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JOHNSON COUNTY POPULATION AMONG NATION'S MOST HIGHLY EDUCATED

According to recently released U.S. Census Bureau, Johnson County's population ranks as one of the most highly educated among the nation's largest counties. The Census Bureau ranked 2004 educational attainment data for the adult populations in the 236 U.S. counties with populations exceeding 250,000. The Bureau found that Johnson County ranked 1st in the percentage of persons aged 25 years and older who have graduated high school, 10th in the percentage with at least a bachelor's degree, and 19th in the percentage with an advanced degree.

The table on the following page provides tables for the percentage of persons 25 years of age and older with the three levels of educational attainment studied by the Census Bureau. Each table lists the top 25 counties as well as the rankings for Jackson County, Missouri and Sedgwick County, Kansas.

Educational Attainment Among Large U.S. Counties, 2004

Percent of Persons Aged 25 Yrs. and Over Who Have Completed High School		
Rank		Percent
1	Johnson County, KS	95.7%
2	Boulder County, CO	95.5%
3	Somerset County, NJ	94.8%
4	Davis County, UT	93.6%
5	Washtenaw County, MI	93.6%
6	Dane County, WI	93.5%
7	Hennepin County, MN	93.3%
8	Howard County, MD	93.3%
9	Waukesha County, WI	93.3%
10	Jefferson County, CO	93.2%
11	Oakland County, MI	93.1%
12	Fairfax County, VA	93.0%
13	DuPage County, IL	92.8%
14	Placer County, CA	92.8%
15	Virginia Beach city, VA	92.7%
16	Denton County, TX	92.6%
17	Dakota County, MN	92.5%
18	Norfolk County, MA	92.5%
19	Ada County, ID	92.3%
20	Albany County, NY	92.0%
21	Bucks County, PA	92.0%
22	Lancaster County, NE	92.0%
23	Morris County, NJ	92.0%
24	Snohomish County, WA	92.0%
25	Anchorage Municipality, AK	91.9%
120	Jackson County, MO	86.6%
134	Sedgwick County, KS	86.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Percent of Persons Aged 25 Yrs. and Over Who Have At Least A Bachelor's Degree		
Rank		Percent
1	Boulder County, CO	57.5%
2	Fairfax County, VA	57.4%
3	Montgomery County, MD	57.3%
4	Howard County, MD	55.5%
5	New York County, NY	54.5%
6	Washtenaw County, MI	53.3%
7	San Francisco County, CA	51.0%
8	Somerset County, NJ	50.5%
9	Wake County, NC	49.4%
10	Johnson County, KS	48.7%
11	Middlesex County, MA	48.6%
12	Morris County, NJ	48.4%
13	District of Columbia, DC	47.7%
14	Collin County, TX	47.2%
15	Dane County, WI	46.9%
16	Chester County, PA	46.0%
17	Fulton County, GA	45.7%
18	Norfolk County, MA	45.7%
19	Santa Clara County, CA	45.0%
20	Travis County, TX	44.3%
21	DuPage County, IL	44.1%
22	Westchester County, NY	44.1%
23	Montgomery County, PA	43.9%
24	Fairfield County, CT	43.5%
25	San Mateo County, CA	43.5%
167	Sedgwick County, KS	25.4%
169	Jackson County, MO	25.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Percent of Persons Aged 25 Yrs. and Over Who Have Completed an Advanced Degree		
Rank		Percent
1	Montgomery County, MD	29.2%
2	Howard County, MD	27.6%
3	Washtenaw County, MI	27.6%
4	Fairfax County, VA	27.4%
5	District of Columbia, DC	26.0%
6	New York County, NY	25.4%
7	Boulder County, CO	25.2%
8	Middlesex County, MA	23.0%
9	Somerset County, NJ	21.7%
10	Westchester County, NY	21.5%
11	Dane County, WI	20.7%
12	Morris County, NJ	19.6%
13	Norfolk County, MA	19.5%
14	San Francisco County, CA	19.5%
15	Rockland County, NY	19.0%
16	Santa Clara County, CA	18.6%
17	Chester County, PA	18.5%
18	Fairfield County, CT	17.6%
19	Johnson County, KS	17.2%
20	Bergen County, NJ	17.1%
21	Oakland County, MI	17.1%
22	DuPage County, IL	17.0%
23	Montgomery County, PA	17.0%
24	Lake County, IL	16.9%
25	Nassau County, NY	16.7%
171	Jackson County, MO	8.6%
184	Sedgwick County, KS	8.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau