

Mercer County

County Seat: Princeton

County
Composite
Rank

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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	227	192	24.3%	21.9%	↑	20.4%	38
Food insecurity for children*	210	210	24%	23.1%	↑	20.8%	64
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{^+}	21	17	9.5%	8%	↑	8.0%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	7	5	7.3	5.5	↑	7.6	38
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	3	4	3.1	4.4	↓	10.2	42
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	2	3	16	22.4	↓	25.0	34
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [^]	6	3	6.3	3.4	↑	4.5	22
Education							
Graduation rate	47	46	100%	97.9%	↓	90.2%	14
Achievement proficiency ^{^#}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	16	21	45.7%	43.8%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	26	18	55.3%	31.6%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	16	6	34%	16.2%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	19	25	52.8%	47.2%		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			Education		
Total population	2011	3,784	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	71.1
	2015	3,694		2016	83.6
Child population under 18	2011	956	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2015	885		2016	73%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	25.1%	School attendance, grades K-12	2011	96.2%
	2015	24%		2015	94.9%
Child population under 6	2011	292	Family & Community		
	2015	242	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	7.7%		2011-2015	152.4
	2015	6.6%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	13.1%
Minority child population under 18	2011	35		2011-2015	9.4%
	2015	31	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	10.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	3.7%		2015	41.4
	2015	3.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2011	0%
Minority child population under 6	2011	8		2015	0%
	2015	6	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	0
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	0.8%		2015	3.4
	2015	0.7%	Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	34.2%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	43.7%		2011-2015	0%
	2011-2015	23.2%	Health		
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	55.3%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	4.5
	2011-2015	76.5%		2011-2015	4.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	21.9
Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	30.3%		2011-2015	43.9
	2011-2015	16.4%	Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	26.9
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	24.3%		2011-2015	0
	2011-2015	21.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	0
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	23.8%		2011-2015	0
	2011-2015	20%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	41.7%		2011-2015	100%
	2011-2015	43.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	25.1%		2010-2014	0
	2015	25.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	53.1
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$44,750		2010-2014	35.6
	2011-2015	\$48,952	Uninsured children	2010	12.4%
Adult unemployment	2011	6.2%		2014	13.9%
	2015	4.4%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	96.5%
Child homelessness	2011	2%		2015	93.3%
	2015	0%			

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