

# Topping

## Caring Communities

Data Book **September 2012**

A review and analysis of the community surrounding the Caring Communities site located at Topping 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 more than 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 Topping Caring Communities Data Book is intended to provide useful information for decision-makers of the Topping 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 Topping Caring Communities Site Coordinator. The book is also available to download for free at [www.kclinc.org/topping](http://www.kclinc.org/topping)



### **Topping Caring Communities** **Established 2010**

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## Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)

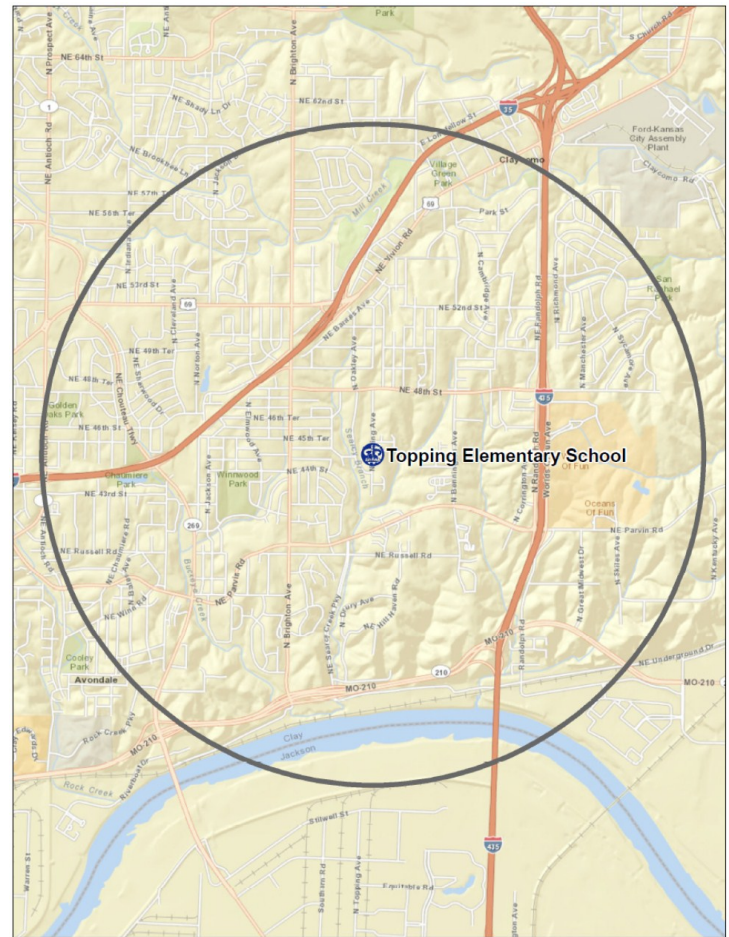
The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the Topping community was established using Topping Elementary School as a reference point and includes the area within a two-mile radius of the school (the black circle in the map at right).

The CAZ delimits an area that overlaps, but is not identical to, the Topping 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 Topping CAZ and the “Topping 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; Clay 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 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

## Topping Elementary

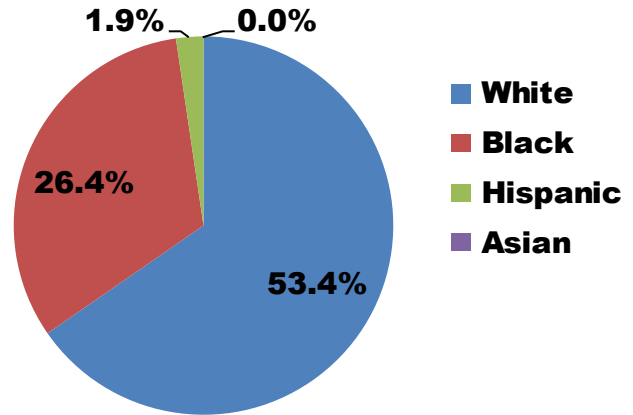
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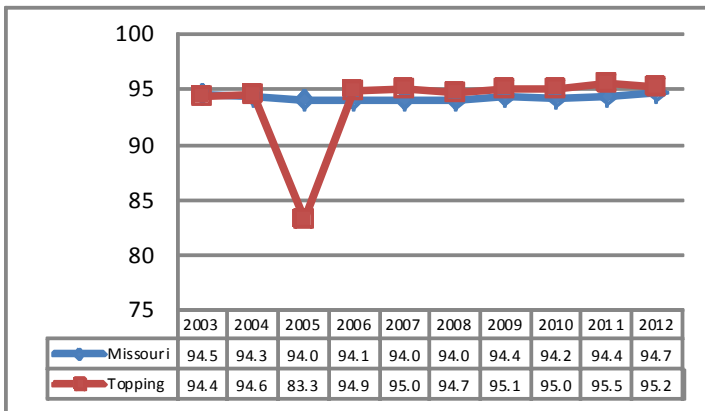
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## 2011 Student Demographics



