



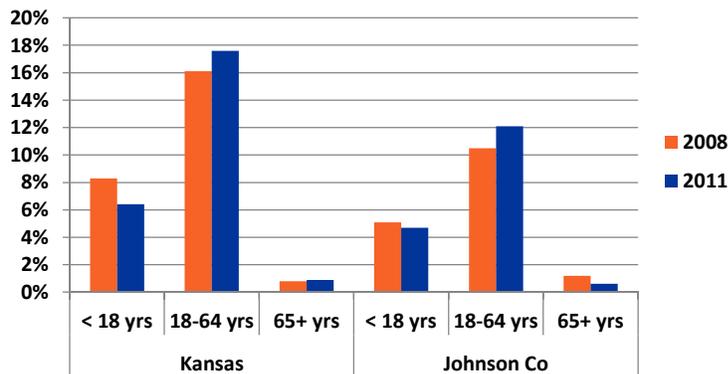
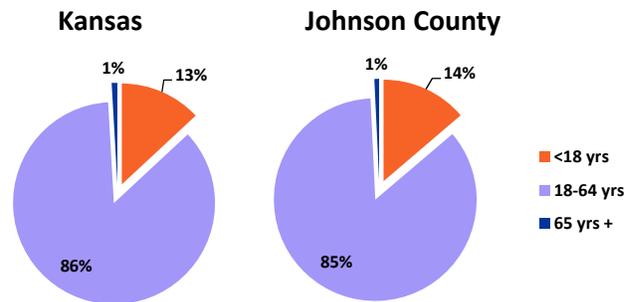
Health Insurance Coverage in Kansas and Johnson County, 2011

Health insurance coverage is a strong predictor of better health outcomes for both children and adults as it makes preventive and acute care affordable and accessible.

In 2011, almost 355,000 Kansans were uninsured, with 49,000 of them living in Johnson County. This reflects a 6.4% and 12.9% increase in the number of uninsured in the state and county respectively since 2008, when the American Community Survey began asking about health insurance coverage.

Of these 355,000 uninsured Kansans, 86% were working age adults - ages 18-64 years. Persons who are 18-64 yrs old make up 61% of the total population. The same proportion of uninsured by age group held in Johnson County.

Portion of Uninsured Population by Age Group in Kansas and Johnson County, 2011



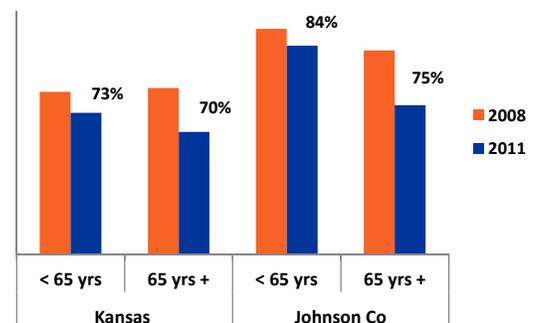
The percent of children in Kansas who were uninsured was significantly less in 2011 than in 2008, having fallen from 8.3% to 6.4%. The change among Johnson County children was not significant (5.1% to 4.7%) but continued to be less than the state's.

However, the percent of uninsured working age adults, ages 18-64 years, continued to increase across the state and within Johnson County, increasing about 1.5% over three years.

Health insurance coverage for the majority of Kansans comes from employer-based coverage in which employers pay a portion of their employees' insurance costs. However, across the country the percentage of employees receiving such benefits is dropping. As in other states and communities, the percentage of the population that had private insurance in Kansas and Johnson County decreased between 2008 and 2011. It dropped most dramatically for those who were 65 years or older, who can access government funded healthcare coverage.

Five out of six Johnson County seniors had private insurance in 2008 while only 3 of 4 had private coverage in 2011.

Percent of Population Having Private Insurance in Kansas and Johnson County, 2008 vs 2011



Source: American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau. For more information, go to www.census.gov

