

William Southern Caring Communities

Data Book **March 2013**

A review and analysis of the community surrounding the Caring Communities site located at William Southern 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.

About This Book

The William Southern Caring Communities Data Book is intended to provide useful information for decision-makers of the William Southern 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 William Southern Caring Communities Site Coordinator. The book is also available to download for free at www.kclinc.org/williamsouthern

William Southern Caring Communities
Established 2012

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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

Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)

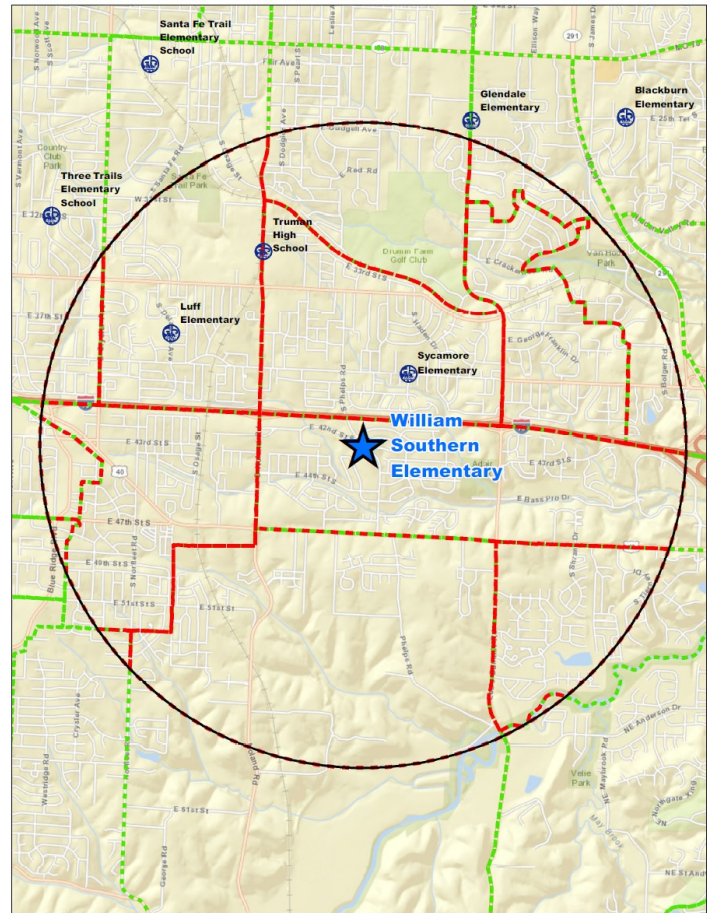
The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the William Southern community was established using William Southern Elementary School as a reference point and includes the area within a two-mile radius of the school (the black circle in the map at right).

The CAZ overlaps, but is not identical to, the William Southern 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 William Southern CAZ and the “William Southern 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

William Southern Elementary

Total 2012 Enrollment: 504

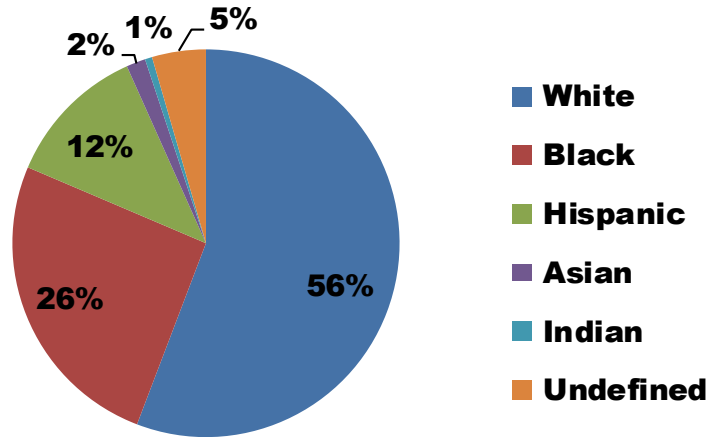
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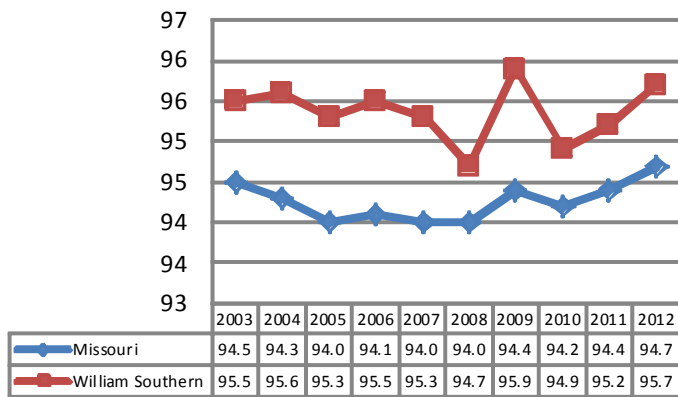
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2012 Student Demographics