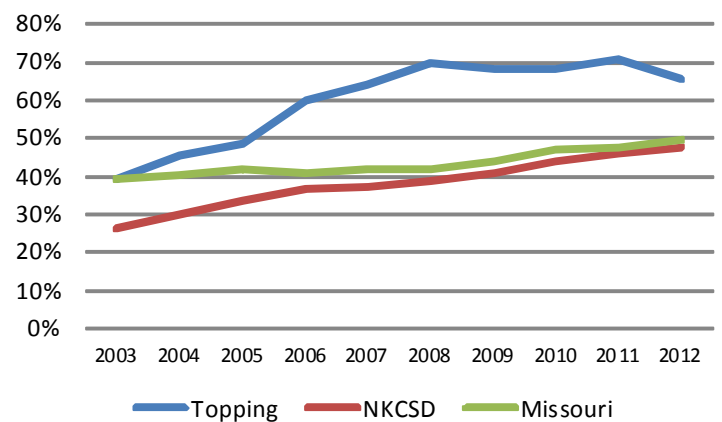
Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

## 2012 Student Attendance Rate



Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

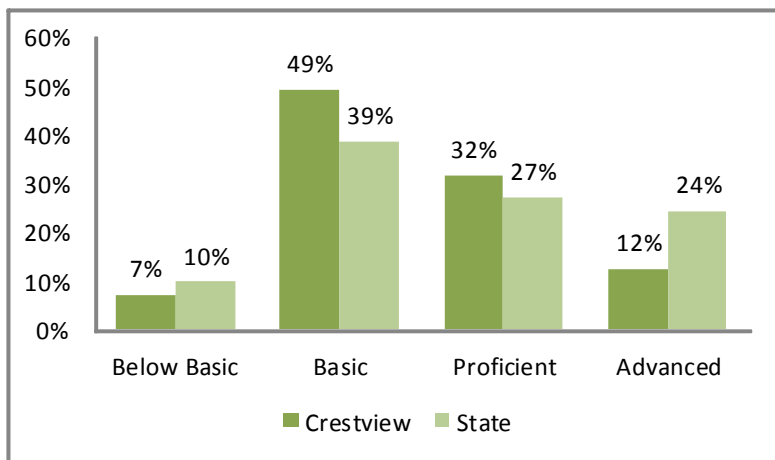
## Free/Reduced Lunch



Source: Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education

## 2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)

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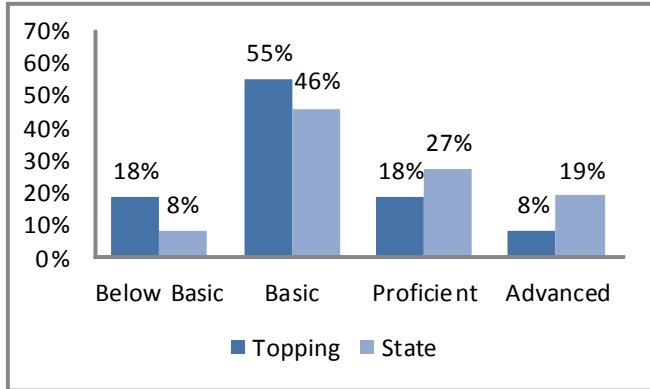


