

Little Blue

Caring Communities

Data Book March 2013

A review and analysis of the community surrounding the Caring Communities site located at Little Blue 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

About This Book

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



Little Blue Caring Communities Established 2012

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Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)

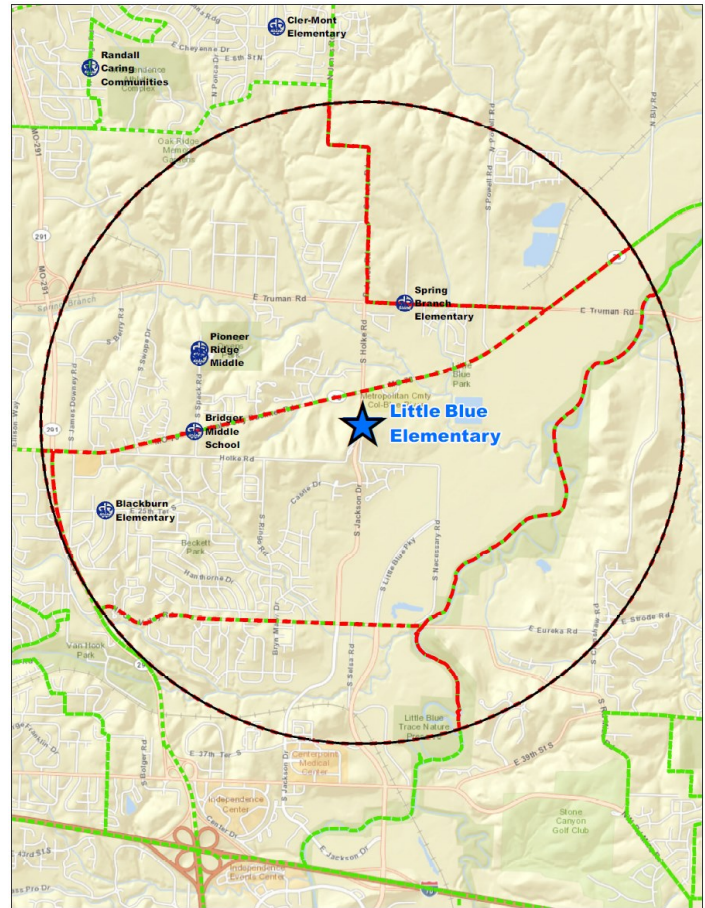
The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the Little Blue community was established using Little Blue Elementary School as a reference point and includes the area within a two-mile radius of the school (the black circle in the map at right).

The CAZ overlaps, but is not identical to, the Little Blue 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 Little Blue CAZ and the “Little Blue community” are the same, and the terms “CAZ” and “community” are used interchangeably.

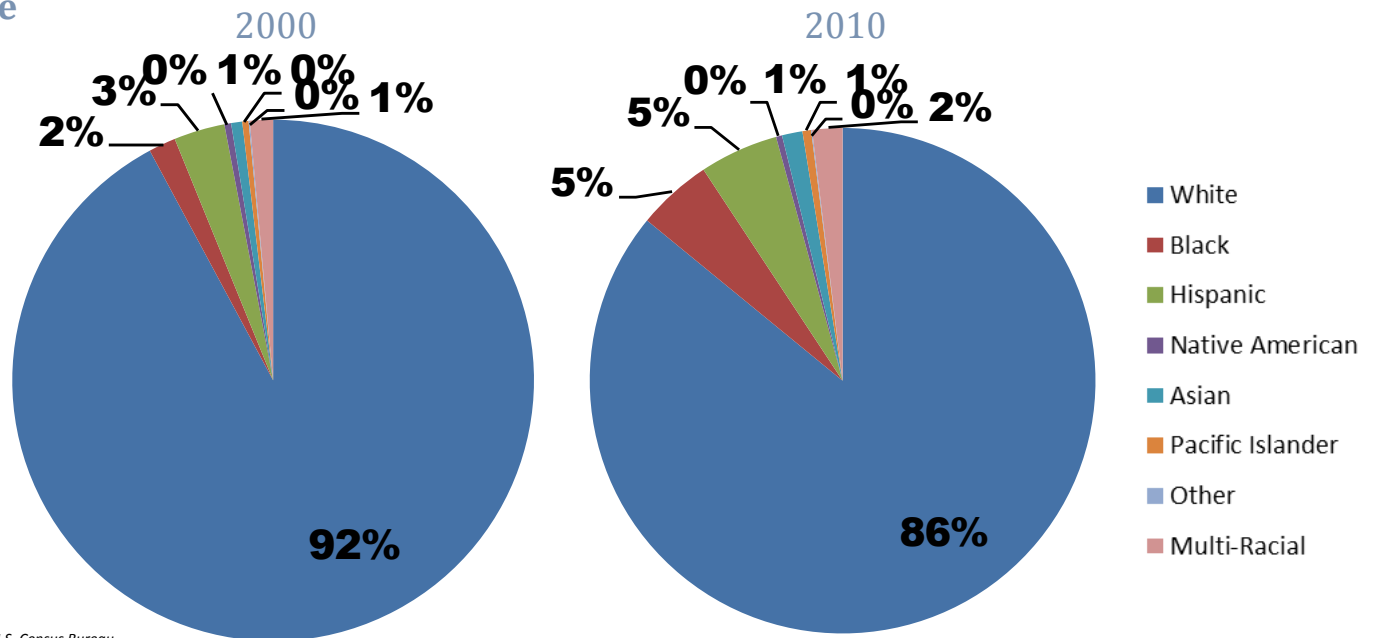
Data for the site book was obtained from a number of resources including but not limited to the City of Independence, Mo.; U.S. Census Bureau; Jackson County, Mo.; Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; United Way of Greater Kansas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



