

## Median Household Income

**Planning Areas** - There is large variation in the levels of median household income among the various planning areas in and around the City of Topeka. Median household incomes ranged from as low of \$17,130 in the Downtown planning area to as much as \$89,492 in the Southwest Topeka planning area. Median household income within the City of Topeka city limits was \$40,342.

Southwest Topeka appeared to achieve the greatest overall increase in median household income from 2000 to 2010 rising by 34% since 2000. Median household income within the City of Topeka is increasing slower than within Shawnee County and statewide as shown by Table 16. The Planning Areas around and on the perimeter of Topeka have continued to have higher median household incomes than those Planning Areas entirely within the city limits, which may contribute to this higher median income in Shawnee County.

Data for median household income is listed in **Table 14**.

TABLE 14: Median Household Income				% Change	
	1989	1999	2010	80-90	00-10
Kansas	\$27,291	\$40,624	\$49,424	49%	22%
Shawnee County	\$29,879	\$40,988	\$47,464	37%	16%
<b>Topeka</b>	<b>\$26,774</b>	<b>\$35,928</b>	<b>\$40,342</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>12%</b>
<b>Planning Areas*</b>					
Far North - 1	\$43,745	\$60,703	\$64,951	39%	7%
North Topeka - 2	\$19,196	\$28,366	\$33,443	48%	18%
West Topeka - 3	\$32,442	\$42,797	\$48,838	32%	14%
Central Topeka - 4	\$20,708	\$34,300	\$39,353	66%	15%
Downtown - 5	\$11,880	\$16,881	\$17,130	42%	1%
East Topeka - 6	\$18,326	\$28,308	\$30,571	54%	8%
South Topeka - 7	\$26,737	\$37,084	\$38,023	39%	3%
Southwest Topeka - 8	\$49,812	\$66,755	\$89,492	34%	34%
Far South - 9	\$31,493	\$46,820	\$53,250	49%	14%
Far East - 10	\$46,853	\$60,543	\$68,690	29%	13%

**NOTE:** Used ACS 2006-10 5 year data, B19013, Median Household income in the past 12 months (in 2010 inflation-adjusted dollars) for 2010; Used Census 1990 and 2000, SF3, Median Household Income in 1989 and 1999; NOTE: Comparing income should be taken with caution due to inflation and the differences in sampling techniques in the American Community Survey and the Decennial Censuses in 1990 and 2000. ACS replaced the Census long form. Census 2000 income data was found to be approximately 4% higher than ACS 2000 data.

\*Medians for Planning Areas were obtained by taking the median of the Median Household income of each of the census tracts within that planning area.

## Per Capita Income

**Planning Areas** – Incomes per person (per capita) ranged from a high of \$37,660 in Southwest Topeka to a low of \$11,406 in Downtown Topeka, where incomes declined roughly by -5.77%. Per capita incomes were highest in those planning areas around the periphery of Topeka (Southwest Topeka, Far South, Far East, West Topeka, and Far North). North Topeka reported a per capita income of only \$17,476, but appears to be gaining by 20.4% since 2000 in comparison to Downtown where per capita incomes are declining. Topeka’s per capita income has been increasing slower than that of the County and statewide.

Data for per capita income are listed in **Table 15**.

TABLE 15: Per Capita Income				% Change	
	1989	1999	2010	80-90	00-10
Kansas	\$13,300	\$20,506	\$25,907	54.18%	26.34%
Shawnee County	\$14,091	\$20,904	\$25,705	48.35%	22.97%
<b>Topeka</b>	<b>\$13,680</b>	<b>\$19,555</b>	<b>\$23,524</b>	<b>42.95%</b>	<b>20.30%</b>
<b>Planning Areas*</b>					
Far North - 1	\$15,436	\$24,271	\$27,476	57.24%	13.20%
North Topeka - 2	\$9,112	\$14,927	\$17,973	63.83%	20.40%
West Topeka - 3	\$17,240	\$24,777	\$28,509	43.72%	15.06%
Central Topeka - 4	\$13,380	\$19,709	\$21,001	47.30%	6.55%
Downtown - 5	\$8,917	\$12,108	\$11,409	35.78%	-5.77%
East Topeka - 6	\$9,255	\$13,700	\$15,293	48.02%	11.63%
South Topeka - 7	\$14,392	\$18,900	\$23,992	31.33%	26.94%
Southwest Topeka - 8	\$20,577	\$28,160	\$37,660	36.85%	33.74%
Far South - 9	\$11,243	\$19,351	\$24,703	72.11%	27.66%
Far East - 10	\$15,608	\$25,279	\$31,189	61.96%	23.38%

**NOTE:** Used ACS 2006-10 5 year data, B19301, Per Capita income in the past 12 months (in 2010 inflation-adjusted dollars) for 2010; Used Census 1990 and 2000, SF3, Per Capita Income in 1989 and 1999; NOTE: Comparing income should be taken with caution due to inflation and the differences in sampling techniques in the American Community Survey and the Decennial Censuses in 1990 and 2000. ACS replaced the Census long form. Census 2000 income data was found to be approximately 4% higher than ACS 2000 data.

