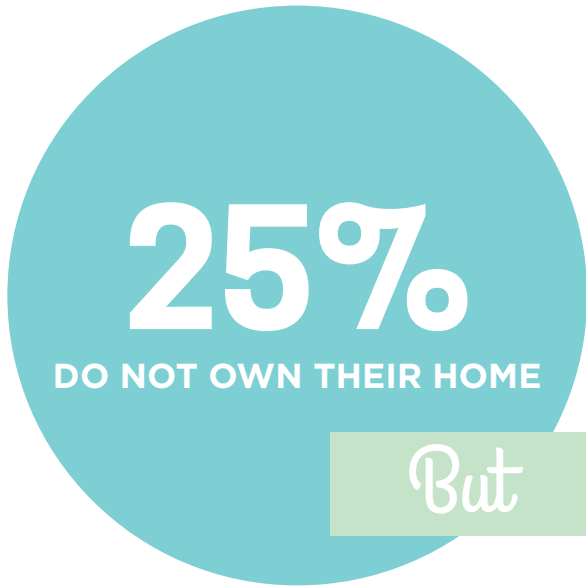


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HOUSING FINDINGS



71% of this group would prefer to own

79% SAID THERE IS A **LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

52% SELECTED “VARIETY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS” AS A **TOP COMMUNITY NEED**

The top five needs regarding housing are:



VARIETY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPTIONS



ASSISTANCE WITH PROPERTY REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE



HIGHER QUALITY RENTALS



CODE ENFORCEMENT *



NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS

*overgrown lawns, broken windows, trash, etc.

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The 2014 Riley County Community Needs Assessment, conducted by Wichita State University Center for Community Support and Research, included the compilation of selected secondary data, administration of a community survey (N=1,126), key informant interviews, and focus groups with persons who were underrepresented in the survey. The following key findings related to physical health were drawn from the methods noted above.

A number of indicators show housing in Riley County to be in the midst of a boom while also being an area of extreme concern according to participants in the survey, interviews and focus groups. The 2015 Manhattan Housing Forecast from Wichita State University's Center for Real Estate indicates that construction of new homes in Manhattan should increase by 4.3% while sales should increase by 5.5% (versus 2.6% for Kansas). At the same time, the inventory of active listings is relatively low. Additionally, average home values are expected to rise by 2.5%. Census data show that the median value of owner-occupied housing is already notably higher than the state average (\$174,900 versus \$129,500, respectively). Residents in Riley County are also less likely than average to own their home and are more likely to live in a multi-unit structure.

Selected data from secondary sources

Housing	Riley County	Kansas	Source
Percent of vacant housing units, 2013	9.0%	10.2%	US Census Bureau American Community Survey
Percent of homeownership, 2008-2012	42.8%	68.2%	US Census Bureau State and County QuickFacts
Percent of housing units in multi-unit structures, 2008-2012	39.40%	17.6%	US Census Bureau State and County QuickFacts
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2011-2013	\$174,900.00	\$129,500.00	US Census Bureau American Community Survey

For the full report, go to: www.rileycountycommunityneedsassessment.org