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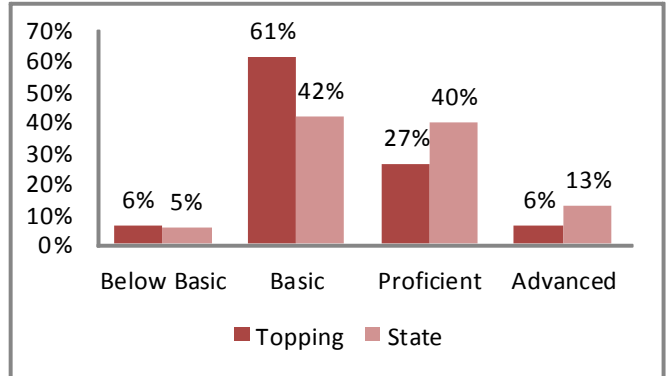
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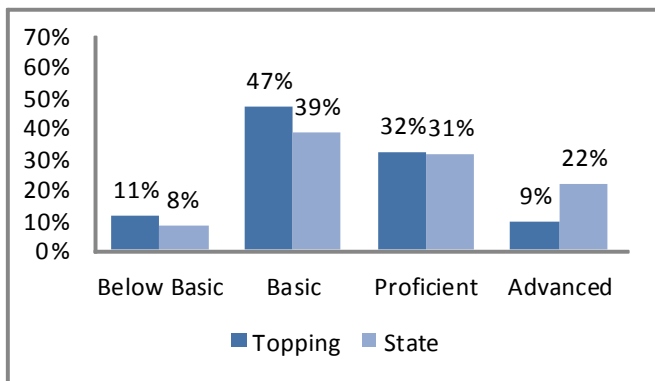
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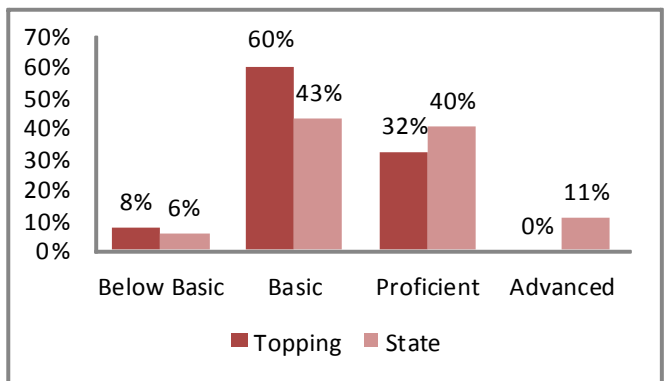
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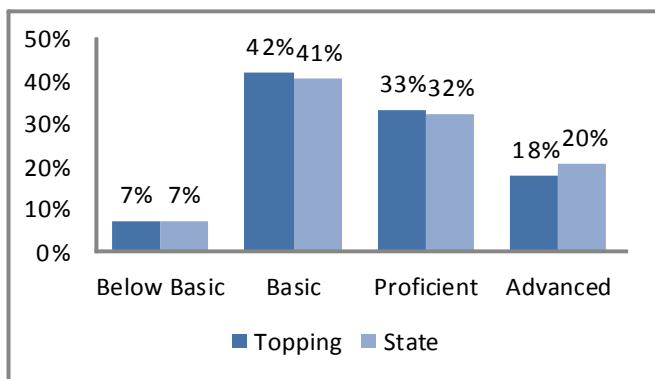
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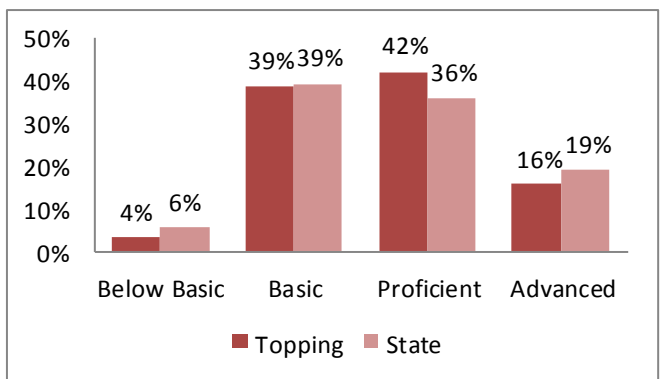
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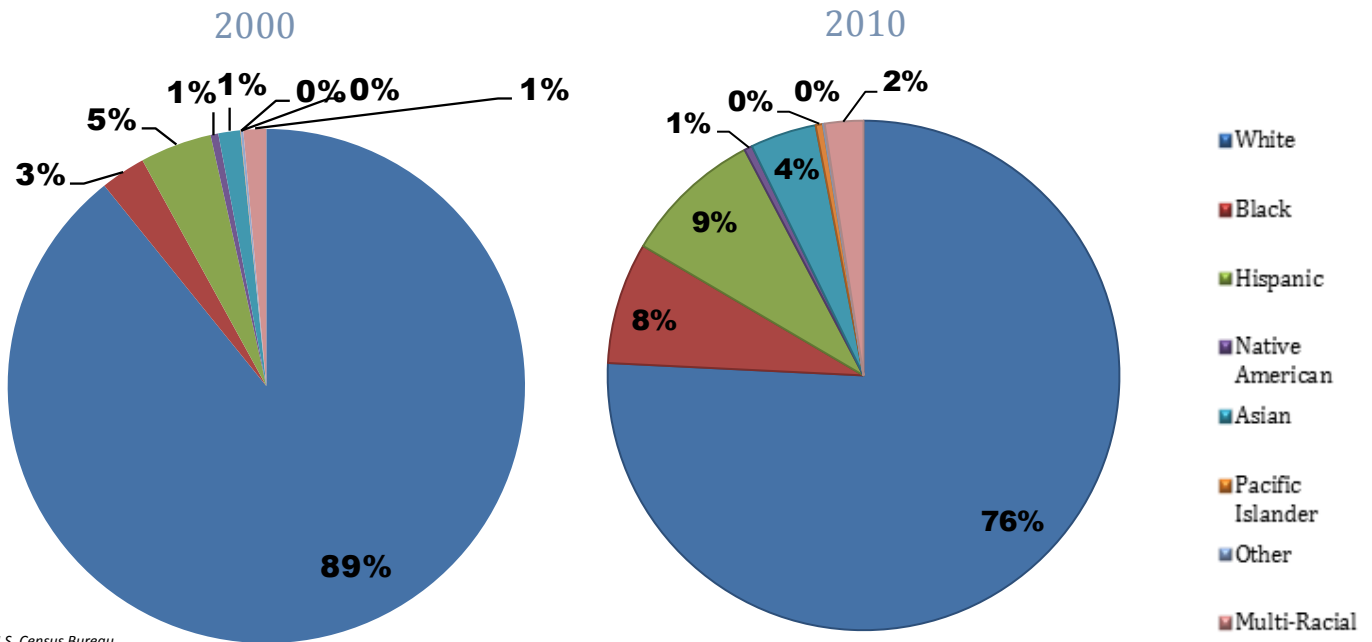


