

# Boone County, Missouri

## A Focus on Poverty



# Concentrated Poverty is keeping Boone County from reaching its potential

A household in poverty is under the constant stress of a multitude of barriers. Eliminating a single barrier does not address the challenges that remain in other aspects of life. Coordinated interventions are necessary to combat systemic poverty.



Children in poverty enter school behind their peers and struggle to catch up.



Families in poverty spend a significant percentage of their income on basic needs, making it difficult to cover other expenses and maintain household stability.



Lack of employment in a household creates more than just financial problems.



Poverty contributes to chronic stress, illness, and lack of access to treatment.



The effects of multidimensional poverty do not just add up, they compound. Each additional disadvantage that a person experiences multiplies their barriers to success and well-being.



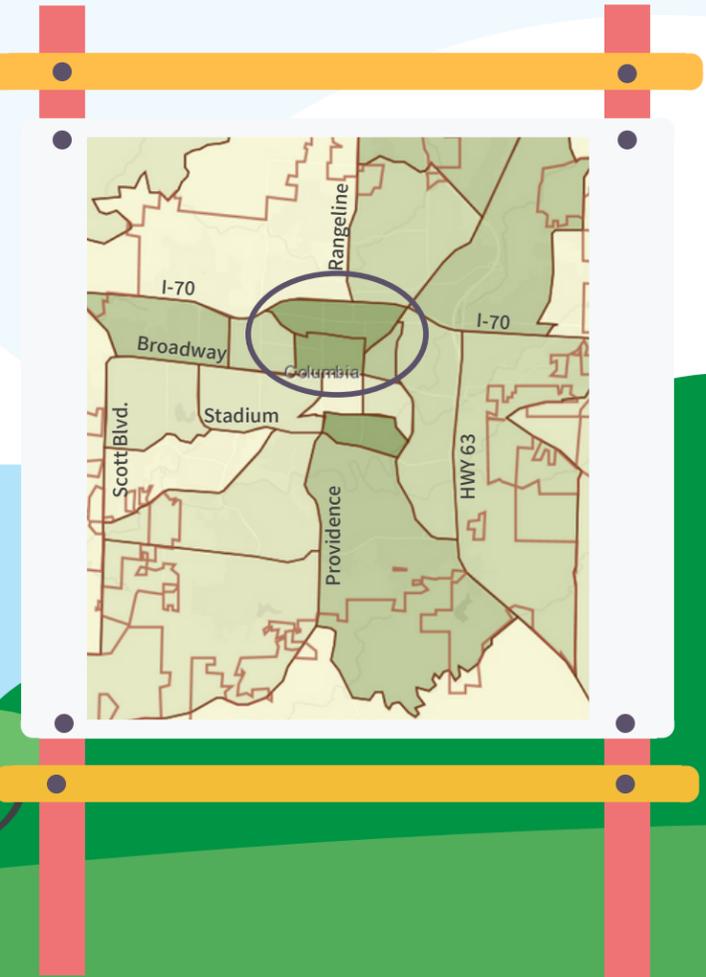
# Imagining a More Equitable Community

The map indicates the two census tracts with the highest percentage of individuals under 18 experiencing poverty in Boone County. The data points below compare these two census tracts to Columbia and County-wide averages.

**62%** of children and youth under the age of 18 experienced poverty compared to **16% for Columbia** and **15% for Boone County**.

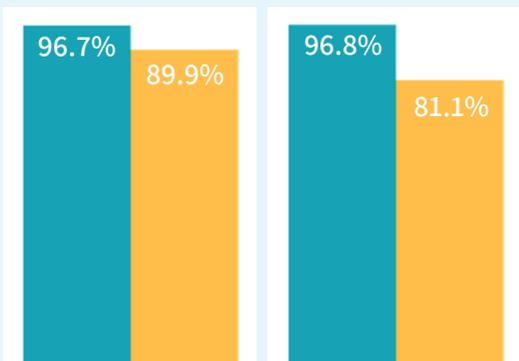
**30%** of residents have a Bachelor's degree or higher compared to **55% for Columbia** and **47% for Boone County**.

**41%** of residents that experienced poverty are black or African American compared to **31% for Columbia** and **28% for Boone County**.



# POVERTY IS EXPERIENCED IN MULTIPLE FORMS

## Children Academically Ready for Kindergarten



## Columbia Public Schools Drop Out Rates :

6.2 Black rate  
3.2 Male rate  
2.7 Total rate  
2.2 Female rate  
1.9 White rate  
1.7 Hispanic rate



Educational disparities have multidimensional ramifications, affecting parents' earning potential, job stability, and ability to support their children's education.



average monthly rent

50% = \$19,272

A household needs a minimum net income of \$19,272 to not be severely rent burdened by the average rental cost in Columbia.