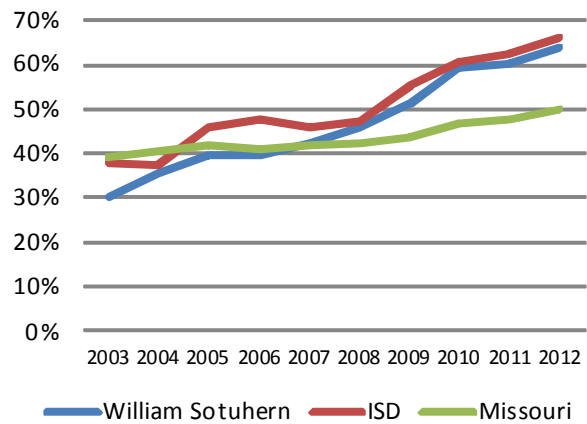
Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

2012 Student Attendance Rate



Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

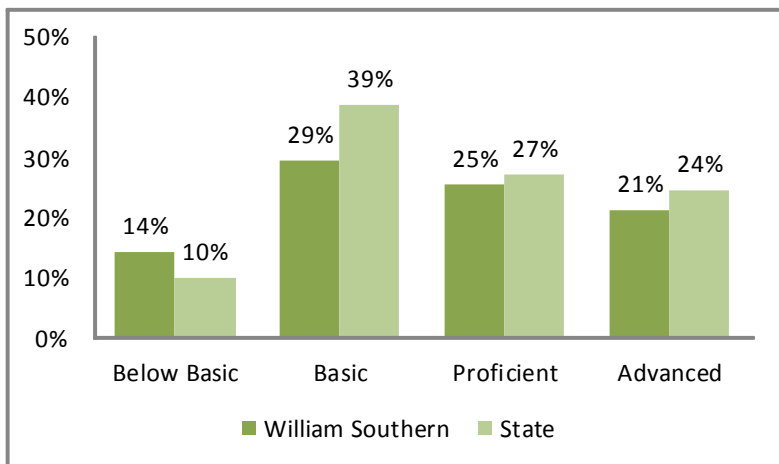
Free/Reduced Lunch



Source: Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education

2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)

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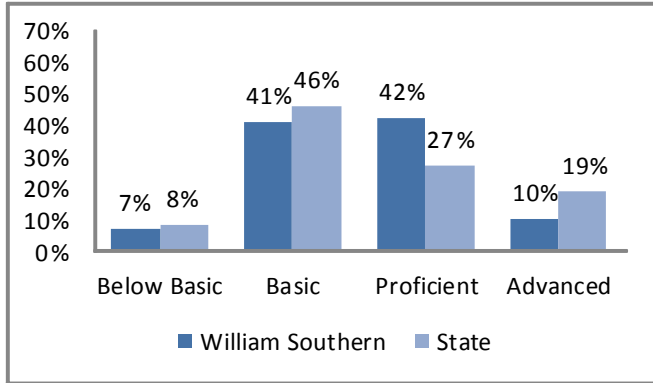


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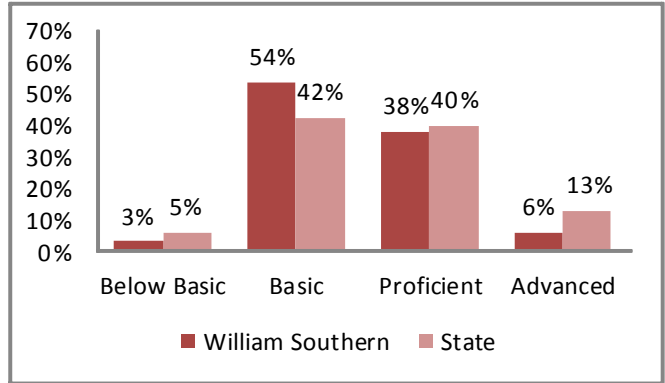
Education

