

# Spring Branch Caring Communities

Data Book **March 2013**

A review and analysis of the community surrounding the Caring Communities site located at Spring Branch Elementary School 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.

## 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)

## About This Book

The Spring Branch Caring Communities Data Book is intended to provide useful information for decision-makers of the Spring Branch community — 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 Spring Branch Caring Communities Site Coordinator. The book is also available to download for free at [www.kclinc.org/springbranch](http://www.kclinc.org/springbranch)



### Spring Branch Caring Communities Established 2012

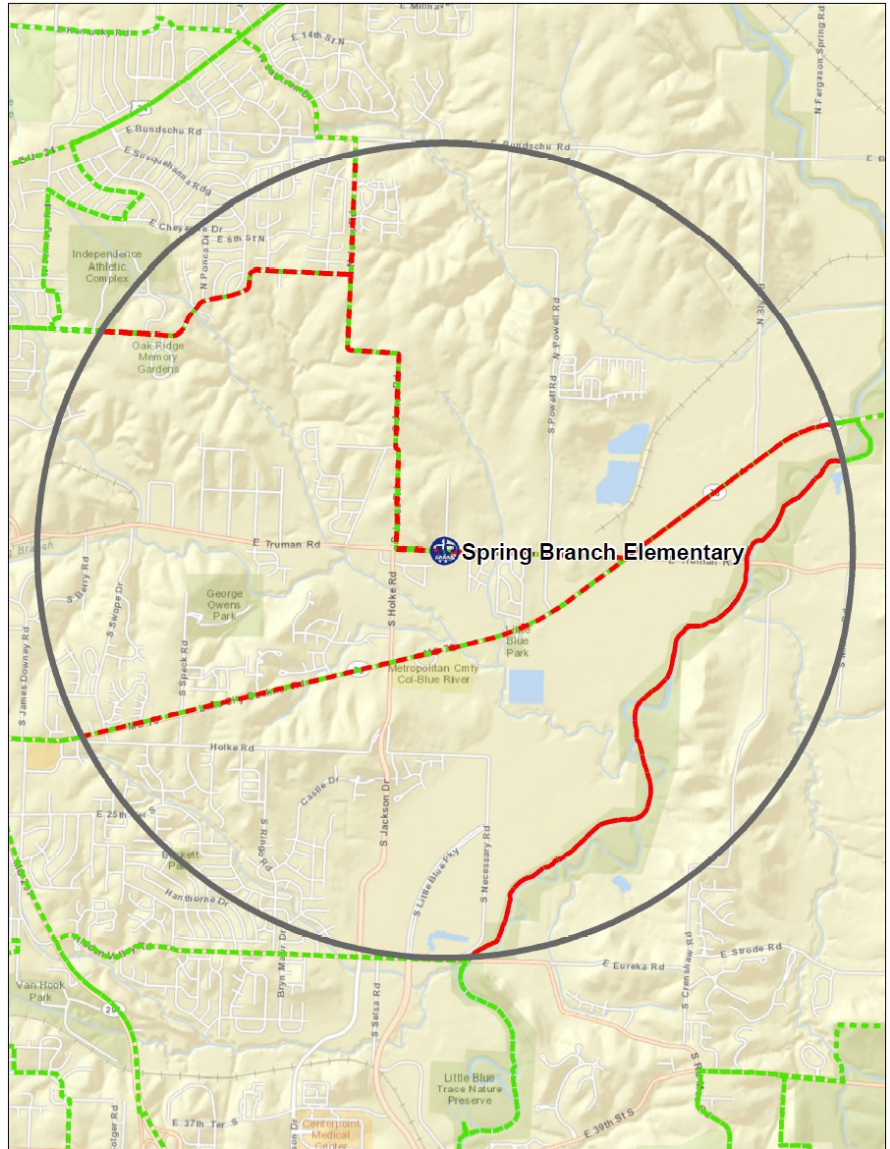
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## Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)

The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the Spring Branch community was established using Spring Branch Elementary School as a reference point and includes the area within a two-mile radius of the school (the black circle in the map at right).

The CAZ overlaps, but is not identical to, the Spring Branch school boundaries. The CAZ allows for analysis of data about residents, neighborhoods and services that, while not necessarily located within the official school boundaries, nevertheless pertains directly to the community served by the Caring Communities site.

For the purpose of this book the boundaries of the Spring Branch CAZ and the “Spring Branch 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.; 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; University of Missouri-Kansas City Center for Economic Information; and University of Michigan National Poverty Center.

