# Blackburn Caring Communities

## Data Book September 2014

A review and analysis of the community surrounding the Caring Communities site located at Blackburn 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 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. Communitybased 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 Blackburn Caring Communities Data Book is intended to provide useful information for decisionmakers of the Blackburn 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 Blackburn Caring Communities Site Coordinator. The book is also available to download for free at **www.kclinc.org/blackburn** 

#### Blackburn Caring Communities Established 2012

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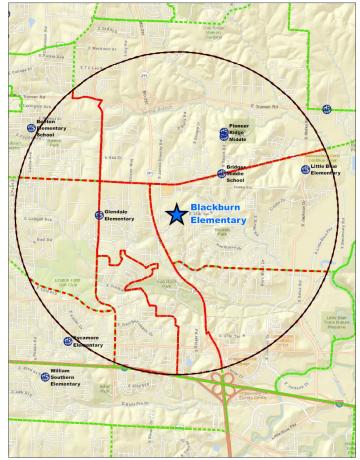
#### **Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)**

The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the Blackburn community was established using Blackburn 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 Blackburn 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 Blackburn CAZ and the "Blackburn 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.

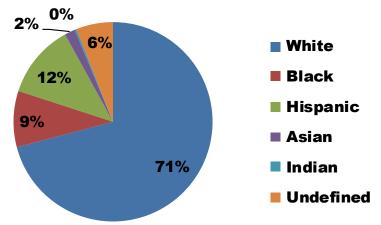
Community data was analyzed by census tract (red boundaries) within the CAZ. Census tracts are small, relatively permanent statistical subdivisions of a county delineated by local participants as part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Participant Statistical Areas Program. The U.S. Census Bureau delineated 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**

#### **Blackburn Elementary**

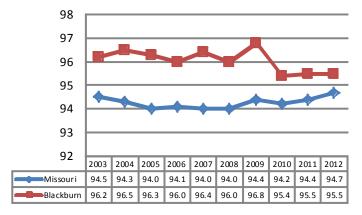
**Total 2012 Enrollment: 581 Ms. Sara Terrill, Principal** 17302 R.D. Mize Rd., Independence, MO 64057 (816) 521-5395 sara\_terrill@isdschools.org

#### **2012 Student Demographics**

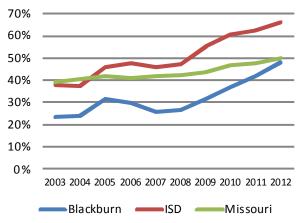


Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

#### 2012 Student Attendance Rate

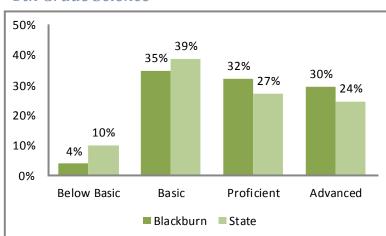


#### **Free/Reduced Lunch**



Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

#### 2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)



#### 5th Grade Science

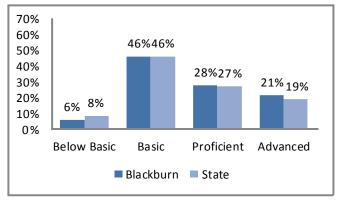
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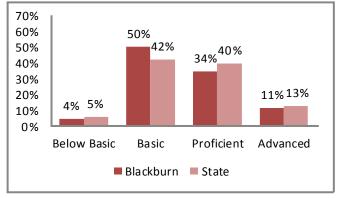
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#### 2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP), continued