2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP), continued

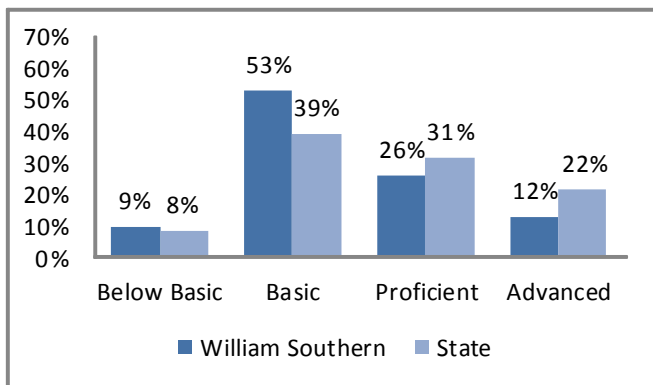
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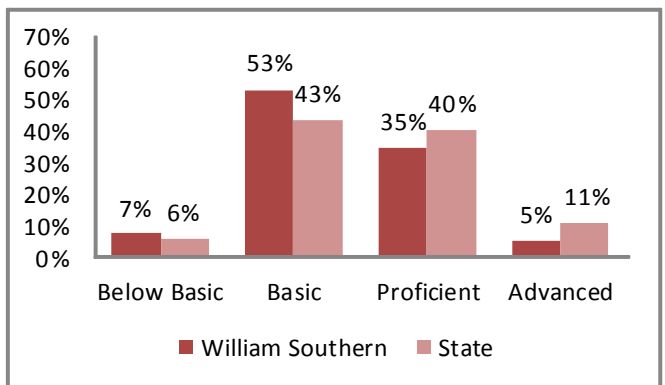
3rd Grade Mathematics