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

## Spring Branch Elementary

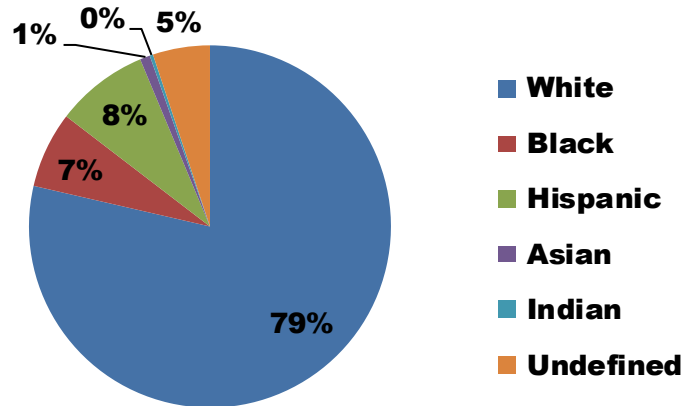
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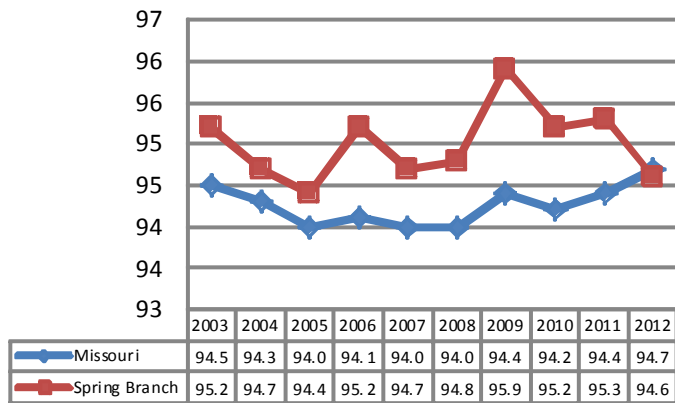
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## 2012 Student Demographics



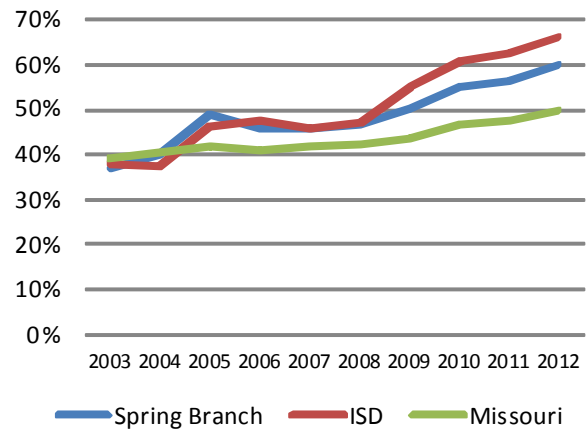
Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

## 2012 Student Attendance Rate



Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

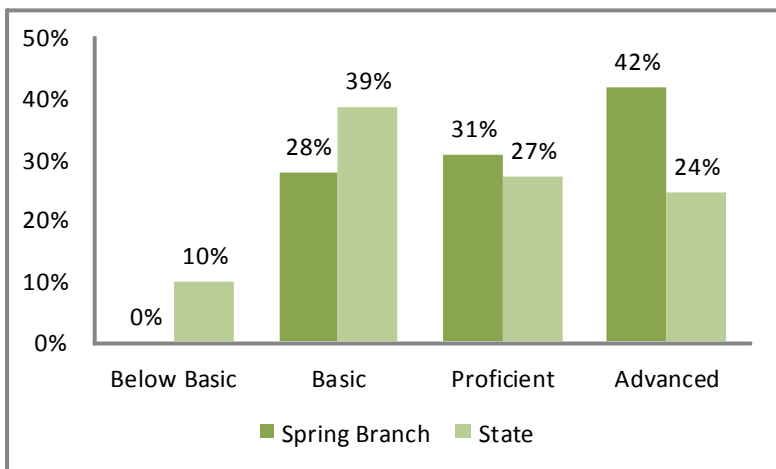
## Free/Reduced Lunch



Source: Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education

## 2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)

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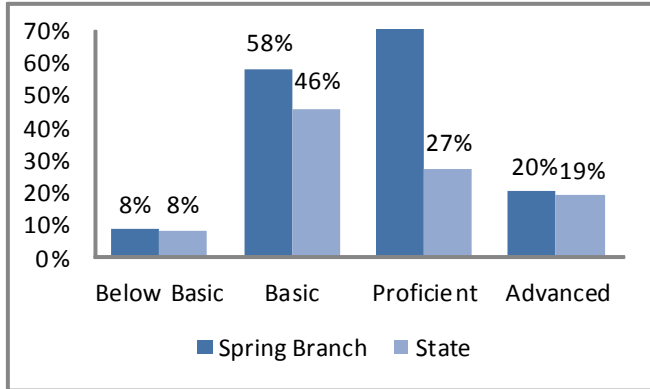


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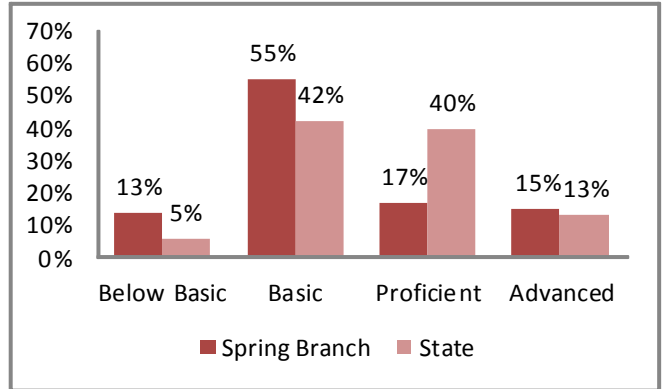
# Education

