

Cole County

County Seat: Jefferson City

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 76,631

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,087	2,467	17.8%	14.5%	↑	19.2%	10
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,120	3,000	17.5%	17.0%	↑	18.6%	11
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	361	379	7.6%	8.1%	↓	8.2%	72
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	178	118	9.9	6.7	↑	7.2	68
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	128	156	7.1	8.9	↓	9.2	101
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	64	52	25.9	21.8	↑	23.3	40
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	14	35	0.8	2.0	↓	4.2	8
Education							
Graduation rate	789	755	87.0%	88.2%	↑	91.5%	111
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	413	486	51.4%	52.3%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	413	447	53.8%	57.4%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	453	446	55.3%	53.9%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	619	468	61.2%	56.9%		66.2%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2011 and 2015.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2007-2011 and 2012-2016.

^d If no number is listed, the count is suppressed by DHSS for confidentiality purposes.

^e 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	76,365
	2016	76,631
Child population under 18	2012	17,764
	2016	17,349
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.3%
	2016	22.6%
Child population under 6	2012	5,853
	2016	5,546
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.7%
	2016	7.2%
Minority child population under 18	2012	3,729
	2016	3,834
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	21.0%
	2016	22.1%
Minority child population under 6	2012	1,463
	2016	1,356
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	25.0%
	2016	24.5%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	34.8%
	2012-2016	33.1%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	65.0%
	2012-2016	66.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	27.7%
	2012-2016	8.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	17.8%
	2012-2016	13.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	19.0%
	2012-2016	16.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	30.6%
	2012-2016	30.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	32.1%
	2016	29.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$65,286
	2012-2016	\$60,078
Adult unemployment	2012	5.3%
	2016	3.6%
Child homelessness	2012	1.0%
	2016	1.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	175.6
	2017	182.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	5.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.6%
	2016	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	43.5
	2012-2016	27.4
Single parent head-of-house- hold with children under 18	2007-2011	10.1%
	2012-2016	9.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	53.9
	2016	37.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	3.2%
	2016	2.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	5.6
	2016	3.3
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	12.5%
	2012-2016	12.7%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	8.4
	2012-2016	5.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	18.7
	2012-2016	12.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	17.5
	2012-2016	9.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	33.6
	2012-2016	27.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	25.0%
	2012-2016	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	25.2
	2011-2015	32.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	59.4
	2011-2015	90.5
Uninsured children	2011	6.6%
	2015	5.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.4%
	2016	93.3%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b If no rate listed, rate is suppressed for confidentiality purposes.