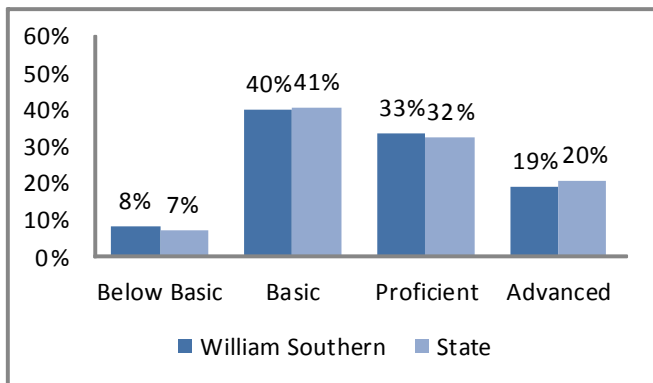
4th Grade Communication Arts



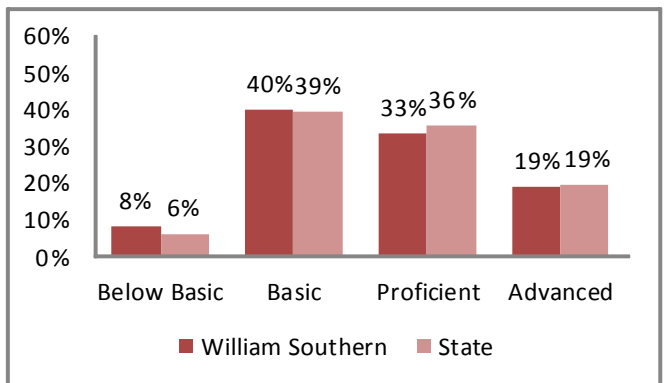
4th Grade Mathematics



5th Grade Communication Arts

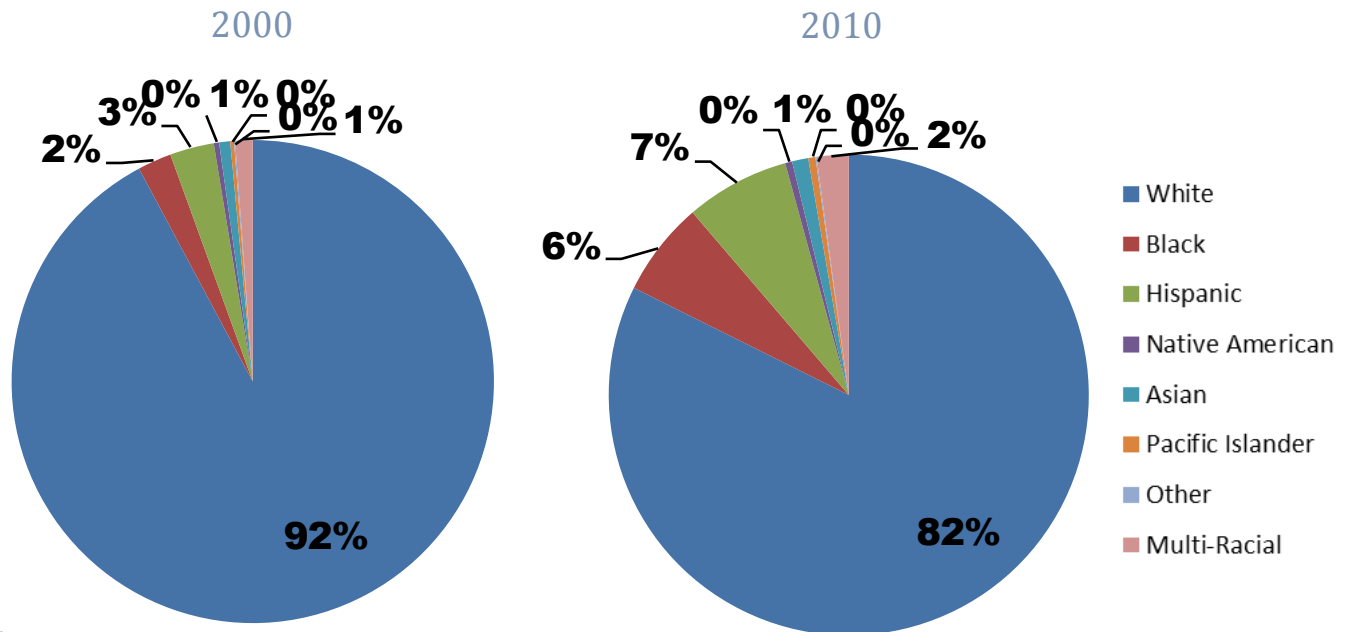


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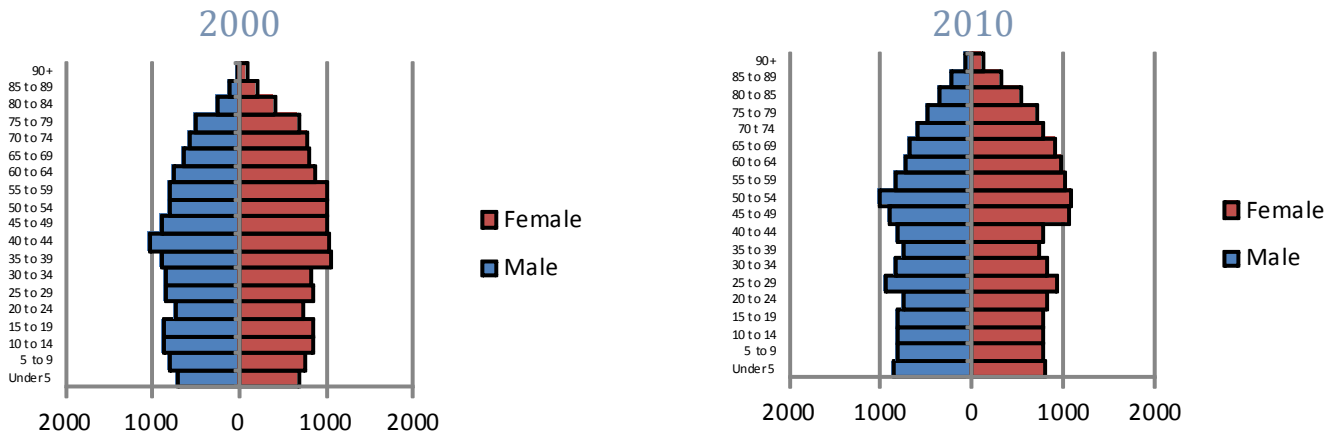
Demographics

Race



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Age by Sex



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Family Type with Related Children

	2000	2010	% Change
Total Population	27,522	28,023	2%
Total Families	7,885	7,572	-4%
Married Families	6,317	5,545	-14%
With Children Under Age 18	2,242	1,876	-20%
Single Father Families	371	565	34%
With Children Under Age 18	221	331	33%
Female Single Parent Families	1,197	1,462	18%
With Children Under Age 18	721	894	19%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Economy

	William Southern	Jackson County
Median Income	\$48,225	\$46,252
Unemployment Rate	6.1%	8.8%

