

# Cole County

County Composite Rank

2015 **47**

2019 **64**

Population: 76,708

County Seat: Jefferson City

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,156	2,659	18.1%	15.7%	↑	18.5%	22
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	3,220	2,820	18.1%	16.1%	↑	17.4%	12
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	367	372	7.8%	8.1%	↓	8.4%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	139	126	7.8	7.3	↑	7.1	77
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	162	139	9.1	8.0	↑	8.0	105
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	62	58	25.4	24.6	↑	22.5	53
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	48	31	2.7	1.8	↑	3.3	10
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	746	731	85.7%	87.8%	↑	91.0%	108
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		491		58.7%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		464		60.0%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		478		51.1%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2012 and 2016.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

<sup>d</sup> 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	76,699
	2017	76,708
Child population under 18	2013	17,701
	2017	17,263
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.1%
	2017	22.5%
Child population under 6	2013	5,763
	2017	5,571
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.5%
	2017	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2013	3,766
	2017	4,012
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	21.2%
	2017	23.2%
Minority child population under 6	2013	1,416
	2017	1,474
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	24.6%
	2017	26.5%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	35.2%
	2013-2017	33.1%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	64.2%
	2013-2017	66.4%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	29.3%
	2017	30.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	16.9%
	2017	13.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	21.9%
	2013-2017	21.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	30.1%
	2013-2017	33.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	30.6%
	2017	29.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$62,075
	2013-2017	\$59,371
Adult unemployment	2013	5.2%
	2017	2.9%
Child homelessness	2013	1.9%
	2017	1.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	175.0
	2018	182.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	5.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.5%
	2018	94.7%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	27.7
	2013-2017	35.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	11.0%
	2013-2017	9.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	41.9
	2017	28.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.8%
	2017	3.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	6.4
	2017	5.9

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	9.6
	2013-2017	4.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	15.7
	2013-2017	14.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	14.8
	2013-2017	10.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	19.7
	2013-2017	35.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2008-2012	33.3%
	2013-2017	33.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2007-2011	26.1
	2012-2016	33.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	66.0
	2012-2016	104.2
Uninsured children	2012	7.2%
	2016	4.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	92.9%
	2017	93.2%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \* Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).