



**Poverty and Unrelated Individuals, 2012  
Johnson County, Kansas**

Nearly 15,000 of the county’s 37,400 poor are “unrelated individuals” according to U.S. Census Bureau data. This represents 40% of the poor in Johnson County.

The U.S. Census Bureau defines unrelated individuals as people of any age who are not members of a family or subfamily. A family is at least two people who live together and are related by birth, marriage or adoption. Nearly one fourth of all Johnson County residents age 15 and older meet the definition of unrelated individuals, totaling nearly 100,000 people. Of those, 15.2% live in poverty, a poverty rate more than double the county’s overall 6.8% poverty rate.

- 15.2% of unrelated individuals have income below the poverty level.
- 4 in 10 of the county's poor are unrelated individuals.
- More than 7 in 10 of unrelated individuals below poverty are age 35 or older.
- For unrelated young people ages 15-17, 580 of 610 (96%) are poor.
- Females are more likely than males to be poor at every age cohort and account for 3 in 5 of the unrelated individuals who are poor.
- Seniors, age 65+, account for about 1 in 9 of the unrelated individuals who are poor. Elderly females are more likely to be poor than their male counterparts.
- 60% of the unrelated individuals with income below the federal poverty level worked some in the past 12 months, although few worked full-time.

	All Unrelated Individuals			Poverty Level			Poverty Rate		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Ages 15-17	170	440	610	170	420	580	100.0%	94.8%	96.2%
Ages 18-24	3,560	5,530	9,080	1,210	2,260	3,470	34.1%	40.8%	38.2%
Ages 25-34	13,540	11,350	24,880	1,660	1,600	3,260	12.3%	14.1%	13.1%
Ages 35-44	7,210	4,870	12,080	750	730	1,480	10.4%	14.9%	12.2%
Ages 45-54	6,780	7,440	14,220	870	1,290	2,160	12.8%	17.3%	15.2%
Ages 55-64	5,470	8,720	14,190	650	930	1,580	11.9%	10.7%	11.1%
Ages 65-74	2,220	5,510	7,730	100	420	530	4.7%	7.7%	6.8%
Ages 75+	2,710	7,920	10,630	130	1,010	1,140	4.8%	12.7%	10.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41,660</b>	<b>51,780</b>	<b>93,420</b>	<b>5,540</b>	<b>8,660</b>	<b>14,200</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>16.7%</b>	<b>15.2%</b>

The 2014 federal poverty level for 1 person is \$973 a month, or \$11,670 annual income; equivalent to \$5.61 per hour for full-time, year-round employment.

Source: American Community Survey, 2011-2012 3-year estimates, B17007, B17009. Some calculations by UCS.

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