

Pulaski County

County Seat: Waynesville

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 53,221

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2011	2015	2011	2015		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,026	2,056	16.3%	17.5%	↓	20.4%	22
Food insecurity for children*	2,260	2,570	19.8%	20.5%	↓	20.8%	26
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{^+}	313	262	7.8%	6.4%	↑	8.0%	21
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18* (per 1,000)	94	52	7.4	4.3	↑	7.6	8
Child asthma ER rates* (per 1,000)	26	35	2.1	2.9	↓	10.2	20
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	47	57	23.2	31.4	↓	25.0	58
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) [^]	49	63	3.9	5.2	↓	4.5	51
Education							
Graduation rate	565	527	85.7%	93.3%	↑	90.2%	56
Achievement proficiency ^{^#}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	320	403	43.9%	58%		57.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	308	335	53.1%	55.8%		57.6%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	311	334	47.6%	52.2%		49.2%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	410	303	57.3%	48.6%		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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2013
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2017
18

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2011	53,268
	2015	53,221
Child population under 18	2011	12,683
	2015	12,010
Children under 18 as % of total population	2011	23.9%
	2015	22.6%
Child population under 6	2011	4,836
	2015	4,574
Children under 6 as % of total population	2011	9.1%
	2015	8.6%
Minority child population under 18	2011	3,703
	2015	4,041
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2011	29.2%
	2015	33.6%
Minority child population under 6	2011	1,464
	2015	1,618
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2011	11.5%
	2015	13.5%
Children in single-parent families	2006-2010	23.2%
	2011-2015	23%
Children in married-parent families	2006-2010	75.8%
	2011-2015	76%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2006-2010	16.8%
	2011-2015	20.7%
Children in poverty, ages 6-17	2006-2010	16.3%
	2011-2015	17.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2006-2010	31.2%
	2011-2015	32.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2006-2010	38.6%
	2011-2015	43.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2011	25.3%
	2015	27.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2006-2010	\$49,821
	2011-2015	\$49,902
Adult unemployment	2011	8.8%
	2015	5.8%
Child homelessness	2011	0.6%
	2015	2.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2011	70.3
	2016	84.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2011	-
	2016	10.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2011	94.4%
	2015	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2006-2010	43.3
	2011-2015	22.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2006-2010	14.1%
	2011-2015	13.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2011	35.9
	2015	29.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2011	1.5%
	2015	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2011	6.8
	2015	5.9
Children living in high poverty areas	2006-2010	0%
	2011-2015	14.7%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2006-2010	7.2
	2011-2015	8.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	17.1
	2011-2015	16.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	10.2
	2011-2015	15.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2006-2010	51.5
	2011-2015	21.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18*	2006-2010	100%
	2011-2015	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000)	2005-2009	20.7
	2010-2014	11.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2005-2009	72.9
	2010-2014	87.4
Uninsured children	2010	6.5%
	2014	7.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2011	93.6%
	2015	93.9%

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