

# Fairmount & Sugar Creek

Caring Communities

Data Book    December 2013

A review and analysis of the community surrounding Fairmount & Sugar Creek  
elementary schools in Independence, Mo.





# Introduction

## About Caring Communities

Caring Communities was developed by the Local Investment Commission (LINC) to fulfill the role once played by the courthouse square: a place where the community gathers together, shares ideas, and holds neighborhood events. The growth of Caring Communities reflects increasing national interest in creating “community schools.”

The LINC Caring Communities effort, which began in 1992, has grown to 80 sites in seven school districts in Kansas City and Jackson County, MO. LINC’s school district partners include Kansas City, Independence, Fort Osage, North Kansas City, Hickman Mills, Grandview and Center. Other partners include charter schools, local government, state agencies, and community organizations.

## About This Book

The Fairmount and Sugar Creek Caring Communities Data Book is intended to provide useful information for decision-makers of the school’s communities — parents, neighbors, site council members, staff and the general public. We hope the facts, figures and resources contained in this book will help these decision-makers to better understand their neighborhoods and identify needs and opportunities for better coordination of services. We hope this book will help build on the success of Caring Communities and help it thrive in the future.

To request additional copies of this book, or to suggest improvements for future editions of this book, contact the Fairmount and Sugar Creek Caring Communities Site Coordinator. The book is also available to download for free at [www.kclinc.org/sitebooks](http://www.kclinc.org/sitebooks)

## What is a Community School?

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community stakeholders which leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Community schools are open to everyone—all day, including evenings and weekends. Community-based organizations or public institutions often work as lead agencies in community schools, helping to mobilize community assets and support students success.

### Coalition for Community Schools

[www.communityschools.org](http://www.communityschools.org)

## Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)

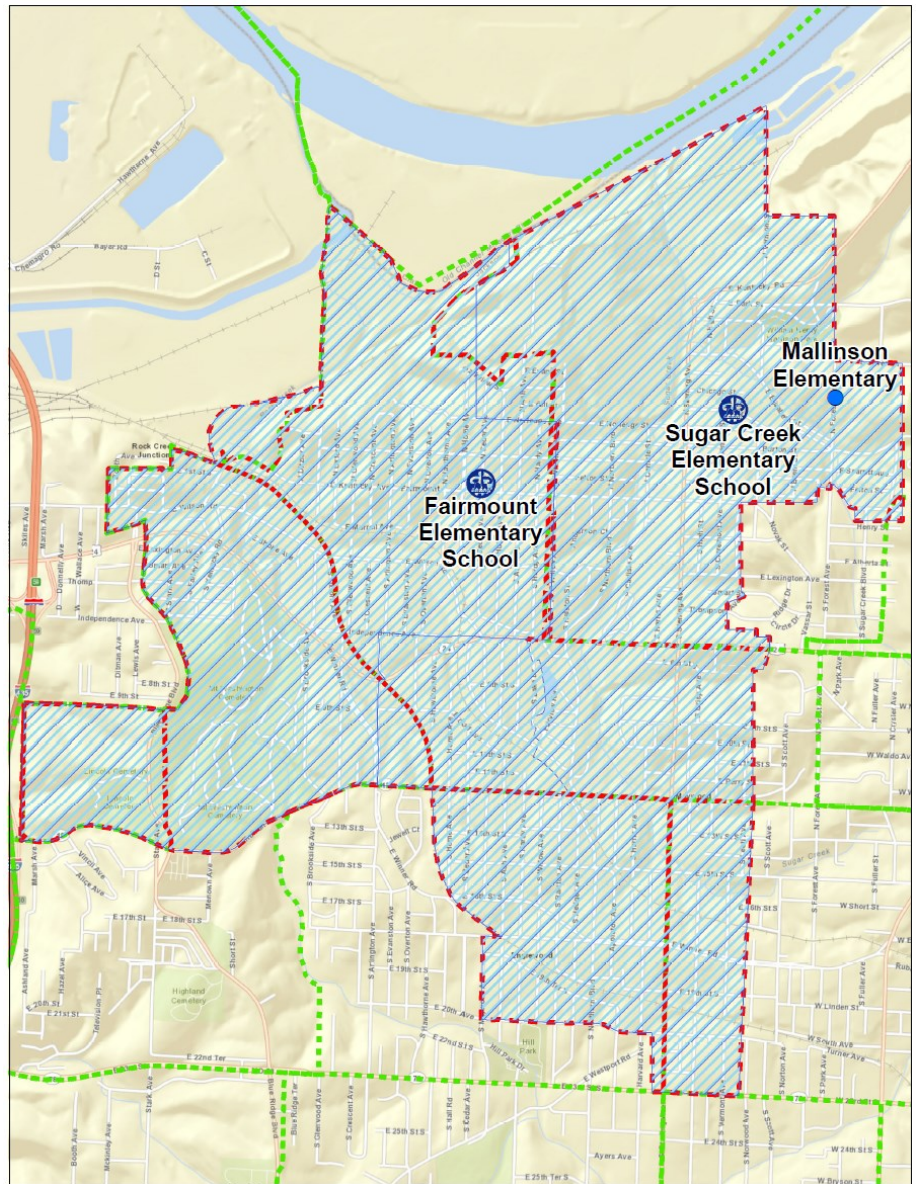
The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the Fairmount and Sugar Creek community was established using the school catchment areas for Fairmount and Sugar Creek elementary schools (the blue shaded area in the map at right).

The CAZ allows for analysis of data about residents, neighborhoods and services that pertain to the community served by the Fairmount and Sugar Creek Caring Communities sites.

For the purpose of this book the boundaries of the Fairmount and Sugar Creek CAZ and the “Fairmount and Sugar Creek community” are the same, and the terms “CAZ” and “community” are used interchangeably.

Data for the site book was obtained from a number of resources including but not limited to the City of Independence, Mo.; City of Sugar Creek, MO; U.S. Census Bureau; Jackson County, Mo.; Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; United Way of Greater Kansas City; Missouri Department of Social Services; and University of Missouri-Kansas City Center for Economic Information.

Community data was analyzed by census tract (red boundaries) within the CAZ. Census tracts are small, relatively permanent statistical subdivisions of a county delineated by local participants as part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Participant Statistical Areas Program. The U.S. Census Bureau delineated census tracts in situations where no local participant existed or where local or tribal governments declined to participate. Census tracts generally have between 1,500 and 8,000 people, with an optimum size of 4,000 people. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau).