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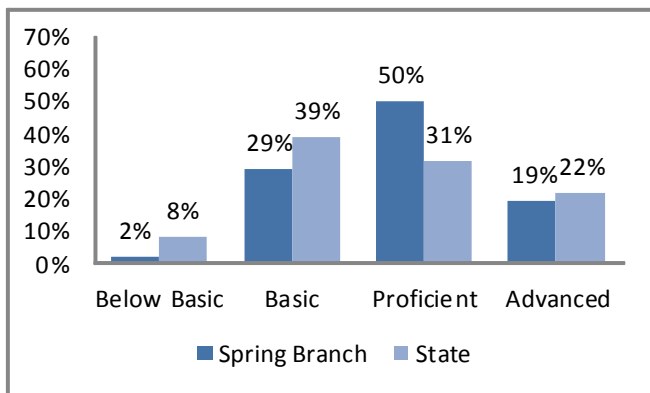
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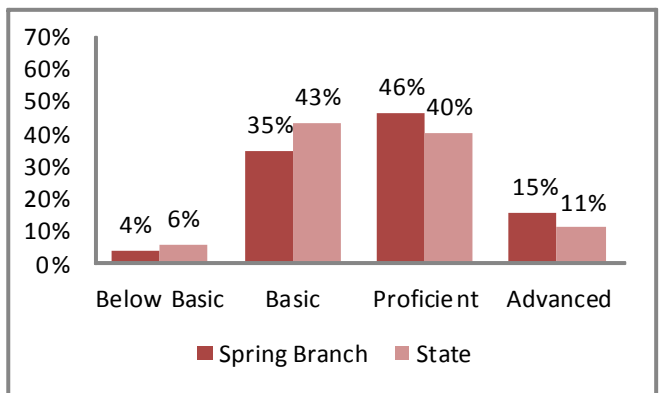
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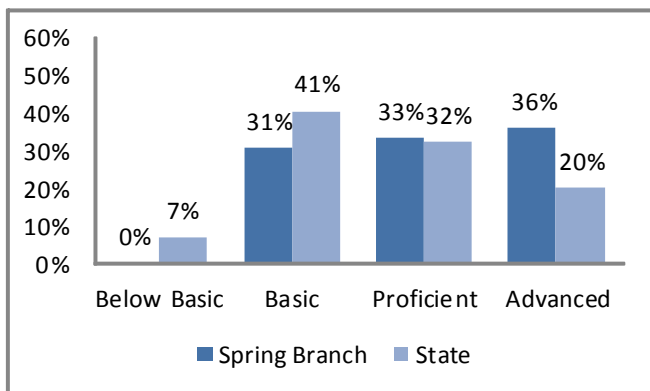
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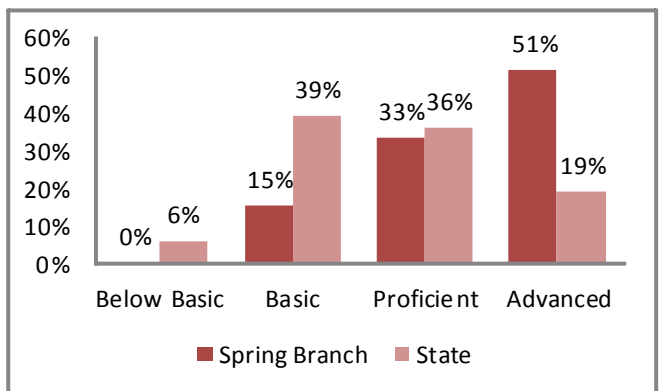
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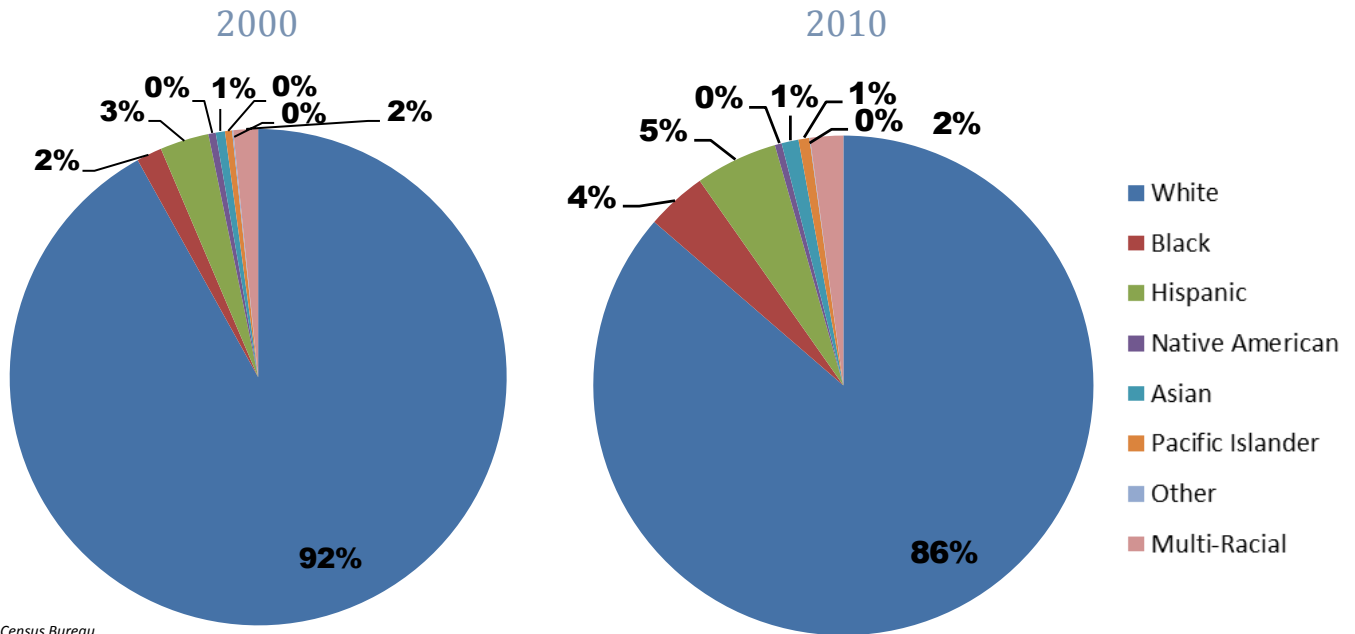