Source: U.S. Census

Poverty

	William Southern	Jackson County
2000	4.5%	11.9%
2010	9.5%	15.7%

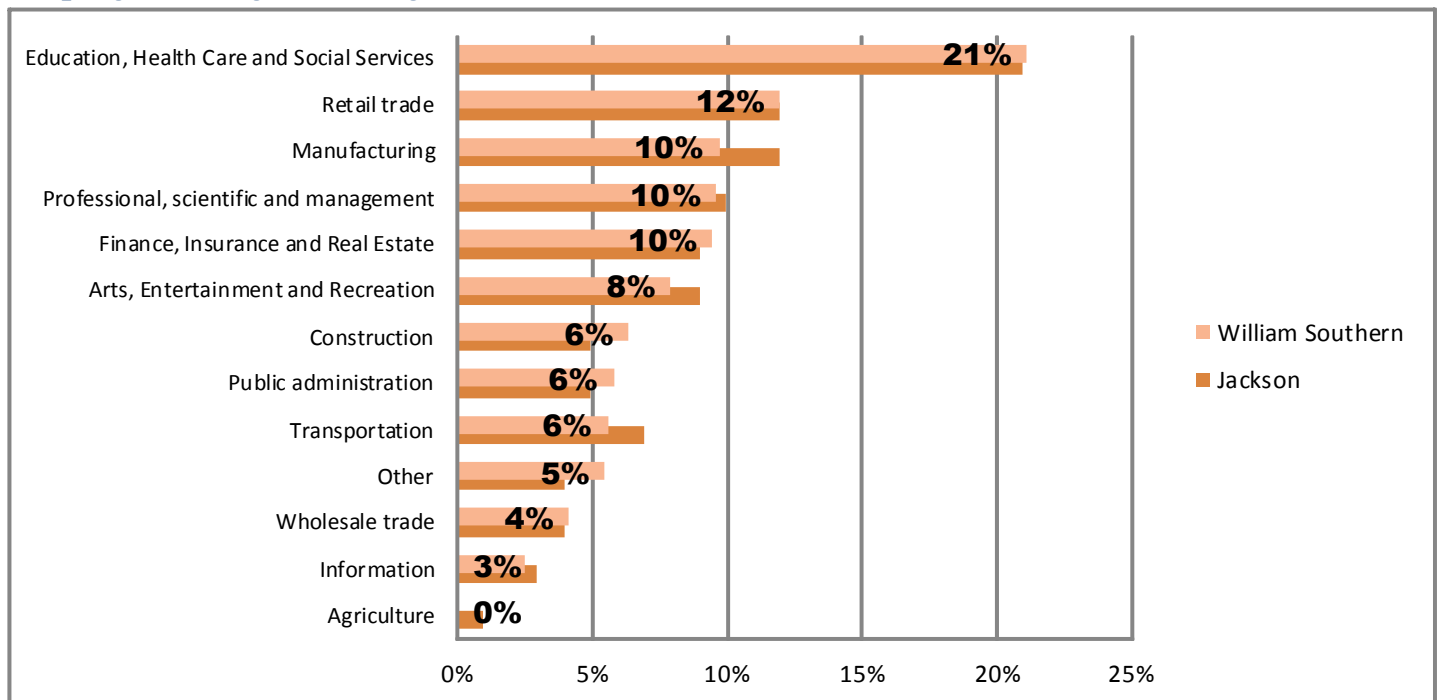
U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

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

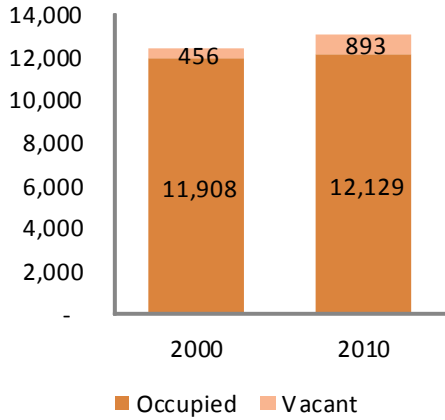
Employment by Industry



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Housing

Vacant Houses



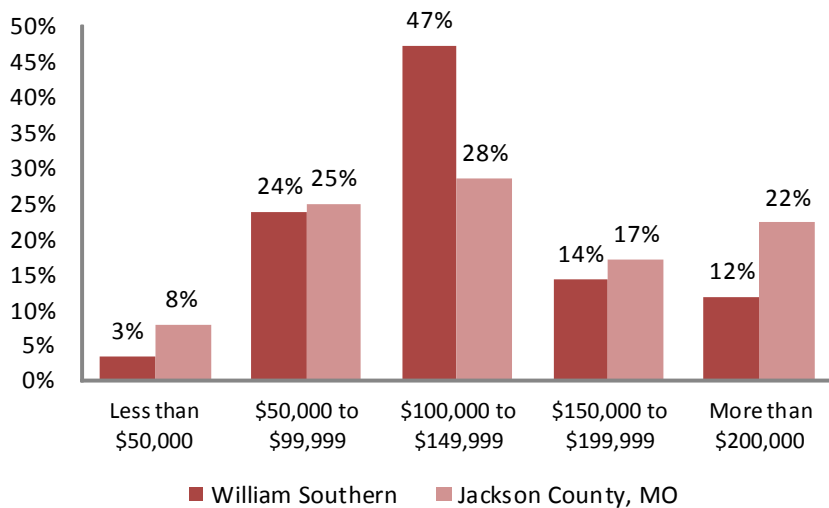
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