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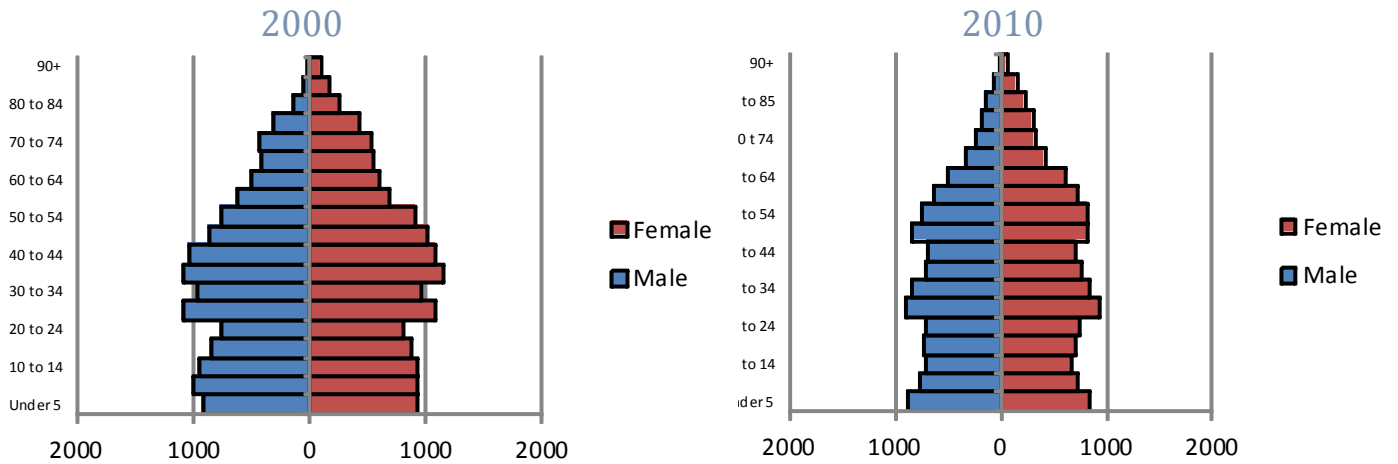
# Demographics

## 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>26,820</b>	<b>17,195</b>	<b>-36%</b>
<b>Total Families</b>	<b>7,405</b>	<b>5,172</b>	<b>-30%</b>
<b>Married Families</b>	<b>5,595</b>	<b>3,790</b>	<b>-32%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	2,495	1,674	-33%
<b>Single Father Families</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>25%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	266	343	29%
<b>Female Single Parent Families</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>0%</b>
With Children Under Age 18	944	925	-2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

# Economy

	Topping	Clay County
<b>Median Income</b>	\$54,412	\$58,560
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	6.8%	3.5%

## Poverty

	Topping	Clay County
<b>2000</b>	6.2%	5.5%
<b>2010</b>	8.3%	7.8%

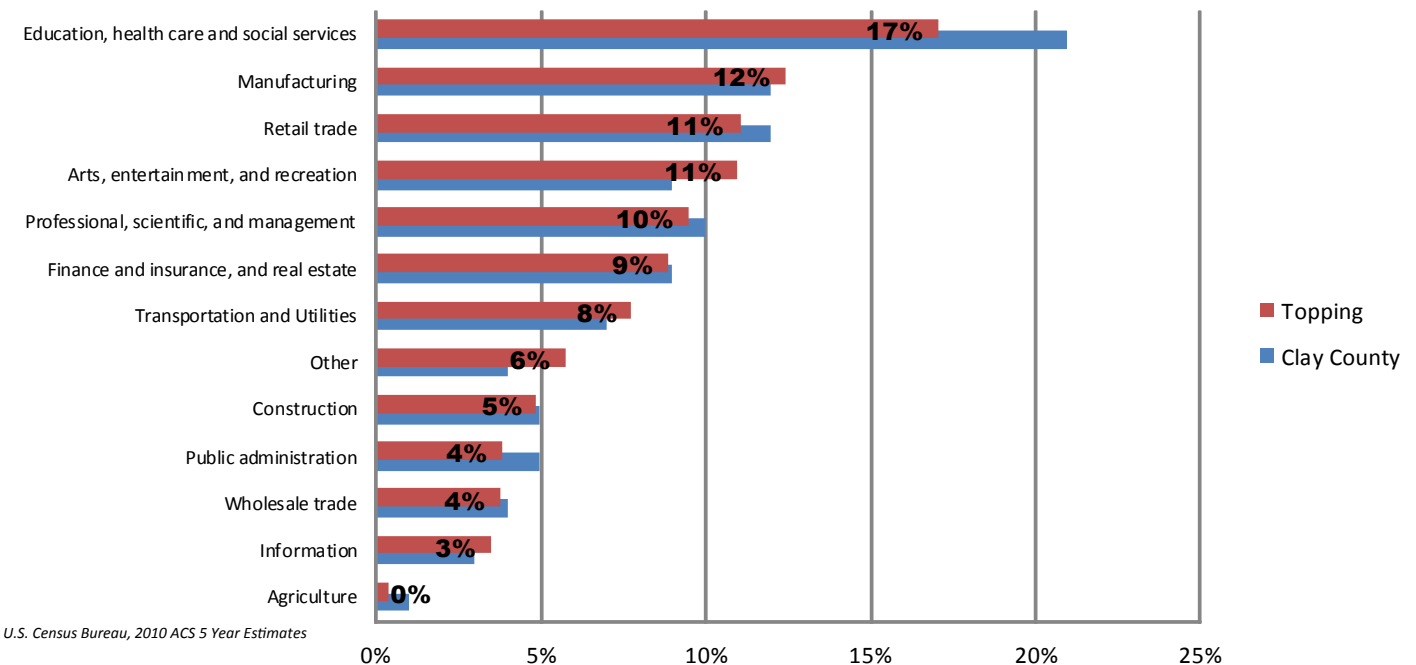
U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