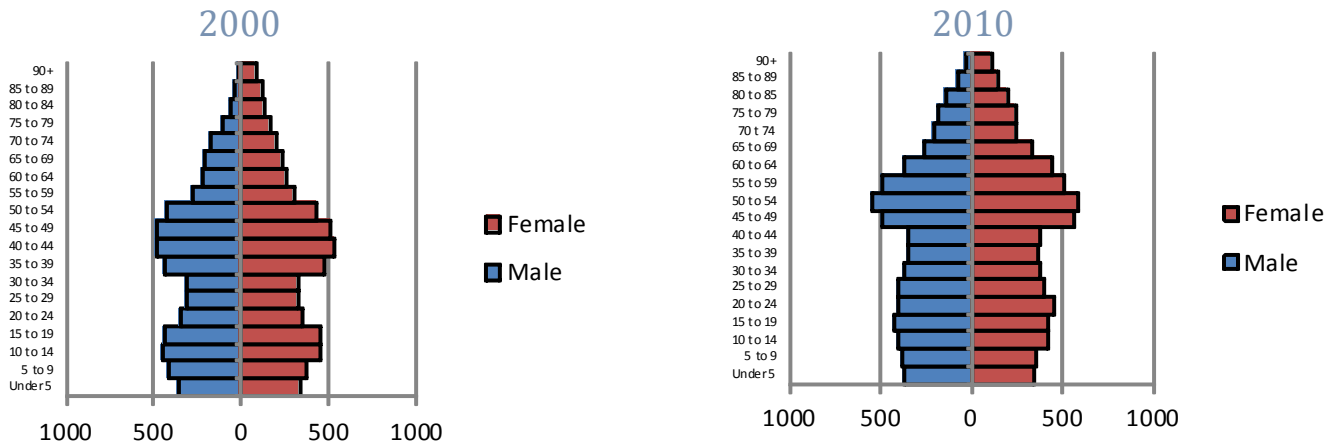
Demographics

Race



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Age by Sex



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Family Type with Related Children

	2000	2010	% Change
Total Population	11,625	13,110	11%
Total Families	3,234	3,541	9%
Married Families	2,620	2,736	4%
With Children Under Age 18	1,188	1,019	-17%
Single Father Families	165	216	24%
With Children Under Age 18	109	134	19%
Female Single Parent Families	449	590	24%
With Children Under Age 18	314	369	15%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Economy

	Little Blue	Jackson County
Median Income	\$64,742	\$46,252
Unemployment Rate	6.8%	8.8%

