

# Melcher

## Caring Communities

Data Book **March 2013**

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A review and analysis of the community surrounding the Caring Communities site located at Melcher Elementary School in Kansas City, 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 Melcher Caring Communities Data Book is intended to provide useful information for decision-makers of the Melcher 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 Melcher Caring Communities Site Coordinator. The book is also available to download for free at [www.kclinc.org/melcher](http://www.kclinc.org/melcher)



### Melcher Elementary Established 1998

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## Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)

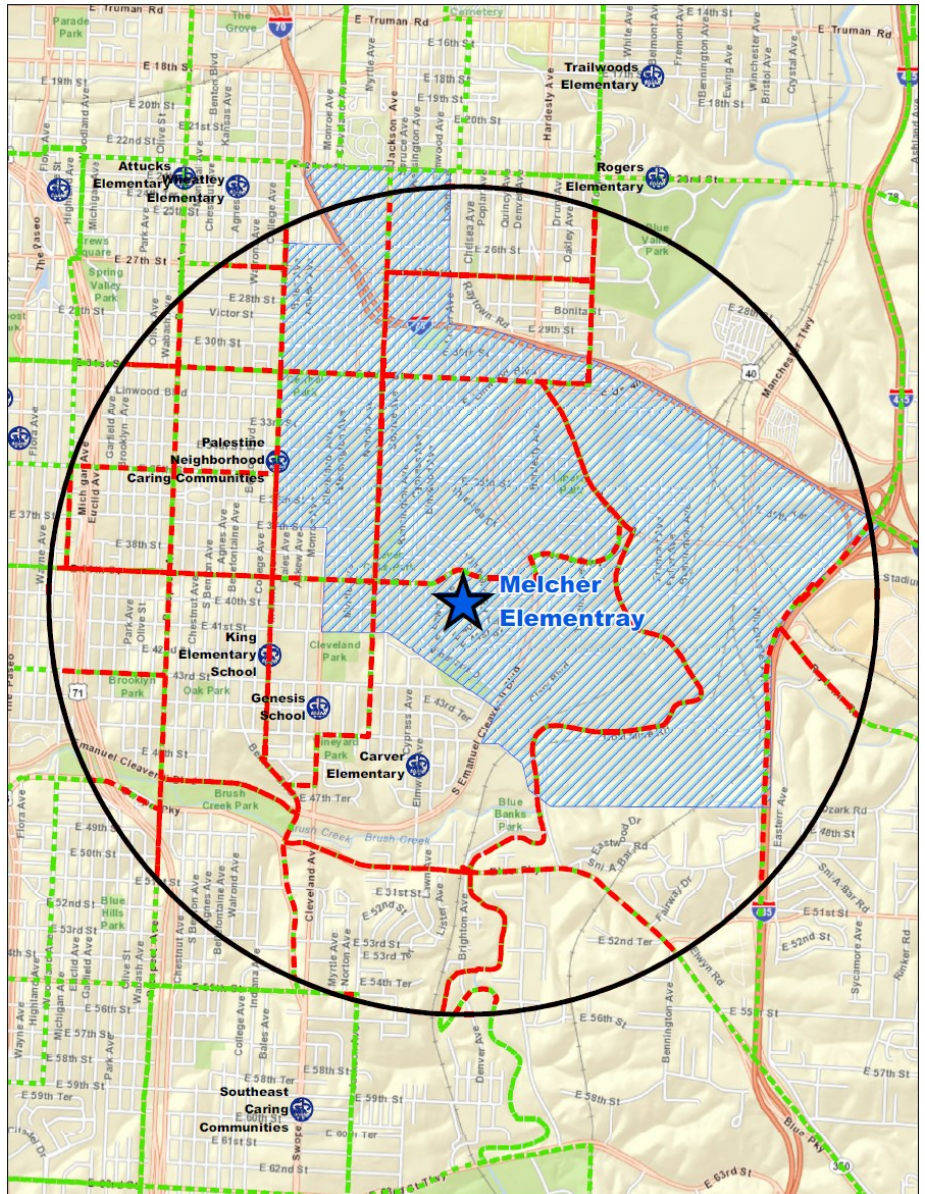
The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the Melcher community was established using Melcher Elementary as a reference point and includes the area within a two-mile radius of the school (the black circle in the map at right).

The CAZ overlaps the school boundaries (blue shaded area) and allows for analysis of data about residents, neighborhoods and services within the community served by the Caring Communities site.

For the purpose of this book the boundaries of the Melcher CAZ and the “Melcher 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 Kansas City, 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

## Melcher Elementary

Total 2012 Enrollment: 434

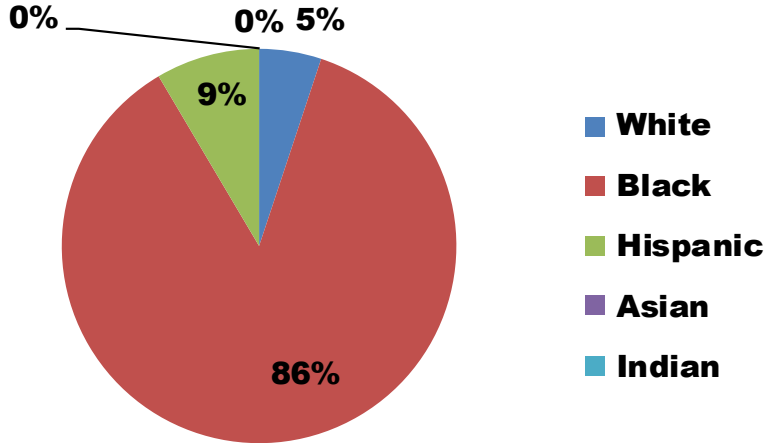
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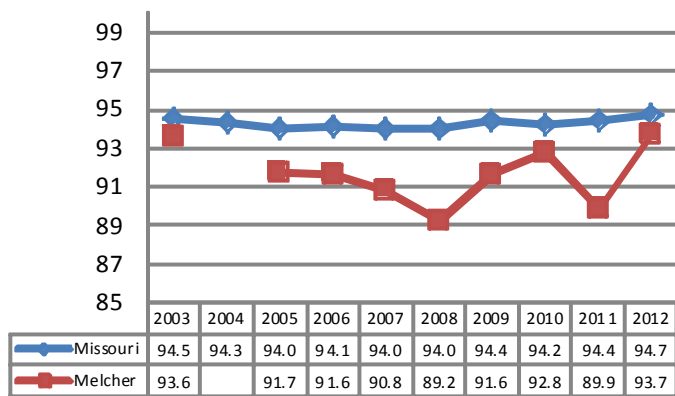
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## 2012 Student Demographics



