

Mercer County

County Seat: Princeton

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 3,699

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	198	173	21.7%	20.0%	↑	19.2%	36
Food insecurity for children ^b	220	180	23.5%	19.5%	↑	18.6%	34
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	18	17	8.5%	7.7%	↑	8.2%	56
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	7		7.3	2.3	↑	7.2	4
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}			4.2	2.3	↑	9.2	17
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	4	39.7	30.8	↑	23.3	70
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	3	3	3.3	3.4	↓	4.2	28
Education							
Graduation rate	35	45	100.0%	100.0%	→	91.5%	1
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	16	32	35.6%	64.0%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	22	28	47.8%	57.1%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	20	23	55.6%	46.9%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	27	21	45.8%	42.9%		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			Education		
Total population	2012	3,717	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	74.4
	2016	3,699		2017	64.1
Child population under 18	2012	914	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2016	873		2017	96.4%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	24.6%	School attendance, grades K-12	2012	96.3%
	2016	23.6%		2016	95.2%
Child population under 6	2012	273	Family & Community		
	2016	250	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	162.5
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.3%		2012-2016	0.0
	2016	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	8.2%
Minority child population under 18	2012	35		2012-2016	5.1%
	2016	48	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	29.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	3.8%		2016	27.9
	2016	5.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2012	0.0%
Minority child population under 6	2012	11		2016	0.0%
	2016	17	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	5.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	4.0%		2016	9.2
	2016	6.8%	Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	34.2%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	43.9%		2012-2016	34.1%
	2012-2016	21.8%	Health		
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	56.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	4.7
	2012-2016	78.2%		2012-2016	4.5
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	27.9
Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	11.1%		2012-2016	0.0
	2012-2016	33.7%	Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	25.9
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	21.7%		2012-2016	0.0
	2012-2016	18.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	249.7
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	14.7%		2012-2016	0.0
	2012-2016	13.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	0.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	37.7%		2012-2016	%
	2012-2016	43.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	0.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	28.0%		2011-2015	0.0
	2016	22.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	54.2
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$47,750		2011-2015	36.1
	2012-2016	\$49,087	Uninsured children	2011	13.8%
Adult unemployment	2012	4.8%		2015	12.0%
	2016	4.6%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	96.5%
Child homelessness	2012	0.0%		2016	93.9%
	2016	0.0%			

^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.