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

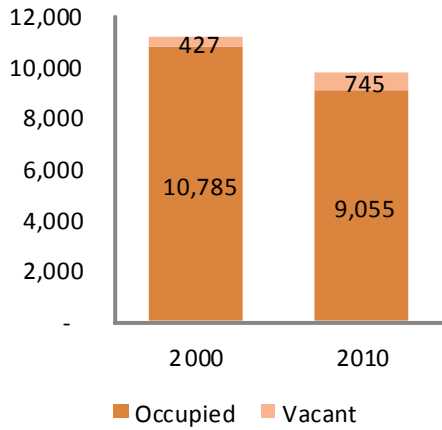


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# Housing

## Vacant Houses



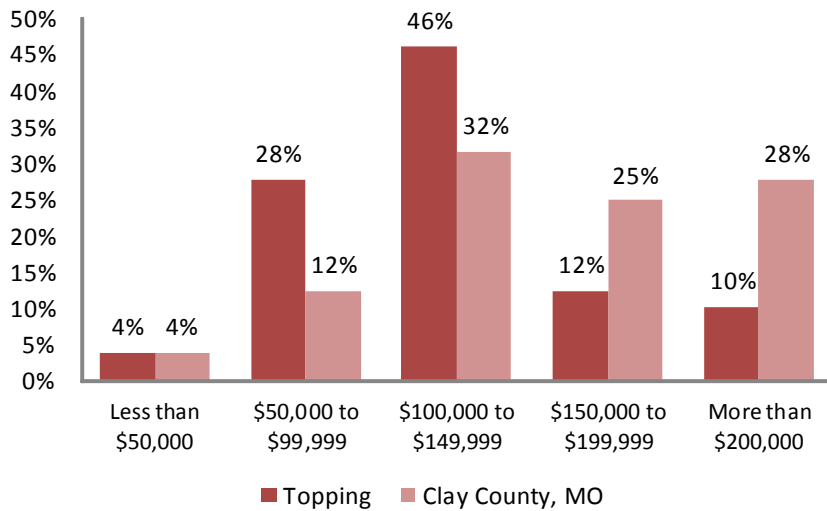
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

## Vacancy Rate

	2000	2010
<b>Topping</b>	3.8%	7.6%
<b>Clay County</b>	4.8%	7.1%

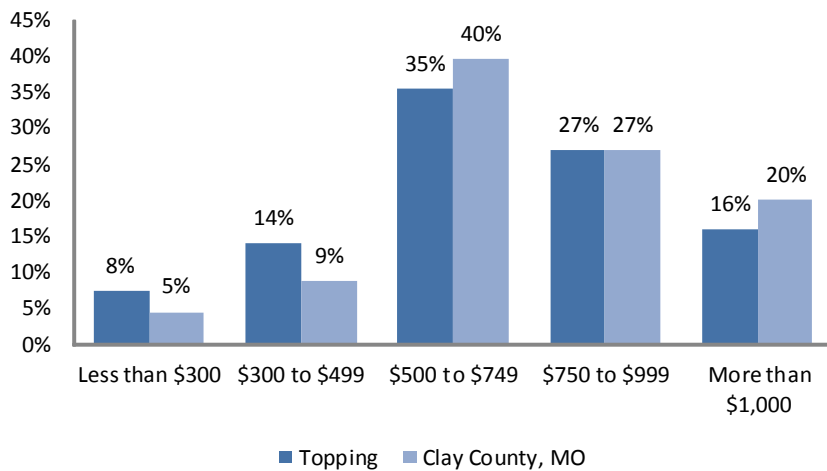
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

## 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	-13%
Tenure	
Owner	-56%
Renter	85%
Units Moved into Previous Five Years	-33%
<b>Age of Housing Stock</b>	<b>2010 Percent</b>
Less than 5 Years	3%
Less than 10 Years	9%
Less than 20 Years	19%
Less than 30 Years	28%
Less than 40 Years	43%
More than 50 Years	57%

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

# Community Resources

## Parks

		Acres
Big Shoal Greenway	NE 56th St., from N. Antioch to Tornton's Mill Creek	103.08
Brookhill Park	NE 58th St. and N. Jackson Ave.	13.86
Buckeye Greenway	MO Hwy 210 and N. Brighton	72.40
Chaumiere Woods	NE 43rd St. and N. Indiana Ave.	15.4
Chouteau Greenway	NE 38th St. to NE 43rd St.	38.71
Chouteau Park	NE 42nd St. and Chouteau Trfwy	7.38
Hidden Valley Park	NE Russell Rd. and N. Bennington Ave.	193.2
Lakewood Greenway	I 35 to Penguin Park	63.55
Penguin Park	NE Vivion Rd. and N. Norton Ave.	3.42
Riverfront Park	Riverfront Rd. and N. Monroe Ave.	0.63
San Rafael Park	NE 53rd St. and San Rafael Dr.	26.17
Winnwood Park	NE 44th St. and N. Cypress Ave.	18.95