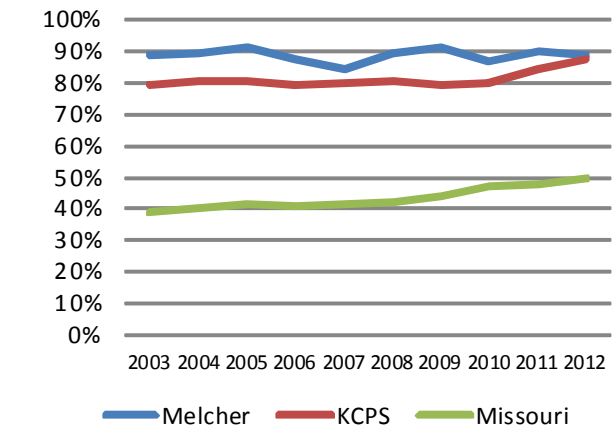
Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

## 2012 Student Attendance Rate



Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

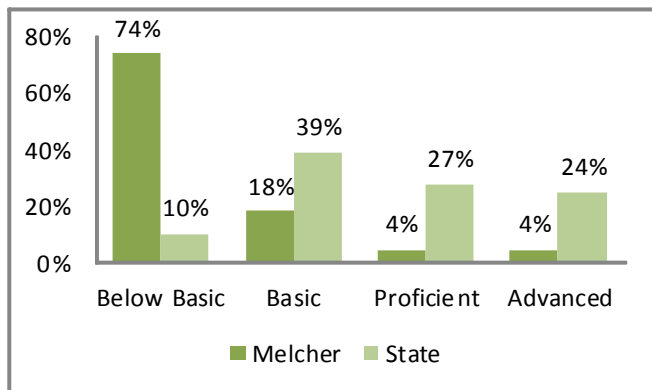
## Free/Reduced Lunch



Source: Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education

## 2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)

### 5th Grade Science

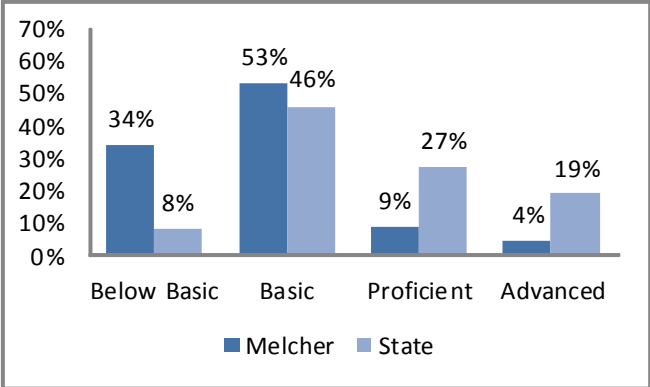


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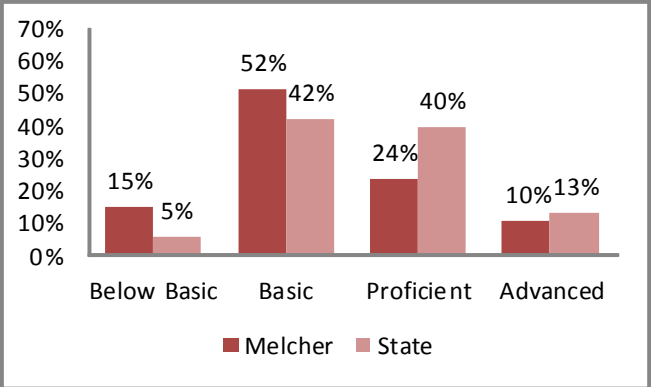
# Education

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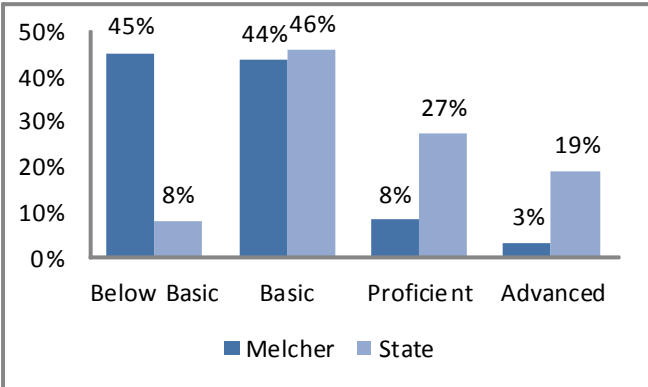
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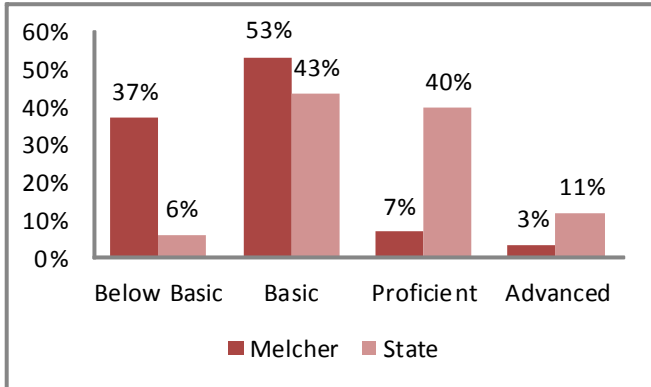
### 3rd Grade Mathematics



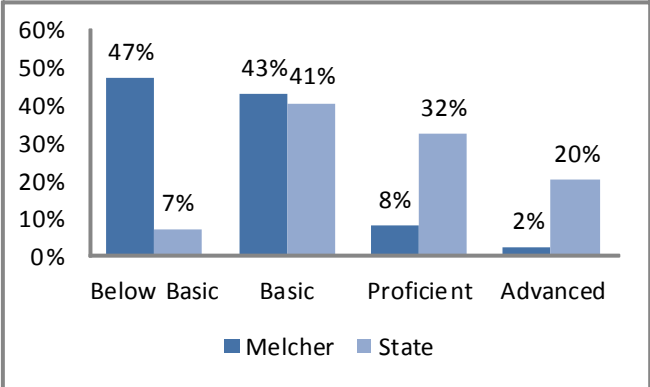
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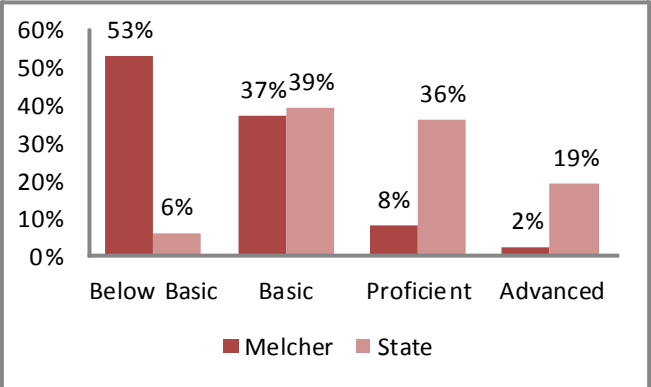
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### 5th Grade Communication Arts



