



**U.S. Census Bureau Releases 2018 Poverty Estimates
Johnson County Poverty Level Nearly Unchanged**

The recent release of the 2018 U.S. American Community Survey data shows that between 2017 and 2018 the poverty rate in the U.S. fell slightly from 13.4% to 13.1%, meaning 1.4 million fewer people were living at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in 2018 than the prior year. The U.S. unemployment rate at the end of December 2018 was 3.9%. According to the U.S. Congressional Budget Office, the United States is considered to be at full employment at 4.6% unemployment.

2018 Federal Poverty Thresholds

- 1 person: \$12,140 per year
- 2 persons: \$16,469 per year
- 3 persons: \$20,780 per year
- 4 persons: \$25,100 per year
- 5 persons: \$29,420 per year

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that Johnson County's 2018 annual average unemployment rate was at a 5-year low of 2.9%. Despite the low rate of unemployment, the percentage of people living at or below the Federal Poverty Level in Johnson County has remained nearly unchanged since 2015. In 2018 5.4%, or 31,942 people, were living at or below 100% FPL (\$20,780 or less for a family of three).

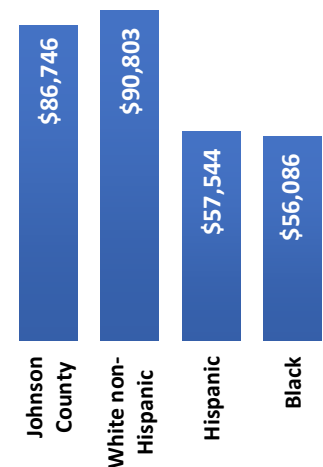
Poverty by Age	2014		2015		2016		2017		2018	
	People	Poverty Rate	People	Poverty Rate	People	Poverty Rate	People	Poverty Rate	People	Poverty Rate
Young Children 0-5	3,730	7.8%	3,780	8.1%	2,800	6.3%	3,610	7.7%	3,119	6.9%
Children and Youth 6-17	8,270	8.6%	5,830	5.9%	5,400	5.5%	5,880	6.0%	6,853	7.0%
Young Adults 18-24	4,710	10.7%	3,970	8.7%	6,240	13.7%	4,800	10.5%	4,404	9.4%
Adults 25-64	16,330	5.3%	13,900	4.5%	14,070	4.5%	12,700	4.0%	13,851	4.4%
Seniors 65+	3,930	5.6%	2,920	4.0%	3,920	5.1%	3,850	4.8%	3,715	4.4%
ALL AGES	36,970	6.5%	30,400	5.3%	32,430	5.6%	30,840	5.3%	31,942	5.4%

While the overall number of people in Johnson County living at or below 100% of the FPL has seen little change, the total number of people living in low income households, (those at or below 200% FPL, or \$41,560 or less for a family of three) decreased by 7,769 between 2017 and 2018. This likely reflects a decrease in low income households between 101% and 200% of the FPL.

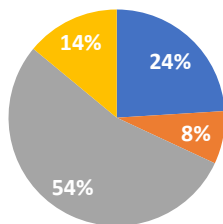
Income

While median household income has increased across demographic groups over the past three years, there are significant racial and ethnic disparities in income in Johnson County. Median income for all households in Johnson County is \$86,746. For white non-Hispanic households, the median income is \$90,803, while in Black households and Hispanic households, median income is just 63% of median income for white non-Hispanic households.

JOHNSON COUNTY 2018 MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME BY RACE AND ETHNICITY



JOHNSON COUNTY POPULATION PERCENTAGE BY AGE 2018



- 0-17 Years
- 18-24 Years
- 25-64 Years
- 65 Years and Over

Population

Johnson County saw an overall population increase of 4,700 people, or less than 1% from 2017 to 2018, with an estimated total population of 590,900, according to U.S. Census American Community Survey 2018 1-Year Estimates.

Nearly 1 in 4 of all Johnson County residents are under the age of 18. The largest age group increase in 2018 was in the 65 and older age range. This group increased in number by nearly 5%, or 3,876 people.

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Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey 2018 1 Year Estimates; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics Labor Force Annual Averages, 2018; Congressional Budget Office 2018 non-accelerating inflation rate of unemployment

