

# Benton County

County Seat: Warsaw

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 18,839

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,100	931	34.1%	29.1%	↑	19.2%	85
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	840	770	24.7%	23.3%	↑	18.6%	88
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	61	53	7.1%	7.0%	↑	8.2%	35
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	29	28	8.6	8.5	↑	7.2	89
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	7	11	2.1	3.4	↓	9.2	37
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	18	16	39.2	36.8	↑	23.3	85
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	31	29	9.3	8.9	↑	4.2	92
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	169	197	86.2%	92.5%	↑	91.5%	84
<b>Achievement proficiency<sup>a,e</sup></b>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	108	106	58.4%	64.6%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	121	116	56.5%	65.9%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	84	76	47.5%	44.4%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	109	173	56.5%	75.2%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2011 and 2015.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

<sup>d</sup> If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

<sup>e</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Comparisons between 2012 and 2016 data should be treated with caution due to differences in testing standards; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	18,942
	2016	18,839
Child population under 18	2012	3,346
	2016	3,270
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	17.7%
	2016	17.4%
Child population under 6	2012	951
	2016	959
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	5.0%
	2016	5.1%
Minority child population under 18	2012	204
	2016	247
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	6.1%
	2016	7.6%
Minority child population under 6	2012	61
	2016	92
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	6.4%
	2016	9.6%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	22.1%
	2012-2016	31.4%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	77.8%
	2012-2016	68.4%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	38.4%
	2012-2016	19.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	34.1%
	2012-2016	26.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	19.8%
	2012-2016	18.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	43.9%
	2012-2016	59.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	55.1%
	2016	43.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$49,067
	2012-2016	\$34,983
Adult unemployment	2012	8.0%
	2016	6.1%
Child homelessness	2012	0.8%
	2016	3.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	73.8
	2017	92.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	6.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.6%
	2016	95.5%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	96.0
	2012-2016	40.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	4.4%
	2012-2016	5.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	47.6
	2016	69.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	3.1%
	2016	1.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	2.4
	2016	4.3
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	20.1%
	2012-2016	20.0%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	8.1
	2012-2016	5.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	35.1
	2012-2016	36.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	7.1
	2012-2016	14.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	90.4
	2012-2016	126.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	66.7%
	2012-2016	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	
	2011-2015	27.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	108.1
	2011-2015	146.2
Uninsured children	2011	10.0%
	2015	8.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.4%
	2016	94.5%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.