### 5th Grade Mathematics

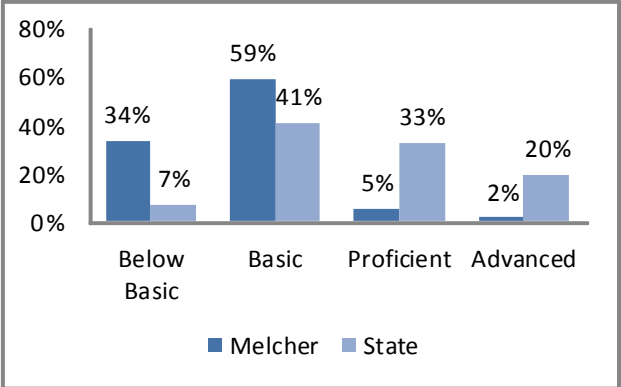


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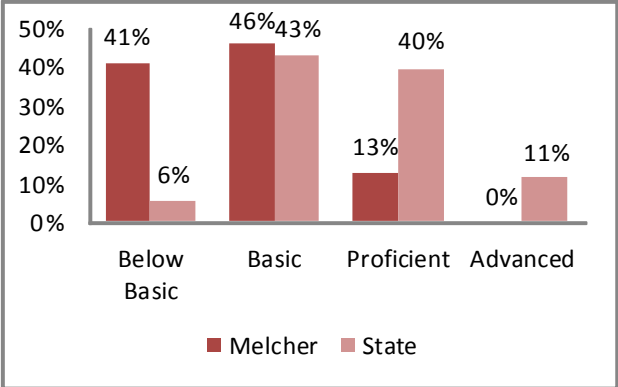
# Education

## 2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP), continued

6th Grade Communication Arts



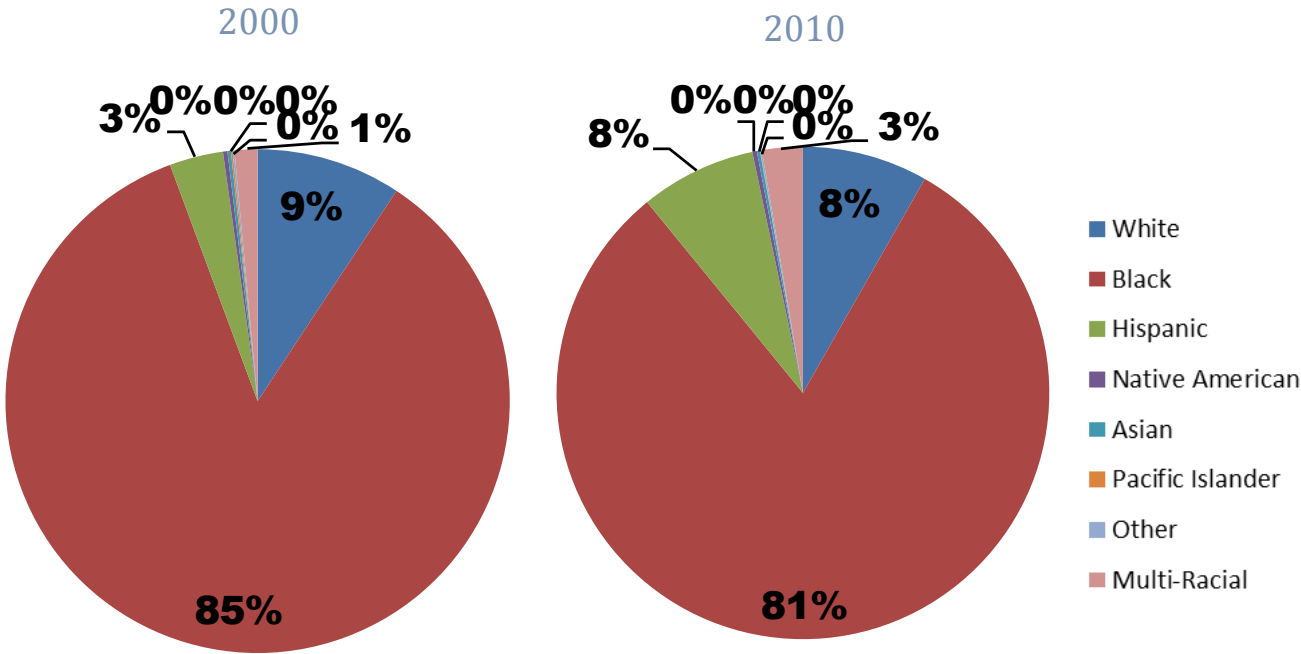
6th Grade Mathematics



Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

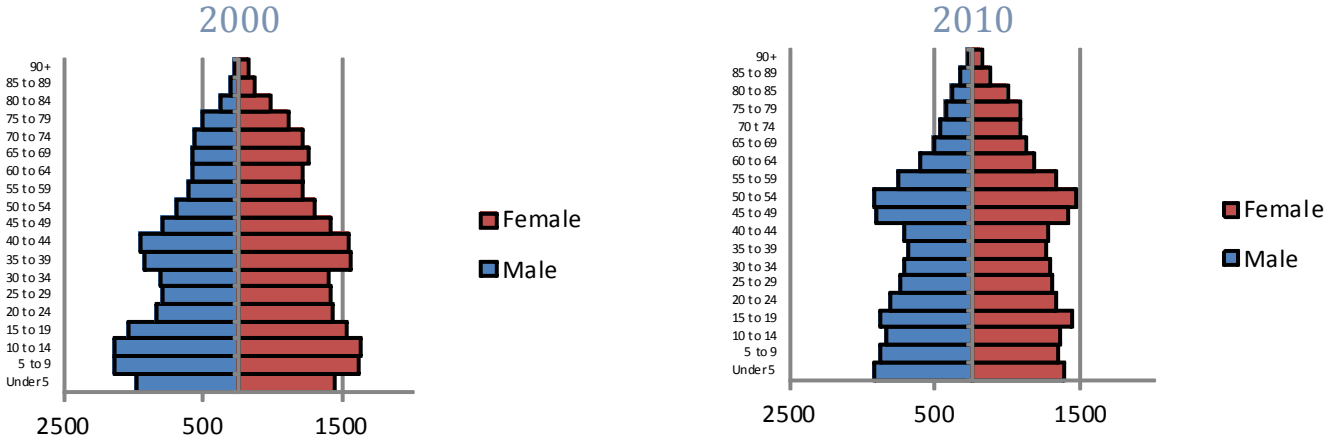
# Demographics

## 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>39,751</b>	<b>34,205</b>	<b>-14%</b>
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>9,752</b>	<b>8,057</b>	<b>-17%</b>
<b>Married Families</b>	<b>3,888</b>	<b>2,745</b>	<b>-29%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	1,655	1,079	-35%
<b>Single Father Families</b>	<b>1,039</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>-3%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	575	489	-15%
<b>Female Single Parent Families</b>	<b>4,826</b>	<b>4,306</b>	<b>-11%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	3,393	2,708	-20%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