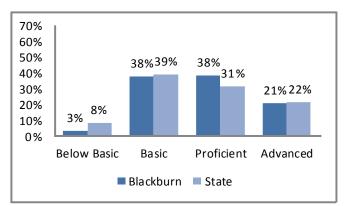
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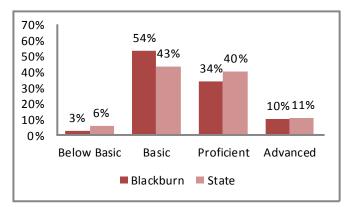
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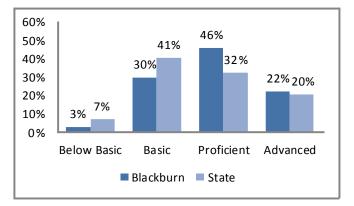
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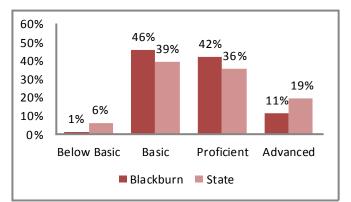
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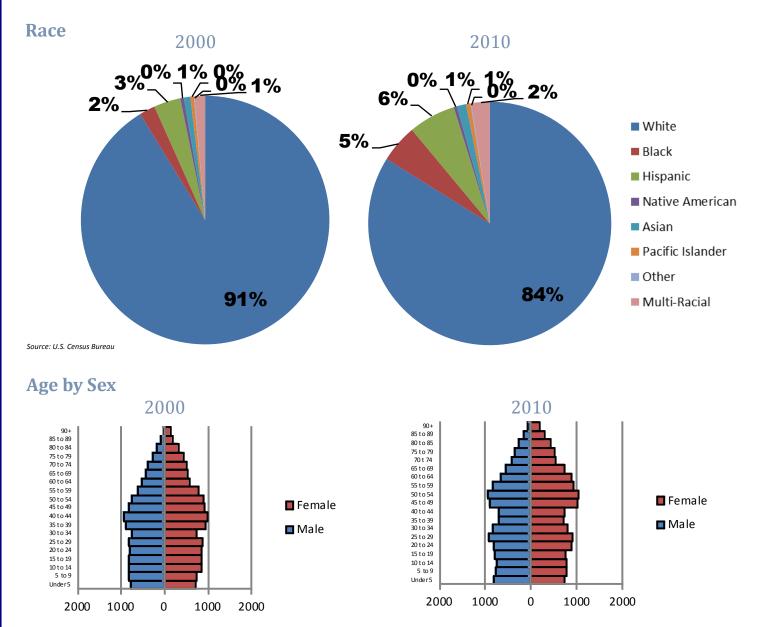
#### 5th Grade Communication Arts



#### 5th Grade Mathematics



## **Demographics**



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

#### Family Type with Related Children

	2000	2010	% Change
Total Population	24,422	25,968	6%
Total Families	6,752	6,829	1%
Married Families	5,169	4,936	-5%
With Children Under Age 18	2,137	1,815	-18%
Single Father Families	380	507	25%
With Children Under Age 18	242	305	21%
Female Single Parent Families	1,203	1,387	13%
With Children Under Age 18	808	886	9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### **Economy**

	Blackburn	Jackson County
Median Income	\$52,660	\$46,252
Unemployment Rate	6.7%	8.8%

Source: U.S. Census

#### **Poverty**

	Blackburn	Jackson County	
2000	6.0%	11.9%	
2010	11.1%	15.7%	

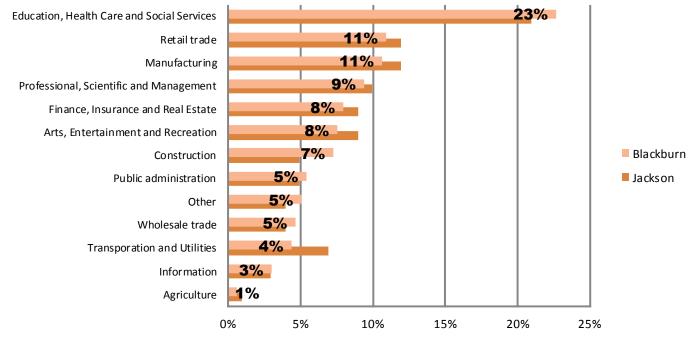
2010 Poverty Thresholds, Selected Family Types				
Single Individual	Under 65	\$	11,344	
	65 years and Older	\$	10,458	
Single Parent	One Child	\$	15,030	
	Two Children	\$	17,568	
	No Children	\$	14,602	
Two Adults	One Child	\$	17,552	
	Two Children	Ş	22,113	
	Three Children	Ş	26,023	

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

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.

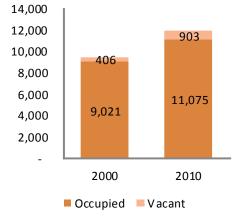
Source: National Poverty Center

#### **Employment by Industry**



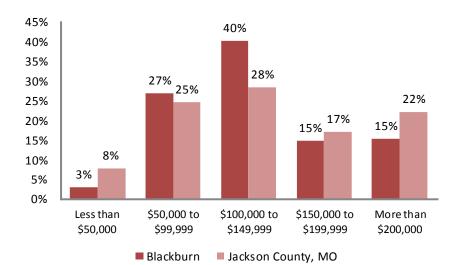
## Housing

#### Vacant Houses



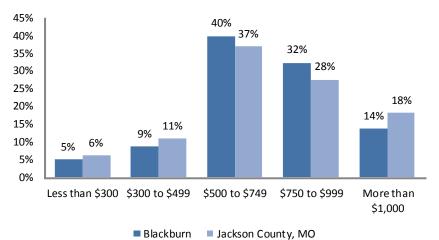
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