Source: U.S. Census

Poverty

	Little Blue	Jackson County
2000	4.9%	11.9%
2010	7.5%	15.7%

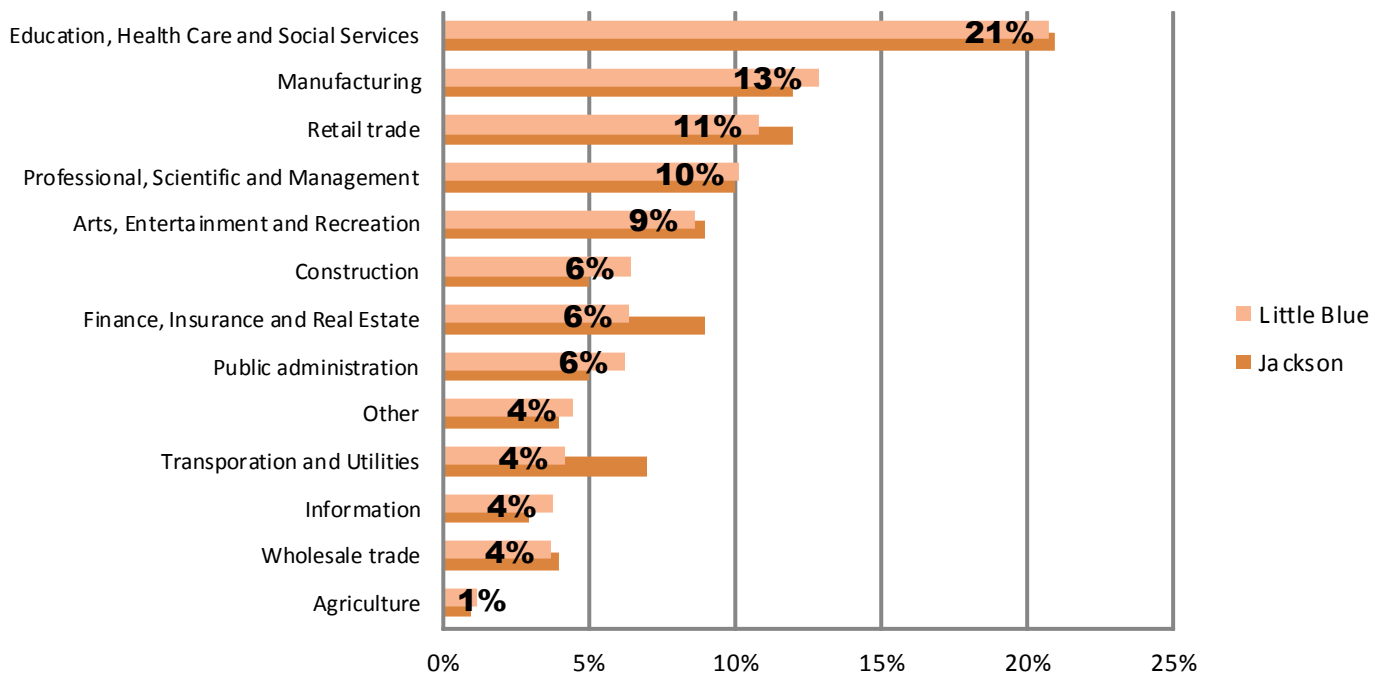
U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