Vacancy Rate

	2000	2010
William Southern	3.7%	6.9%
Jackson County	7.6%	12.0%

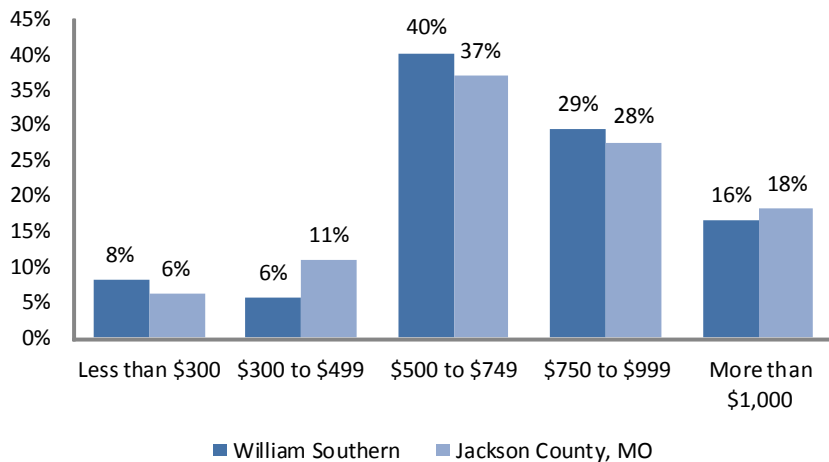
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

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	5%
Tenure	
Owner	-2%
Renter	11%
Units Moved into Previous Five Years	-48%
Age of Housing Stock	2010 Percent
Less than 5 Years	2%
Less than 10 Years	6%
Less than 20 Years	15%
Less than 30 Years	27%
Less than 40 Years	44%
More than 50 Years	56%

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

Community Resources

Parks

				Acres
Carriage Hills Park	16841 E. 41st St.	Independence	MO	3
Glendale Park	16010 E. Crackerneck Rd.	Independence	MO	4
Santa Fe Park	2731 S. Santa Fe Rd.	Independence	MO	45
Sycamore Hills Park	15208 E. 39th St.	Independence	MO	4
Van Hook Park	3231 S. Shrank Ave.	Independence	MO	106
Waterfall Park	4501 S. Bass Pro Dr.	Independence	MO	

Source: City of Independence Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Food Pantries

COMMUNITY SERVICES LEAGUE - 39TH STREET	14500 E. 39th Street	Independence	MO	64055
SAINT MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - INDEPENDENCE	4000 Lees Summit Road	Independence	MO	64055
UNITED SERVICES - JACKSON COUNTY EAST	3675 S. Noland Road, Suite 100	Independence	MO	64055

