

Pettis County

County Seat: Sedalia

County
Composite
Rank

2014
42

2018
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Population: 42,213

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,489	2,283	24.0%	22.3%	↑	19.2%	46
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,390	2,140	22.2%	20.1%	↑	18.6%	45
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	205	186	6.6%	6.5%	↑	8.2%	18
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	95	43	8.9	4.1	↑	7.2	15
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	58	54	5.4	5.1	↑	9.2	65
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	49	51	35.5	37.2	↓	23.3	88
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	47	29	4.4	2.8	↑	4.2	16
Education							
Graduation rate	414	454	94.3%	97.6%	↑	91.5%	27
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	210	366	44.4%	63.7%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	249	277	51.0%	55.8%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	243	276	47.9%	50.5%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	311	333	58.5%	63.9%		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	42,288
	2016	42,213
Child population under 18	2012	10,722
	2016	10,534
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	25.4%
	2016	25.0%
Child population under 6	2012	3,642
	2016	3,476
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	8.6%
	2016	8.2%
Minority child population under 18	2012	2,149
	2016	2,270
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	20.0%
	2016	21.5%
Minority child population under 6	2012	831
	2016	817
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	22.8%
	2016	23.5%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	26.4%
	2012-2016	26.9%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	73.3%
	2012-2016	73.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	28.5%
	2012-2016	18.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	24.0%
	2012-2016	20.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	26.4%
	2012-2016	21.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	47.3%
	2012-2016	45.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	45.6%
	2016	41.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$49,468
	2012-2016	\$48,048
Adult unemployment	2012	6.9%
	2016	4.9%
Child homelessness	2012	13.2%
	2016	12.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	211.4
	2017	145.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	1.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.1%
	2016	95.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	40.6
	2012-2016	63.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	7.5%
	2012-2016	10.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	67.6
	2016	44.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	0.7%
	2016	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	4.9
	2016	3.4
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	15.3%
	2012-2016	15.3%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	3.9
	2012-2016	5.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	21.1
	2012-2016	26.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	24.5
	2012-2016	20.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	22.6
	2012-2016	56.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	66.7%
	2012-2016	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	25.2
	2011-2015	15.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	74.0
	2011-2015	116.5
Uninsured children	2011	9.2%
	2015	8.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.8%
	2016	94.6%

^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.