



**U.S. Census Bureau Releases 2017 Poverty Estimates
Johnson County Poverty Level Remains Unchanged**

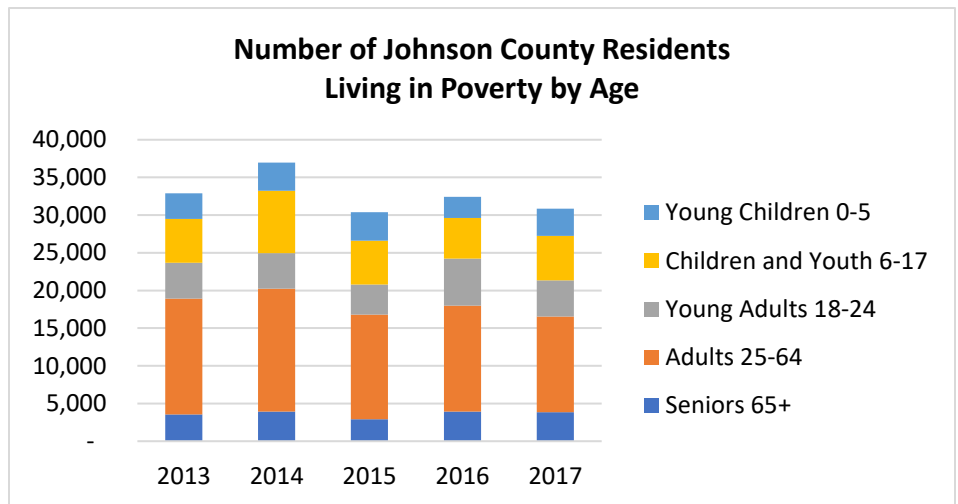
The U.S. Census Bureau reports the 2017 official U.S. poverty rate dropped from 14.0% to 13.4%, with 1.6 million fewer Americans living below the federal poverty level than in 2016. Johnson County, Kansas' poverty rate was statistically unchanged between 2016 and 2017; 5.3% of Johnson County residents lived in poverty in 2017, and 5.6% in 2016. The number of individuals living with income below the federal poverty level was nearly 31,000.

2017 Federal Poverty Thresholds

- 1 person: \$12,060
- 2 persons: \$16,240
- 3 persons: \$20,420
- 4 persons: \$24,600
- 5 persons: \$28,780

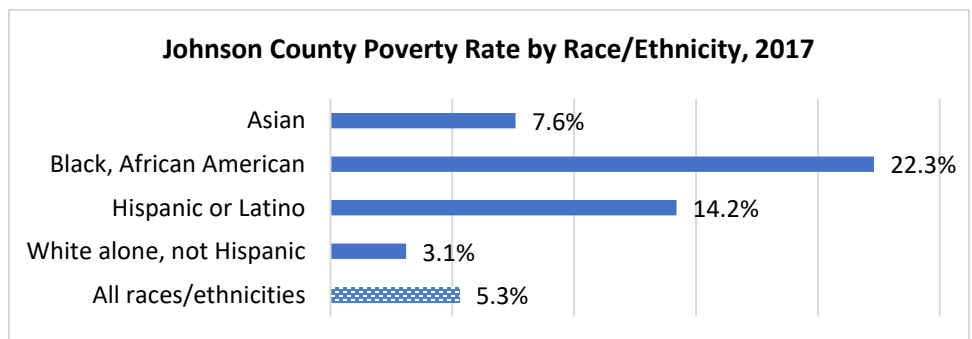
Of the nearly 31,000 people living below the federal poverty level, almost 5 in 10 were under the age of 25. Working age adults made up 4 in 10 of the poor, seniors accounted for slightly more than 1 in 10.

The poverty rate was highest for young adults ages 18-24 at 10.5%. Poverty rate for very young children (ages 0-5) was the next highest at 7.7%. The poverty rate for ages 6-17 was 6.0%. Working age adults (ages 25-64) poverty rate was 4.0%, and senior poverty 4.8%.



Poverty by Age	2013		2014		2015		2016		2017	
	People	Poverty Rate	People	Poverty Rate	People	Poverty Rate	People	Poverty Rate	People	Poverty Rate
Young Children 0-5	3,410	7.2%	3,730	7.8%	3,780	8.1%	2,800	6.3%	3,610	7.7%
Children and Youth 6-17	5,820	6.1%	8,270	8.6%	5,830	5.9%	5,400	5.5%	5,880	6.0%
Young Adults 18-24	4,730	11.0%	4,710	10.7%	3,970	8.7%	6,240	13.7%	4,800	10.5%
Adults 25-64	15,400	5.0%	16,330	5.3%	13,900	4.5%	14,070	4.5%	12,700	4.0%
Seniors 65+	3,540	5.3%	3,930	5.6%	2,920	4.0%	3,920	5.1%	3,850	4.8%
ALL AGES	32,900	5.9%	36,970	6.5%	30,400	5.3%	32,430	5.6%	30,840	5.3%

Poverty rates vary by race /ethnicity. The poverty rates for people of color are higher than for those who are white, not-Hispanic. At the same time, white, not-Hispanic residents make up 1 in 2 of the poor in the county.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2017 1-year estimates. The numbers may be higher or lower than reported; refer to <https://factfinder.census.gov> for information on the margin of error. Note: The poverty rate counts only cash income and does not measure the benefits of safety net programs, such as Social Security, food assistance and tax credits for working families.