Source: United Way of Greater Kansas City

Homeless Shelters

STEPPINGSTONE	5100 Noland Road	Kansas City	MO	64133
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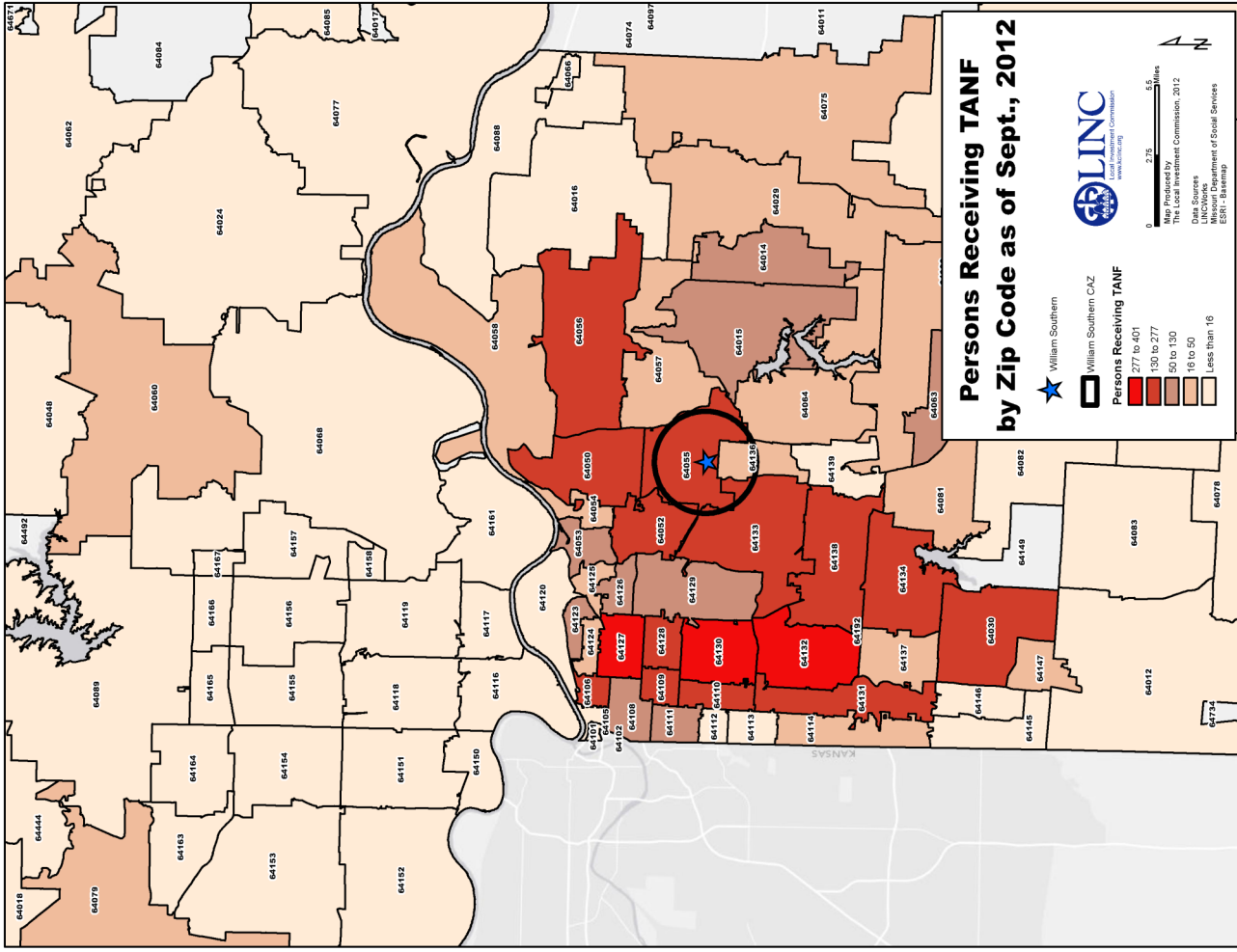
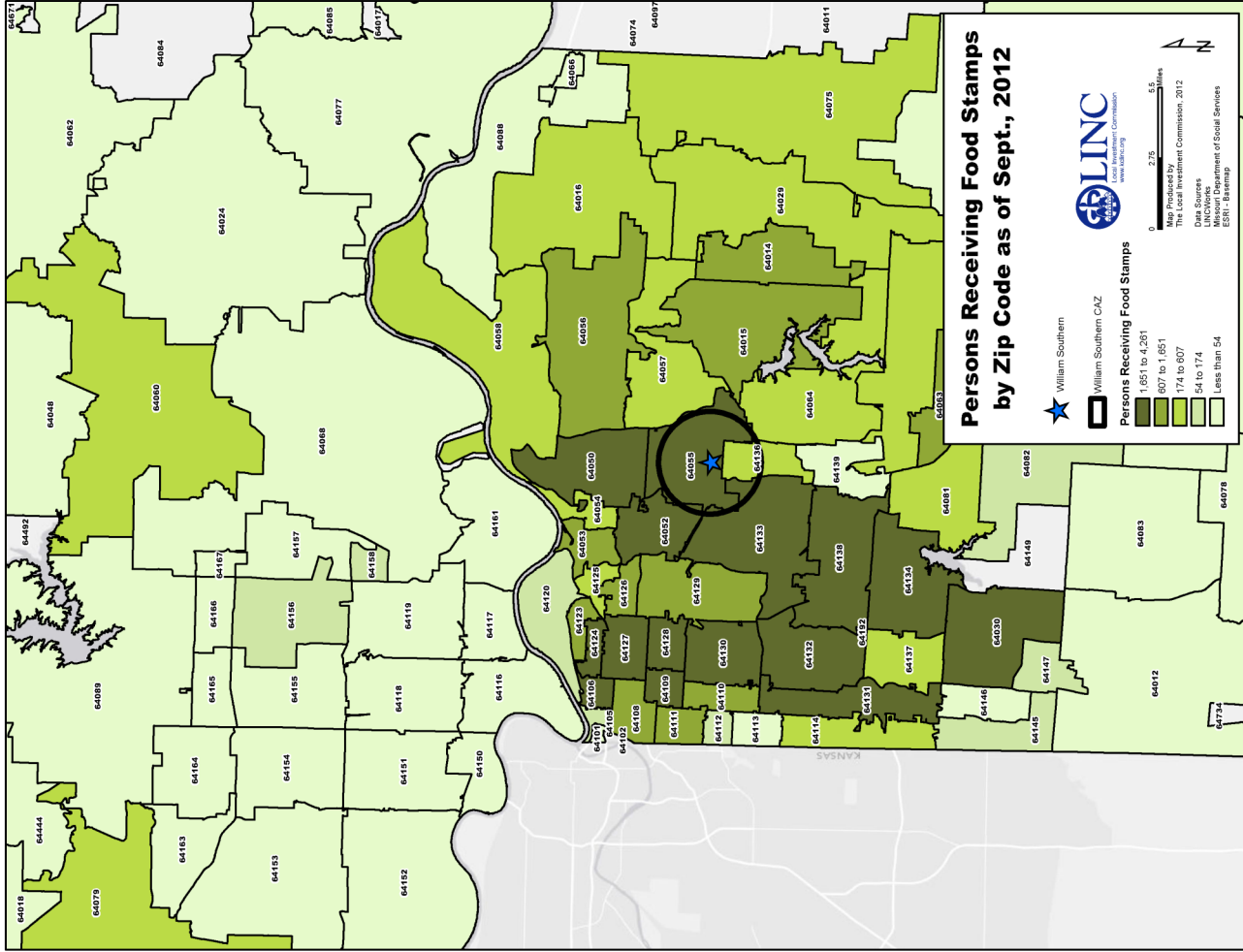
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Community Resources

