

Hickory County

County Seat: Hermitage

County
Composite
Rank

2014
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2018
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	644	557	41.5%	35.4%	↑	19.2%	104
Food insecurity for children ^b	440	460	25.9%	27.9%	↓	18.6%	115
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	27	45	6.8%	12.5%	↓	8.2%	115
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	9	7	5.3	4.6	↑	7.2	22
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}			2.4	2.6	↓	9.2	23
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	7	29.3	29.7	↓	23.3	66
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	15	19	9.3	11.8	↓	4.2	103
Education							
Graduation rate	138	118	96.5%	99.2%	↑	91.5%	12
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	70	87	69.3%	65.4%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	72	94	55.0%	75.2%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	71	63	62.8%	55.8%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	54	92	51.4%	86.0%		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	9,390
	2016	9,269
Child population under 18	2012	1,612
	2016	1,616
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	17.2%
	2016	17.4%
Child population under 6	2012	497
	2016	479
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	5.3%
	2016	5.2%
Minority child population under 18	2012	88
	2016	102
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	5.5%
	2016	6.3%
Minority child population under 6	2012	37
	2016	38
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	7.4%
	2016	7.9%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	33.5%
	2012-2016	24.9%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	66.5%
	2012-2016	73.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	51.8%
	2012-2016	19.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	41.5%
	2012-2016	33.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	23.5%
	2012-2016	18.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	56.9%
	2012-2016	54.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	42.4%
	2016	40.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$32,955
	2012-2016	\$35,795
Adult unemployment	2012	12.4%
	2016	5.6%
Child homelessness	2012	0.0%
	2016	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	106.1
	2017	78.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	60.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.1%
	2016	95.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	77.2
	2012-2016	40.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	6.4%
	2012-2016	4.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	19.6
	2016	44.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	0.6%
	2016	0.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	3.1
	2016	0.6
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	0.0%
	2012-2016	0.0%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.6
	2012-2016	11.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	15.3
	2012-2016	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	14.6
	2012-2016	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	61.3
	2012-2016	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	
	2011-2015	0.0
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	90.5
	2011-2015	107.9
Uninsured children	2011	11.8%
	2015	10.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	94.7%
	2016	95.3%

^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.