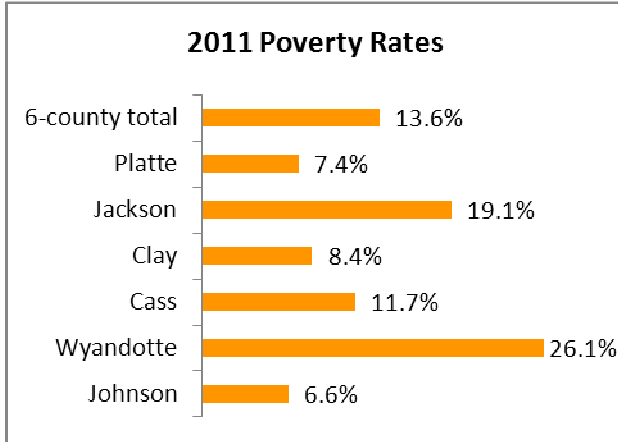




2011 Poverty in the 6-County Kansas City Area

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

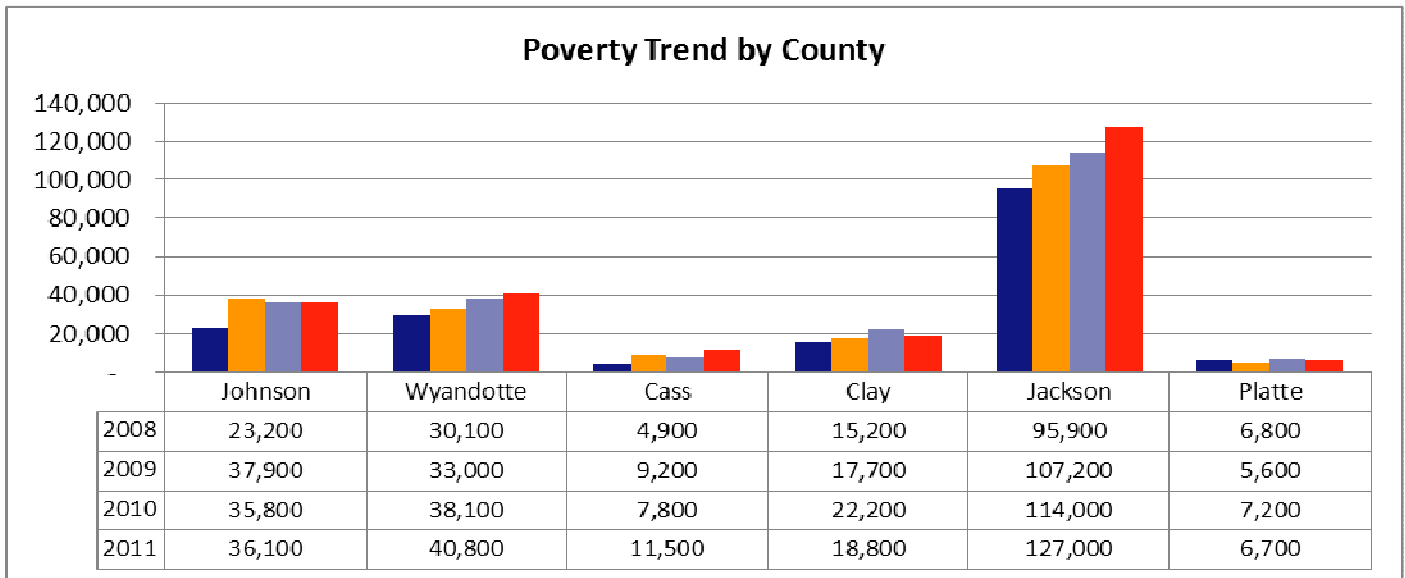


In 2011, about 13.6% of the 6-county area population had income below the poverty level, an increase from the 12.7% in 2010. The number of people in poverty increased from 225,200 to 240,900.

Poverty rates remained flat when compared to 2010 in every county except Jackson County. Jackson County's poverty rate in 2011 was 19.1%, up from 17.1% in 2010.

Nationally, the poverty rate was 15.9% in 2011, relatively unchanged from 15.3% in 2010.

The number of people living in poverty continues to grow in the 6-county area, although the pace has slowed since the large increase experienced between 2008 and 2009. Between 2008 and 2011, the number of poor increased by 65,000 people. One-half of the increase was in Jackson County.



Federal Poverty Threshold (FPL) for a family of three for the 2011 data collection period was about \$18,000; family of four \$23,000.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Decennial Census; 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 American Community Survey. Some calculations by UCS.

For more information on 2011 poverty go to www.census.gov

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.

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