County Profiles

Platte County, Missouri

Quick Facts

2015 Population: 93,394
Median Household Income: $68,254
Poverty Rate: 7.7%
Unemployment Rate: 3.6%

Key Findings

Platte County fares well compared to the region by most demographic measures. Its median household income is second highest among the 11 counties, and its poverty rate is second lowest. Employment is up, the unemployment rate is down, and the percentage of residents with bachelor’s degrees or higher (40.5 percent) is well over the national average (29.8 percent). As with many other counties, the aging population is rapidly increasing in Platte County, with the number of residents over age 65 growing by nearly 80 percent over the last 15 years. The county has a low rate of uninsured residents — at 8.1 percent — but uninsured rates are considerably higher for minorities and low-income residents. The county has good access to care overall, but medical professionals, like the overall population, are concentrated in the southern portion of the county. The rural communities to the north may have more difficulty finding doctors, dentists and mental health providers.

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

County Data

Population by Age, 2015

Percent Change by Age, 2000-2015
**Leading Causes of Death**

Age-adjusted rate per 100,000 people, 2015. Source: MICA

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* Sample size too small to ensure accuracy

**Access to Care, 2016**

- Ratio of Primary Care Physicians per person — 1: 1,200
- Ratio of Dentists per person — 1: 1,750
- Ratio of Mental Health Providers per person — 1: 1,040

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**

Prevalence rate, Platte County, Missouri

**Obesity Prevalence, 2004-2013**

Prevalence rate, Platte County, Missouri

**Adults in Poor or Fair Health**

Percent of population, self-reported, Platte County, Missouri

**Number of Poor Physical Health Days**

Average in last 30 days, Platte County, Missouri