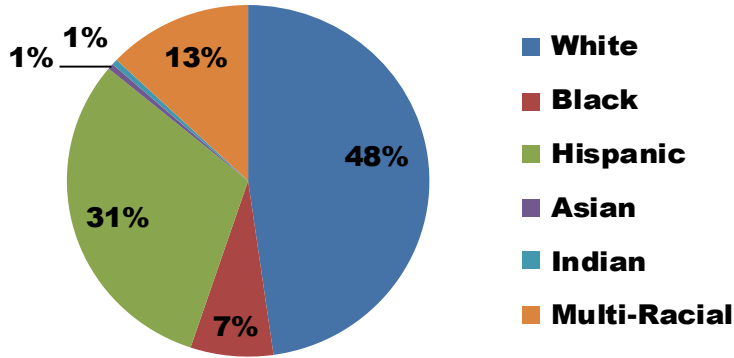


# Education

## Fairmount Elementary

120 N. Cedar, Independence MO 64053  
2013 Fall Enrollment: 379

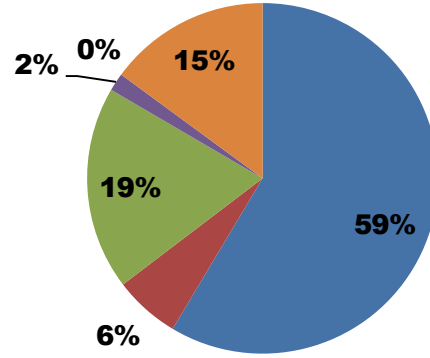
Source: Independence Public Schools, Powerschools



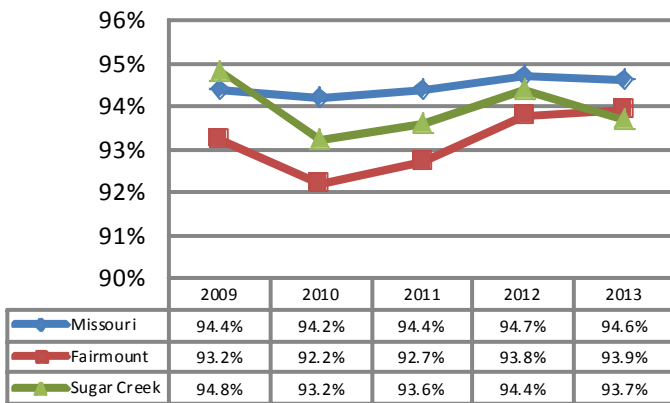
## Sugar Creek Elementary

11424 Gill, Sugar Creek MO 64054  
2013 Fall Enrollment: 181

Source: Independence Public Schools, Powerschools

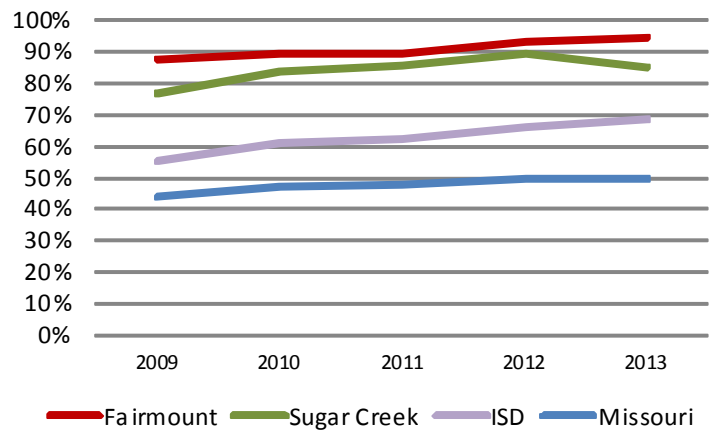


## Student Attendance Rate



Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

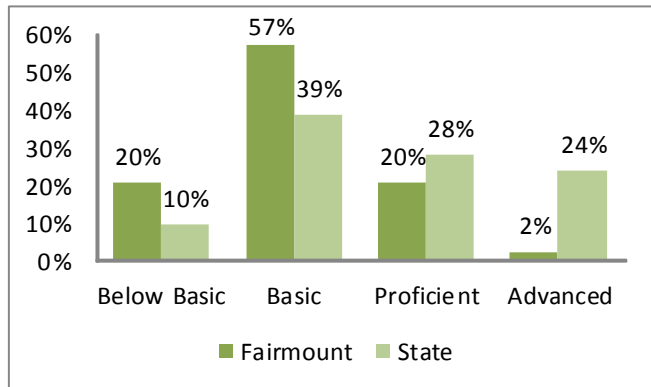
## Free/Reduced Lunch Rate



Source: Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education

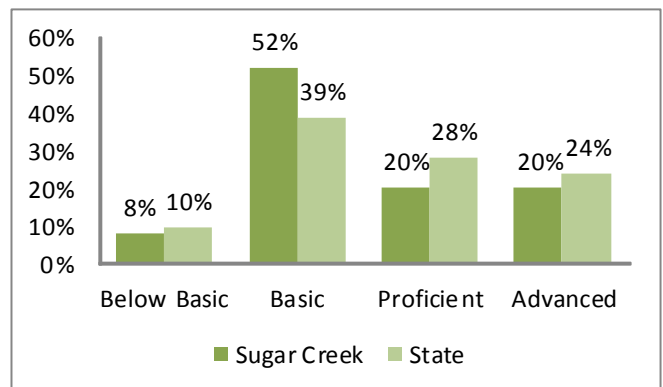
## 2013 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)