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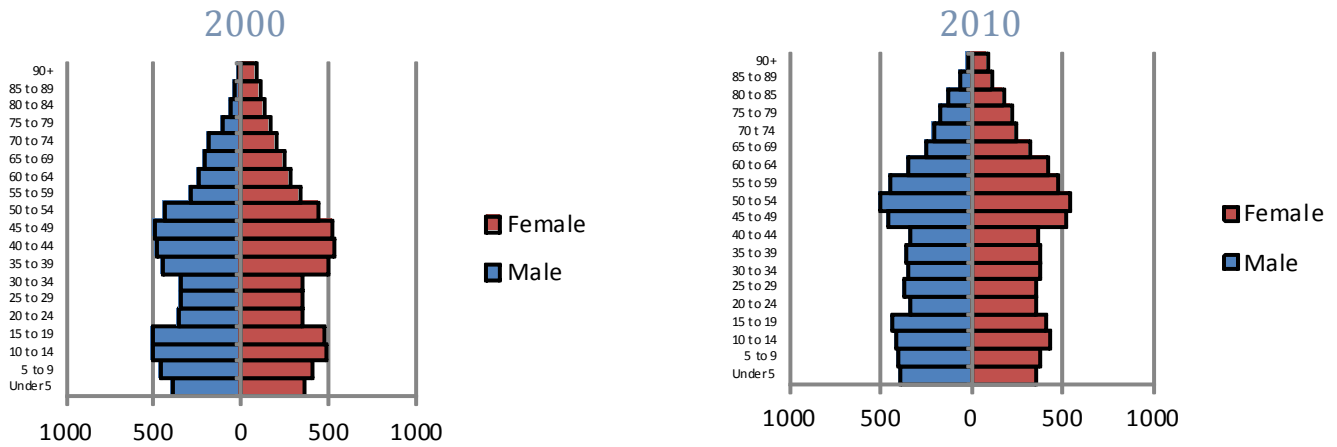
# Demographics

## 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>12,246</b>	<b>12,558</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>3,395</b>	<b>3,438</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Married Families</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>2,609</b>	<b>-4%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	1,249	1,015	-19%
<b>Single Male Households</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>30%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	122	148	21%
<b>Single Female Households</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>18%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	361	381	6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Economy

	Spring Branch	Jackson County
Median Income	\$70,144	\$46,252
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	8.8%

