

Community Profile: Independence at a Glance

Date Incorporated: 1849

Form of Government: Council/Manager; divided into four council districts

Location: Independence is 14 miles east of downtown Kansas City, Missouri

Size: Independence is 78.4 mi², or 50,176 acres. It is the fourth largest city in Missouri.

Total Population: 113,288

Median Age: 37.8

Median Household Income: \$38,012

Total Housing Units: 50,716

Median Home (Owned) Value: \$77,000

Average Household Size: 2.37

Median Rent: \$409

Educational Attainment: High School Graduate or higher: 82.9%
Bachelor's Degree or higher: 15.2%

Employment: The business sectors employing the majority of residents are: educational, health, social services; manufacturing; retail.

School Districts: Independence, Fort Osage, Kansas City, Blue Springs, Raytown

2006 single family permits issued: 334

2006 multi-family permits issued: 240

2006 commercial permits issued: 147

(Most information obtained from 2000 U.S. Census)