

# Clay County

County Seat: Liberty

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 239,085

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,982	6,529	12.4%	11.3%	↑	19.2%	4
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	9,790	8,790	17.4%	15.2%	↑	18.6%	5
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	1,051	1,010	6.6%	6.6%	↓	8.2%	21
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	416	420	7.2	7.2	↑	7.2	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	388	359	6.7	6.2	↑	9.2	82
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	169	126	23.7	17.2	↑	23.3	24
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	116	109	2.0	1.9	↑	4.2	6
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	2,687	2,829	89.5%	96.2%	↑	91.5%	41
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,e</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	1,563	2,368	50.7%	74.5%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	1,679	1,838	58.0%	60.8%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	1,610	2,150	55.3%	68.0%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	1,868	1,991	60.7%	74.0%		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	227,486
	2016	239,085
Child population under 18	2012	57,520
	2016	58,636
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	25.3%
	2016	24.5%
Child population under 6	2012	18,819
	2016	18,809
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	8.3%
	2016	7.9%
Minority child population under 18	2012	12,381
	2016	13,429
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	21.5%
	2016	22.9%
Minority child population under 6	2012	4,115
	2016	4,232
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	21.9%
	2016	22.5%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	27.2%
	2012-2016	28.0%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	72.5%
	2012-2016	71.7%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	14.7%
	2012-2016	16.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	12.4%
	2012-2016	10.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	23.8%
	2012-2016	18.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	21.6%
	2012-2016	25.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	25.9%
	2016	19.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$72,630
	2012-2016	\$76,213
Adult unemployment	2012	6.4%
	2016	3.9%
Child homelessness	2012	1.8%
	2016	1.9%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	90.7
	2017	89.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	17.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.8%
	2016	95.0%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	36.0
	2012-2016	36.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	9.7%
	2012-2016	9.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	25.9
	2016	23.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	2.1%
	2016	0.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	0.7
	2016	1.4
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	5.8%
	2012-2016	5.9%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	5.7
	2012-2016	4.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	16.3
	2012-2016	21.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	13.6
	2012-2016	16.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	28.3
	2012-2016	44.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	40.0%
	2012-2016	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	20.4
	2011-2015	14.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	81.0
	2011-2015	93.2
Uninsured children	2011	6.7%
	2015	5.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.1%
	2016	93.8%

<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.