### Fairmount 5th Grade Science



Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

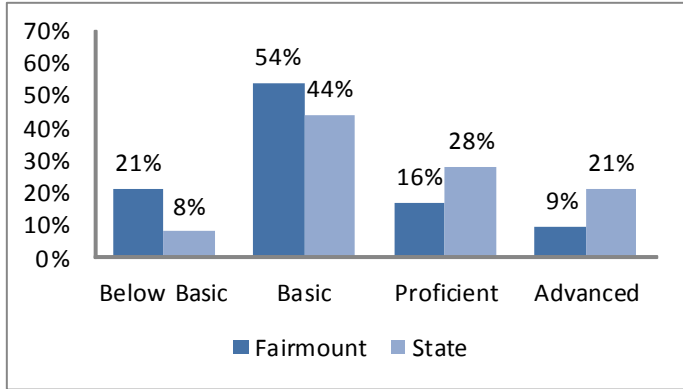
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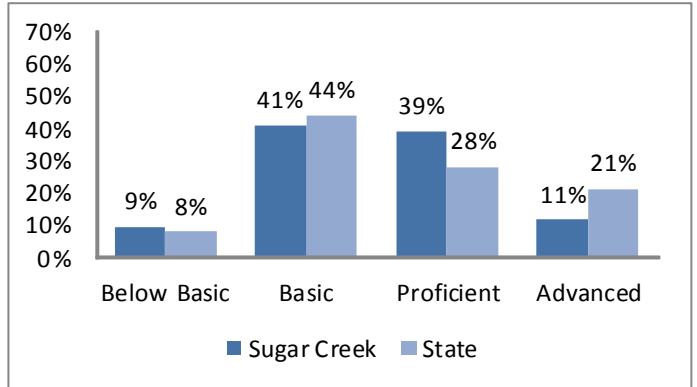
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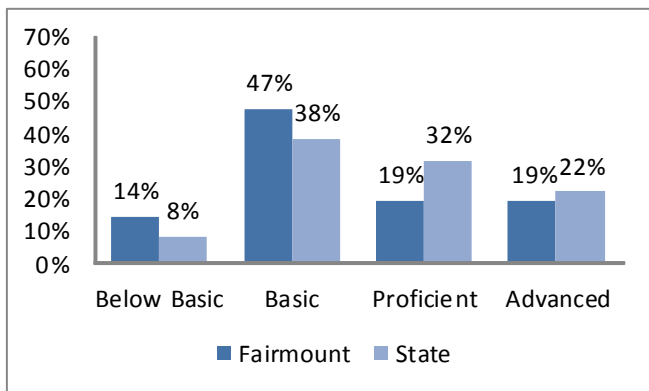
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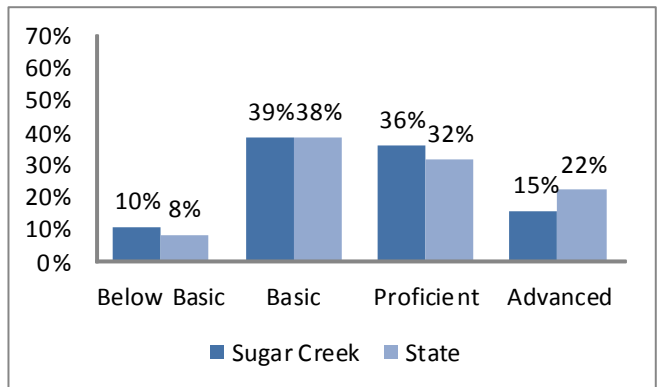
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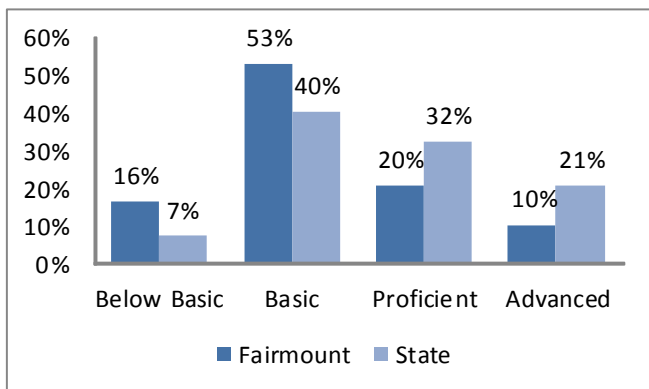
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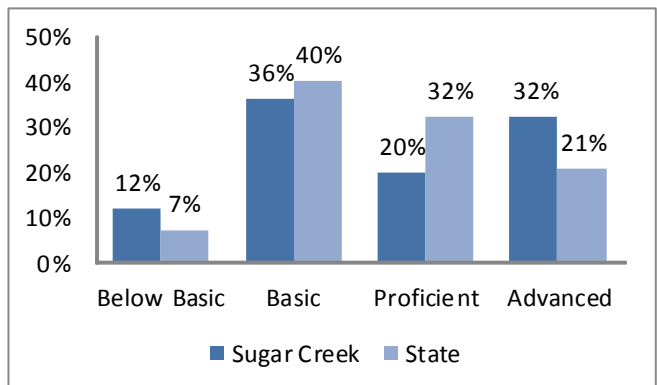
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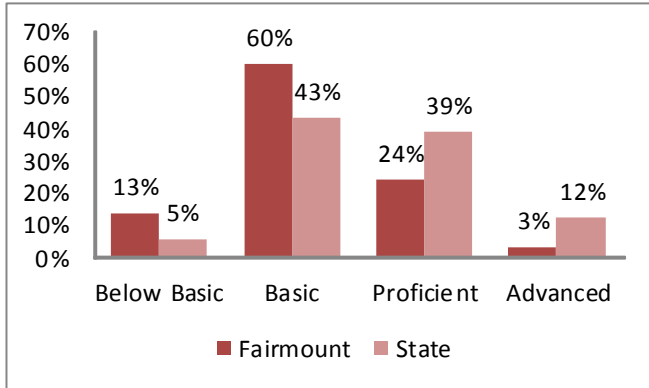
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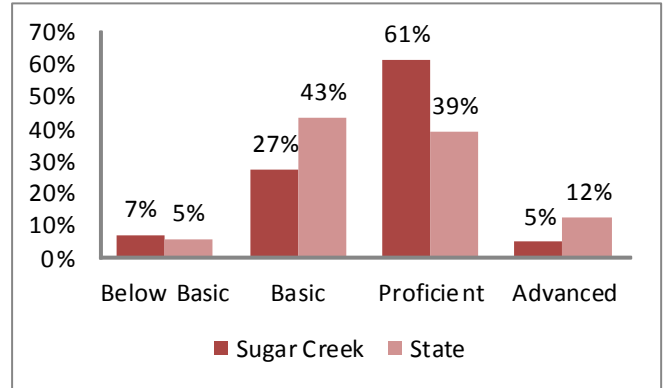
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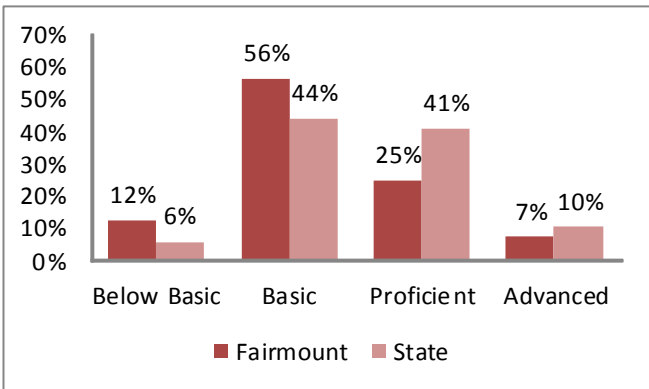
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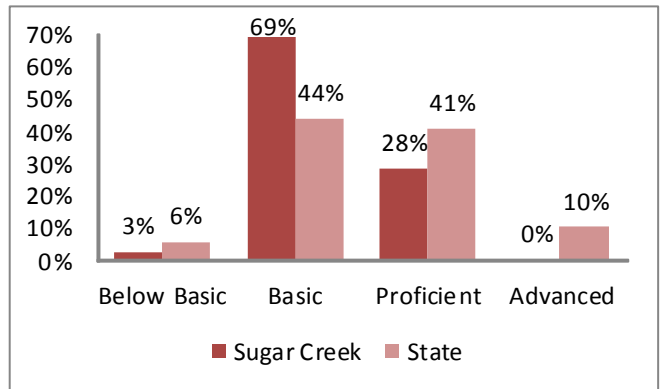
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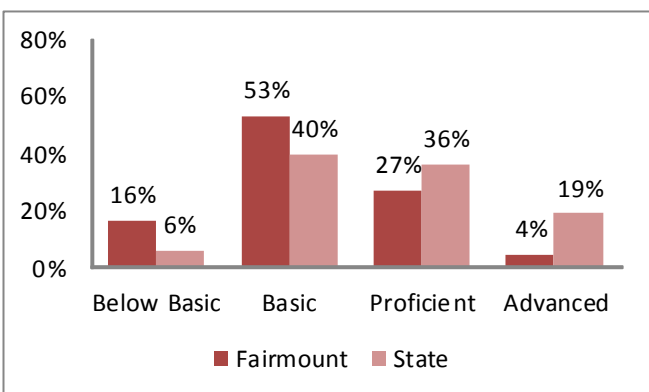
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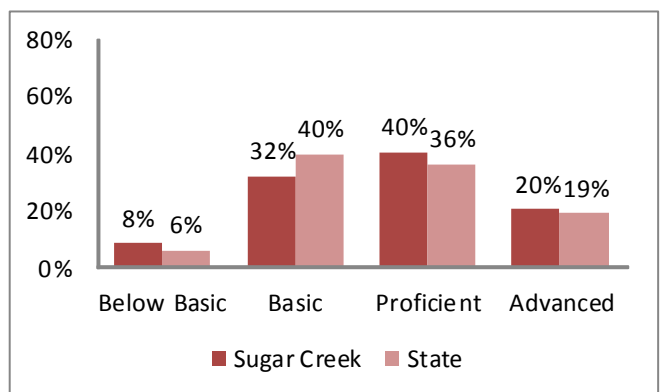
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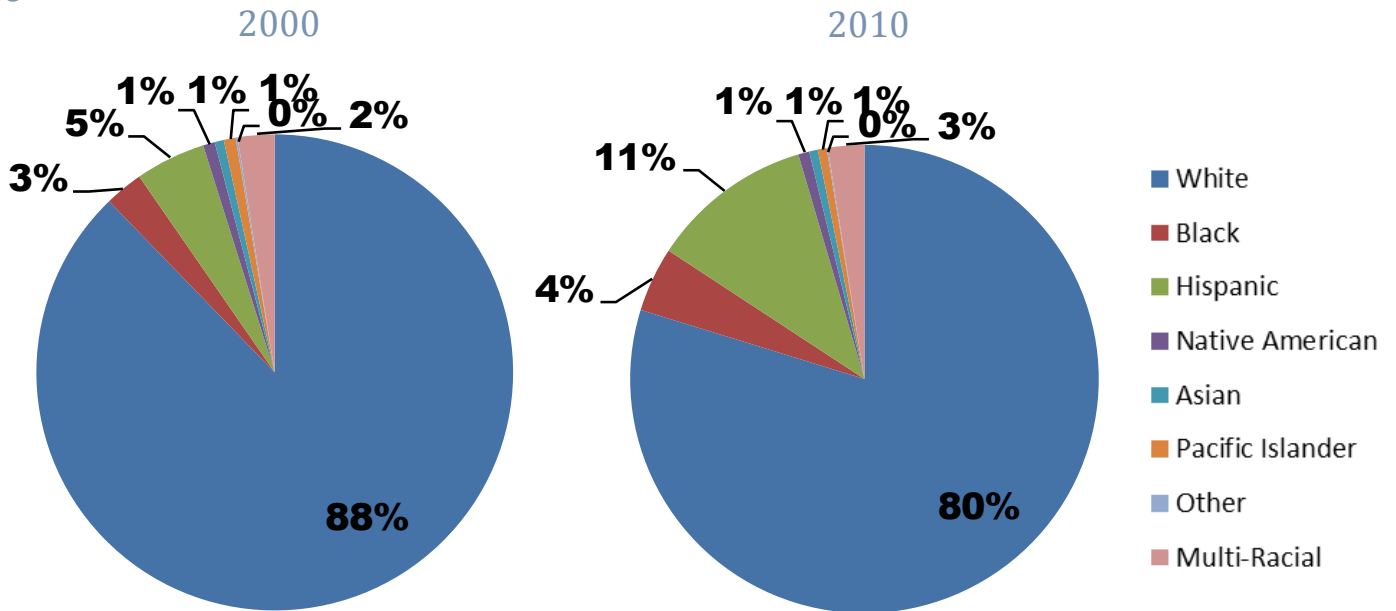


