

# Riley County Community Needs Assessment

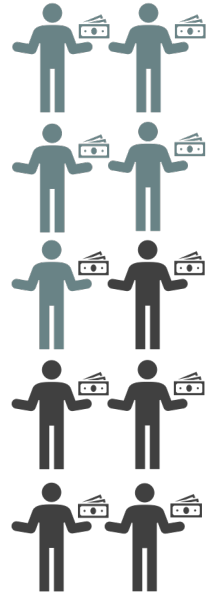
## HOUSING FINDINGS

23%

of respondents do not own their own home



and 45% of respondents spend **MORE** than 30% of their gross annual income on housing (including utilities).



70% SAID THERE IS A **LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING.**

46% SAID THERE IS A **LACK OF ACCESSIBLE HOUSING FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

The top needs regarding housing are:



**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**



**VARIETY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS**



**ASSISTANCE WITH PROPERTY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE**



**QUALITY HOUSING**



**CODE ENFORCEMENT \***

\*overgrown lawns, broken windows, trash, etc.

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The 2020 Riley County Community Needs Assessment, conducted by Wichita State University Center for Applied Research and Evaluation, included the compilation of selected secondary data, administration of a community survey (n=1,229), key informant interviews, and focus groups with persons who were underrepresented in the survey.

Affordable, accessible, and safe housing continues to be one of the top issues for Riley County. The median value of a home in Riley County is around \$50,000 more than the state average (\$194,800 for Riley County and \$200,400 for Manhattan versus \$145,400 for Kansas) and average rent is \$938 for Riley County and \$908 for Manhattan versus \$831 for the state. Additionally, although 45.4% of survey respondents report spending more than 30% of their income on housing, secondary data regarding those who spend even more (at least 35%) show this number to be higher and surpasses the state average (48.1% for Riley County, 36.6% for Kansas). Riley County also has a much lower percentage of homeowners than the state average (42.4% versus 66.2%). In addition, 21% of Riley residents experienced severe housing problems (e.g., lack of complete kitchen or bathroom, etc.) as opposed to 13.0% statewide.

### *Selected data from secondary sources*

Housing	Riley County	Kansas	Source
Number of housing units, 2014-2018	31,340	1,280,553	US Census ACS 5-Year Estimates
Percentage of vacant housing units, 2014-2018	15.1%	11.5%	US Census ACS 5-Year Estimates
Percent of homeownership, 2014-2018	42.4%	66.2%	US Census ACS 5-Year Estimates
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2014-2018	\$194,800	\$145,400	US Census ACS 5-Year Estimates

For the full report, go to: [www.rileycountycommunityneedsassessment.org](http://www.rileycountycommunityneedsassessment.org)