

# Douglas County

County Seat: Ava

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 13,358

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,081	879	38.0%	31.6%	↑	19.2%	96
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	860	760	27.6%	26.2%	↑	18.6%	111
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	62	45	8.2%	6.0%	↑	8.2%	12
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	13	10	4.3	3.5	↑	7.2	9
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	12	0	4.0	0.0	↑	9.2	1
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	15	20	39.1	59.7	↓	23.3	113
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	13	16	4.4	5.6	↓	4.2	66
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	93	99	96.9%	99.0%	↑	91.5%	15
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,e</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	52	66	41.6%	52.0%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	69	70	54.3%	64.2%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	57	63	57.6%	54.3%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	79	74	63.7%	63.8%		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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2014  
**64**

2018  
**86**

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	13,587
	2016	13,358
Child population under 18	2012	2,927
	2016	2,853
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	21.5%
	2016	21.4%
Child population under 6	2012	938
	2016	876
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	6.9%
	2016	6.6%
Minority child population under 18	2012	121
	2016	148
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	4.1%
	2016	5.2%
Minority child population under 6	2012	39
	2016	58
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	4.2%
	2016	6.6%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	23.9%
	2012-2016	29.8%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	75.9%
	2012-2016	70.2%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	37.6%
	2012-2016	45.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	38.0%
	2012-2016	28.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	23.4%
	2012-2016	18.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	59.8%
	2012-2016	54.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	60.9%
	2016	48.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$35,865
	2012-2016	\$38,281
Adult unemployment	2012	8.2%
	2016	6.1%
Child homelessness	2012	0.0%
	2016	0.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	36.2
	2017	52.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	30.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.4%
	2016	94.8%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	110.5
	2012-2016	132.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	6.1%
	2012-2016	5.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	46.1
	2016	27.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	0.4%
	2016	0.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	3.4
	2016	4.6
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	75.9%
	2012-2016	76.3%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	6.6
	2012-2016	6.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	64.5
	2012-2016	34.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	39.3
	2012-2016	24.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	102.1
	2012-2016	80.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	50.0%
	2012-2016	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	0.0
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	45.0
	2011-2015	57.3
Uninsured children	2011	9.0%
	2015	7.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.6%
	2016	94.2%

<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.