Counties Profiles

Clay County, Missouri

Quick Facts

2015 Population: 230,361
Median Household Income: $62,099
Poverty Rate: 8.8%
2016 Unemployment Rate: 3.9%

Key Findings

Clay County’s total population grew by 25 percent from 2000-2015. Its population over age 65 grew by 43 percent, and the growing number of older adults may strain health care systems. The county benefits from a falling poverty rate (8.8 percent, down from 9.3 percent in 2014), a median household income about 15 percent higher than the metro, and the third-highest percentage of residents with bachelor’s degrees in the region. Access to care is also a strength, with more physicians, dentists and mental health providers per capita than the region’s more rural counties. About 10 percent of the county’s residents are without health insurance – lower than the national average, but higher than seven other metro counties. Cancer and heart disease are the leading causes of death, and the rate of deaths caused by heart disease increased slightly over 2014. Several important health indicators (number of people with poor mental health days, smokers, sexually transmitted diseases and low-birth weight babies) trended worse compared to last year.

Information presented in this county profile is the most currently available as of September 2017.

County Data
Leading Causes of Death
Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 people, 2015. Source: MICA

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Access to Care, 2016

- Ratio of Primary Care Physicians per person — 1: 1,450
- Ratio of Dentists per person — 1: 1,730
- Ratio of Mental Health Providers per person — 1: 1,060

Source: County Health Rankings

Health Indicator Trends

Trends for selected health indicators by county from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings website.

![Diabetes Prevalence, 2004-2013](image)

Diabetes Prevalence, 2004-2013
Prevalence Rate, Clay County, Missouri

![Obesity Prevalence, 2004-2013](image)

Obesity Prevalence, 2004-2013
Prevalence Rate, Clay County, Missouri

 Adults in Poor or Fair Health
Percent of population, self-reported, Clay County, Missouri

![Number of Poor Physical Health Days](image)

Number of Poor Physical Health Days
Average in last 30 days, Clay County, Missouri