

Washington County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Potosi

Population: 24,839

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2012	2016	2012	2016		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,962	1,656	34.2%	29.7%	↑	19.2%	89
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,750	1,450	28.8%	24.8%	↑	18.6%	104
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	145	160	9.0%	10.9%	↓	8.2%	110
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	49	32	8.2	5.6	↑	7.2	42
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^{b,d}	38	45	6.4	7.9	↓	9.2	94
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	37	42	51.2	59.7	↓	23.3	114
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	48	52	8.2	9.1	↓	4.2	94
Education							
Graduation rate	253	256	86.1%	92.4%	↑	91.5%	85
Achievement proficiency ^{a,e}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	168	210	54.5%	66.9%		60.7%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)	126	155	42.0%	56.4%		59.3%	
4th grade Math (MAP)	124	159	42.8%	55.4%		52.6%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)	97	109	42.0%	46.0%		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	25,104
	2016	24,839
Child population under 18	2012	5,879
	2016	5,703
Children under 18 as % of total population	2012	23.4%
	2016	23.0%
Child population under 6	2012	1,885
	2016	1,742
Children under 6 as % of total population	2012	7.5%
	2016	7.0%
Minority child population under 18	2012	259
	2016	237
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2012	4.4%
	2016	4.2%
Minority child population under 6	2012	90
	2016	79
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2012	4.8%
	2016	4.5%
Children in single-parent families	2007-2011	34.2%
	2012-2016	27.5%
Children in married-parent families	2007-2011	65.3%
	2012-2016	71.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2007-2011	44.3%
	2012-2016	12.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2007-2011	34.2%
	2012-2016	27.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2007-2011	20.9%
	2012-2016	17.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2007-2011	51.7%
	2012-2016	49.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2012	66.2%
	2016	51.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2007-2011	\$39,915
	2012-2016	\$43,014
Adult unemployment	2012	10.5%
	2016	6.3%
Child homelessness	2012	3.3%
	2016	2.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2012	62.1
	2017	57.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2012	—
	2017	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2012	94.5%
	2016	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2007-2011	95.4
	2012-2016	66.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2007-2011	10.8%
	2012-2016	7.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2012	41.0
	2016	43.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2012	4.9%
	2016	1.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2012	5.3
	2016	8.9
Children living in high poverty areas	2007-2011	63.9%
	2012-2016	64.5%

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2007-2011	3.7
	2012-2016	4.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	14.8
	2012-2016	24.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	4.0
	2012-2016	12.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2007-2011	56.0
	2012-2016	82.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2007-2011	%
	2012-2016	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2006-2010	17.9
	2011-2015	
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2006-2010	86.1
	2011-2015	82.4
Uninsured children	2011	6.8%
	2015	6.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2012	92.5%
	2016	93.3%

^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.