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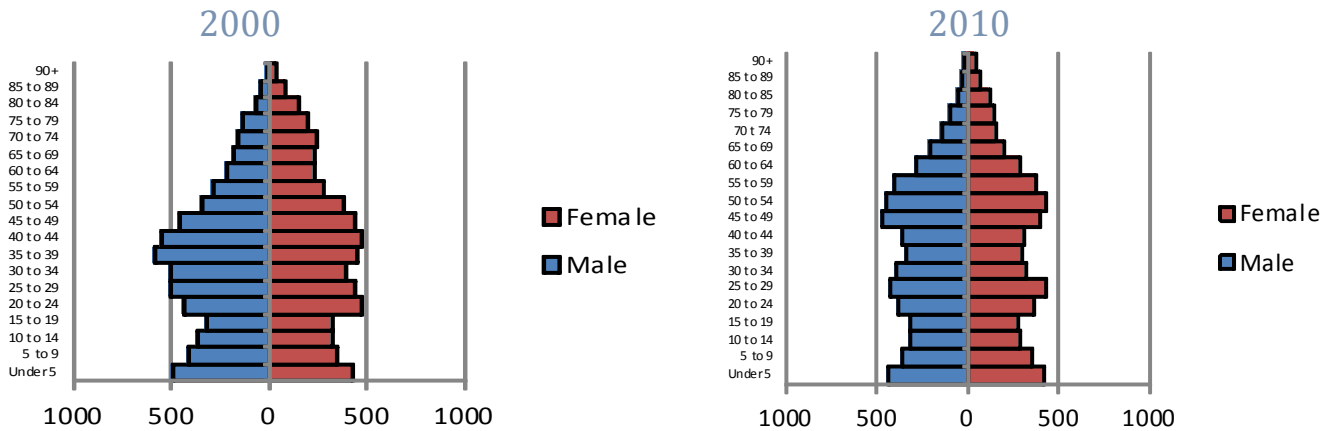
# Demographics

