

Polk County

County Seat: Bolivar

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 31,285

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,219	1,721	30.5%	24.8%	↑	19.2%	68
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,950	1,560	25.7%	20.9%	↑	18.6%	57
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	127	112	6.3%	6.0%	↑	8.2%	11
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	67	28	8.8	3.8	↑	7.2	11
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	24	17	3.2	2.3	↑	9.2	19
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	33	30	25.4	23.0	↑	23.3	47
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	50	36	6.7	5.0	↑	4.2	58
Education							
Graduation rate	372	363	91.0%	92.1%	↑	91.5%	88
Achievement proficiency ^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	168	218	45.2%	57.2%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	236	216	56.6%	54.7%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	158	203	44.3%	56.1%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	232	238	59.0%	59.9%		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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2014
57

2018
40

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2012	31,078
	2016	31,285
Child population under 18	2012	7,475
	2016	7,223
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	24.1%
	2016	23.1%
Child population under 6	2012	2,325
	2016	2,218
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.5%
	2016	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2012	481
	2016	514
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	6.4%
	2016	7.1%
Minority child population under 6	2012	178
	2016	175
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	7.7%
	2016	7.9%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	20.6%
	2012-2016	28.2%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	78.5%
	2012-2016	71.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	24.3%
	2012-2016	19.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	30.5%
	2012-2016	23.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	24.6%
	2012-2016	22.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	43.7%
	2012-2016	45.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	45.1%
	2016	36.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$49,199
	2012-2016	\$45,552
Adult unemployment	2012	7.4%
	2016	4.8%
Child homelessness	2012	0.4%
	2016	1.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	72.6
	2017	73.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	54.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.8%
	2016	95.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	82.7
	2012-2016	22.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	6.5%
	2012-2016	8.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	35.3
	2016	62.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	2.4%
	2016	2.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	2.1
	2016	2.2
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	29.3%
	2012-2016	31.1%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	4.0
	2012-2016	8.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	33.8
	2012-2016	24.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	29.0
	2012-2016	26.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	98.4
	2012-2016	14.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	33.3%
	2012-2016	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	15.9
	2011-2015	20.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	81.6
	2011-2015	94.3
Uninsured children	2011	8.6%
	2015	7.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	94.3%
	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.