Source: Kansas City, MO Dept. of Parks and Recreation

## Food Pantries

Avondale United Methodist Church	3101 NE Winn Rd., Kansas City, MO
SAINTE GABRIEL ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH	4737 N. Cleveland
Winnwood Baptist Church	1900 NE Englewood Rd., Kansas City, MO
WINWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH	4519 N. Jackson Avenue
Hillside Christian Church	900 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO
Hope WRX—Food Pantry	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

# Community Resources

## Churches

Avondale United Methodist	3135 NE Winn Rd., Kansas City, MO
Beth Haven Church	4810 N Elmwood Ave, Kansas City, MO
Bethany Baptist Chapel	5740 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO
Bethel United Church Of Christ	4900 NE Parvin Rd, Kansas City, MO
Bible Fellowship Ctr	501 Randolph Rd, Randolph, MO
Church Of Christ Of Claycomo	232 E US Highway 69, Kansas City, MO
Church Of God Of Prophecy	4907 N Brighton Ave, Kansas City, MO
Church Of Jesus Christ Of Lds	5600 N Jackson Dr, Kansas City, MO
Church Of The Good Shepherd	4947 NE Chouteau Dr, Kansas City, MO
Eagle Heights Baptist Church	5600 N. Brighton Ave., Kansas City, MO
Faith Academy	4300 N Corrington Ave, Kansas City, MO
Grace Baptist Church	3101 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO
Harvest Church-Leadership Camp	4300 N. Corrington Ave., Kansas City, MO
Immanuel Presbyterian Church	3800 NE Parvin Rd, Kansas City, MO
Jesus Name Pentecostal Church	5225 N Brighton Pl, Kansas City, MO
Mc Murry United Methodist Chr	25 Eugene Field Rd, Kansas City, MO
Metro Church Of Kansas City	4735 N Brighton Ave, Kansas City, MO
Metro Life Church	4300 NE Parvin Rd, Kansas City, MO
Minneville Assembly Of God	6929 NE 49th St, Kansas City, MO
Moment Of Truth Bible Church	310 S Randolph Rd, Kansas City, MO
North Plains Baptist Church	307 E Us Highway 69, Kansas City, MO
Northland Christian Church	6120 NE 48th St, Kansas City, MO
Randolph Baptist Church	500 Randolph Rd, Randolph, MO
Salvation Army	4300 NE Parvin Rd, Kansas City, MO
Sherwood Bible Church	4900 N Norton Ave, Kansas City, MO
St Gabriel's Church	4737 N Cleveland Ave, Kansas City, MO
St Luke Presbyterian Church	4301 NE Vivion Rd, Kansas City, MO
St Raphael's Church	5401 N Sycamore Ave, Kansas City, MO
Tower View Baptist Church	7301 NE 50th St, Kansas City, MO
Trinity Christian Ctr Assembly	5005 N Brighton Ave, Kansas City, MO
Winnwood Baptist Church	4513 N Jackson Ave, Kansas City, MO
Winnwood United Methodist Chr	4406 NE 45th Ter, Kansas City, MO

