



Who is Poor in Johnson County, Kansas?

More than one-half of the poor are under age 25

While ages 0-24 account for one-third of the county's population, they account for 54% of the poor.

An indicator of child poverty, student participation in the School Lunch Program, demonstrates a dramatic increase

During the 2009-10 school year nearly 19,000 students, or more than 1 in 5, were enrolled in this nutrition program. Five years ago 1 in 8 students participated in the program. (Eligibility is based on income below 185% of the federal poverty level.)

Young adults, especially young females, have the highest poverty rate

Females ages 18-24 have a 15% poverty rate. For males the same age the rate is 10%.

People of color are disproportionately poor

The poverty rate for African Americans and Latinos is more than 3 times higher than the county-wide poverty rate.

Female headed families, especially families with children, have higher poverty rates

More than 4 in 10 poor families are headed by a female. While married couples with children have a 1.5% poverty rate, families with children and headed by a single mother have a 15% poverty rate.

100% and 200% Federal Poverty Level in 2008

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Rate</i>
Income below 100% of poverty	23,174	4.4%
Income below 200% of poverty	74,458	14.1%

100% Federal Poverty Level by Age Group

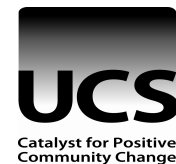
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5 and under	2,086	4.5%
Ages 6-11	2,783	6.1%
Ages 12-17	2,064	4.6%
Ages 18-24	5,548	12.4%
Ages 25-34	4,195	5.8%
Ages 35-44	1,734	2.2%
Ages 45 -54	1,641	2.0%
Ages 55-64	1,379	2.3%
Ages 65-74	589	2.0%
Ages 75 and Above	1,155	4.7%

Sources: 2008 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau; Kansas Department of Education
100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for 3-person family was \$17,600 in 2008; 200% FPL was \$35,200

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