## Race



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Age by Sex



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Family Type with Related Children

	2000	2010	% Change
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>11,980</b>	<b>10,780</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>2,932</b>	<b>2,540</b>	<b>-1%</b>
<b>Married Households</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>1,460</b>	<b>-2%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	779	582	-3%
<b>Single Male Households</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>0%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	210	206	0%
<b>Single Female Households</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>0%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	480	485	0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## Educational Attainment

Degree	2000		2010	
	18-24	25+	18-24	25+
Total Population	1,143	8,110	1,042	7,210
No HS Diploma	399	1,708	364	539
High School Graduate	472	3,289	475	1,214
Associate Degree, Some College	232	1,916	200	4,420
Bachelor's Degree	40	470	03	303
Graduate or Professional Degree	n/a	163	n/a	524

Source: 2000 U.S. Census and 2011 U.S. Census Five-Year ACS



# Economy

	Fairmount & Sugar Creek	Jackson County
<b>Median Income</b>	\$34,603	\$46,874
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	12.0%	9.2%

Source: U.S. Census, 2011 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$11,490
2	15,510
3	19,530
4	23,550
5	27,570
6	31,590
7	35,610
8	39,630
For families/households with more than 8 persons,	

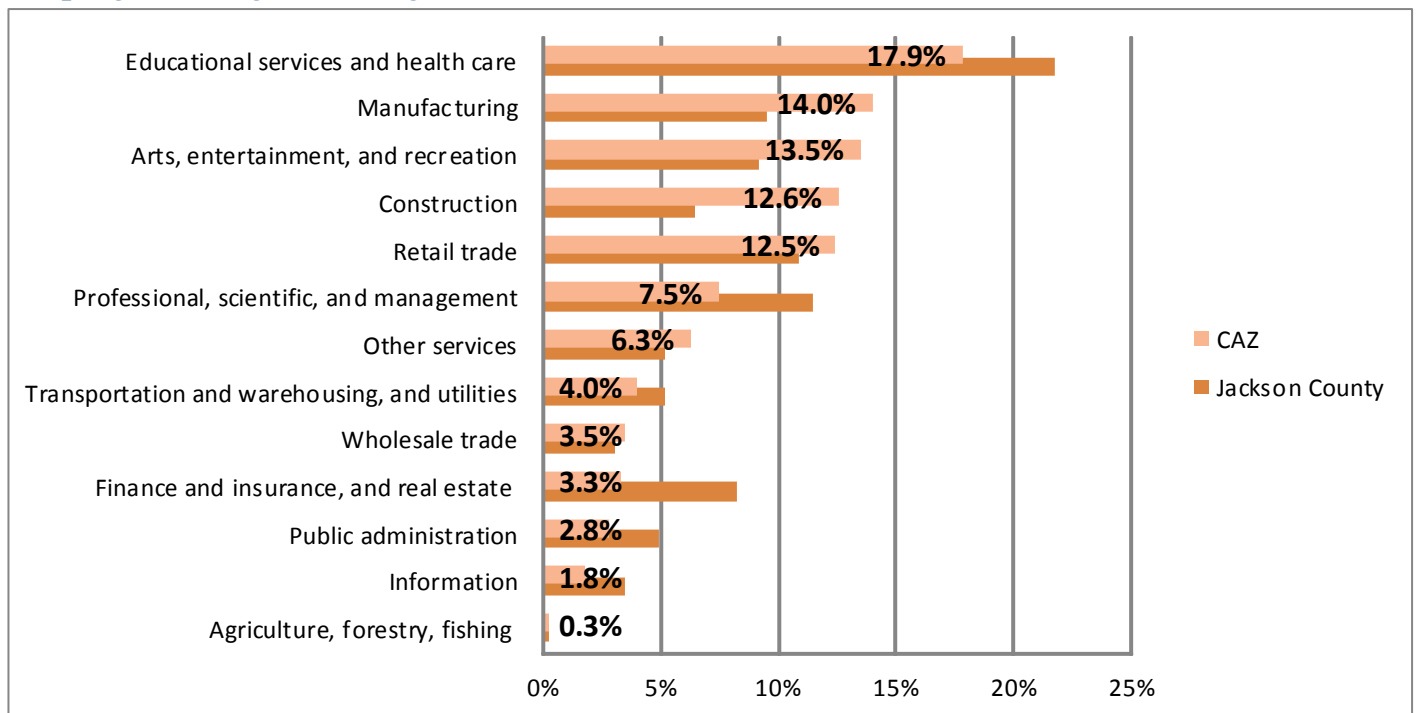
## Poverty

	Fairmount & Sugar Creek	Jackson County
<b>2000</b>	13.8%	11.9%
<b>2011</b>	26.1%	16.5%

Source: U.S. Census, 2011 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Note: Poverty Guidelines are issued every year by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The guidelines are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds primarily used in determining eligibility for certain federal programs. Poverty guidelines are adjusted for family size and location. The above guidelines are for the 48 contiguous state and the District of Columbia. (source: University of Wisconsin-Madison, Institute for Research on Poverty)