30% = \$32,112

A household needs a minimum net income of \$32,112 to not be cost burdened by the average rental cost in Columbia.

12,782 cost burdened renters in Columbia

## HUD Definitions

Severe Rent-Burdened - those who pay more than 50 percent of their income for housing.

Cost-Burdened - those who pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing.



## Poverty Rate by Educational Attainment

32% in poverty have less than a high school degree.

11% in poverty have a high school degree.

5% in poverty have a bachelor's degree or higher.



Education



Housing

## Households Spending Over 30% Income on Housing

31% of households are cost burdened in Boone County.

53% of renters are cost burdened in Boone County.

16% of home owners are cost burdened in Boone County.

## Opportunity

## Poverty Level for One Adult & Two Children

\$7.85

Minimum Wage

\$9.82

Hourly

\$1,702

Monthly

\$20,424

Annual



Jobs



Health

## Boone County Life Expectancy

73.5

Black

77.5

Male

79.6

Total

80.0

White

81.5

Female

## Earnings by Educational Attainment (Population over 25 years)

\$21,311 Less than a high school degree

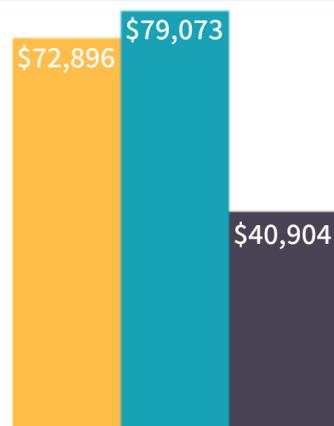
\$27,639 High school graduate

\$32,214 Some college or associate's degree

\$40,173 Bachelor's degree

\$50,588 Graduate or professional degree

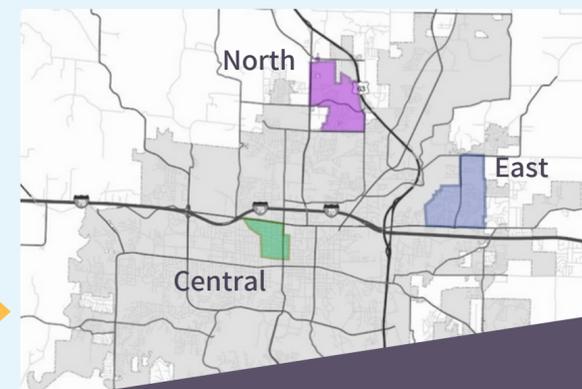
## Median Family Household Income by Race



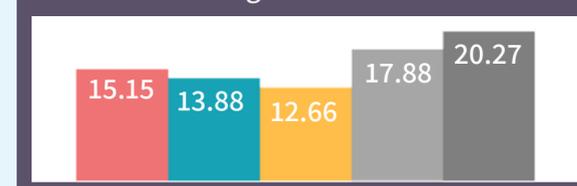
## Nutrition Environment Measurement Survey (NEMS)

NEMS measures food availability, price, accessibility, and overall nutritional value.

## Map of Columbia's Strategic Neighborhoods

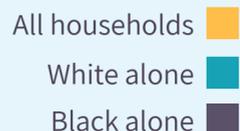


## Average NEM Scores



21% of blacks in Columbia have a bachelor's degree or higher compared to 49% of whites.

The median earnings for people with disabilities is \$15,881 compared to \$26,807 for people without disabilities.



# We All Have a Stake

**Vision:** A thriving community of equal opportunity, free of disparities.

Socio-economic, health, housing, and educational disparities conspire to keep too many of our neighbors trapped in a cycle of intergenerational poverty. This report is intended to convey the multidimensional nature of poverty, with the goal of stimulating conversation and action to end poverty and allow our community, and all its members, to reach their full potential.

The Boone County Community Services Department (BCCSD) and City of Columbia are partners of the Boone Impact Group (BIG), which advances the collective impact of community resources to improve the lives of all Boone County residents. The BCCSD mission is to support the greatest possible level of independence and self-sufficiency of Boone County residents by promoting their physical, mental, and social well-being to cultivate a safe and healthy community. BCCSD is responsible for the administration of the Children's Services, Community Health, and Domestic Violence funds. The City of Columbia Division of Human Services (DHS) mission is to address the causes and effects of poverty. To do so, DHS provides, coordinates, and purchases social services in the community.

Visit [www.booneimpact.org](http://www.booneimpact.org) to view resources utilized in this report.

