

Ray County

County Seat: Richmond

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	923	773	16.9%	15.2%	↑	19.2%	14
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,190	1,140	20.0%	20.9%	↓	18.6%	57
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	106	92	7.7%	7.4%	↑	8.2%	46
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	38	30	6.7	5.8	↑	7.2	47
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	34	20	6.0	3.8	↑	9.2	44
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	31	24	41.2	33.9	↑	23.3	79
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	19	10	3.4	1.9	↑	4.2	7
Education							
Graduation rate	242	211	91.7%	95.0%	↑	91.5%	57
Achievement proficiency^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	109	180	44.1%	64.7%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	134	160	51.5%	65.0%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	125	117	50.8%	50.9%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	154	160	49.8%	81.6%		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	23,053
	2016	22,754
Child population under 18	2012	5,564
	2016	5,157
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	24.1%
	2016	22.7%
Child population under 6	2012	1,651
	2016	1,548
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.2%
	2016	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2012	390
	2016	410
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	7.0%
	2016	8.0%
Minority child population under 6	2012	140
	2016	166
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	8.5%
	2016	10.7%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	26.5%
	2012-2016	29.5%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	73.4%
	2012-2016	70.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	28.6%
	2012-2016	22.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	16.9%
	2012-2016	13.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	20.8%
	2012-2016	18.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	27.7%
	2012-2016	31.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	34.6%
	2016	27.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$65,152
	2012-2016	\$62,289
Adult unemployment	2012	9.0%
	2016	4.9%
Child homelessness	2012	0.0%
	2016	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	27.0
	2017	14.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.3%
	2016	95.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	82.8
	2012-2016	38.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	7.4%
	2012-2016	8.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	60.8
	2016	56.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	1.6%
	2016	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	2.3
	2016	1.0
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	0.0%
	2012-2016	0.0%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	5.8
	2012-2016	8.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	22.2
	2012-2016	18.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	16.5
	2012-2016	18.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	72.4
	2012-2016	19.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	0.0%
	2012-2016	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	15.0
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	90.6
	2011-2015	91.7
Uninsured children	2011	7.3%
	2015	7.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	94.8%
	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.