

A Demographic Profile of Our Community

The Kansas City 6-County Region

Johnson and Wyandotte in Kansas; Cass, Clay, Jackson and Platte in Missouri



Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The six-county's population is 1.8 million people. Since 2008, the region has grown by 60,000 people. Clay and Johnson Counties accounted for more than 60% of the combined growth. 																																																																
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority of the region's population is working age, 18-64. More than six in 10 residents (63%) are in this age group. Grade school and high school age students comprise the next largest population group, accounting for 17% of the region's population. Senior adults age 65+ account for 12% of the population. Infants and young children under age 5 represent 8% of the population. 																																																																
Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two in seven (28%) residents of the region belong to a racial or ethnic minority. The ratio was one in four (25%) in 2008. African Americans comprise 13% of the population; Hispanic or Latinos 9%. Between 2008 and 2012, the white population decreased by 10,000, while the diverse population increased by 70,000; resulting in a net increase of 60,000. African Americans and Hispanic/Latinos grew by 27,000 and 26,000 respectively. 11% of the population over age 5 reports speaking a language other than English at home; at the same time, the majority speaks English "well" or "very well." About 4% of the population reports speaking English "less than well" or "not at all." Six in 10 of those with limited English proficiency are Spanish speaking. 																																																																
Income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The median household income for the Kansas City Metropolitan Region was \$54,519 in 2012. Adjusting for inflation, the median income of households in the metro area dropped \$5,500 between 2008 and 2012. More than one in eight, or 13.1%, of the region's population has income below 100% of the federal poverty level, or \$19,090 a year for a family of three.¹ One-half of the region's poor are under age 25; yet this age group accounts for only one-third of the region's total population. Children under 6 are the poorest age group in the region, with nearly one in four living in a household with income below 100% of the federal poverty level, up from one in six in 2008. In Jackson and Wyandotte Counties, more than one young child in three is poor. Young adults ages 18-24 are one of the poorest age groups; one in five has income below 100% of the federal poverty level. More than two in five have income below 200% of poverty. Three in 10 of the region's population has income below 200% of the federal poverty level. That is more than one-half million people.² This income threshold is often defined as low-income. Between 2008 and 2012, the number of low-income people grew by 100,000 people. 																																																																
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<p>Income</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The poverty rate for all families is 9.8%. Families headed by a female have a poverty rate of 30%; if the female head of family is under age 25 the poverty rate is 71%. ▪ Six of 10 households with income below the poverty level are headed by women. (A household is defined as two or more people who are related.) Of those, half are families headed by a single female and half are women living alone or with non-relatives. The vast majority of these heads of household are under age 45. ▪ In October 2013, the unemployment rate for the KC Metropolitan area was 5.7%. The number of unemployed was 59,235.³ ▪ 216,000 area residents were enrolled in SNAP (aka Food Stamps) in July 2013.⁴ ▪ Households that are cost burdened (paying more than 30% of household income toward housing costs) total 200,000, or nearly three in 10 households. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nearly one in two renters and three in 11 homeowners with a mortgage are cost burdened.
<p>Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The six-county area is home to nearly one-half million children. ▪ For children under age 6, 67% live in households where all parents are in the labor force. For older children, ages 6-17, 74% live in households where all parents are in the labor force. ▪ 26% of children in the six counties live in a family headed by a female – about 118,000 children. ▪ Among those ages 25 and older, one in three have a high school diploma or less; one in three have a bachelor’s degree or higher. For adults without a high school diploma, the poverty rate is nearly three times that for all adults over age 25. ▪ Females with less than a high school education, on average, earn \$14,654 compared to \$21,200 for males.
<p>Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ An estimated 18% of the population age 18-64 (about 200,000 people) does not have health insurance. One in 10 working age adults has public health insurance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uninsured children (age 0-17) number 29,000, or 6.5%. Nearly three in 10 area children are covered by public health insurance. ○ Less than 1% of senior adults, ages 65+, are without health insurance. 97% have public health insurance (Medicare) ○ Six in seven uninsured adults (ages 18-64) have income less than four times 100% of the federal poverty level. ▪ 36% of senior adults self-report one or more disabilities that interfere with daily living; 10% of those 18-64 report a disability; and 3% of children/youth. 5% of the population age 18 and above report a disability that results in difficulties with independent living. ▪ Veterans represent 10% of the population or 148,500 people; two in three are age 55 or older. About 25,000 area veterans have a service related disability. ▪ More than 13,000 instances of domestic violence were reported in the six counties in 2013.⁵ ▪ For every 1,000 children in Kansas and Missouri, seven are in foster care.⁶

About the Data: Unless otherwise noted, the data source is U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 1-year estimates. The most recent data is 2012.

¹ Federal Poverty Level (FPL): FPL measures household income based on income at various thresholds. The threshold for 100% FPL for a family of 3 was \$19,090 in 2012.

² 200% FPL is often used as an indicator of households that are low income and struggle financially. For a family of three, \$38,180 was the threshold for 200% of poverty in 2012.

³ Bureau of Labor Statistics

⁴ KS Department for Children and Families; MO Department of Social Services.

⁵ KS Bureau of Investigation; MO State High Patrol Statistical Analysis Center

⁶ Annie E Casey Foundation Kids Count