# Economy

	Melcher	Jackson County
<b>Median Income</b>	\$25,695	\$46,252
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	21.9%	8.8%

Source: U.S. Census

## Poverty

	Melcher	Jackson County
<b>2000</b>	25.8%	11.9%
<b>2010</b>	33.0%	15.7%

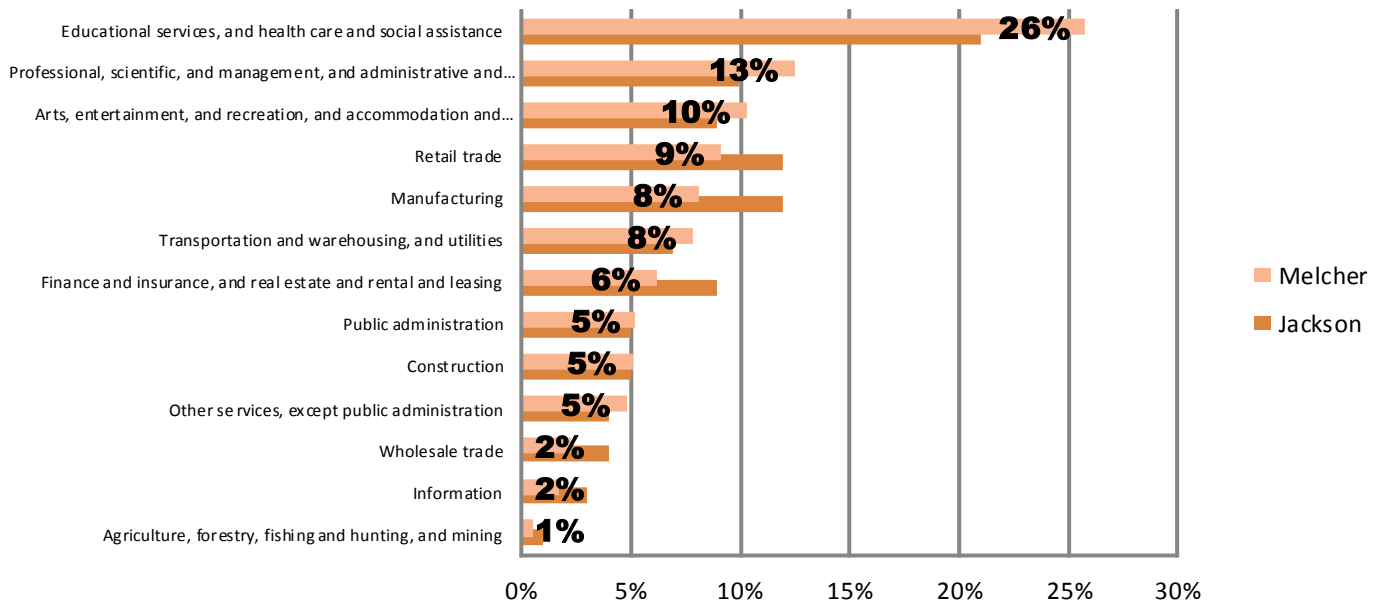
U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

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

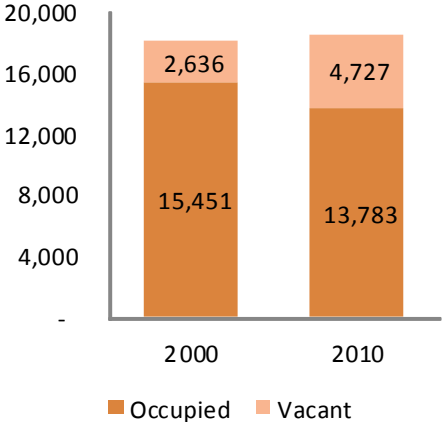
## Employment by Industry



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

# Housing

## Vacant Houses



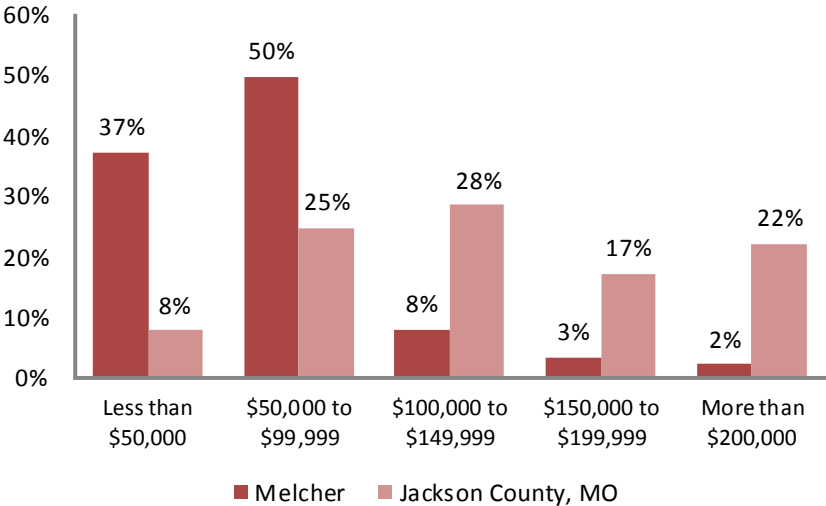
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

## Vacancy Rate

	2000	2010
Melcher	14.6%	25.5%
Jackson County	7.6%	12.0%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

