

Clay County

County Composite Rank

2015 **10**

2019 **10**

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County Seat: Liberty

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,985	5,537	12.2%	9.6%	↑	18.5%	3
Food insecurity for children ^b	9,920	8,320	17.4%	14.3%	↑	17.4%	5
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	1,070	1,013	6.8%	6.7%	↑	8.4%	20
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	387	440	6.7	7.5	↓	7.1	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	399	308	6.9	5.3	↑	8.0	77
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	169	135	23.5	18.3	↑	22.5	27
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	91	93	1.6	1.6	→	3.3	9
Education							
Graduation rate	2,574	2,858	92.0%	95.4%	↑	91.0%	29
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		2,439		75.2%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		2,072		65.2%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		2,249		69.4%		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	230,473	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	89.4
	2017	242,874		2018	91.4
Child population under 18	2013	58,020	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	58,948		2018	17.2%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	25.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.7%
	2017	24.3%		2018	94.8%
Child population under 6	2013	18,757	Family & Community		
	2017	18,943	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	39.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.1%		2013-2017	38.9
	2017	7.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	10.0%
Minority child population under 18	2013	12,679		2013-2017	8.7%
	2017	13,719	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	22.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	21.8%		2017	19.2
	2017	23.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.3%
Minority child population under 6	2013	4,130		2017	0.7%
	2017	4,323	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	1.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	22.0%		2017	1.7
	2017	22.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	28.0%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	5.7
	2013-2017	26.9%		2013-2017	4.8
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	71.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	16.2
	2013-2017	72.1%		2013-2017	20.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	12.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	16.1%		2013-2017	16.8
	2017	13.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	32.5
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	10.9%		2013-2017	41.7
	2017	8.8%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	66.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	27.3%		2013-2017	50.0%
	2013-2017	24.0%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	16.9
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	23.6%		2012-2016	18.3
	2013-2017	24.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	91.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	24.5%		2012-2016	101.0
	2017	19.5%	Uninsured children	2012	6.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$72,972		2016	3.5%
	2013-2017	\$80,500	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.2%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.3%		2017	93.8%
	2017	3.6%			
Child homelessness	2013	1.9%			
	2017	2.2%			

^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).