

Cole County

County Seat: Jefferson City

County
Composite
Rank

2013
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,091	2,793	17.6%	16.2%	↑	20.4%	16
Food insecurity for children*	3,130	3,460	18%	19.5%	↓	20.8%	17
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{^+}	377	369	7.7%	8%	↓	8.0%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	151	119	8.4	6.8	↑	7.6	61
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	129	174	7.2	9.9	↓	10.2	106
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	71	45	28.4	18.2	↑	25.0	22
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [^]	25	46	1.4	2.6	↓	4.5	10
Education							
Graduation rate	820	785	82.8%	84.9%	↑	90.2%	113
Achievement proficiency ^{^#}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	407	447	51.8%	54.4%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	468	451	55.6%	56%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	431	450	54%	48.6%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	630	516	71.7%	57.9%		62.2%	

[^]Outcome not included in County Composite Rank

* Data based on 2010/2014.

+ Data based on 5-year time spans; 2006-2010 and 2011-2015.

Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2011 and 2015 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

LEGEND: ↑ Better ↓ Worse → No Change

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2011	76,431
	2015	76,720
Child population under 18	2011	17,962
	2015	17,507
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	23.5%
	2015	22.8%
Child population under 6	2011	6,053
	2015	5,673
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.9%
	2015	7.4%
Minority child population under 18	2011	3,713
	2015	3,876
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	20.7%
	2015	22.1%
Minority child population under 6	2011	1,521
	2015	1,402
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	8.5%
	2015	8%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	30.2%
	2011-2015	35.6%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	69.3%
	2011-2015	63.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	18.3%
	2011-2015	22.5%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	17.6%
	2011-2015	16.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	21.7%
	2011-2015	24.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	28.2%
	2011-2015	30.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	30.7%
	2015	29.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$65,000
	2011-2015	\$61,507
Adult unemployment	2011	6.4%
	2015	4%
Child homelessness	2011	0.8%
	2015	1.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	160.3
	2016	184.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	9.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	94.5%
	2015	94.7%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	59.6
	2011-2015	12
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	13.6%
	2011-2015	16%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	64.6
	2015	26.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	3.5%
	2015	2.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	4.6
	2015	6.3
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	13.8%
	2011-2015	14.3%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	9
	2011-2015	6.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	21.4
	2011-2015	9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	16.3
	2011-2015	9.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	46.8
	2011-2015	8.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	50%
	2011-2015	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	22.3
	2010-2014	30.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	55.2
	2010-2014	81
Uninsured children	2010	5%
	2014	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	92.8%
	2015	93%

*If no % is listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.