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## Persons Below Poverty

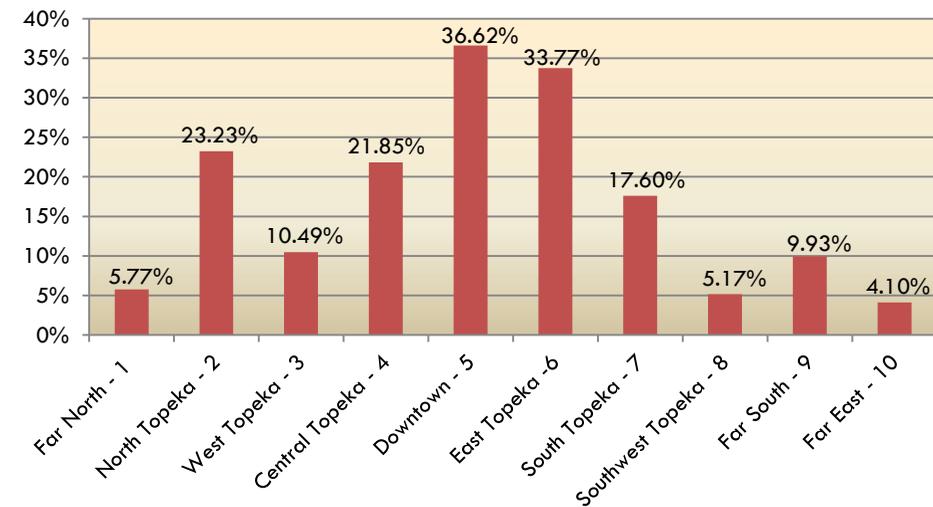
**Planning Areas** – Those planning areas on the periphery of the City of Topeka (Far North, Southwest Topeka, Far South, and Far East) reported to the lowest percentages of the population living at or below the poverty level.

The Downtown Topeka and East Topeka planning area reported the highest percentages of their total populations being in poverty with 36.62% of the population in Downtown and 33.77% in East Topeka “in poverty” in 2006-10.

Data for Persons below Poverty Income are listed in **Table 16** and **Figure 9**.

<b>TABLE 18: Persons in Poverty</b>	<b>Persons Below Poverty Income 1989</b>	<b>Persons Below Poverty Income 1999</b>	<b>Persons in past 12 months below poverty 2010</b>	<b>Total Population (ACS 2006-10)</b>	<b>% Persons in Poverty (2006-2010)</b>
Kansas	274,623	257,829	338,792	2,725,175	12.43%
Shawnee County	15,735	15,824	25,565	172,015	14.86%
<b>Topeka</b>	<b>14,292</b>	<b>14,683</b>	<b>23,143</b>	<b>123,136</b>	<b>18.79%</b>
<b>Planning Areas</b>					
Far North - 1	216	179	658	11,404	5.77%
North Topeka - 2	1,314	1,112	1,563	6,727	23.23%
West Topeka - 3	1,264	1,559	2,824	26,915	10.49%
Central Topeka - 4	3,465	4,051	5,427	24,840	21.85%
Downtown - 5	925	914	1,021	2,788	36.62%
East Topeka - 6	3,742	3,043	5,819	17,232	33.77%
South Topeka - 7	3,418	3,690	5,457	31,014	17.60%
Southwest Topeka - 8	218	349	954	18,450	5.17%
Far South - 9	497	346	757	7,620	9.93%
Far East - 10	96	128	280	6,824	4.10%

**FIGURE 9: Persons in Poverty (As a % of Total Population)**



**NOTE:** American Community Survey data is collected throughout the year on an on-going basis and asks respondents income over the "past 12 months". Census 2000, however, collected income data for a fixed period of time - "during 1999" (the last calendar year). 2010 ACS 5 year data reflects incomes over 2006-2010. Direct comparisons with previous years should be looked at with caution.