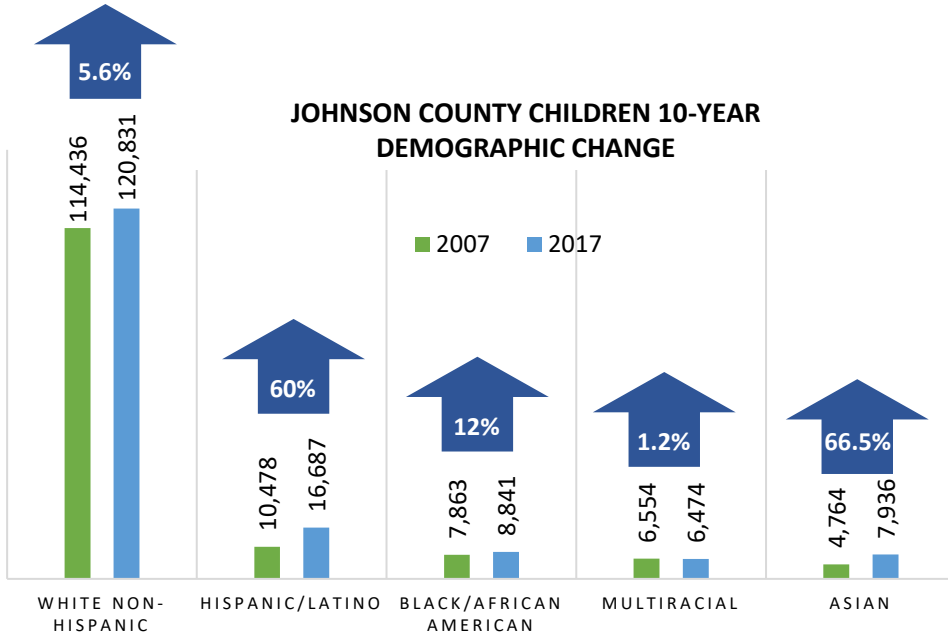


Status of Johnson County Children



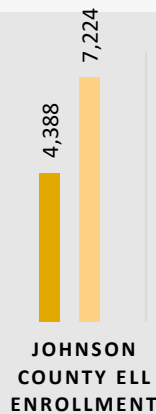
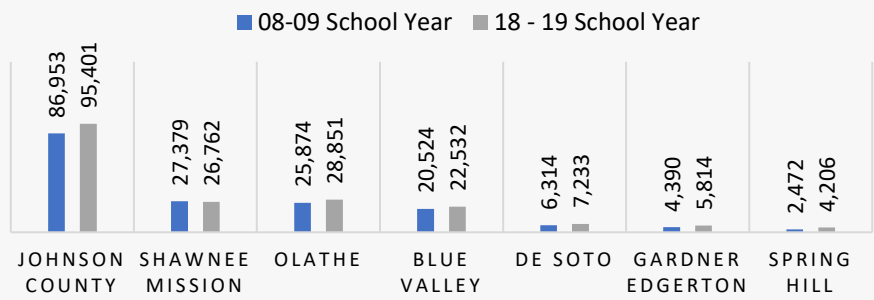
Johnson County is home to 144,890 children under the age of 18. Nearly 1 in 3 children are under the age of 6. While approximately 83% of all children in the county are white non-Hispanic, a comparison of data from the 2007 and 2017 U.S. Census points to an increase in diversity. The total number of children in Johnson County increased 5.8% between 2007 and 2017. During that period, the number of Hispanic children in Johnson County increased by 60%, and the number of Asian children increased by 66.5%.

EDUCATION

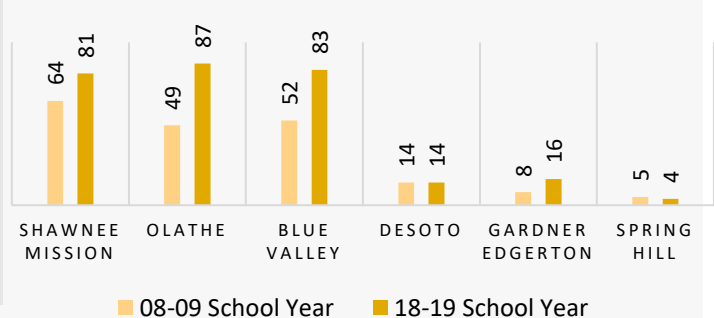
According to the Kansas Department of Education, 95,401 K-12 students were enrolled in Johnson County public schools during the 2018 – 2019 school year. Johnson County public school enrollment has increased 9.7% overall since the 2008 – 2009 school year, with all school districts except Shawnee Mission seeing growth. Of those students, nearly 1 in 13 is enrolled as an English Language Learner (ELL). In the last 10 years, the number of ELL students in Johnson County has increased by 65%.

Approximately 85% of 3rd through 8th graders in Johnson County could read proficiently at grade level according to data from the 2016 – 2017 school year. While the Johnson County reading proficiency rate is higher than the Kansas state average of 73.8%, Johnson County reading proficiency has declined nearly 4% since the 2014 – 2015 school year. Studies have shown that children who are reading proficiently at grade level by 3rd grade are four times more likely to have a college degree by the age of 30, while children not reading at grade level by 3rd grade are four times more likely to drop out of school before receiving a high school diploma.

