

Perry County

County Seat: Perryville

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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2023

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	643	566	14.7%	13.4%	↑	16.5%	17
Food insecurity for children ^b	680	510	14.5%	11.1%	↑	15.4%	5
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	79	56	7.2%	5.1%	↑	8.8%	3
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	26	15	5.7	3.5	↑	5.0	27
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	12	4	2.6	0.9	↑	3.6	16
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	8	23.9	13.9	↑	17.0	28
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	28	29	6.2	6.7	↓	3.0	92
Education							
High school graduation	146	154	80.7%	84.2%	↑	90.8%	112
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	57	—	42.2		41.4%	51
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	68	—	35.2		44.9%	95
4th grade math (MAP)	—	59	—	43.7		36.8%	31
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	14	—	8.7		26.8%	111

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	19,225
	2020	18,922
Child population under 18	2017	4,513
	2021	4,330
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.5%
	2021	22.9%
Child population under 6	2017	1,377
	2021	1,277
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.2%
	2021	6.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	304
	2021	363
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	6.7%
	2021	8.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	122
	2021	114
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	8.9%
	2021	8.9%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	27.4%
	2017-2021	12.9%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	70.9%
	2017-2021	80.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	19.7%
	2021	22.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	13.9%
	2017-2021	12.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	20.9%
	2017-2021	23.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	32.9%
	2017-2021	31.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	26.1%
	2021	21.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$66,283
	2017-2021	\$71,279
Adult unemployment	2017	2.7%
	2021	3.2%
Child homelessness	2017	2.8%
	2021	2.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	127.0
	2022	98.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	18.8%
	2022	14.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.0
	2021	94.1

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	16.2
	2017-2021	32.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	11.1%
	2017-2021	9.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	20.7
	2021	18.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	4.2%
	2021	3.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	9.1
	2021	9.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	3.7
	2017-2021	5.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	24.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	18.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	48.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
	2017-2021	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	7.9**
	2016-2020	30.9*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	46.3
	2016-2020	56.0
Uninsured children	2016	5.1%
	2020	7.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.8%
	2021	92.8%

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).