



**A Profile of Our Community: Johnson County, Kansas**

Primary Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey 2012

Population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Johnson County population is nearly 567,000<sup>1</sup>. Since 2008, Johnson County has grown by nearly 26,000 people, or 5%.</li> </ul>											
Diversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Nearly 1 in 5 residents of Johnson County belongs to a racial or ethnic minority in 2012. That number was about 1 in 9 in 2000.</li> <li>▪ The white population grew by 1% between 2008 and 2012, compared to 24% for all minority groups. Diverse populations accounted for 80% of Johnson County's population growth between 2008 and 2012.</li> <li>▪ In about 2% of the county's households, or 4,200 households, no one 14 or over speaks English or speaks English very well. Spanish is spoken in 6 in 10 of those households, and Asian/Pacific Islander languages in 3 in 10.</li> </ul>											
Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The majority of Johnson County's population is working age, 18-64. More than six in 10 residents (63%) are in this age group.</li> <li>▪ Grade school and high school age students comprise the next largest population group, accounting for 17.5% of Johnson County's population.</li> <li>▪ Senior adults age 65+ account for 11.5% of the population.</li> <li>▪ Infants and young children under age 5 represent 8% of the population.</li> </ul>											
Income and Poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The median household income for Johnson County was \$73,227 in 2012.</li> <li>▪ 1 in 15, or about 37,400, of Johnson County's population had income below 100% of the federal poverty level (less than \$20,000 for a family of 3), a 60% increase from 2008 to 2012. <sup>2</sup></li> <li>▪ Children, youth and young adults are disproportionately poor. One-half of Johnson County's poor are under age 25, yet the age group accounts for only one-third of the county's total population.</li> <li>▪ Children (ages 0-17) have a poverty rate of 8.5%, compared to 6.8% for the county as a whole.</li> <li>▪ Unrelated individuals (persons 16 and older who do not live with a family member) have a poverty rate of 15.2%, more than double that of the county as a whole.</li> <li>▪ Nearly 1 in 6 of Johnson County's population has an income below 200% of the federal poverty level and is considered low-income. That was about 97,200 people in 2012. <sup>3</sup></li> <li>▪ Nearly 3 in 10 18-24 year olds have low incomes, a ratio higher than all other age groups.</li> <li>▪ Between 2008 and 2012, the number of low-income people grew by 30% (22,740 people), six times the growth rate of the population as a whole.</li> </ul>											
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Financial Stability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Households that are cost burdened pay more than 30% of household income toward housing costs. For homeowners with a mortgage, 23% are cost burdened. For renters, 40% are cost burdened. Together, this represents 52,000 households.</li> <li>▪ December 2013 unemployment rate for Johnson County was 4.0%. The county is home to nearly 12,000 unemployed, nearly 1,500 fewer than December 2008.<sup>4</sup></li> <li>▪ 21,927 residents were enrolled in SNAP aka Food Stamps as of Dec. 2013<sup>5</sup>, 60% more than were enrolled in December 2008.</li> <li>▪ Among those ages 25 and older in Johnson County, 4% have not graduated from high school. An additional 15% have only a high school diploma. For adults without a high school diploma, the poverty rate is two and one-half times the general population.</li> </ul>
Children and Families	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 in 3 Johnson County households are families that include children under age 18. (A family household includes two or more people related by marriage, birth or adoption.) About 1 in 3 households are families without children under 18. About 1 in 3 household are single person households or non-related individuals without children living in the same household.</li> <li>▪ 8 in 10 children live in a two-parent family. 2 in 10 live with one parent, most often the mother.</li> <li>▪ Families with children under age 18 have a 7.1% poverty rate. Female-headed families with children have a poverty rate of 21.3%. Families without children have a 1.8% poverty rate.</li> <li>▪ Nearly 24,000 grade school and high school students participate in the National School Lunch Program, for a participation rate of 26%. To be eligible, family income must be at or below 185% of the federal poverty level (\$36,610 for a family of three in 2014). The participation rate has more than tripled since 2000.<sup>6</sup></li> <li>▪ 69% of children live in households where all parents are in the labor force.</li> </ul>
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ An estimated 11% of the population ages 0-64 (52,320 people) does not have health insurance. Fewer than 1% of senior adults, ages 65+, are without health insurance.</li> <li>▪ 4% of the adult population reports a disability that presents difficulties for daily living. Nearly 2 in 5 of those with a disability are age 65+.</li> <li>▪ 9.5% of adults aged 18 and older report “fair” or “poor” overall health. 22% of Johnson County adults are obese. Nearly 1 in 5 adults reporting binge drinking in the past 30 days.<sup>7</sup></li> <li>▪ In Johnson County, the infant mortality rate was 5.2 deaths per 100 live births for the period 2008-2012, slightly improved over the 2004-2008 rate of 6.1.<sup>8</sup></li> </ul>

*About the Data: Unless otherwise noted, data is from the U.S. Census Bureau decennial census and American Community Survey. The most recent data available is 2012.*

<sup>1</sup> U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimate, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> Federal Poverty Level (FPL): FPL measures household income based on income at various thresholds. The threshold for 100% FPL for a family of 3 was \$19,090 in 2012 when the most recent data was collected. The threshold for one person was \$11,170.

<sup>3</sup> 200% FPL is often used as an indicator of households that are low income and struggle financially. For a family of three, \$38,180 was the threshold for 200% of poverty in 2012.

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

<sup>5</sup> Kansas Dept. of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

<sup>6</sup> Kansas State Dept. of Education.

<sup>7</sup> Community Health Status Indicator Project; CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2011.

<sup>8</sup> Kansas Dept. of Health and Environment, Annual Summary of Vital Statistics, 2008 and 2012