



**U.S. Census Bureau Releases 2016 Poverty Estimates
Johnson County Poverty Levels Stagnant**

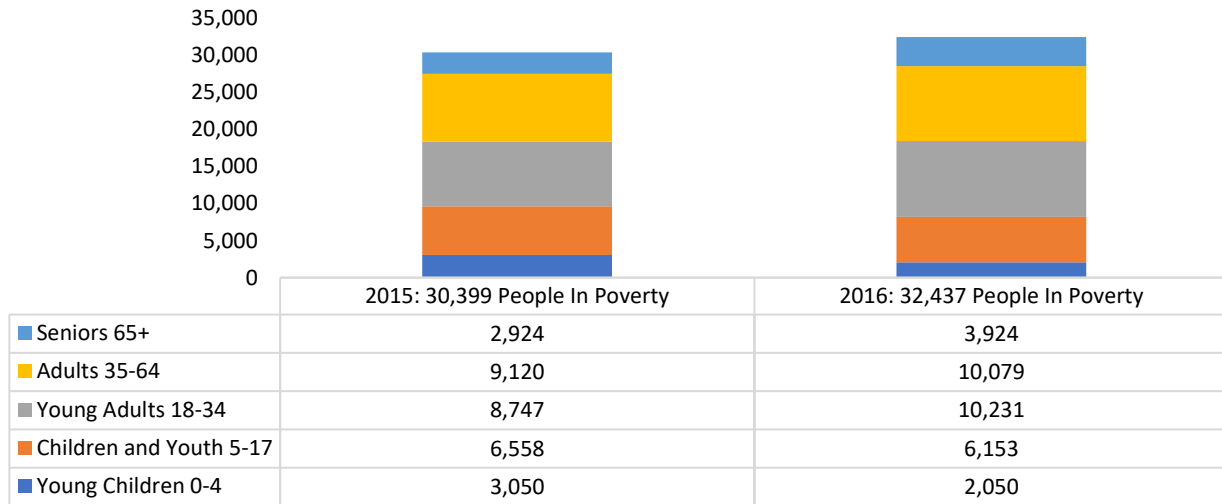
The U.S. Census Bureau yesterday released 2016 estimates of population, poverty, income, and other demographic indicators from its American Community Survey and Current Population Survey. Nationwide, the official poverty rate dropped from 13.5% to 12.7%, with 2.5 million fewer Americans living below the federal poverty level than in 2015. Median household income increased nationwide, although there was no significant increase in the Midwestern states.

2016 Federal Poverty Thresholds

- 1 person: \$11,880
- 2 persons: \$16,020
- 3 persons: \$20,160
- 4 persons: \$24,300
- 5 persons: \$28,440

Early analysis of Johnson County data indicates that unlike the nationwide trend, more people were identified as living poverty in 2016 than in 2015, with approximately 32,440 Johnson County residents living in households with income below the federal poverty level. The rate of children living in poverty decreased, while poverty in young adults and seniors increased. Overall, 5.6% of Johnson County residents live in poverty, compared to 5.3% in 2015.

**The Number of Johnson County Residents Living In Poverty
Has Increased Since 2015**



The unemployment rate in Johnson County is 3.2%, the lowest in more than a decade. 67% of the working-age population is working full-time, year-round. However, real household income has not kept up with inflation, and median household income has decreased slightly since 2015.

Median Household Income in Johnson County				
	2000	2007 (pre-Recession)	2015	2016
<i>In Real Dollars</i>	\$61,249	\$71,658	\$82,892	\$80,553
<i>In 2016 Dollars (inflation-adjusted)</i>	\$85,368	\$83,007	\$83,773	-

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2016 and Current Population Survey 2016