JOHNSON COUNTY K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

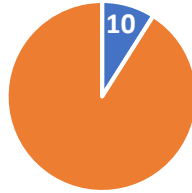


NUMBER OF LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY ELL STUDENTS



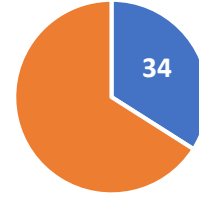
School readiness is one contributing factor to academic success. Studies have shown that children who participate in early childhood education are better prepared for kindergarten. Low-income and dual-language learners in particular benefit from early education, showing greater improvement in cognitive skills, behavior, and health than their more advantaged peers. For the 2017 -2018 school year, there were 34 Head Start openings (children 3-4 years of age), and approximately 10 Early Head Start openings (children 0-3 years of age) per 100 children below the poverty level in Johnson County.

EARLY HEAD START



AVAILABLE OPENINGS PER 100 LOW INCOME CHILDREN AGED 0-3

HEAD START



AVAILABLE OPENINGS PER 100 LOW INCOME CHILDREN AGED 3-4

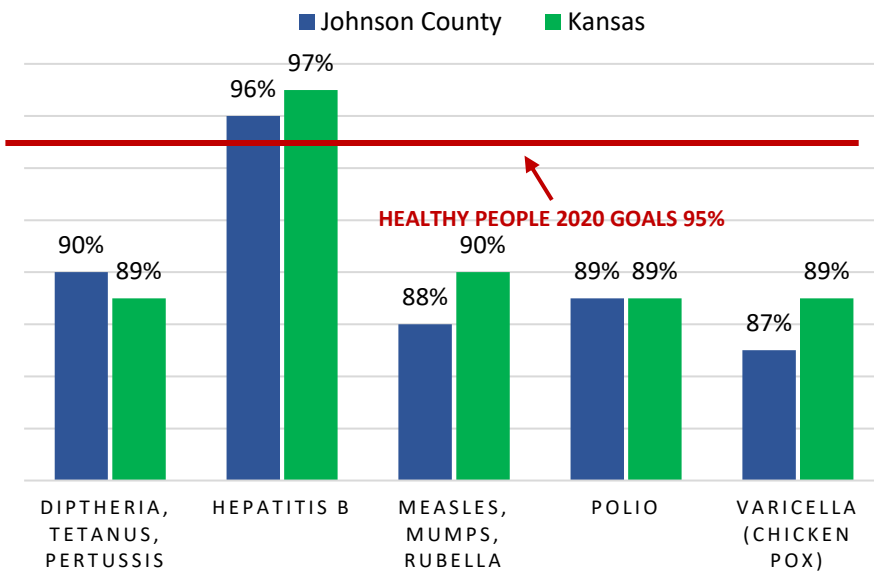
CHILDREN IN POVERTY OR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

According to the U.S. Census 2017 one-year estimates, 26,800, or approximately 2 in 11 children in Johnson County lived in low-income households (less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level or income less than \$41,560 annually for a household of three), while 9,490, or 1 in 15 children lived at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level in Johnson County (income at or below \$20,780 annually for a household of three).

The 2018 Kids Count reports show approximately 21,700 children in Johnson County lived in food insecure households, more than three times the 6,637 children in Johnson County who received SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits each month in 2018. The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of consistent access to enough food for an active, healthy life. According to the Kansas Department of Education, 22.5% (more than 1 in 5) of students in Johnson County schools participate in the free and reduced lunch program. This program is eligible only for households who live at or below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$38,443 for a family of three).

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

2017 KANSAS AND JOHNSON COUNTY IMMUNIZATION RATES FOR VACCINATIONS REQUIRED PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN



Healthy People 2020 is a set of health promotion and disease prevention goals with 10-year targets released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Johnson County immunization rates meet or exceed Healthy People 2020 goals for only one of five immunizations recommended for children by the time they start kindergarten. In 2017, 83% of Johnson County kindergarteners were fully immunized by the time they started school.

The impact of technology on the overall health and well-being of children is an area of increasing interest and concern. According to the 2018 Child and Adolescent Survey, 47% of children in Johnson County between the ages of 5 and 17 own a smartphone, and 41% of children log three or more hours of screen time per day. Rates of cyberbullying in Johnson County reported in the survey more than doubled between 2015 and 2018 from approximately 1 in 25 to approximately 1 in 9.

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 1 year estimates 2017; Johnson County school districts Shawnee Mission, Olathe, Blue Valley, Gardner Edgerton, De Soto, Spring Hill; Brookings Institute 2017; Johnson County Department of Education; Annie E. Cassy Foundation, Research Update on Third Grade Reading 2013; Kansas KIDS COUNT 2018; KS Dept. for Children and Families EES Monthly Caseload Detail Report SFY 2013-2018; Brookings Institute, The Current State of Scientific Knowledge on Pre-Kindergarten Effects, 2017; Kansas Department of Health, Kindergarten Vaccination Coverage Survey, 2017; Children's Mercy Hospital 2018 Child and Adolescent Survey