

# Phelps County

County Seat: Rolla

County  
Composite  
Rank



Population: 44,608

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,353	2,064	25.6%	22.8%	↑	19.2%	49
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,010	1,980	20.6%	20.7%	↓	18.6%	52
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	204	198	7.4%	7.6%	↓	8.2%	53
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	87	57	8.9	6.0	↑	7.2	52
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b,d</sup>	63	48	6.5	5.1	↑	9.2	64
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	60	23	39.2	16.1	↑	23.3	21
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	29	59	3.0	6.3	↓	4.2	70
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	417	429	86.7%	90.1%	↑	91.5%	101
<b>Achievement proficiency<sup>a,e</sup></b>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	231	321	52.1%	64.3%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	297	286	65.0%	62.0%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	266	365	61.1%	73.3%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	323	356	61.8%	72.5%		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  
**63**

2018  
**53**

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2012	45,227
	2016	44,608
Child population under 18	2012	9,681
	2016	9,396
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	21.4%
	2016	21.1%
Child population under 6	2012	3,267
	2016	3,056
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.2%
	2016	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2012	1,104
	2016	1,083
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	11.4%
	2016	11.5%
Minority child population under 6	2012	448
	2016	432
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	13.7%
	2016	14.1%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	29.5%
	2012-2016	30.4%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	69.8%
	2012-2016	68.9%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	20.6%
	2012-2016	27.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	25.6%
	2012-2016	20.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	25.3%
	2012-2016	24.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	39.5%
	2012-2016	39.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	40.1%
	2016	36.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$49,223
	2012-2016	\$51,814
Adult unemployment	2012	6.4%
	2016	4.7%
Child homelessness	2012	1.3%
	2016	1.6%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	43.4
	2017	30.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	6.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.7%
	2016	95.4%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	45.4
	2012-2016	34.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	8.7%
	2012-2016	7.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	32.9
	2016	17.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	3.2%
	2016	2.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	4.9
	2016	15.6
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	23.5%
	2012-2016	23.7%

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	5.0
	2012-2016	9.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	24.8
	2012-2016	18.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	22.6
	2012-2016	17.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	56.4
	2012-2016	27.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2007-2011	66.7%
	2012-2016	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2006-2010	30.1
	2011-2015	47.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	90.6
	2011-2015	123.4
Uninsured children	2011	8.8%
	2015	8.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	93.9%
	2016	94.7%

<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.