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

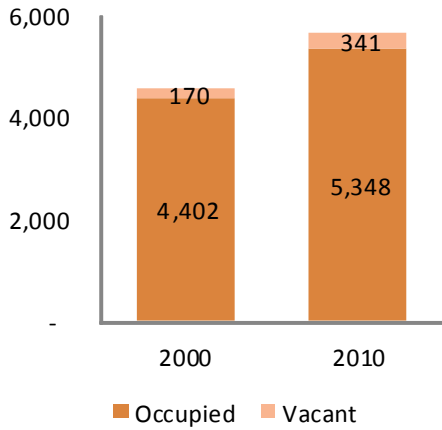
Employment by Industry



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

Housing

Vacant Houses



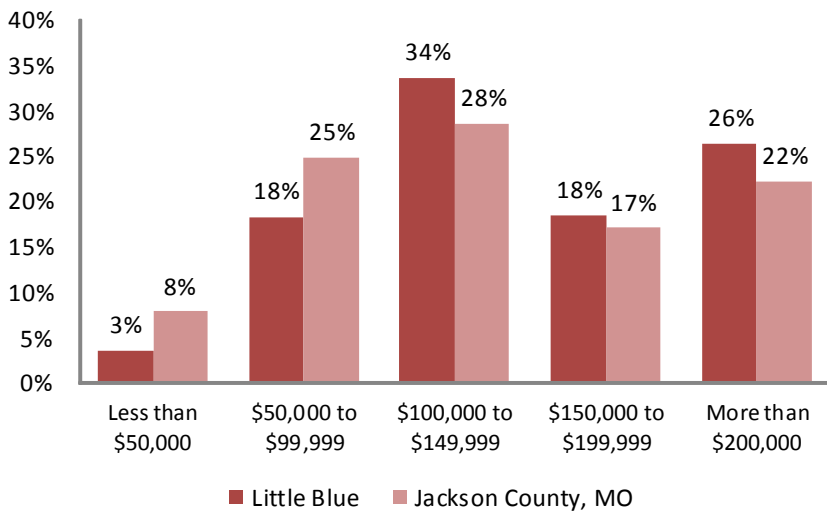
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

Vacancy Rate

	2000	2010
Little Blue	3.7%	6.0%
Jackson County	7.6%	12.0%

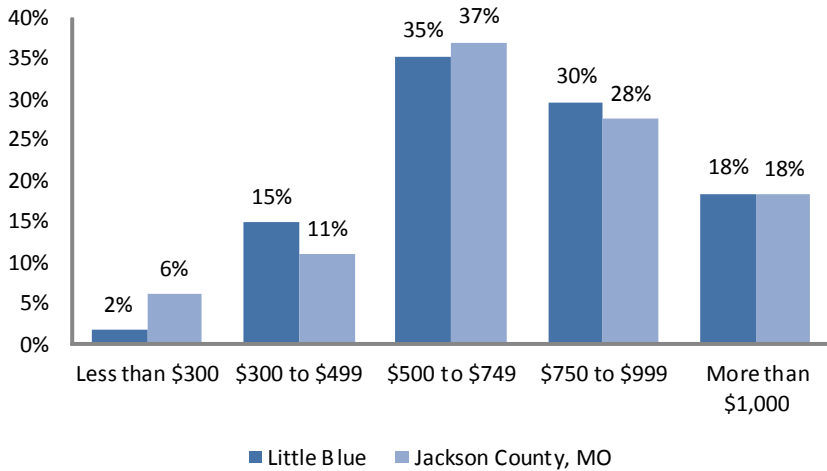
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

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	20%
Tenure	
Owner	10%
Renter	36%
Units Moved into Previous Five Years	-28%
Age of Housing Stock	2010 Percent
Less than 5 Years	3%
Less than 10 Years	20%
Less than 20 Years	37%
Less than 30 Years	51%
Less than 40 Years	70%
More than 50 Years	30%

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
Little Blue Trace Park	Multiple Entrances			

Source: City of Independence Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Health Center