Source: U.S. Census

## Poverty

	Spring Branch	Jackson County
2000	4.8%	11.9%
2010	6.9%	15.7%

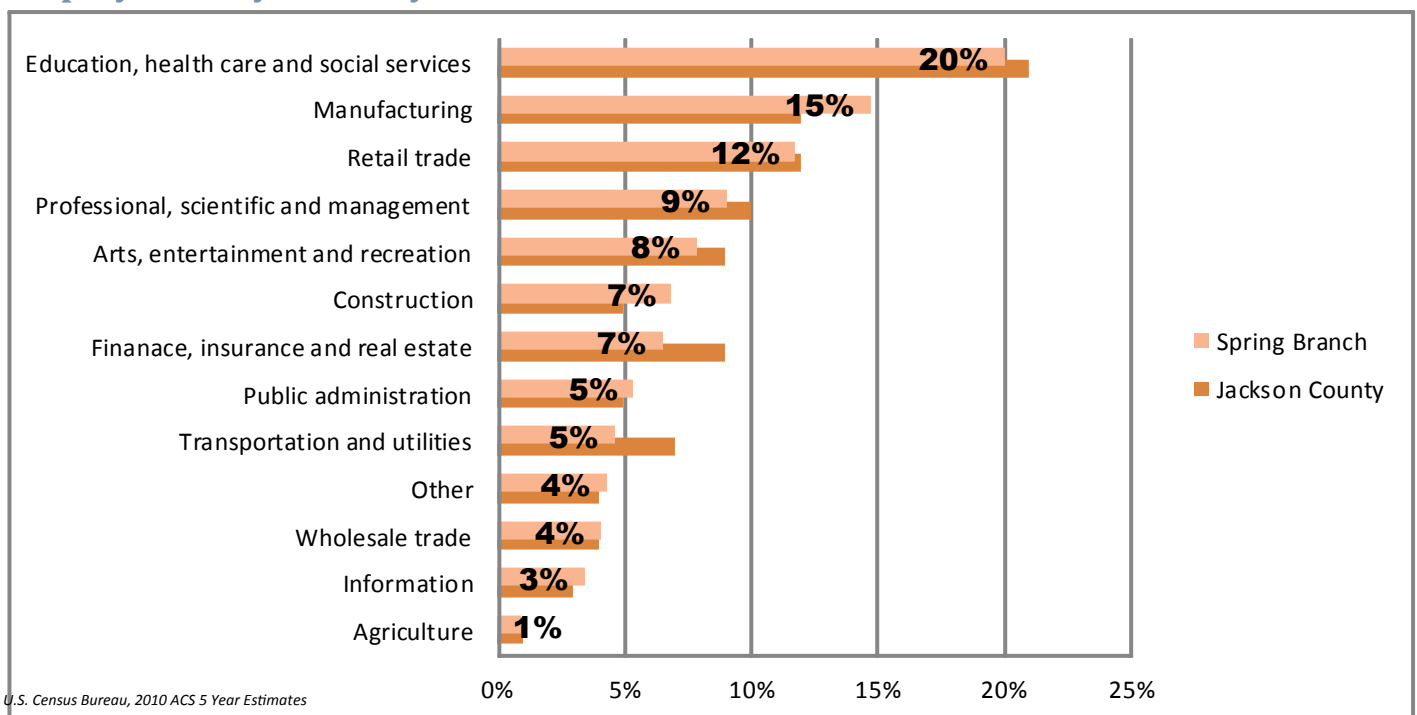
U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

2010 Poverty Thresholds, Selected Family Types		
Single Individual	Under 65	\$ 11,344
	65 years and Older	\$ 10,458
Single Parent	One Child	\$ 15,030
	Two Children	\$ 17,568
	No Children	\$ 14,602
Two Adults	One Child	\$ 17,552
	Two Children	\$ 22,113
	Three Children	\$ 26,023

Note: The United States determines the official poverty rate using poverty thresholds that are issued each year by the Census Bureau. The thresholds represent the annual amount of cash income minimally required to support families of various sizes. A family is counted as poor if its pretax money income is below its poverty threshold. Money income does not include noncash benefits such as public housing, Medicaid, employer-provided health insurance and food stamps.

Source: National Poverty Center

## Employment by Industry

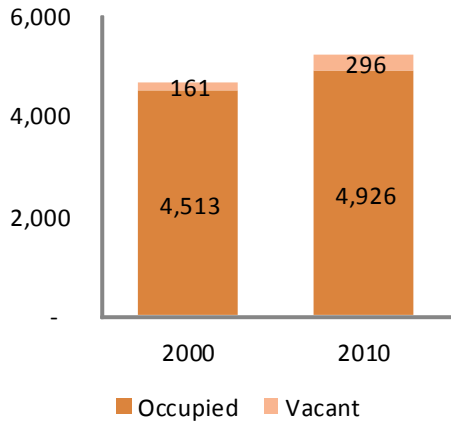


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# Housing

## Vacant Houses



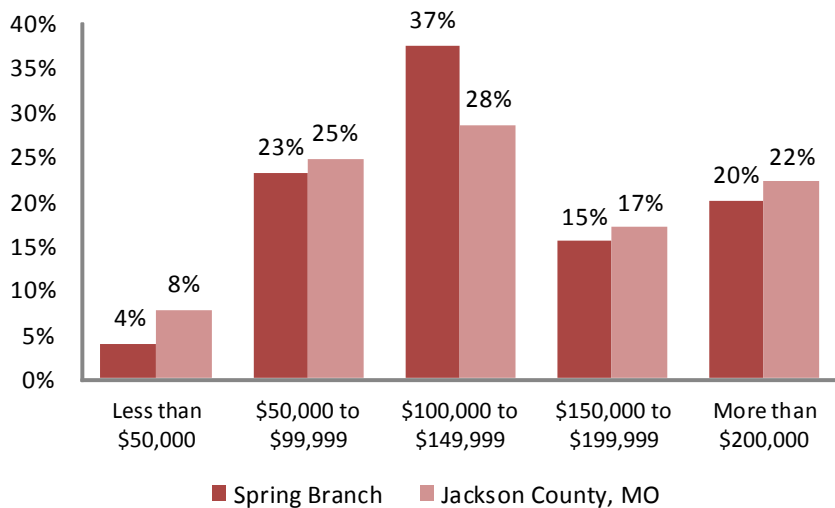
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