## Home Values

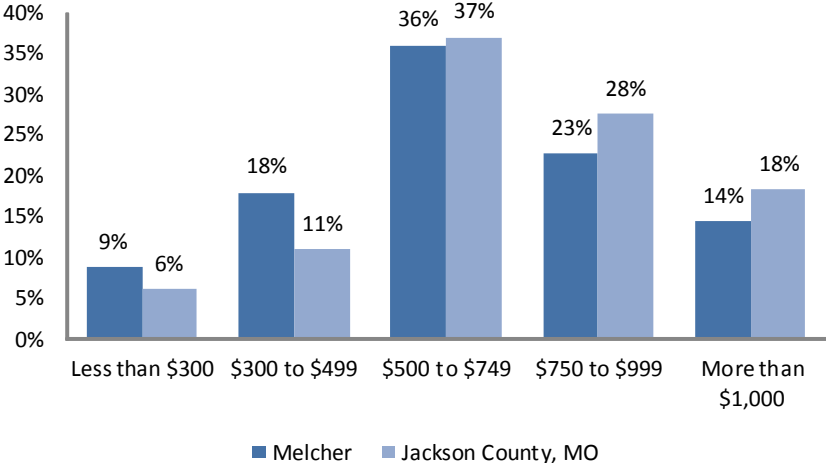


Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

Housing Characteristics	2000 to 2010 Change
Housing Units	2%
Tenure	
Owner	-23%
Renter	6%
Units Moved into Previous Five Years	-17%
<b>Age of Housing Stock</b>	<b>2010 Percent</b>
Less than 5 Years	1%
Less than 10 Years	2%
Less than 20 Years	6%
Less than 30 Years	12%
Less than 40 Years	19%
More than 50 Years	81%

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

## Gross Rent



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

# Community Resources

## Parks

		Acres
BLUE BANKS PARK	4800 Colorado Ave.	37.84
BLUE VALLEY PARK	E. 23rd St. & Topping Ave.	238.5
BROWN, SANFORD PLAZA	Linwood Boulevard & Brooklyn Ave.	3.09
CENTRAL PARK	Linwood Boulevard & Bales Ave.	11.89
CHELSEA PARK	E. 27th St. & Chelsea Ave.	3.19
CLEVELAND PARK	E. 43rd St. & Cleveland Ave.	29.04
CYPRESS PARK	E. 29th St. & Cypress Ave.	5.19
DUNBAR PARK	E. 36th St. & Oakley Ave.	2.94
EASTWOOD PARK	Sni-A-Bar Road & Bennington Ave.	3.80
IVANHOE PARK	E. 43rd St. & Brooklyn Ave.	11.56
KING, MARTIN LUTHER, JR., SQUARE	Swope Parkway & Woodland Ave.	42
LIBERTY PARK	E. 34th Terr. & Stadium Dr.	17.78
LINWOOD GREEN	Linwood Boulevard, from Lister Ave. to Poplar Ave.	17.70
OAK PARK	E. 43rd St. & Agnes Ave.	6.49
PAIGE, SATCHEL, STADIUM	5200 E. 51st St.	12.7
SANTA FE TRAIL PARK	E. 23rd St. & Topping Ave.	34.89
SEVEN OAKS PARK	E. 39th St. & Kensington Ave.	11.23
TOWN FORK CREEK GREENWAY	Blue Parkway & Cleveland Ave., south to E. 59th St. & S. Benton Ave.	68.19
VAN BRUNT PARK	Van Brunt Boulevard & E. 16th St.	13.2
VINEYARD PARK	E. 40th Terr. & Vineyard Dr.	30.50

Source: Kansas City Dept. of Parks and Recreation

## Community Center

Brush Creek	3801 Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.	Kansas City	MO
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Source: Kansas City Dept. of Parks and Recreation

## Food Pantry

ALLEN CHAPEL AME CHURCH	4125 Benton Blvd.	Kansas City	MO
LINWOOD UNITED CHURCH - FOOD PANTRY	3151 Olive Street	Kansas City	MO
MOUNT SINAI MISSIONARY BAPTIST	3634 Brooklyn Avenue	Kansas City	MO
SAINT ANDREWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	4601 Benton Blvd.	Kansas City	MO
SAINT AUGUSTINE EPISCOPAL	2732 Benton Blvd.	Kansas City	MO
SHILOH MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH - FOOD PANTRY	3001 Cleveland	Kansas City	MO
UNITED BELIEVERS COMMUNITY OUTREACH	5445 E. 29th St.	Kansas City	MO
ZION GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH	2801 Swope Parkway	Kansas City	MO

Source: United Way of Greater Kansas City

# Community Resources

## Soup Kitchens

LINWOOD UNITED CHURCH - WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY LUNCH	3151 Olive Street	Kansas City	MO
METROPOLITAN A.M.E. ZION CHURCH	2828 Prospect	Kansas City	MO

Source: United Way of Greater Kansas City

## Nursing Homes

PARKWAY HEALTH AND REHAB	2323 SWOPE PARKWAY	KANSAS CITY	MO
HOUSE OF CARE CENTER	3744 BENTON BLVD	KANSAS CITY	MO
CARRIE DUMAS LONG TERM CARE FACILITY	2836 BENTON BLVD	KANSAS CITY	MO

Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

## Health Centers

Kansas City Free Health Clinic - Eastside	5119 E 24th St	Kansas City	MO
Samuel U. Rodgers South Therapeutic Intervention Center - Substance Abuse	2701 E 31st St	Kansas City	MO
Swope Health Services - Central	3801 Blue Parkway	Kansas City	MO
Veterans Affairs Medical Center	4801 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO

Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

# Community Resources

## Churches

Allen-Chapel AME Church	4125 Benton Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Apostolic Assembly	2425 Oakley Ave	Kansas City	MO
Ararat Temple Bingo	5100 Ararat Dr	Kansas City	MO
Avondale Baptist Church	2501 NE 39th St	Kansas City	MO
Bethel AME Church	3049 E. 32nd St.	Kansas City	MO
Berean Bible Church	4408 Park Ave	Kansas City	MO
Bethesda Baptist Church	5800 E 35th Ter.	Kansas City	MO
Bethlehem Antioch Baptist Church	3034 Montgall Ave.	Kansas City	MO
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Blue Valley Missionary Baptist	4500 E 31st St	Kansas City	MO
Canaan Baptist Church	3745 Chestnut Ave	Kansas City	MO
Central Christian Church	3801 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Christ Disciples Evangelistic	3842 Indiana Ave	Kansas City	MO
Christian Fellowship Mnstrs	3151 Olive St	Kansas City	MO
Church Of Christ Pentecostal	4113 E 27th St	Kansas City	MO
Church Of God In Christ	2500 Mersington Ave	Kansas City	MO
Church Of The Living God	3500 Jackson Ave	Kansas City	MO
Church Triumphant World	5101 Bristol Ave	Kansas City	MO
Citadel Of Prayer Ministries	4110 Prospect Ave	Kansas City	MO
Cleveland Avenue Baptist Chr	2853 Cleveland Ave	Kansas City	MO
Community Fellowship Church	3838 Van Brunt Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Community Mission Baptist Chr	4309 Norton Ave	Kansas City	MO
Community Progressive Baptist	4920 E 31st St	Kansas City	MO
Corinthian Baptist Church	6841 Sni A Bar Rd	Kansas City	MO
Cornerstone Missionary Baptist	2911 E 37th St	Kansas City	MO
Day Star Worship	3809 Brooklyn Ave.	Kansas City	MO
Deeper Life In Christ Church	4425 Prospect Ave	Kansas City	MO
Deliverance Temple Church	4441 Kensington Ave	Kansas City	MO
East Side Missionary Bap Chr	6401 E 38th St	Kansas City	MO
Ebenezer AME Church	3808 E Emanuel Cleaver Ii Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Ebenezer Missionary Baptist	2422 Van Brunt Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Eternal Life Missionary Bap	3501 Elmwood Ave	Kansas City	MO
Faith Worship Family Ctr	3704 E 27th St	Kansas City	MO
Fellowship Right Baptist Church	3501 Elmwood Ave	Kansas City	MO
First Church Of Christ Hlns	2425 Van Brunt Blvd	Kansas City	MO
First Haitian Baptist Church	2400 Kensington Ave	Kansas City	MO
Flipper Memorial AME Church	4242 Cleveland Ave	Kansas City	MO
Friendship Baptist Church	3530 Chelsea Dr	Kansas City	MO
Full Face Christian Ctr	7304 Sni A Bar Rd	Kansas City	MO
Gethsemane Non-Denominational	4119 E. 27th St.	Kansas City	MO
Gilbert Memorial AME	3700 Topping Ave	Kansas City	MO
Good Shepherd Spiritual Church	4104 Prospect Ave	Kansas City	MO
Gospel Hall	4603 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO

