



A Profile of Black Johnson County Residents

Out of a history of residential segregation that built the suburbs, today more than 27,770 Black residents call Johnson County home. This profile of Black residents in Johnson County provides a snapshot of some of the key determinants of health and well-being within the county's Black community.

Black residents of all ages make up 4.6% of the Johnson County population. The largest age group of Black Johnson County residents are aged 35-54.

The Johnson County landscape was drawn in the early-20th century when federally sanctioned segregation in home loans and housing choice restricted Black families from building wealth through home ownership and seeking better opportunities for their children through quality public education. Those patterns of segregation remain written on the landscape, as seen on this 2019 [map](#) detailing segregation by race and income.

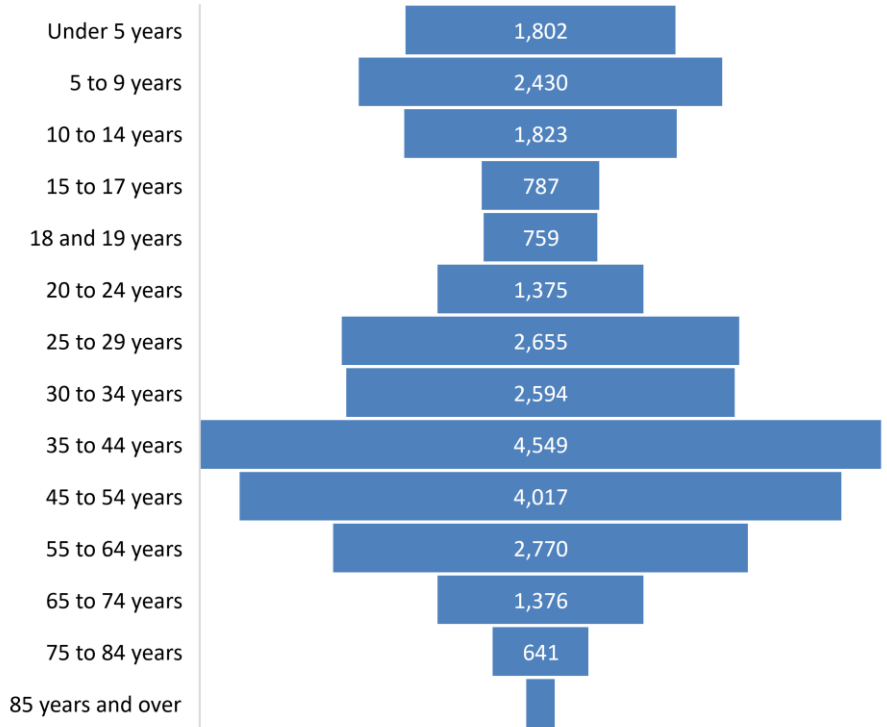
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Additionally, data indicates the following outcomes for Black residents:

- The median household income among Black households is \$52,037, significantly lower than the household income for the community as a whole (\$92,945).
- The poverty rate for Black residents is 8.8%, which is slightly higher than the countywide poverty rate of 6%.
- More than 7% of Black residents are uninsured (compared to an uninsured rate of 5.3% for the population as a whole).
- Access to education is another essential path to long term health and well-being. Nearly 2 in 5 Black residents have earned a bachelor's degree or higher.

Black Population by Age in Johnson County, 2021



Sources: U.S. Census American Community Survey 1-year data 2021