## Vacancy Rate

	2000	2010
Spring Branch	3.5%	5.7%
Jackson County	7.6%	12.0%

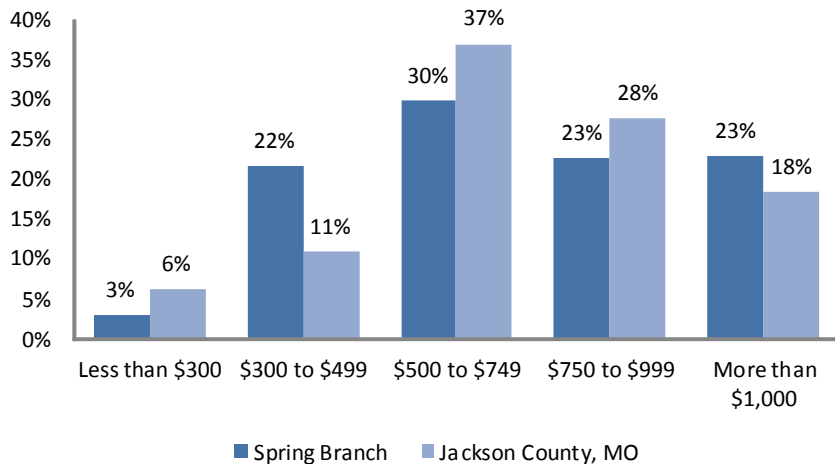
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

## Home Values



Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

## Gross Rent



Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

Housing Characteristics	2000 to 2010 Change
Housing Units	12%
Tenure	
Owner	5%
Renter	24%
Units Moved into Previous Five Years	-29%
<b>Age of Housing Stock</b>	<b>2010 Percent</b>
Less than 5 Years	4%
Less than 10 Years	16%
Less than 20 Years	28%
Less than 30 Years	40%
Less than 40 Years	63%
More than 50 Years	37%

Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

# Community Resources

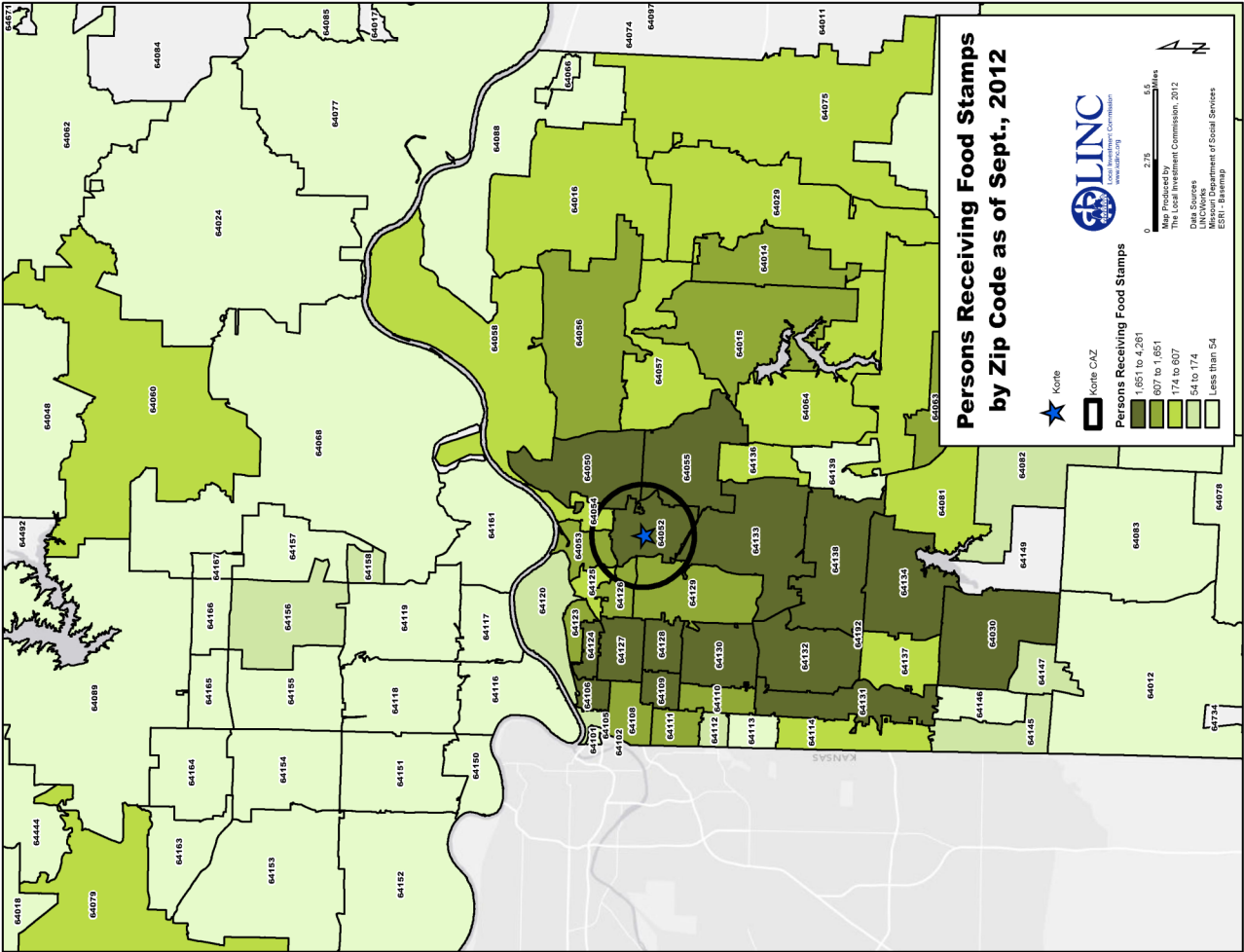
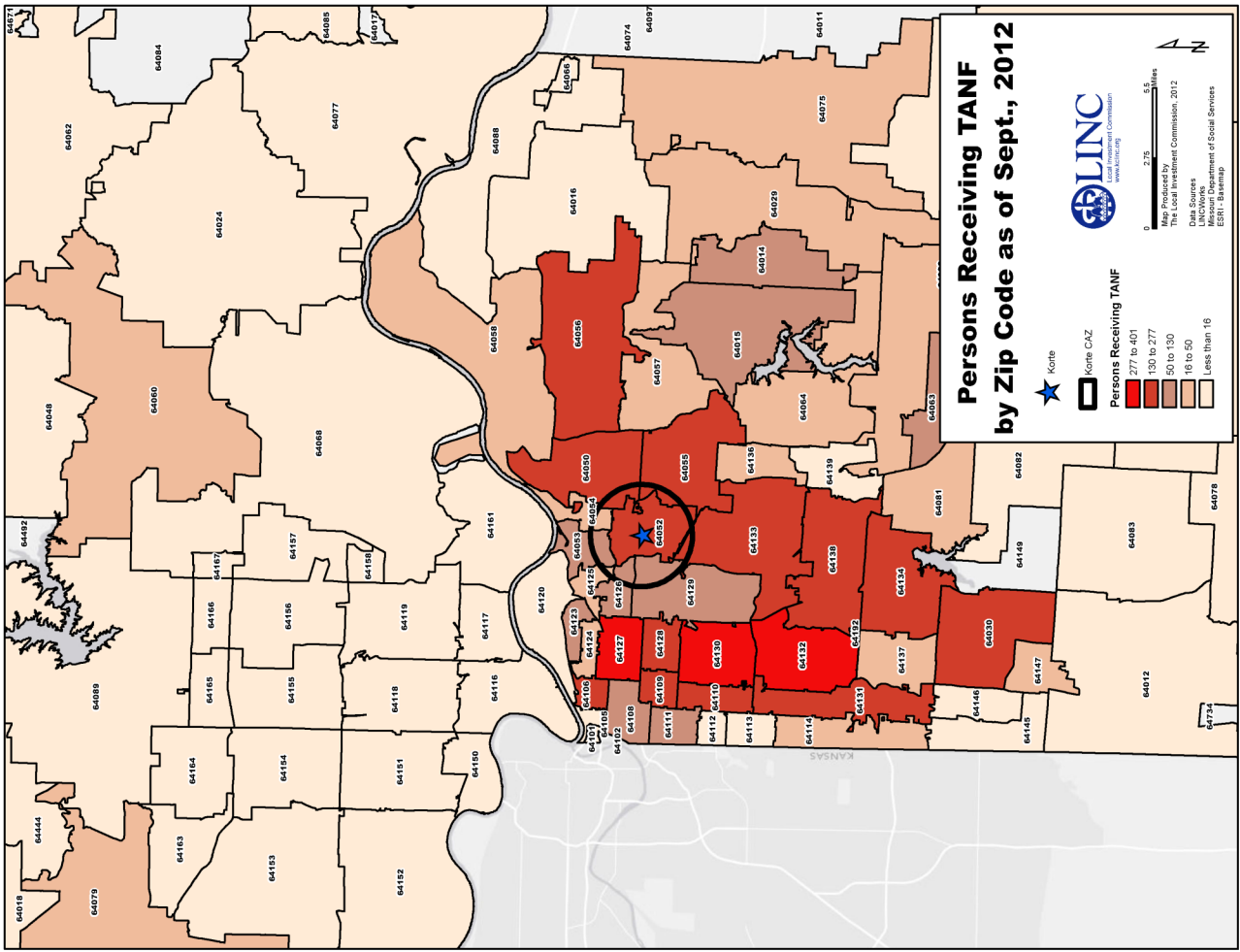
## Parks