Churches

Arise Ministries International	4845 S. Norfleet Rd.	Independence	MO	64055
Christ United Methodist Church	14506 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
Christian Assembly Of God	17310 E Us Highway 40	Independence	MO	64055
Christian Science Reading Room	12020 E 47th St	Kansas City	MO	64133
Church Of Christ	15331 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
Church of Chris - Zion Witness	15008 E. 35th St. S.	Independence	MO	64055
Community of Christ	4341 Blue Ridge Blvd.	Kansas City	MO	64133
Community of Christ	15006 E. 39th St.	Independence	MO	64055
Community Of Christ	500 E Gudgell St	Independence	MO	64055
Country Meadows Baptist Church	4901 Lees Summit Rd	Kansas City	MO	64136
Coventry Estates	17133 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
Eastgate Christian Church	4010 S River Blvd	Independence	MO	64055
Faith Cumb Presbyterian Church	4516 S Phelps Rd	Independence	MO	64055
Glenview Baptist Church	3101 S Shrank Rd	Independence	MO	64055
Heartland Districts Office	4240 Blue Ridge Blvd # 700	Kansas City	MO	64133
Hill Cumorah Restoration	4516 S Phelps Rd	Independence	MO	64052
Independence Latin American Church	14500 E 39th St.	Independence	MO	64055
Kinsman Redeemer Church	3529 Crackerneck Rd	Independence	MO	64055
Lifeline Baptist Church	12002 E 47th St	Kansas City	MO	64133
N R Praise Production	4603 S Norfleet Rd	Independence	MO	64055
Noland Road Baptist Church	4505 S Noland Rd	Independence	MO	64055
Pebble Creek Assembly Of God	13800 E 51st St	Kansas City	MO	64133
Pleasant Grove Bible Church	4916 Lees Summit Rd	Kansas City	MO	64136
Salvation Army Camp Mokon	16200 E Us Highway 40	Kansas City	MO	64136
Soul's Harbour Assembly Of God	17142 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
St Mark's Catholic Church	3736 S Lees Summit Rd	Independence	MO	64055
St Michael's Episcopal Church	4000 S Lees Summit Rd	Independence	MO	64055
St Paul's Lutheran LCMS	17200 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
Sycamore Hills Baptist Church	15200 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
Unity Church Of Independence	14304 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
Zion Witness Restoration	15008 E 35th St S	Independence	MO	64055

Source: Yellowpages.com



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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

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