

# Hickory County

County Composite Rank

2015 **77**

2019 **63**

Population: 9,475

County Seat: Hermitage

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	678	574	43.1%	36.8%	↑	18.5%	110
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	430	390	25.3%	24.3%	↑	17.4%	107
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	30	42	7.9%	11.4%	↓	8.4%	112
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	7	3	4.3	1.9	↑	7.1	3
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	8	3	5.0	1.9	↑	8.0	13
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	10	7	42.6	30.3	↑	22.5	70
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	10	17	6.3	10.6	↓	3.3	108
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	113	95	98.3%	97.9%	↓	91.0%	7
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		76		63.3%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		81		71.1%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		96		68.6%		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	9,305
	2017	9,475
Child population under 18	2013	1,600
	2017	1,608
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	17.2%
	2017	17.0%
Child population under 6	2013	458
	2017	478
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	4.9%
	2017	5.0%
Minority child population under 18	2013	88
	2017	116
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	5.5%
	2017	7.2%
Minority child population under 6	2013	26
	2017	49
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	5.7%
	2017	10.3%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	34.8%
	2013-2017	26.6%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	65.2%
	2013-2017	68.4%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	32.0%
	2017	14.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	39.9%
	2017	34.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	31.5%
	2013-2017	26.7%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	58.3%
	2013-2017	51.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	42.6%
	2017	41.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$32,316
	2013-2017	\$38,929
Adult unemployment	2013	10.0%
	2017	4.5%
Child homelessness	2013	0.0%
	2017	0.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	92.6
	2018	78.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	60.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.5%
	2018	95.5%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	79.6
	2013-2017	87.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	6.5%
	2013-2017	4.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	39.9
	2017	36.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.0%
	2017	0.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	5.0
	2017	5.0

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	10.5
	2013-2017	8.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	23.7
	2013-2017	12.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	14.9
	2013-2017	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	62.7
	2013-2017	66.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2007-2011	10.8**
	2012-2016	11.3**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	101.8
	2012-2016	103.0
Uninsured children	2012	12.4%
	2016	7.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	95.1%
	2017	95.1%

<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).