8% in 2012, compared to 6.6% in 2011. 37,440 people had income below the poverty level. Pre-recession, the poverty rate was 4.7%, a statistically significant difference. Statewide the poverty rate was 14.0% in 2012, compared to 13.8% in 2011.

The poverty rate does not adequately capture all of the people struggling to get by, and a threshold of two times the poverty line is more closely aligned with the estimated amount necessary for people to make ends meet. Using this measure, the share of people living in low-income households with incomes below twice the poverty line has risen by 30% since 2008. In 2012, more than 97,000 people had income below this income threshold.

- One in 15 Johnson County residents has income below the poverty level; and more than 1 in 6 has income at 200% of poverty.
- Children ages 0-17 account for one-third of those living in households with income below 100% the federal poverty level. The poverty rate was 8.5% in 2012, up 3 percentage points from 2008.
- Working age adults had a poverty rate of 6.6%, 2.1 percentage points higher than pre-recession.
- For senior adults (ages 65+), the poverty rate was 4.1%, virtually unchanged from 2008.

	Post-Recession				Pre-Recession	
	2012	2012	2011	2011	2008	2008
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
<b>Poor &lt; 100% FPL</b>						
All Ages	37,440	6.8%	36,070	6.6%	23,170	4.7%
Children (0-17)	12,070	8.5%	12,300	8.7%	6,930	5.5%
Working age adults (18-64)	22,780	6.6%	21,330	6.2%	14,500	4.5%
Ages 65+	2,590	4.1%	2,440	4.1%	1,740	3.4%
<b>Low Income &lt;200% FPL</b>						
All Ages	97,230	17.6%	103,070	18.9%	74,460	14.1%
Children (0-17)	30,230	21.3%	33,130	23.4%	23,150	17.0%
Working age adults (18-64)	56,600	16.2%	58,900	17.0%	42,520	12.5%
Ages 65+	10,400	16.4%	11,040	18.5%	8,790	16.5%

Federal Poverty Threshold (FPL) for a family of three for the 2012 data collection period was about \$18,300; family of four \$23,500.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008, 2011 and 2012 American Community Survey - 1 year estimated. Some calculations by UCS.

For more information on the Census Bureau data release go to [http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data\\_documentation/2012\\_release/f](http://www.census.gov/acs/www/data_documentation/2012_release/f)  
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. Numbers have been rounded. The margin of error for Johnson County poverty data is plus or minus 5,196.

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