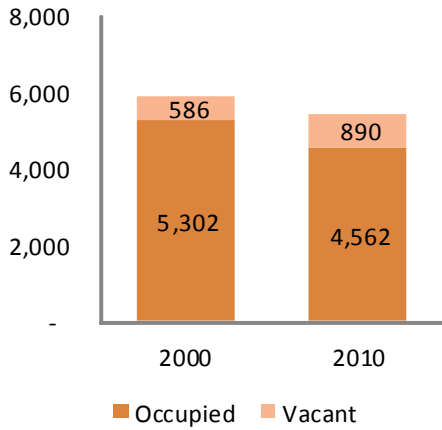
## Employment by Industry



Source: U.S. Census, 2011 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

# Housing

## Vacant Houses



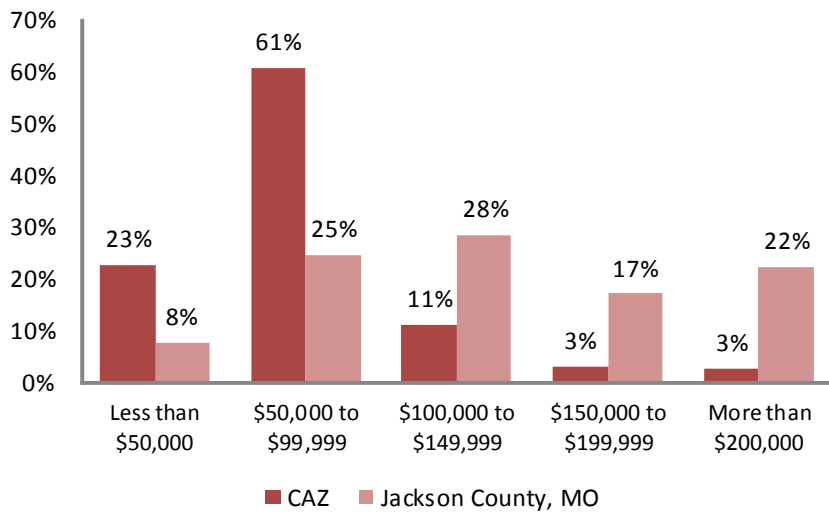
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

## Vacancy Rate

	2000	2010
Community	9.9%	16.3%
Jackson County	7.6%	12.0%

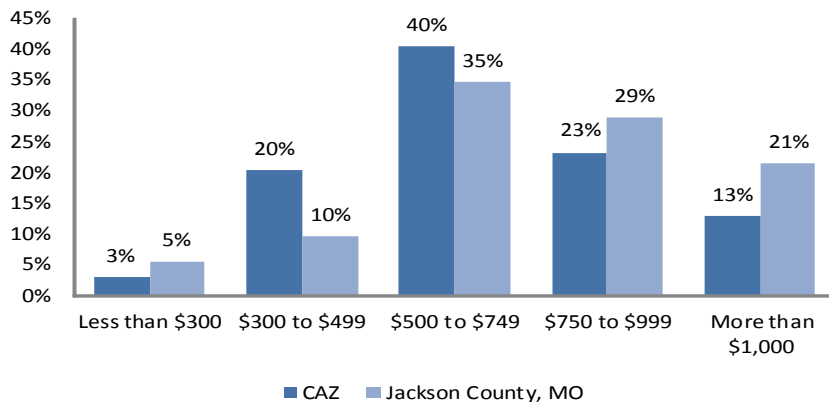
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

## Home Values



Source: U.S. Census, 2011 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

## Gross Rent



Source: U.S. Census, 2011 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

Housing Characteristics	2000 to 2010 Change
Housing Units	-7%
Tenure	
Owner	-15%
Renter	-12%
Units Moved into Previous Five Years	-24%
Age of Housing Stock	2011 Percent
Less than 5 Years	1%
Less than 10 Years	4%
Less than 20 Years	6%
Less than 30 Years	10%
Less than 40 Years	19%
More than 50 Years	81%

Source: U.S. Census, 2010 Census,

2011 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates

# Community Resources

## Parks

Brady Park	900 N. Delaware Ave.	Independence	MO
Bundschu Park	11400 E. 9th St. S.	Independence	MO
Charles Long Park	9300 E. Truman Rd.	Independence	MO
Davis Park	221 N. Arlington Ave.	Independence	MO
Fairmount Park	300 N Home Ave.	Independence	MO
Hill Park	2201 S. Maywood Ave.	Independence	MO
Hink Park	10900 E. 8th St.	Independence	MO
McCoy Park	800 N. Bess Truman Pkwy	Independence	MO
Mill Creek Park	1717 N. River Blvd.	Independence	MO
Polly's Pop Park	204 N. River Blvd	Independence	MO
St. Clair Park	8851 E. US 24 HWY	Independence	MO
William Henry Harrison Park	Park St. and Mike Onka Mem. Dr.	Sugar Creek	MO
Well's Park	Sterling Ave and Gill St.	Sugar Creek	MO
Kaw Field	Elizabeth St. and Putnam St.	Sugar Creek	MO
McAdams Park	Kentucky Ave. and Vermont St.	Sugar Creek	MO
R.J. Roper Stadium	131 S. Carlisle Ave	Sugar Creek	MO
Kenney Field	Carlisle Ave. and Hink Dr.	Sugar Creek	MO
Sugar Creek Gymnasium	11232 Chicago St.	Sugar Creek	MO

Source: Independence, MO Dept. of Parks and Recreation; Sugar Creek, MO Dept. of Parks and Recreation

## Food Pantries

CITIZEN'S CIVIC RELIEF COMMISSION - FOOD PANTRY	604 N. Sterling	Sugar Creek	MO
COMMUNITY SERVICES LEAGUE - FAIRMOUNT	800 S. Hardy	Independence	MO
MOUNT WASHINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH	9623 E. Independence Ave.	Independence	MO
SAINT MARY'S - OUTREACH	600 N. Liberty	Independence	MO

Source: United Way of Greater Kansas City

## Soup Kitchen

FAIRMOUNT COMMUNITY CENTER	608 S. Ash	Independence	MO
LUNCH PARTNERS	709 W. Maple	Independence	MO

Source: United Way of Greater Kansas City

## Health Care Facilities

Independence Regional Health Center	1509 W Truman Rd	Independence	MO
Swope Health Services - Independence	1638 US Highway 24	Independence	MO
Comprehensive Mental Health Services	10901 E Winner Rd	Independence	MO
Fairmount Family Medical Care	607 South Ash	Independence	MO

Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

# Community Resources

## Churches

Beaumont Baptist Church	8319 Independence Ave	Kansas City	MO
Blue Ridge Assembly Of God	740 Blue Ridge Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Blue Summit Baptist Church	1700 Bryan St	Kansas City	MO
Calvary Baptist Church	1915 N Liberty St	Independence	MO
Carlisle Baptist Church	812 S Sterling Ave	Independence	MO
Carlisle Baptist Church	812 S Sterling Ave	Independence	MO
Center Branch	709 W Maple Ave	Independence	MO
Church Of Christ-Temple Lot	200 S River Blvd	Independence	MO
Church Of Christ-The Elijah	221 W Lexington Ave	Independence	MO
Church Of Jesus Christ	108 S Pleasant St	Independence	MO
Church of Jesus Christ of Lds	705 W. Walnut St.	Independence	MO
Church of Jesus Christ of Lds	709 W Maple	Independence	MO
Church of Jesus Christ of Lds	700 W. Lexington Ave.	Independence	MO
Church Of Jesus Christ Of Lds	937 W Walnut St	Independence	MO
Church Of Jesus CHRIST-Lds	517 W Walnut St	Independence	MO
Community of Christ	600 N. Crysler Ave.	Independence	MO
Community of Christ	1027 W. College St.	Independence	MO
Community of Christ	126 S. Forest Ave.	Independence	MO
Community of Christ	904 N River Blvd.	Independence	MO
Community of Christ	1818 N. River Blvd.	Independence	MO
Community Of Christ	1021 W College St	Independence	MO
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Community Of Christ	1012 W Lexington Ave	Independence	MO
Community Of Christ	1021 W College St	Independence	MO
Community Of Christ	1706 S Northern Blvd	Independence	MO
Community Of Christ	220 W Moore St	Independence	MO
Community Of Christ	416 N Liberty St	Independence	MO
Conference Of Restoration	500 N Union St	Independence	MO
Daystar Outreach Ministries	2502 N Liberty St	Independence	MO
Englewood Assembly Of God	10628 E Winner Rd	Independence	MO
Fairmount Christian Church	641 S Ash Ave	Independence	MO
Fairmount Christian Fellowship	712 S Northern Blvd	Independence	MO
First Baptist Church	500 W Truman Rd	Independence	MO
First Christian Church	125 S Pleasant St	Independence	MO
First Presbyterian Church	100 N Pleasant St	Independence	MO
First United Methodist Church	400 W Maple Ave	Independence	MO
Full Gospel Evangelistic	10537 E 6th St S	Independence	MO

