

Caldwell County

County Composite Rank

2015 **31**

2019 **51**

Population: 9,100

County Seat: Kingston

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	480	418	22.3%	19.6%	↑	18.5%	36
Food insecurity for children ^b	510	380	21.9%	17.5%	↑	17.4%	24
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	45	40	9.1%	8.6%	↑	8.4%	86
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	16	19	7.2	8.8	↓	7.1	92
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	11	7	5.0	3.2	↑	8.0	34
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	6	12	20.3	40.5	↓	22.5	101
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	6	8	2.7	3.7	↓	3.3	46
Education							
Graduation rate	103	89	92.0%	95.7%	↑	91.0%	25
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		78		61.9%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		75		62.5%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		79		63.2%		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

Total population	2013	9,097
	2017	9,100
Child population under 18	2013	2,185
	2017	2,173
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.1%
	2017	23.9%
Child population under 6	2013	610
	2017	626
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	6.7%
	2017	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2013	103
	2017	107
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	4.7%
	2017	4.9%
Minority child population under 6	2013	30
	2017	26
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	4.9%
	2017	4.2%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	27.4%
	2013-2017	25.8%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	72.4%
	2013-2017	72.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	20.8%
	2017	16.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	19.4%
	2017	17.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	24.0%
	2013-2017	22.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	42.6%
	2013-2017	37.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	28.9%
	2017	26.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$51,684
	2013-2017	\$61,875
Adult unemployment	2013	6.8%
	2017	4.0%
Child homelessness	2013	1.3%
	2017	0.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	36.6
	2018	46.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	19.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.6%
	2018	95.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	60.7
	2013-2017	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	9.4%
	2013-2017	7.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	15.0
	2017	16.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.2%
	2017	0.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	4.6
	2017	7.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	8.1
	2013-2017	4.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	34.3
	2013-2017	18.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	41.9
	2013-2017	22.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	0.0
	2013-2017	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	0.0%
	2013-2017	0.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	0
	2012-2016	8.3**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	70.8
	2012-2016	60.0
Uninsured children	2012	10.1%
	2016	6.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	95.2%
	2017	95.7%

^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).