

Benton County

County Composite Rank

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2019 **78**

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County Seat: Warsaw

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,278	907	39.3%	28.5%	↑	18.5%	87
Food insecurity for children ^b	770	750	23.0%	22.5%	↑	17.4%	93
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	63	60	7.7%	7.5%	↑	8.4%	47
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	29	23	8.7	7.0	↑	7.1	72
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	19	9	5.7	2.8	↑	8.0	26
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	15	17.5	34.6	↓	22.5	85
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	33	13	10.0	4.0	↑	3.3	50
Education							
Graduation rate	178	196	92.7%	94.2%	↑	91.0%	47
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		113		61.4%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		101		53.4%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		89		51.4%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2012 and 2016.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests. Achievement data from 2013 is not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2017; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics			Education		
Total population	2013	18,932	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	74.5
	2017	19,074		2018	97.6
Child population under 18	2013	3,320	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	3,270		2018	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	17.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.4%
	2017	17.1%		2018	94.8%
Child population under 6	2013	928	Family & Community		
	2017	996	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	4.9%		2013-2017	61.3
	2017	5.2%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	5.1%
Minority child population under 18	2013	192		2013-2017	5.4%
	2017	243	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	34.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	5.8%		2017	63.1
	2017	7.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.1%
Minority child population under 6	2013	58		2017	1.9%
	2017	92	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	2.7
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	6.3%		2017	0.6
	2017	9.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	26.4%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	8.5
	2013-2017	27.7%		2013-2017	7.5
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	73.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	17.9
	2013-2017	71.6%		2013-2017	30.0
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	14.4
Children in poverty under 6	2013	32.1%		2013-2017	7.4
	2017	14.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	29.9
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	37.4%		2013-2017	124.0
	2017	26.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	27.1%		2013-2017	0.0%
	2013-2017	27.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	10.6**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	48.0%		2012-2016	38.1*
	2013-2017	54.5%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	119.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	51.1%		2012-2016	148.1
	2017	41.3%	Uninsured children	2012	10.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$46,998		2016	7.1%
	2013-2017	\$42,930	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.5%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.9%		2017	94.1%
	2017	5.2%			
Child homelessness	2013	2.1%			
	2017	4.0%			

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b * Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).