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## Churches—continued

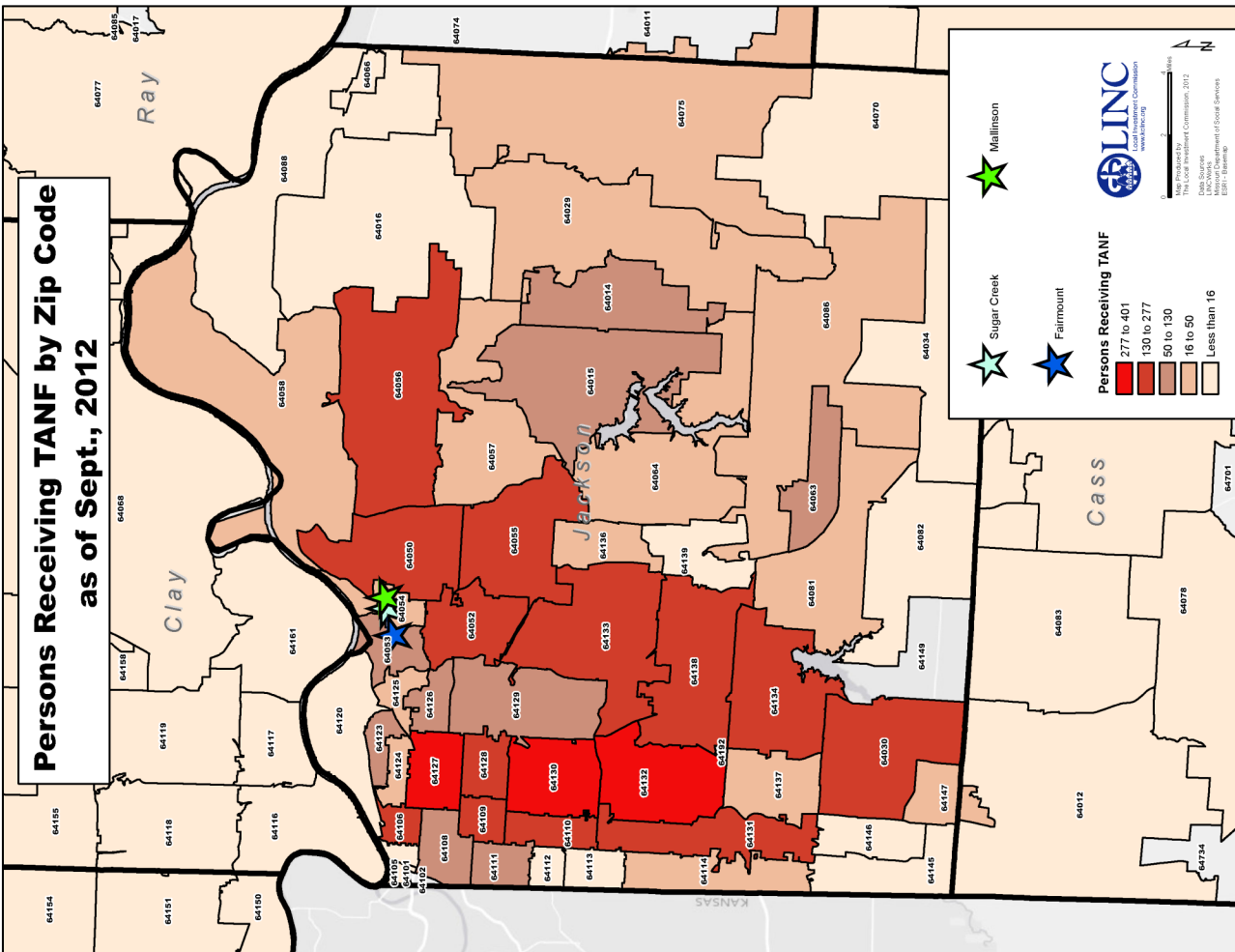
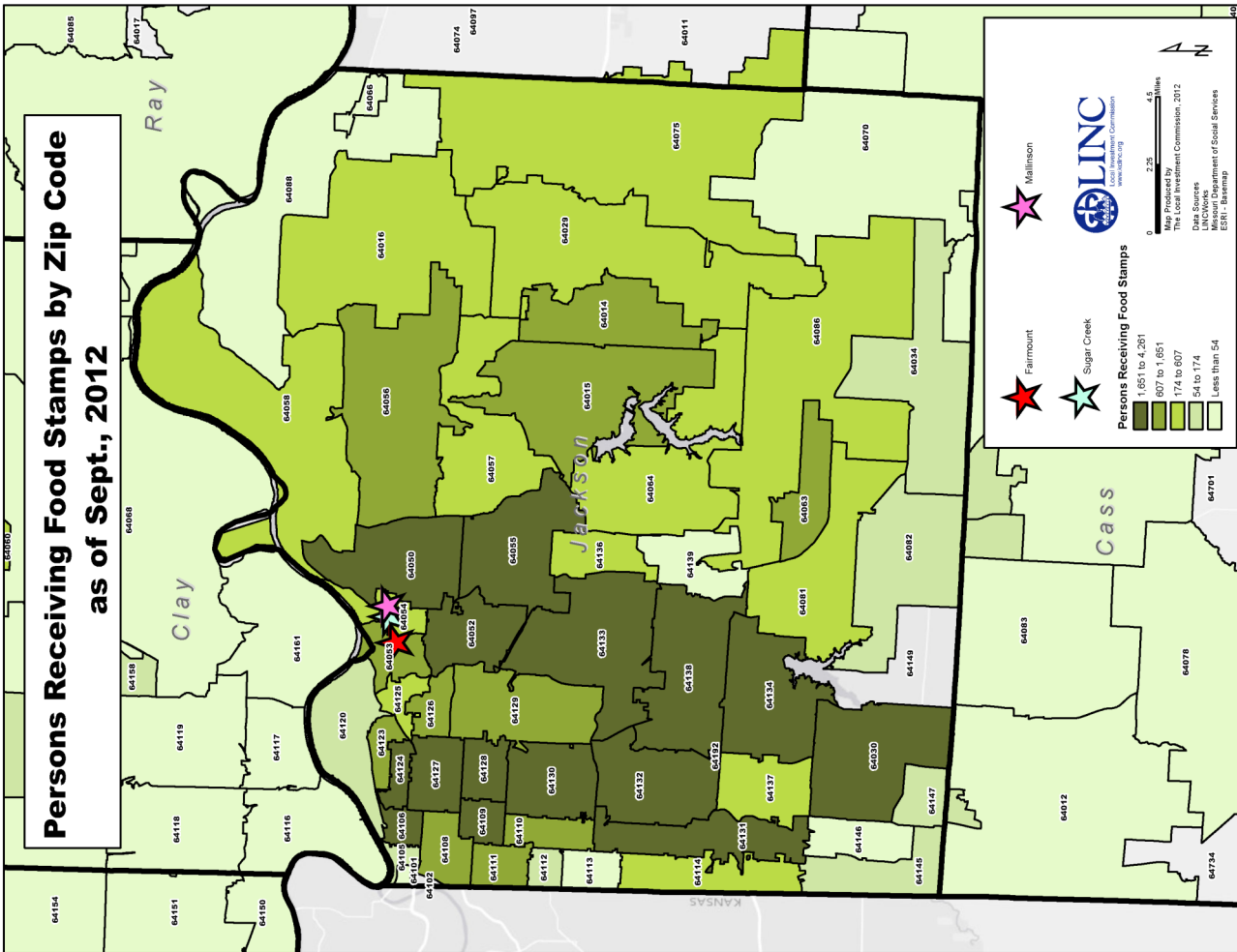
Gethsemane Baptist Church	1837 S Sterling Ave	Independence	MO
Greater New Home Baptist Church	9623 E. Independence Ave.	Independence	MO
Jesucristo Roca-La Eternidad	10300 E. Kentucky Rd.	Independence	MO
Love Ministry Christian Church	501 S Arlington Ave	Independence	MO
Maywood Baptist Church	10505 E Winner Rd	Independence	MO
Mt Calvary United Methodist	700 Blue Ridge Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Mt Wash Church Of God	2320 N Liberty St	Independence	MO
Mt Washington Baptist Church	9623 E Independence Ave	Independence	MO
Mt Washington United Meth Chr	584 S Arlington Ave	Independence	MO
New Home Baptist Church	501 S. Arlington Ave.	Independence	MO
New Hope Ministry Baptist	9507 E. Winner Rd.	Independence	MO
Northeast Baptist Church	9412 E Independence Ave	Independence	MO
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Northern Boulevard UMC	1800 S Northern Blvd	Independence	MO
Palestine Missionary Baptist	227 E. College St.	Independence	MO
Palestine Missionary Baptist	138 E Farmer St	Independence	MO
Praise and Worship Center	300 S. Blue Ridge Blvd	Independence	MO
Remnant Church-JSUS Crst-Lds	700 W Lexington Ave	Independence	MO
Reorg Ch Of Jesus Christ Lds	1308 N River Blvd	Independence	MO
Reorg Ch Of Jesus Christ Lds	221 W Lexington Ave	Independence	MO
River Boulevard Baptist Church	3212 N River Blvd	Independence	MO
Rivers Of Living Water	215 N Sterling Ave	Independence	MO
Second Baptist Church	116 E White Oak St	Independence	MO
Seventh-Day Adventist Church	13305 Kemper Ave	Independence	MO
St Ann's Catholic Church	10109 Lexington Ave	Independence	MO
St Cyril's Church	11231 Chicago Ave	Independence	MO
St Luke Byzantine Catholic Chr	11413 Chicago St.	Sugar Creek	MO
St Luke's United Church-Christ	727 N Main St	Independence	MO
St. Mary's Church	600 N. Liberty St.	Independence	MO
Stone Church	1012 W. Lexington Ave	Independence	MO
Sugar Creek Church Of Christ	10800 Kentucky Ave	Sugar Creek	MO
Sugar Creek United Methodist	415 N Sterling Ave	Independence	MO
The Church of Jesus Christ Faith Restoration Branch	1100 W. Truman Rd	Independence	MO
Trinity Episcopal Church	409 N Liberty St	Independence	MO
Waldo Ave Restoration Branch	819 W Waldo Ave	Independence	MO

Source: Yellowpages

## Libraries

Sugar Creek Branch	102 South Sterling Ave.	Sugar Creek	MO
Trails West Branch	11401 E. 23rd St.	Independence	MO

Source: Kansas City Public Library





# Data Resources

City of Independence, Mo.

City of Sugar Creek, MO.

Jackson County, Mo.

Independence, Mo. Department of Parks and Recreation

Kansas City Free Health Clinic

Mid-America Regional Council

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Missouri Department of Social Services

Missouri Department of Health and Human Services

Independence Public School District

United States Census Bureau

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

United States Department of Labor

United Way of Greater Kansas City

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