**HEALTH PROFILE | Ray County, Missouri**

**QUICK FACTS**
2011 Population: 23,411  
Median Household Income: $53,853  
Poverty Rate: 10.0%  
Unemployment Rate: 7.3%

Population by Age, 2011  
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Population by Race, 2011  
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Population Shift:  
Percent Change by Age, 2000–2011  
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Population Density  
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Median Household Income
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Ray County: $53,853
United States: $50,502

People Living in Poverty
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Federal Poverty Level (FPL) varies by household size. For four people (two adults and two related children), FPL is an annual income of $23,050 or less; and 200% FPL is $46,100 or less.

Educational Attainment
(Population age 25 and up)
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

Poverty by Census Tract
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey
Number of Uninsured by Age
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey

- Total Uninsured: 2,007
- Percent of Uninsured: 8.7%

Source: County Health Rankings, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Percent of adults who could not see a doctor in the past 12 months because of cost:
- Ray County: 13%
- State of Missouri: 14%

Source: County Health Rankings, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Hospital Discharges per 1,000
Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA)

Diabetes Incidence
Source: U.S. Centers for Disease Control, 2009
Percent of Ray County population age 20 and older diagnosed with diabetes: 11%

Top 5 Causes of Death
Source: Missouri DHSS

- Heart disease: 29.8%
- Cancer: 22.2%
- Chronic lower respiratory diseases: 6.6%
- Cerebrovascular disease (Stroke): 4.8%
- Pneumonia and influenza: 3.1%

Health Care Providers Per Capita
Source: HHS Area Resource File, 2010

- Primary Care Physicians: 1: 2,347
- Dentists: 1: 7,813
- Psychiatrists: 0

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Neoplasm (Cancer)
Circulatory Disease
Respiratory Disease

Ray County
KC Region

0–6 7–17 18–24 25–34 35–44 45–54 55–64 65–74 75+

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**Health Indicators/Trends**

Source: Prenatal care data from Missouri DHSS; all others from County Health Rankings, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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<td>Adults in poor or fair health</td>
<td>19.5%</td>
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<td>Poor physical health days</td>
<td>4.9</td>
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<td>Poor mental health days</td>
<td>4.4</td>
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<td>Preventable hospital stays per 1,000 Medicare enrollees</td>
<td>134.75</td>
<td>132.50</td>
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<td>Adults who smoke</td>
<td>35.7%</td>
<td>34.4%</td>
<td>31.3%</td>
<td>US — 21%</td>
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<td>Adults who are obese</td>
<td>30.3%</td>
<td>30.8%</td>
<td>31.9%</td>
<td>US — 30%</td>
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<td>Auto crash deaths per 100,000</td>
<td>29.8</td>
<td>29.2</td>
<td>30.6</td>
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<td>Sexually Transmitted Infections rate</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>200.5</td>
<td>281.5</td>
<td>US — 306</td>
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**Births to teen mothers** per 1,000

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**Low birth-weight babies**

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<td>7.4%</td>
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**Inadequate prenatal care** per 100 births

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**KEY COUNTY CONCERNS:**

The projected increase in the county’s older population will likely strain the health care system.

The county, like the nation, continues to see rising obesity rates.

While smoking rates are declining, they are still significantly higher in Ray County than the national average.

With no psychiatrists based in the county, residents lack easy access to mental health care, and the low number of dentists per capita may make it more difficult to get oral health care.

Data provided by the Mid-America Regional Council’s Research Services Department.