

Howell County

County Seat: West Plains

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 40,210

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2012 | 2016 | 2012 | 2016 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 3,075 | 2,906 | 31.6% | 30.8% | ↑ | 19.2% | 93 |
| Food insecurity for children ^b | 2,570 | 2,390 | 25.8% | 24.2% | ↑ | 18.6% | 99 |
| Health | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^{a,c} | 215 | 178 | 7.7% | 7.1% | ↑ | 8.2% | 37 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d} | 99 | 83 | 9.8 | 8.7 | ↑ | 7.2 | 92 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d} | 39 | 24 | 3.9 | 2.5 | ↑ | 9.2 | 20 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 67 | 51 | 55.9 | 42.3 | ↑ | 23.3 | 99 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a | 52 | 77 | 5.2 | 8.0 | ↓ | 4.2 | 88 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| Graduation rate | 391 | 423 | 89.1% | 95.5% | ↑ | 91.5% | 50 |
| Achievement proficiency ^{a,e} | | | | | | | |
| 3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | 244 | 304 | 49.6% | 59.5% | | 60.7% | |
| 8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | 327 | 304 | 61.1% | 62.6% | | 59.3% | |
| 4th grade Math (MAP) | 265 | 250 | 52.2% | 48.4% | | 52.6% | |
| Algebra I (End of Course exam) | 273 | 325 | 54.8% | 68.6% | | 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 | 40,575 |
| | 2016 | 40,210 |
| Child population under 18 | 2012 | 10,009 |
| | 2016 | 9,630 |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2012 | 24.7% |
| | 2016 | 23.9% |
| Child population under 6 | 2012 | 3,305 |
| | 2016 | 3,061 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2012 | 8.1% |
| | 2016 | 7.6% |
| Minority child population under 18 | 2012 | 535 |
| | 2016 | 595 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population | 2012 | 5.3% |
| | 2016 | 6.2% |
| Minority child population under 6 | 2012 | 182 |
| | 2016 | 205 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of child population | 2012 | 5.5% |
| | 2016 | 6.7% |
| Children in single-parent families | 2007-2011 | 31.2% |
| | 2012-2016 | 32.8% |
| Children in married-parent families | 2007-2011 | 68.8% |
| | 2012-2016 | 67.1% |

Economic Well-being

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|---|-----------|----------|
| Children in poverty under 6 | 2007-2011 | 48.1% |
| | 2012-2016 | 45.2% |
| Children in poverty, ages 5-17 | 2007-2011 | 31.6% |
| | 2012-2016 | 28.1% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2007-2011 | 23.4% |
| | 2012-2016 | 20.5% |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2007-2011 | 50.3% |
| | 2012-2016 | 55.9% |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2012 | 53.9% |
| | 2016 | 46.9% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2007-2011 | \$39,538 |
| | 2012-2016 | \$36,634 |
| Adult unemployment | 2012 | 7.0% |
| | 2016 | 6.3% |
| Child homelessness | 2012 | 3.1% |
| | 2016 | 3.3% |

Education

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|--|------|-------|
| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2012 | 73.5 |
| | 2017 | 77.5 |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2012 | — |
| | 2017 | 18.2% |
| School attendance, grades K-12 | 2012 | 94.5% |
| | 2016 | 95.0% |

Family & Community

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|--|-----------|-------|
| Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2007-2011 | 96.8 |
| | 2012-2016 | 57.3 |
| Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2007-2011 | 9.0% |
| | 2012-2016 | 9.7% |
| Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000) | 2012 | 43.3 |
| | 2016 | 21.4 |
| Annual high school dropout rate | 2012 | 1.2% |
| | 2016 | 0.9% |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2012 | 1.3 |
| | 2016 | 5.3 |
| Children living in high poverty areas | 2007-2011 | 27.9% |
| | 2012-2016 | 27.8% |

Health

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|---|-----------|--------|
| Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2007-2011 | 5.8 |
| | 2012-2016 | 6.3 |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2007-2011 | 41.0 |
| | 2012-2016 | 44.9 |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2007-2011 | 28.9 |
| | 2012-2016 | 34.3 |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2007-2011 | 95.4 |
| | 2012-2016 | 97.5 |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a | 2007-2011 | 60.0% |
| | 2012-2016 | 100.0% |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b | 2006-2010 | 25.5 |
| | 2011-2015 | 48.5 |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2006-2010 | 94.9 |
| | 2011-2015 | 100.3 |
| Uninsured children | 2011 | 8.4% |
| | 2015 | 7.7% |
| School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2012 | 93.4% |
| | 2016 | 94.9% |

^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.