Source: Yellow Pages

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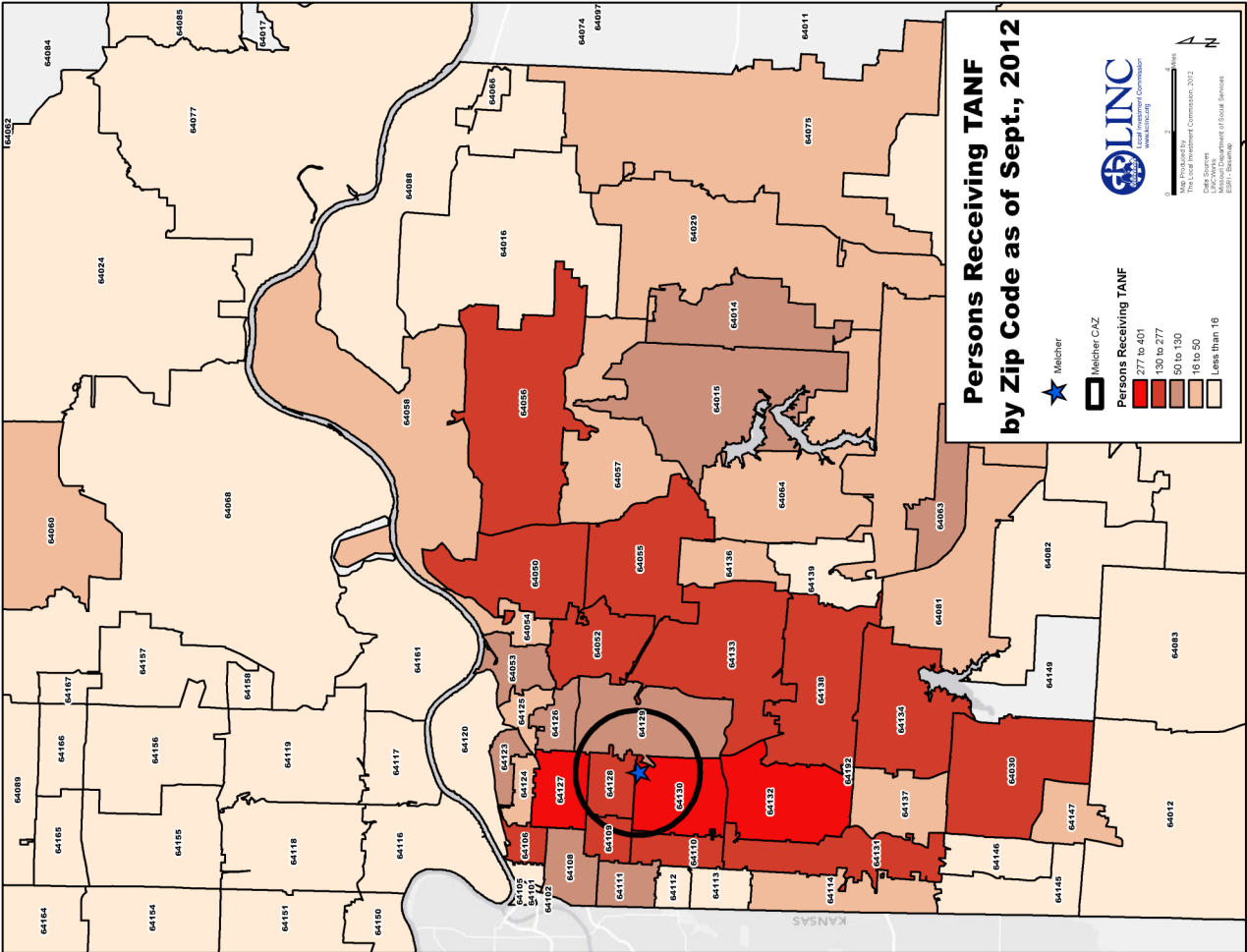
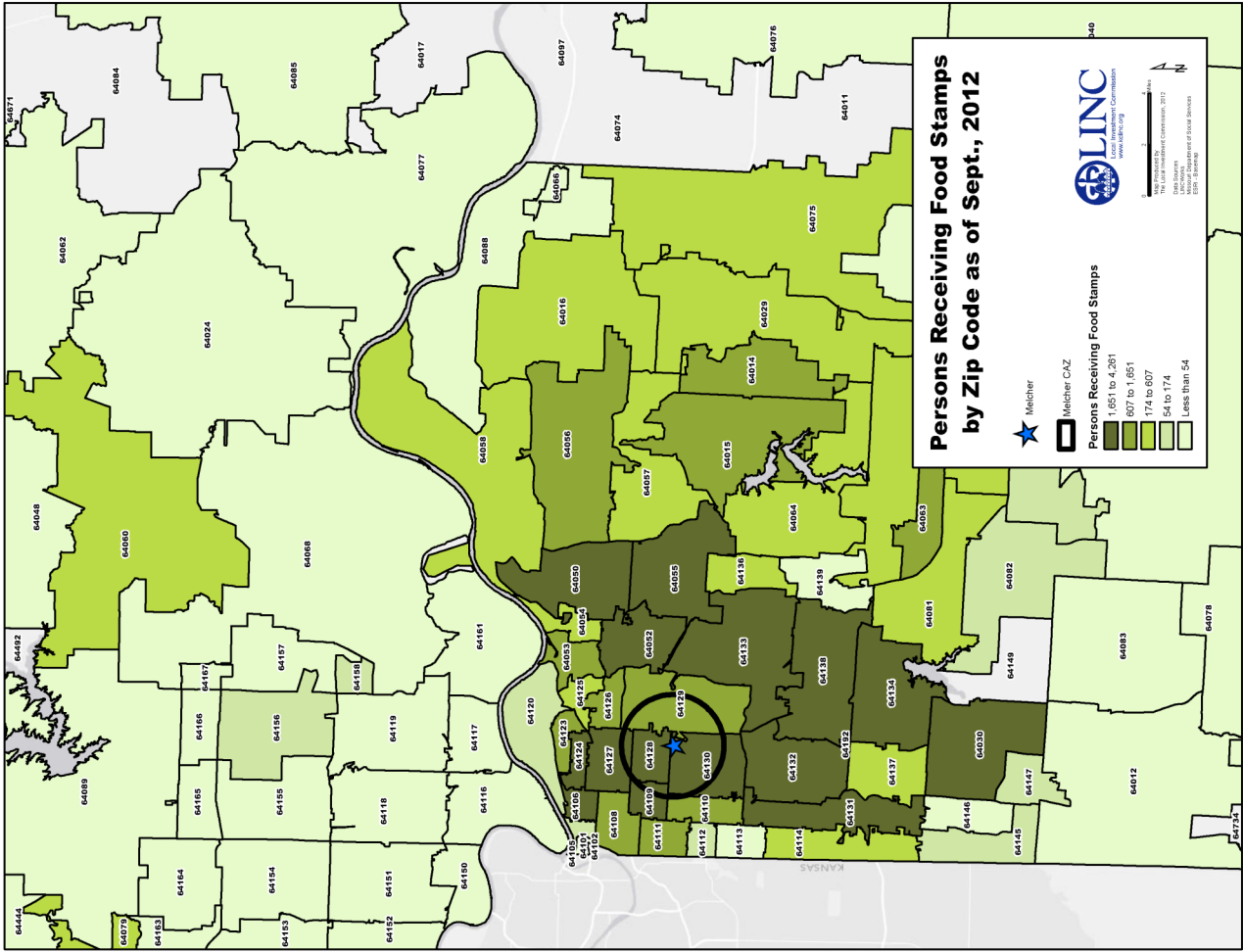
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Greater Monumental Baptist Chr	2616 E 39th St	Kansas City	MO
Greater Mount Zion Baptist Chr	4600 Cleveland Ave	Kansas City	MO
Greendale Baptist Church	5445 E 29th St	Kansas City	MO
Gregg Tabernacle AME Church	1812 E 37th St	Kansas City	MO
Haven Of Rest Baptist Church	2637 E 28th St	Kansas City	MO
Heavensway Missionary Baptist	4242 E 54th Ter	Kansas City	MO
Holiness Evangelistic Church	3414 E 27th St	Kansas City	MO
House Of Prayer Pentecostal	3911 Spruce Ave	Kansas City	MO
Infallible Word Church	2911 Monroe Ave	Kansas City	MO
Inner City River Four Church	5101 E. 24th St.	Kansas City	MO
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It Is Written	2711 Troost Ave	Kansas City	MO
Jamison Temple Christian Chr	3115 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Jehovah's Witnesses	3601 E 53rd St	Kansas City	MO
Jehovah's Witnesses	4400 E 31st St	Kansas City	MO
Life Tabernacle Pentecostal	3700 Brooklyn Ave	Kansas City	MO
Linwood United Church	3151 Olive St	Kansas City	MO
Linwood Boulevard 7th Day Adventist Temple	4300 E. Linwood Blvd.	Kansas City	MO
Mariah Walker AME Church	2704 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Metropolitan AME Zion Church	2828 Prospect Ave	Kansas City	MO
Metropolitan Missionary Bapt	2310 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO
Miracle Temple Christian Ctr	3301 Indiana Ave	Kansas City	MO
Miracle Valley Ministries	5240 E 30th St	Kansas City	MO
Mt Ararat Baptist Church	4101 Agnes Ave	Kansas City	MO
Mt Carmel Missionary Baptist	2747 Cleveland Ave	Kansas City	MO
Mt Moriah Terrace Park	5001 Agnes Ave	Kansas City	MO
Mt Nebo Baptist Church	5445 Cleveland Ave	Kansas City	MO
Mt. Horeb Baptist Ministries	3307 E. 26th St.	Kansas City	MO
Mount of Transfiguration Baptist	3307 E. 26th St.	Kansas City	MO
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Mt Sinai Missionary Baptist	3634 Brooklyn Ave	Kansas City	MO
Mt Tabor Missioiary Baptist	4126 Indiana Ave	Kansas City	MO
Mt Vernon Eaj Fellowship	3915 Prospect Ave	Kansas City	MO
Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church	3925 Prospect Ave.	Kansas City	MO
National Baptist Convention Of	2360 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO
New Day Apostolic Church	4100 Indiana Ave	Kansas City	MO
New Hebron Missionary Baptist	2702 Mersington Ave	Kansas City	MO
New Horizon Missionary Baptist Church	3601 Indiana Ave.	Kansas City	MO
New Solid Rock Missionary Chr	5007 E 24th St	Kansas City	MO
New Testament House Of Prayer	3908 Agnes Ave	Kansas City	MO