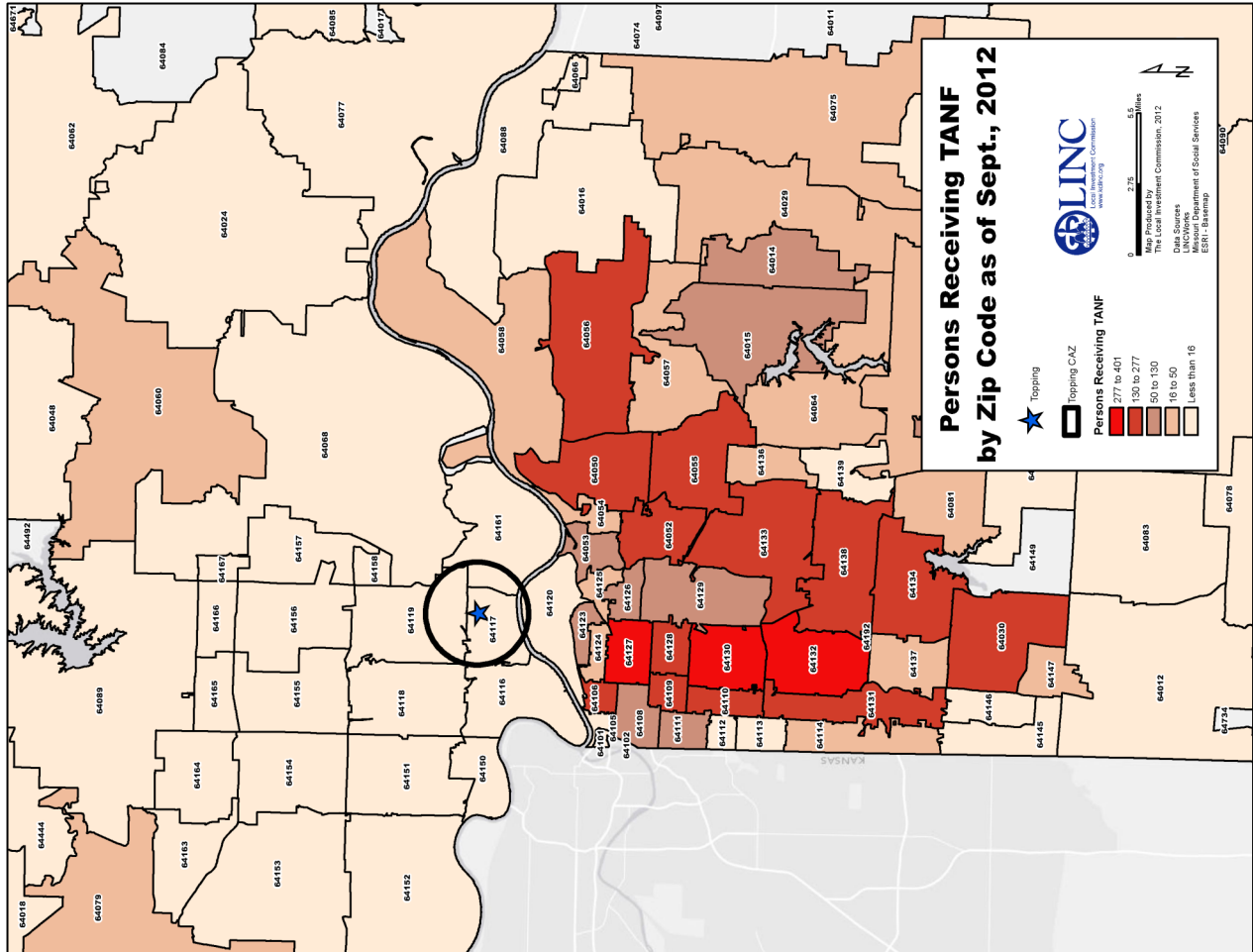
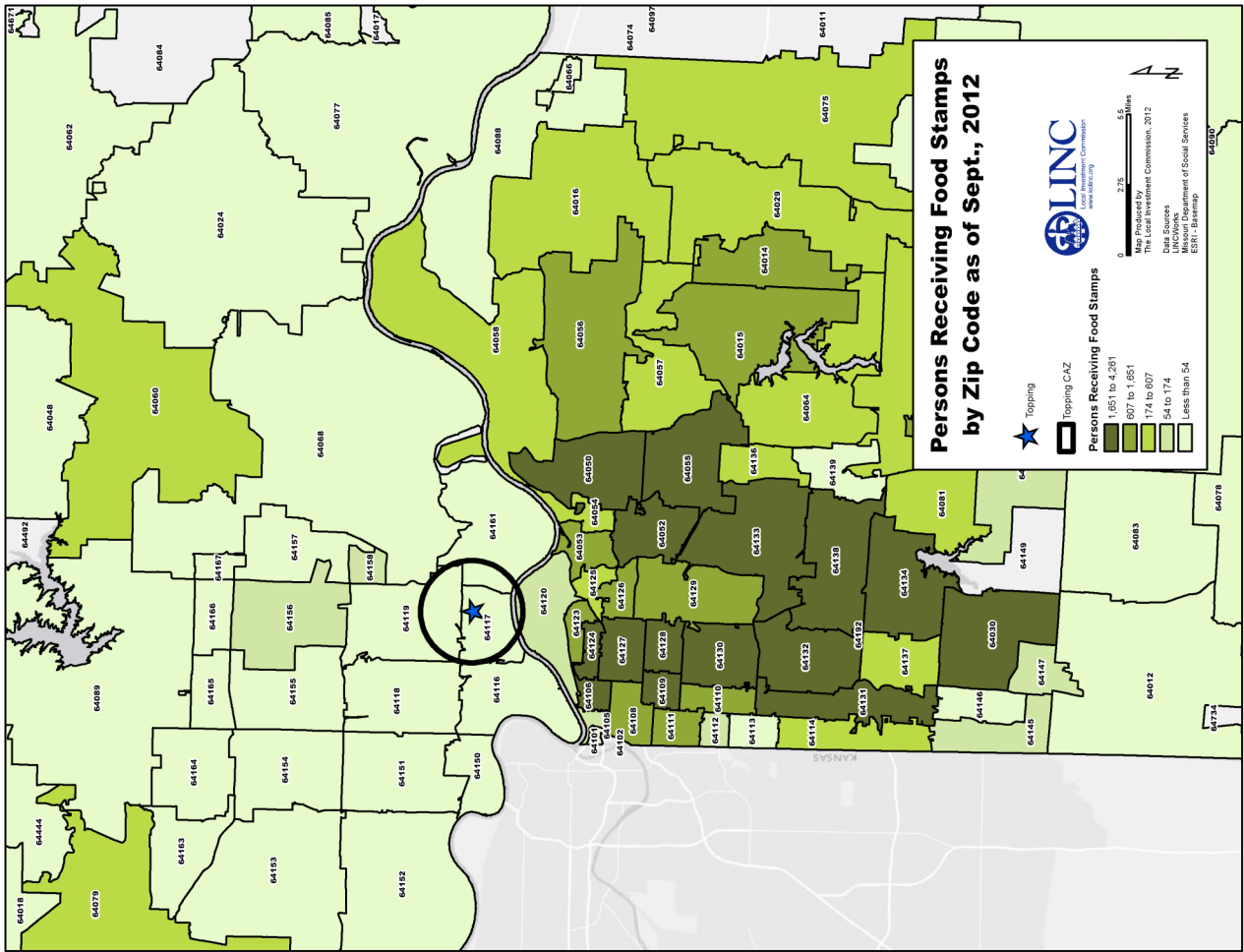
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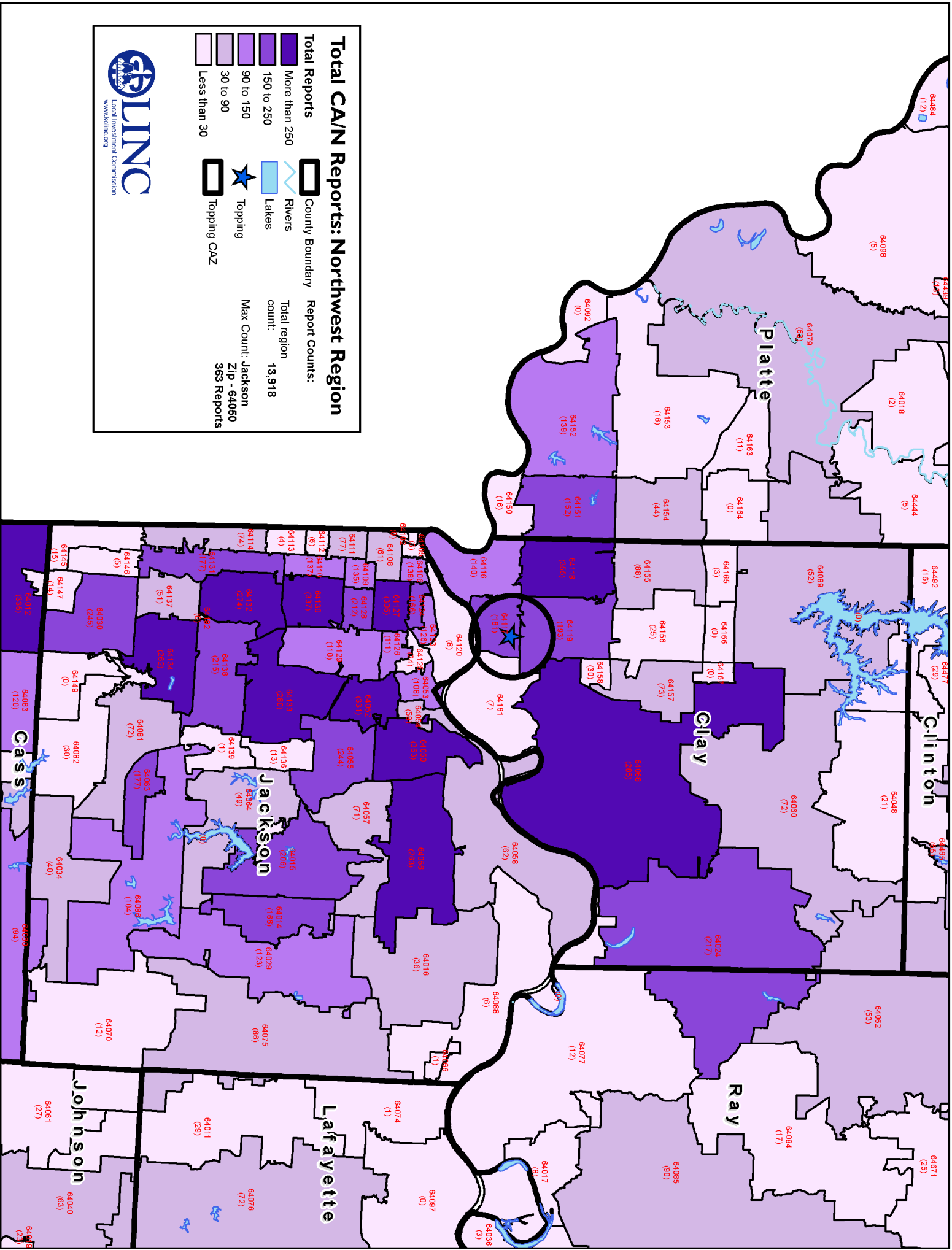
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## Health Care Facility

Tri-County Mental Health Services	5844 NE Russell Rd., Kansas City, MO
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*Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services*





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Clay County, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo. Department of Parks and Recreation

Kansas City Free Health Clinic

Kansas City Police and Fire Department

Mid-America Regional Council

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Missouri Department of Social Services

Missouri Department of Health and Human Services

North Kansas City Public School District

United States Census Bureau

United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

United States Department of Labor

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