

2022 Community Health Assessment



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Community Health Assessment Goals

1
Gain a better understanding of the health issues of Independence residents

2
Collect key public health data on issues that are affecting our community and provide support for grant applications

3
Evaluate services provided by the Department and determine additional needs



Identified Issues

Top 5 Public Concerns

- Houselessness
- Affordable Housing
- Gun Violence
- Mental Health
- Drug use

Additional Areas of Concern

- Socioeconomics
- Chronic Disease
 - Heart Disease
 - Stroke
 - Respiratory Disease
- COVID-19



Houselessness

Increase nationwide every year from
2016 to 2020

Greater Kansas City has had similar
increase in houselessness



Affordable Housing

Table 3: Independence Housing¹

	2015	2021
Housing units in multi-unit structures	20.8%	19.2%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units	\$100,200	\$154,700
Median Gross Rent	\$959	\$890
Median Mortgage	\$1,072	\$1,182



Gun Violence

Gun violence and mental health are strongly linked.

Rate of suicide with firearms is more than double the rate of homicides with firearms



Mental Health

Independence has the highest
suicide rate in the KC area

Suicides with firearms contributes
the most to this rate



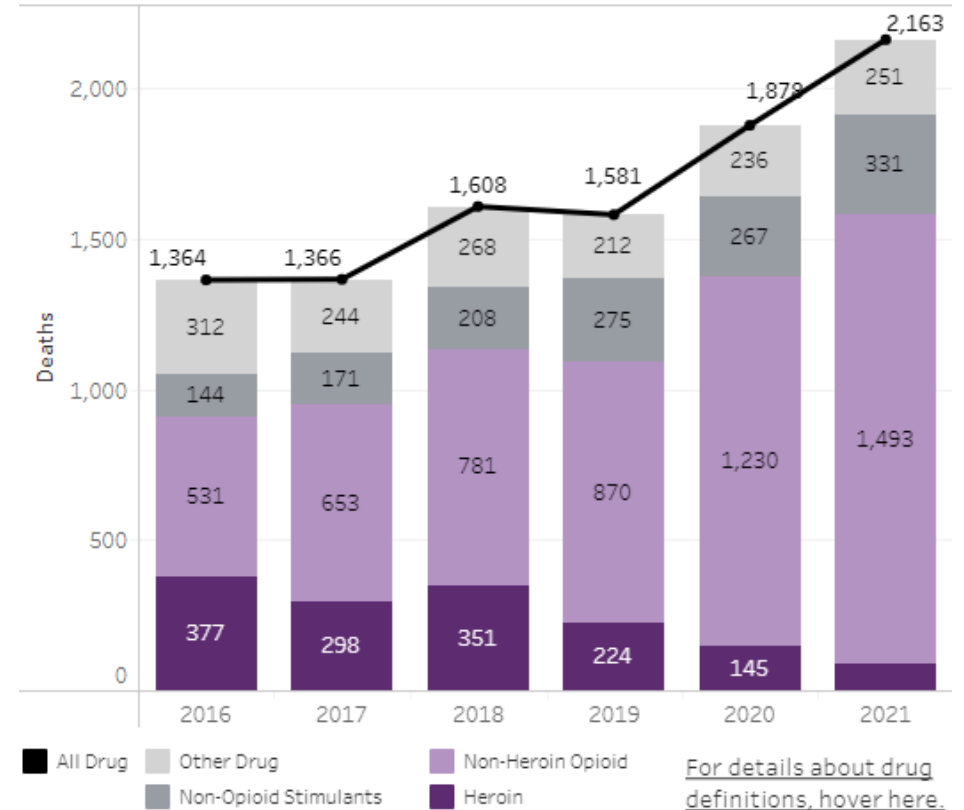
Drug Use

Drug overdose in Missouri is increasing

Fentanyl/opioid crisis is fueling the dramatic rise

Missouri Resident Overdose Deaths

Detailed View



Socioeconomics

Table 2: Independence Socioeconomics			
	Independence	Missouri	Percent +/- for Independence, from 2018
Average Family Size, 2021 ACS	2.9	3.1	-9.38%
Per capita money income (dollars), 2020	\$28,197	\$31,839	-16.65%
Median household income, 2021	\$52,919	\$61,847	-14.56%
Unemployed, Civilian Labor Force, 2021	5.9%	4.6%	90.32%
Individuals below the poverty rate, 2021	16.2%	12.7%	23.66%

Chronic Diseases

- Higher rates of mortality from heart disease, stroke, and CLRD

Figure 17: Mortality Rate: Stroke, 2009-2020

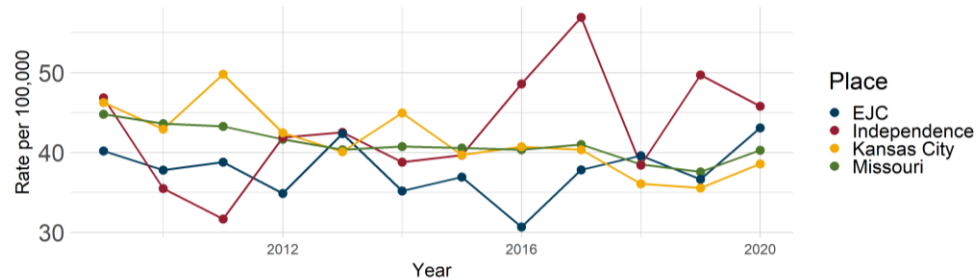


Figure 16: Mortality Rate: Heart Disease, 2009-2020

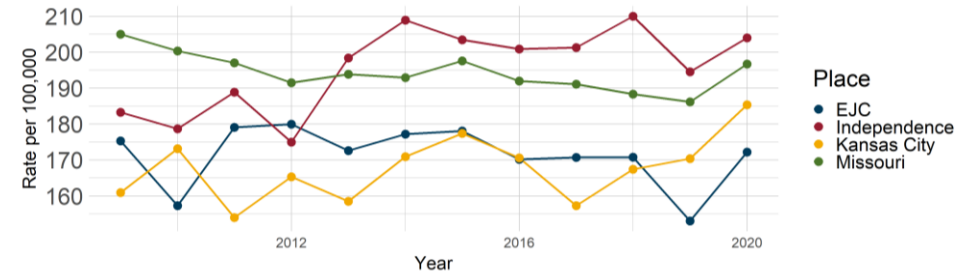
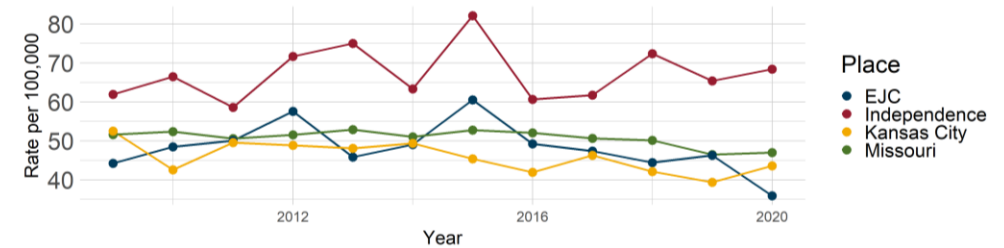


Figure 18: Mortality Rate: Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease 2009-2020



COVID-19

Table 8: Number of Reported Covid-19 Cases in Independence, 2020-2022 (IHD, 2022)

	2020	2021	2022	Total
Cases	7463	13194	14207	34864

The COVID-19 mortality rate was high in Independence in 2020 but lower than EJC and KC

COVID negatively affected the mental health of 31% of respondents

Questions?

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