

Pulaski County

County Seat: Waynesville

County
Composite
Rank



Population: 52,654

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,254	1,947	18.4%	17.0%	↑	19.2%	24
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,570	2,350	21.6%	18.9%	↑	18.6%	25
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	310	282	7.5%	6.9%	↑	8.2%	30
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	81	48	6.4	4.0	↑	7.2	14
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	19	33	1.5	2.7	↓	9.2	28
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	49	41	24.6	23.2	↑	23.3	49
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	48	56	3.9	4.8	↓	4.2	52
Education							
Graduation rate	600	602	91.3%	96.5%	↑	91.5%	40
Achievement proficiency ^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	284	438	46.3%	64.3%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	362	347	54.3%	54.2%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	341	395	47.0%	58.2%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	366	388	50.1%	60.0%		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	53,401
	2016	52,654
Child population under 18	2012	12,455
	2016	11,704
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.3%
	2016	22.2%
Child population under 6	2012	4,665
	2016	4,287
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	8.7%
	2016	8.1%
Minority child population under 18	2012	3,740
	2016	3,824
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	30.0%
	2016	32.7%
Minority child population under 6	2012	1,434
	2016	1,438
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	30.7%
	2016	33.5%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	26.2%
	2012-2016	27.0%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	73.3%
	2012-2016	72.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	16.9%
	2012-2016	37.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	18.4%
	2012-2016	15.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	24.5%
	2012-2016	27.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	39.4%
	2012-2016	39.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	27.4%
	2016	27.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$51,185
	2012-2016	\$52,757
Adult unemployment	2012	8.2%
	2016	5.4%
Child homelessness	2012	1.0%
	2016	3.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	49.5
	2017	44.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	20.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.0%
	2016	95.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	42.4
	2012-2016	18.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	10.0%
	2012-2016	9.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	35.0
	2016	33.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	1.6%
	2016	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	3.9
	2016	9.5
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	8.1%
	2012-2016	7.9%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.0
	2012-2016	7.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	17.4
	2012-2016	18.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	9.9
	2012-2016	15.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	41.0
	2012-2016	33.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	17.7
	2011-2015	13.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	72.6
	2011-2015	90.7
Uninsured children	2011	9.5%
	2015	5.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	92.4%
	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.