## Characteristics of the Poor in Johnson County

Unlike poverty rates, the percentages on this page tell us the portion of the poor that have certain characteristics. For example in 2012, of all the people with income below 100% of the federal poverty level 32% were under age 18, 61% were between 18 and 64, and 7% were over age 65. The percentages add to 100 and represent all the people with income below the poverty level.

While the number of poor has more than doubled in Johnson County, the characteristics have remained relatively stable. When compared to suburbs across the country, Johnson County is very similar. Notable differences are a larger portion of the poor in Johnson County are white-non-Hispanic, are working and are college educated.

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<th>Johnson County *</th>
<th>In All U.S. Suburbs**</th>
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<td>2000</td>
<td>2012</td>
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<td>Number of poor</td>
<td>15,320</td>
<td>37,450</td>
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<td>Number of poor families</td>
<td>2,621</td>
<td>6,760</td>
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<td>Number of poor unrelated individuals</td>
<td>6,927</td>
<td>14,954</td>
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<td>Unemployment rate - annual average</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
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<td>Number of unemployed - annual average</td>
<td>7,884</td>
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### Share of poor individuals:

- **In deep poverty (< 50% of the federal poverty level)**
  - Johnson County: 44% (2000), 43% (2012), 44% (2010)

- **With a disability**
  - Johnson County: 22% (2000), 12% (2012), 16% (2010)

**Who are:**

- **Under age 18**

- **Ages 18-64**

- **Age 65 and over**
  - Johnson County: 10% (2000), 7% (2012), 8% (2010)

- **Foreign-born**

- **Non-citizen**
  - Johnson County: 11% (2000), 12% (2012), 12% (2010)

- **White, non-Hispanic**
  - Johnson County: 72% (2000), 63% (2012), 44% (2010)

- **Unrelated individuals (Age 15 and older)**
  - Johnson County: 45% (2000), 40% (2012), 40% (2010)

### 16-64 years old who:

- **Worked full time, year round**
  - Johnson County: 8% (2000), 9% (2012), 9% (2010)

- **Worked part time or part year**
  - Johnson County: 51% (2000), 33% (2012), 59% (2010)

- **Did not work**
  - Johnson County: 41% (2000), 51% (2012), 41% (2010)

### 25 years and older with:

- **Less than a high school diploma**
  - Johnson County: 20% (2000), 12% (2012), 30% (2010)

- **A high school diploma**

- **Some college or an associate’s degree**

- **A bachelor’s degree or higher**

### Share of poor families:

- **With at least one worker**

**Who are:**

- **Married with children**

- **Married with no children**

- **Male-headed, with children**
  - Johnson County: 5% (2000), 8% (2012), 8% (2010)

- **Male-headed, no children**
  - Johnson County: 2% (2000), <1% (2012), 3% (2010)

- **Female-headed, with children**
  - Johnson County: 41% (2000), 42% (2012), 44% (2010)

- **Female-headed, no children**
  - Johnson County: 4% (2000), 4% (2012), 7% (2010)

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