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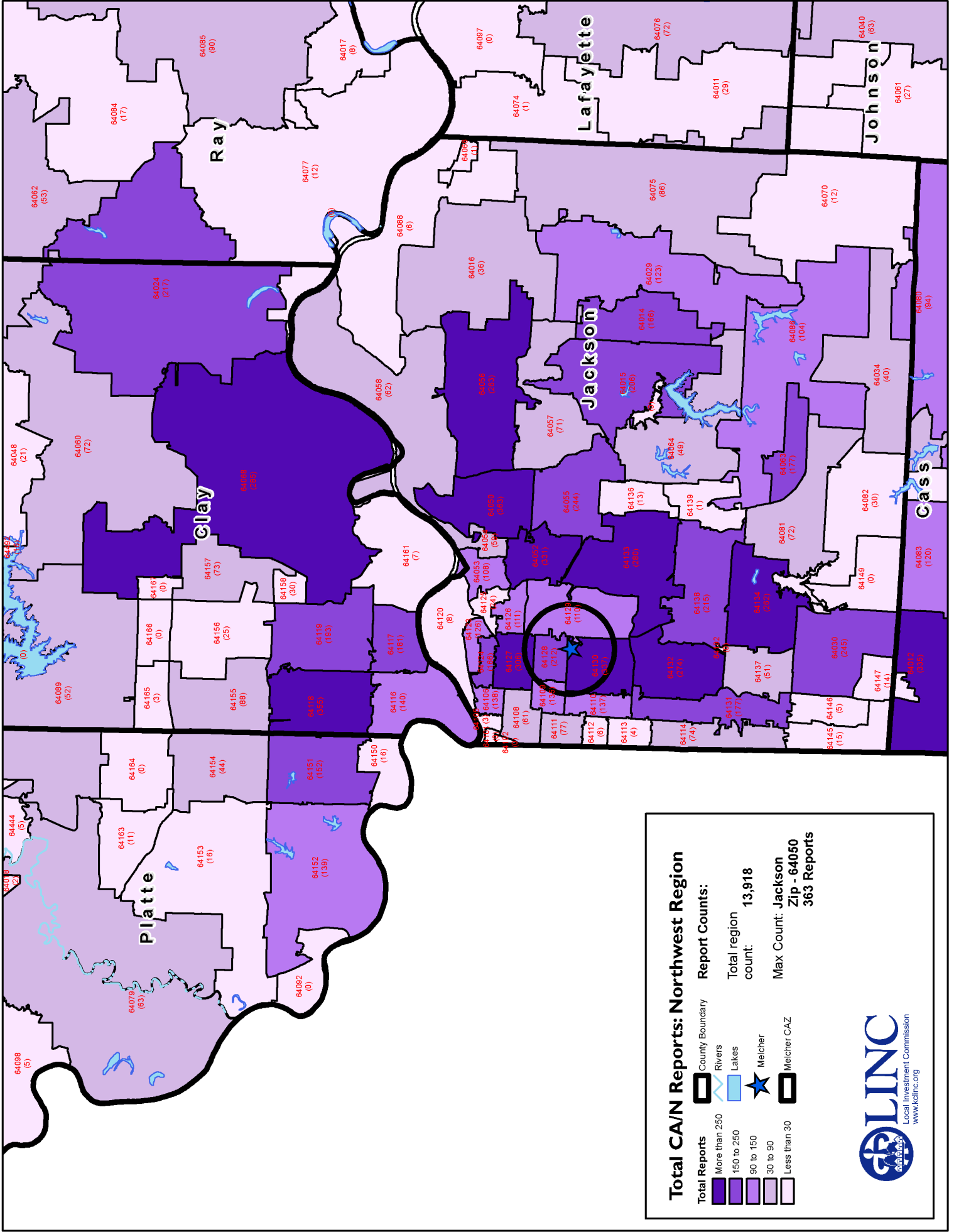
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Palestine Missionary Baptist	3619 E 35th St	Kansas City	MO
Park Avenue Baptist Church	3601 Jackson Ave	Kansas City	MO
Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church	3350 Hardesty Ave	Kansas City	MO
Pleasant Green Baptist Church	2910 E 30th St	Kansas City	MO
Prince Of Peace Missionary Chr	4238 Prospect Ave	Kansas City	MO
Prince-Peace Missionary Bapt	4301 Wabash Ave	Kansas City	MO
Progressive Baptist Church	2945 Bales Ave	Kansas City	MO
Rescue Baptist Church	2901 Indiana Ave	Kansas City	MO
Resurrection Baptist Church	4042 Indiana Ave	Kansas City	MO
Rightway Missionary Baptist	4930 E 39th St	Kansas City	MO
Rising Star Missionary Baptist	2701 E 43rd St	Kansas City	MO
Rock Of Ages Baptist Church	3806 Prospect Ave	Kansas City	MO
Rosser-SIMPSON CME Church	2908 Indiana Ave	Kansas City	MO
Second Baptist Church	3620 E 39th St	Kansas City	MO
Seventh Day Adventist Church	4300 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO
St Andrew United Methodist Chr	4601 Benton Blvd	Kansas City	MO
St Augustines Episcopal Church	2732 Benton Blvd	Kansas City	MO
St. Luke Memorial Church	3100 E. 31st St	Kansas City	MO
St Mark's Baptist Church	4300 E 31st St	Kansas City	MO
St Mathew Missionary Bptst	2835 Indiana Ave	Kansas City	MO
St Matthew's AME Zion Church	4400 E Linwood Blvd	Kansas City	MO
St Paul Presbyterian Church	2910 Victor St	Kansas City	MO
St Paul United Presbyterian	2910 Victor St	Kansas City	MO
St Thomas Missionary Bapt Ch	2015 E 43rd St	Kansas City	MO
Starlight Baptist Church	2844 Askew Ave	Kansas City	MO
Sunrise Baptist Church	3301 Cypress Ave	Kansas City	MO
Thirty-Fifth Street Baptist	5315 E 35th St	Kansas City	MO
True Faith Missionary Baptist	3206 E. 27th St.	Kansas City	MO
United Believers Community Chr	5445 E 29th St.	Kansas City	MO
Victory Outreach	2411 Kensington Ave	Kansas City	MO
Victory Outreach	2547 Jackson Ave	Kansas City	MO
Victory Way Most High God Chr	3023 Monroe Ave	Kansas City	MO
Wabash Avenue Church Of God	3541 Wabash Ave	Kansas City	MO
Westminster Baptist Church	4733 Elmwood Ave	Kansas City	MO
Words Way Christian Fellowship	3943 Brooklyn Ave	Kansas City	MO
Zion Grove Baptist Church	2801 Swope Pkwy	Kansas City	MO

Source: Yellow Pages







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

**Total Reports**    **Report Counts:**  
 More than 250    Rivers  
 150 to 250    Lakes  
 90 to 150    Melcher  
 30 to 90    Melcher CAZ  
 Less than 30

**Total region count: 13,918**

**Max Count: Jackson**  
**Zip - 64050**  
**363 Reports**



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# Data Resources

City of Kansas City, Mo.

Jackson County, Mo.

Kansas City Free Health Clinic

Kansas City Parks and Recreation Department

Kansas City Public Schools

Mid-America Regional Council

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Missouri Department of Social Services

Missouri Department of Health and Human Services

United States Census Bureau

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

United States Department of Labor

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