

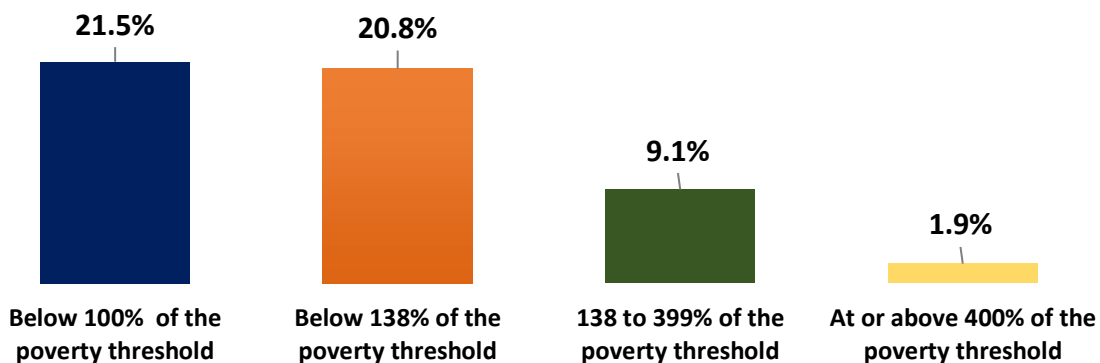


### Health Insurance Coverage in Johnson County

Approximately 34,500 people in Johnson County, or 6% of the county’s population, is uninsured. The 2021 Kansas legislative session closed without a bill to expand Medicaid, which would provide health insurance coverage to thousands of people across the state of Kansas. Kansas is now one of only 12 states that has opted not to expand Medicaid.

In Kansas, federal Medicaid dollars are administered through the program known as KanCare. KanCare eligibility currently provides no coverage options for adults without a disability and without children under the age of 18, or for adults with children who make more than 38% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Thirty-eight percent of poverty for a family of three is an annual income \$8,334.

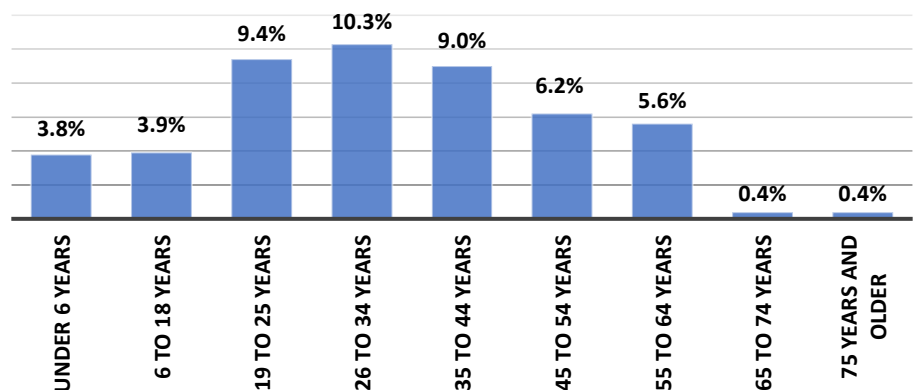
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At the same time, the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace only offers premium tax credits to households earning between 138% and 400% of FPL, or \$30,304 to \$87,840 per year for a family of three. Thus, there is a coverage gap for some of Johnson County’s lowest income residents—those who make too much to qualify for KanCare, and those who do not make enough to afford a Marketplace plan without the help of a subsidy. Based on U.S. Census Bureau data for 2019, 30% of those who are uninsured would qualify for KanCare if expansion were approved by the Kansas Legislature. More than 10,300 uninsured Johnson County residents would receive coverage.

In Johnson County, health insurance rates vary by demographic group. People of color are more likely to be uninsured than White residents. The uninsured rate for Black residents (12.5%) is more than three times the uninsured rate for White residents (3.9%). Twenty-two percent of Latino residents are uninsured. Lack of health insurance exacerbates health disparities in communities of color. Johnson County residents who are not U.S. citizens are uninsured at a rate of 36%, compared to 4% of residents who are native born and uninsured.

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Nearly 4 in 5 of those who are uninsured in Johnson County are working-age adults (age 19-64).

Most people in Johnson County who have health insurance receive coverage through their employer. Others purchase insurance directly on the marketplace, such as the health insurance exchange created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Only 5% of residents with health insurance have Medicaid coverage. While most people only have one form of health insurance coverage, 14% of residents have two or more forms of insurance coverage.