#### **Home Values**



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

#### **Gross Rent**



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#### **Vacancy Rate**

	2000	2010
Blackburn	4.3%	7.5%
Jackson County	7.6%	12.0%

Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

Housing Characteristics	2000 to 2010 Change
Housing Units	12%
Tenure Owner Renter	4% 17%
Units Moved into Previous Five Years	-33%
Age of Housing Stock	2010 Percent
Less than 5 Years	2%
Less than 10 Years	11%
Less than 20 Years	22%
Less than 30 Years	37%
Less than 40 Years	57%
More than 50 Years	43%

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

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## **Community Resources**

#### **Parks**

				Acres
Beckett Park	2701 S Cherokee St	Independence	MO	7
Benton Park	707 S. Crane St.	Independence	MO	6
Carriage Hills Park	16841 E. 41st St.	Independence	MO	3
George Owens Nature Park	1601 S. Speck Rd.	Independence	MO	85
Glendale Park	16010 E. Crackerneck Rd.	Independence	MO	4
Sycamore Hills Park	15208 E. 39th St.	Independence	MO	4
Van Hook Park	3231 S. Shrank Ave.	Independence	MO	106

Source: City of Independence Dept. of Parks and Recreation

#### **Food Pantries**

SAINT MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH				
- INDEPENDENCE	4000 Lees Summit Road	Independence	MO	64055

Source: United Way of Greater Kansas City

#### **Health Center**

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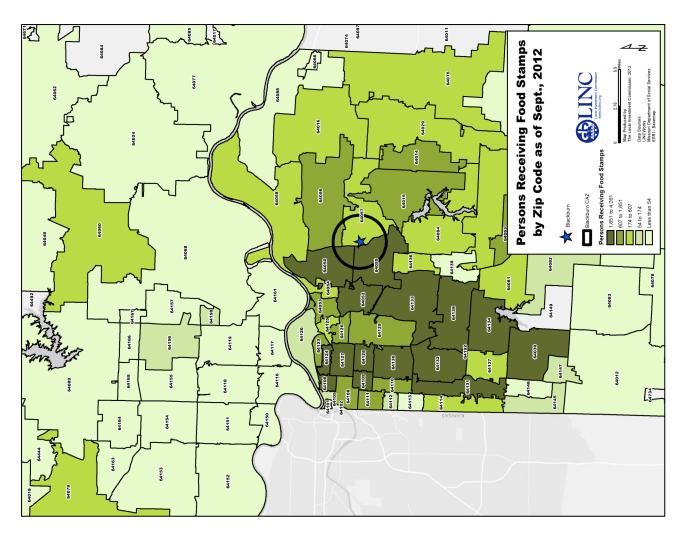
Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