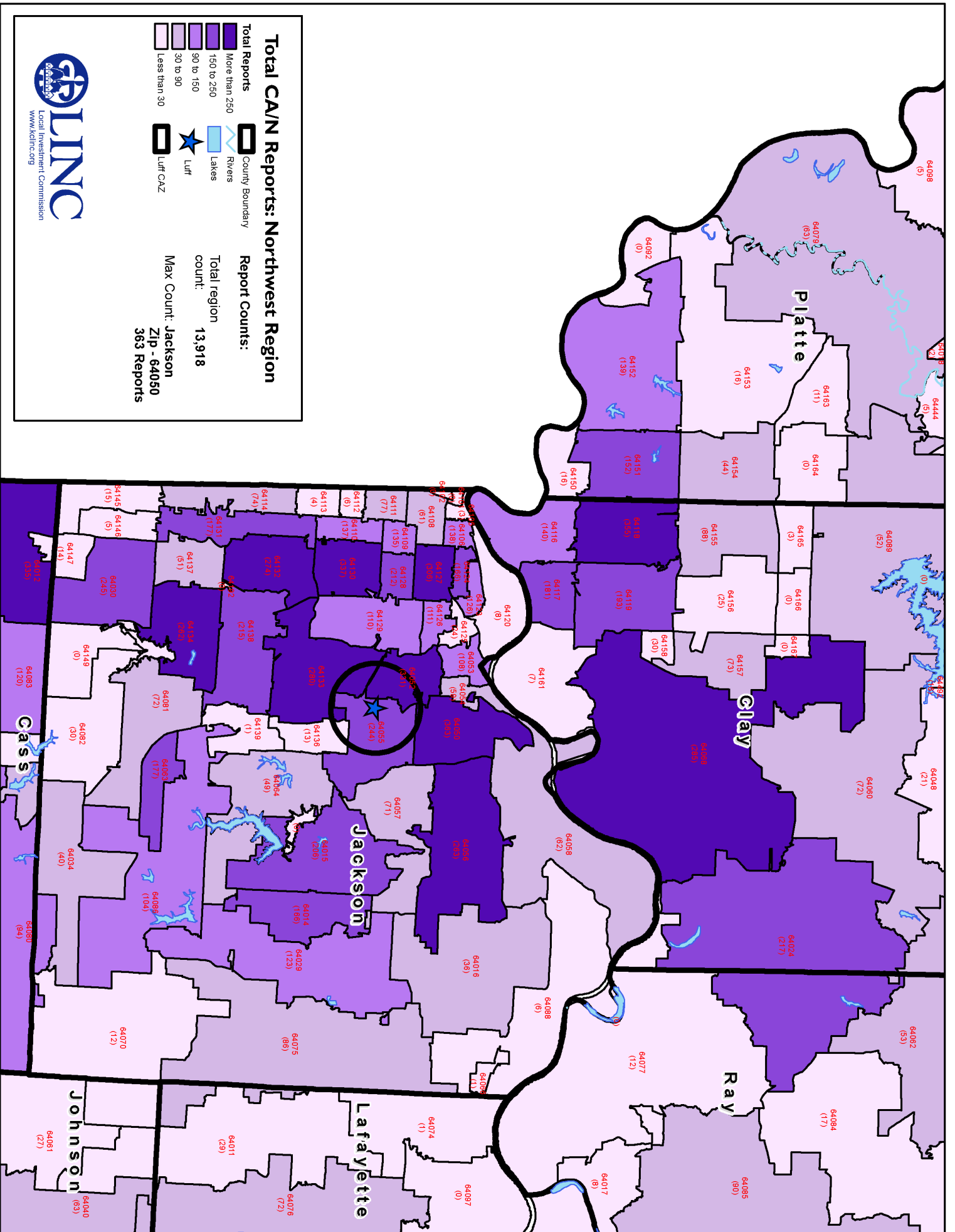
Medical Center of Independence	17203 E 23rd St South	Independence	MO	64057
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Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Churches

Berean Free Will Baptist Church	2104 James Downery Rd.	Independence	MO	64057
Bethel Baptist Church	2406 S Highway 291	Independence	MO	64057
Church Of Christ	E State Route 78 & Holke Rd	Independence	MO	64057
Church Of The Nazarene	19800 E Truman Rd	Independence	MO	64056
Community of Christ	16999 E 23rd St.	Independence	MO	64057
Community of Christ	823 S. Elizabeth St.	Independence	MO	64056
Community of Christ	19201 E R D Mize Rd.	Independence	MO	64057
Community of Christ	19402 Holke Rd	Independence	MO	64057
East Indep Church Of Christ	2020 S Highway 291	Independence	MO	64057
East Side Baptist Church	19901 E Highway 78	Independence	MO	64057
Fairmount United Methodist Chr	2119 Holke Rd	Independence	MO	64057
Hidden Valley Church Of Chrstn	17500 Hidden Valley Rd	Independence	MO	64057
Pleasant Grove Primitive	18400 E R D Mize Rd	Independence	MO	64057
Restored Church-Jesus Christ	2029 Belmont Blvd	Independence	MO	64057
St Matthew's United Methodist	2415 E R D Mize Rd	Independence	MO	64057
Trinity Church of the Nazarene	19800 E. Truman Rd.	Independence	MO	64056

Source: Yellowpages.com



Total CA/N Reports: Northwest Region

Total Reports		Report Counts:
More than 250	Rivers	Total region count: 13,918
150 to 250	Lakes	Max Count: Jackson
90 to 150	Luff	ZIP - 64050
30 to 90	Luff CAZ	363 Reports
Less than 30		



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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