

Scott County

County Seat: Benton

County
Composite
Rank

2014
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2018
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Population: 38,745

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,905	2,473	30.8%	27.4%	↑	19.2%	80
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,160	1,990	21.6%	21.2%	↑	18.6%	61
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	271	231	9.4%	9.3%	↑	8.2%	101
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	152	124	15.8	13.2	↑	7.2	108
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	76	89	7.9	9.5	↓	9.2	103
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	67	46	56.6	42.8	↑	23.3	102
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	59	77	6.2	8.3	↓	4.2	90
Education							
Graduation rate	439	474	95.4%	94.6%	↓	91.5%	65
Achievement proficiency ^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	155	280	33.0%	51.7%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	187	277	37.5%	52.2%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	247	214	47.0%	39.9%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	277	373	52.9%	66.3%		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	39,123
	2016	38,745
Child population under 18	2012	9,538
	2016	9,239
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	24.4%
	2016	23.8%
Child population under 6	2012	3,242
	2016	3,018
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	8.3%
	2016	7.8%
Minority child population under 18	2012	2,075
	2016	2,041
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	21.8%
	2016	22.1%
Minority child population under 6	2012	797
	2016	731
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	24.6%
	2016	24.2%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	35.8%
	2012-2016	37.4%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	63.8%
	2012-2016	62.0%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	34.4%
	2012-2016	18.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	30.8%
	2012-2016	26.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	20.0%
	2012-2016	18.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	46.9%
	2012-2016	49.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	57.5%
	2016	52.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$45,008
	2012-2016	\$41,761
Adult unemployment	2012	6.6%
	2016	5.7%
Child homelessness	2012	0.3%
	2016	1.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	119.6
	2017	112.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	5.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	95.3%
	2016	95.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	50.3
	2012-2016	64.8
Single parent head-of-house- hold with children under 18	2007-2011	11.5%
	2012-2016	11.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	80.0
	2016	49.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	0.8%
	2016	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	4.2
	2016	12.6
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	24.5%
	2012-2016	24.4%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	7.6
	2012-2016	11.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	26.5
	2012-2016	21.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	29.6
	2012-2016	15.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	67.1
	2012-2016	51.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	100.0%
	2012-2016	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	16.3
	2011-2015	15.5
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	94.2
	2011-2015	79.4
Uninsured children	2011	6.2%
	2015	5.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	94.2%
	2016	94.4%

^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.