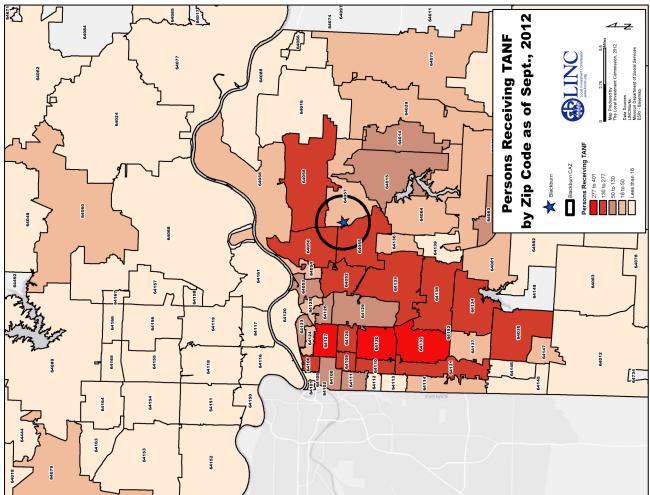
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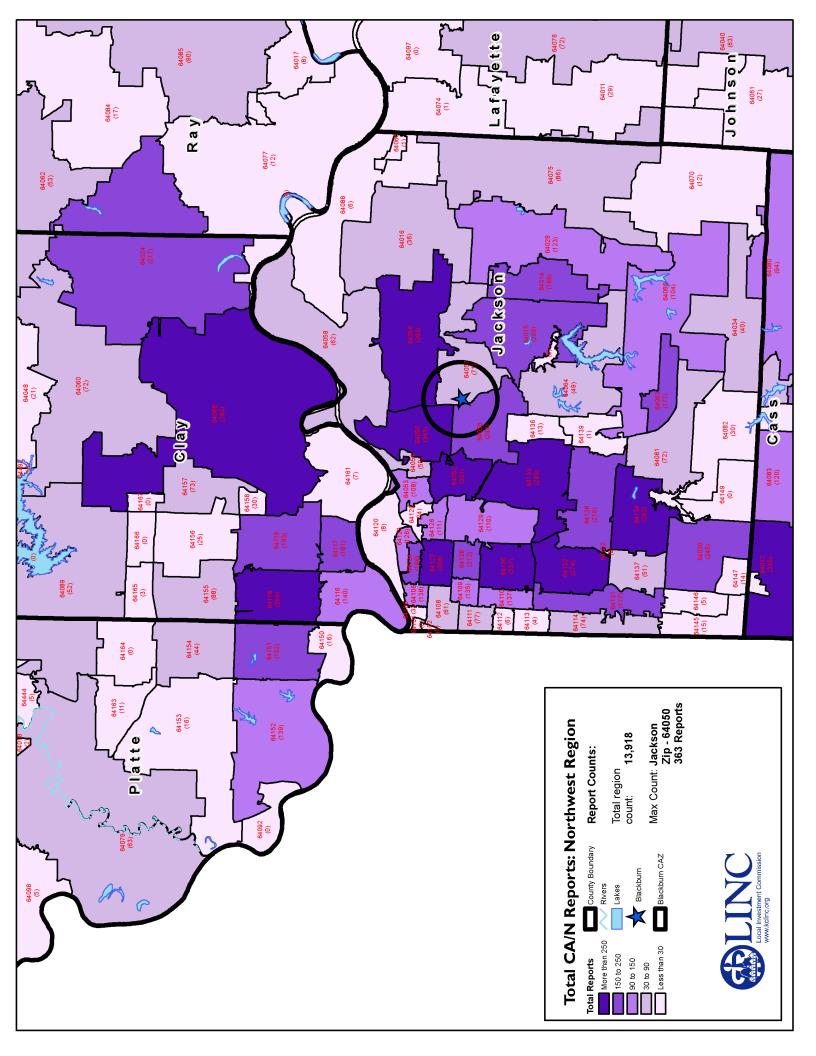
#### Churches

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	15331 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
Church Of Christ	E State Route 78 & Holke Rd	Independence	MO	64057
Church Of Christ-With Elijah	608 Lacy Rd	Independence	MO	64050
Church of Chris - Zion Witness	15008 E. 35th St. S.	Independence	MO	64055
Church Of The Nazarene	19800 E Truman Rd	Independence	MO	64056
Community of Christ	800 S. Saville Ave.	Independence	MO	64050
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
Community Of Christ	411 N Lees Summit Rd	Independence	MO	64050
Community Of Christ	500 E Gudgell St	Independence	MO	64055
Coventry Estates	17133 E 39th St S	Independence	MO	64055
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
Fellowship Baptist Church	901 E 23rd St S	Independence	MO	64055
First Assembly Of God	3711 Whitney Ct	Independence	MO	64055
Glenview Baptist Church	3101 S Shrank Rd	Independence	MO	64055
Hidden Valley Church Of Chrstn	17500 Hidden Valley Rd	Independence	MO	64057
Jehovah's Witnesses	500 Lees Summit Rd.	Independence	MO	64050
Kinsman Redeemer Church	3529 Crackerneck Rd	Independence	MO	64055
New Harvest Church Of God	1501 S Lees Summit Rd	Independence	MO	64050
New Horizon Ministries	2900 S 291 Hwy	Independence	MO	64057
Pleasant Grove Primitive	18400 E R D Mize Rd	Independence	MO	64057
Regeneration Church	1221 Baker Dr.	Independence	MO	64050
Remnant Church Of Jesus Christ	2820 S State Route 291	Independence	MO	64057
Restored Church-Jesus Christ	2029 Belmont Blvd	Independence	MO	64057
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 Matthew's United Methodist	2415 E R D Mize Rd	Independence	MO	64057
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
Trinity Church of the Nazarene	19800 E. Truman Rd.	Independence	MO	64056
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

University of Missouri-Kansas City Center for Economic Information

University of Michigan National Poverty Center

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