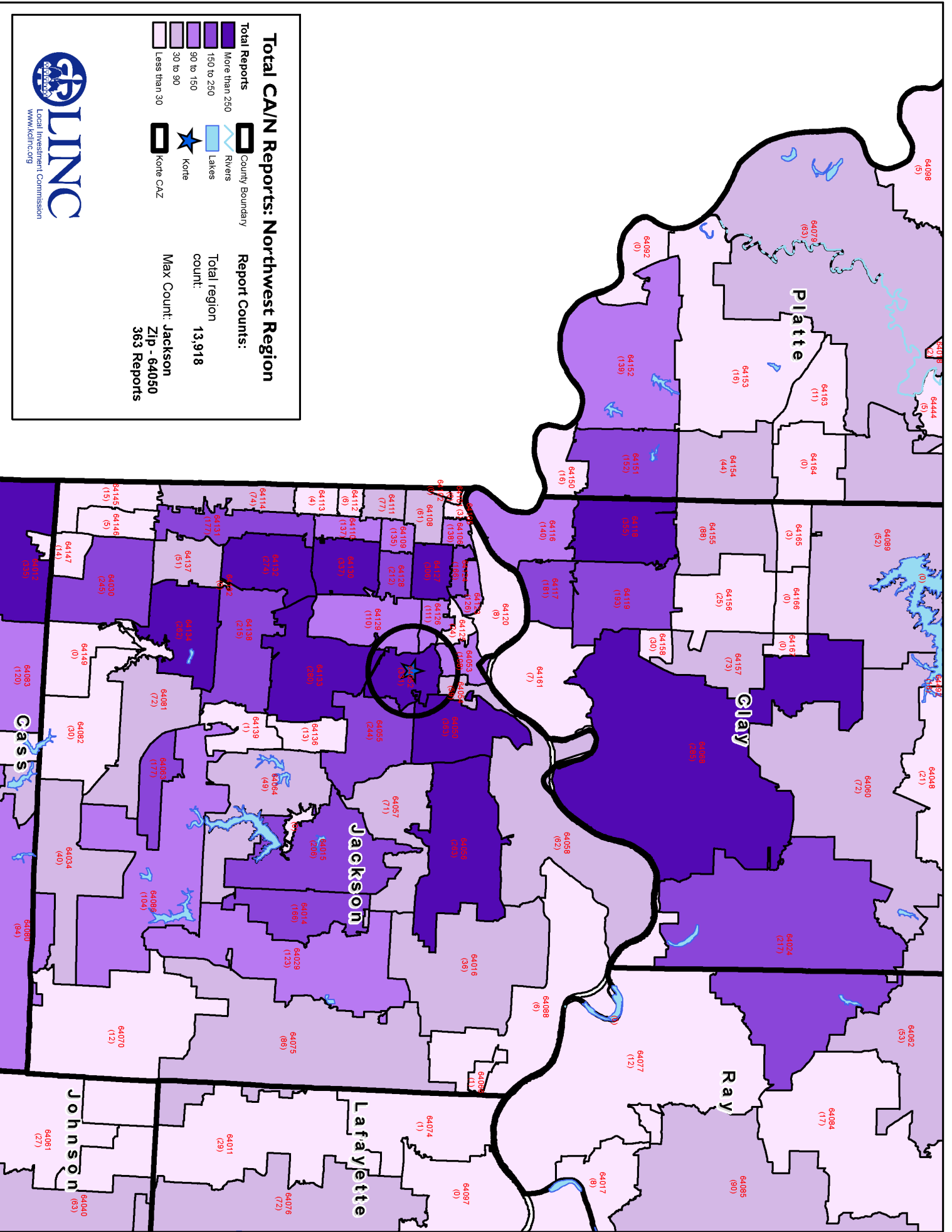
				Acres
Beckett Park	2701 S Cherokee St	Independence	MO	7
George Owens Nature Park	1601 S. Speck Rd.	Independence	MO	85
Little Blue Park	21101 EM 78 Hwy	Independence	MO	6
Randall School Park	509 N. Jennings Rd.	Independence	MO	6
Little Blue Trace Park	Multiple Entrances	Independence	MO	

Source: City of Independence Dept. of Parks and Recreation

## Churches

Church Of Christ	E State Route 78 & Holke Rd	Independence	MO
Church Of The Nazarene	19800 E Truman Rd	Independence	MO
Community of Christ	823 S. Elizabeth St.	Independence	MO
Community of Christ	19402 Holke Rd	Independence	MO
East Side Baptist Church	19901 E Highway 78	Independence	MO
Fairmount United Methodist Chr	2119 Holke Rd	Independence	MO
Greater Life Outreach Ctr	18703 E Salisbury Rd	Independence	MO
Avondale United Methodist Church	3901 NE Winn Rd, Kansas City, MO	Independence	MO
Living Water Ministries	18400 E Salisbury Rd	Independence	MO
Englewood Baptist Church	1900 NE Englewood Rd., Kansas City, MO	Independence	MO
Pleasant View Christian Church	19114 E Salisbury Rd	Independence	MO
Hillside Christian Church	900 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO	Independence	MO
Trinity Church of the Nazarene	19800 E. Truman Rd.	Independence	MO
Hope WRX—Food Pantry <small>Source: Yellowpages.com</small>	900 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO		
Metro Luthern Ministry	1104 NE Vivion Rd., Kansas City, MO		
Salvation Army—Northland	5306 N. Oak Rd., Kansas City, MO		
United Services—Northland	1900 Englewood, Kansas City, MO		





**Total CA/N Reports: Northwest Region**

**Total Reports**

- More than 250
- 150 to 250
- 90 to 150
- 30 to 90
- Less than 30

**Report Counts:**

Total region: 13,918

Max Count: Jackson  
Zip - 64050  
363 Reports

**Legend:**

- County Boundary
- Rivers
- Lakes
- Korte
- Korte CAZ



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# Data Resources

City of Independence, 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

University of Missouri-Kansas City Center for Economic Information

University of Michigan National Poverty Center

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