

Howell County

County Composite Rank

2015 **91**

2019 **99**

Population: 40,103

County Seat: West Plains

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,730	2,811	38.5%	29.9%	↑	18.5%	90
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,470	2,310	24.7%	23.5%	↑	17.4%	104
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	187	193	6.9%	7.6%	↓	8.4%	53
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	78	69	7.8	7.2	↑	7.1	75
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	38	32	3.8	3.3	↑	8.0	36
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	62	55	51.7	46.0	↑	22.5	110
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	102	61	10.4	6.3	↑	3.3	83
Education							
Graduation rate	421	382	91.5%	93.4%	↑	91.0%	56
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		334		61.1%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		309		63.4%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		239		45.5%		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	40,393
	2017	40,103
Child population under 18	2013	9,817
	2017	9,610
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.3%
	2017	24.0%
Child population under 6	2013	3,176
	2017	3,085
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.9%
	2017	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2013	533
	2017	629
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	5.4%
	2017	6.5%
Minority child population under 6	2013	177
	2017	285
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	5.6%
	2017	9.2%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	28.7%
	2013-2017	29.8%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	70.9%
	2013-2017	69.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	43.6%
	2017	33.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	35.9%
	2017	28.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	27.3%
	2013-2017	24.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	54.1%
	2013-2017	52.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	50.2%
	2017	47.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$37,095
	2013-2017	\$39,646
Adult unemployment	2013	6.1%
	2017	4.9%
Child homelessness	2013	3.1%
	2017	2.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	69.5
	2018	81.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	17.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.4%
	2018	95.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	60.4
	2013-2017	72.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	8.3%
	2013-2017	8.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	22.2
	2017	20.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.9%
	2017	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	3.0
	2017	4.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	7.0
	2013-2017	5.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	34.0
	2013-2017	47.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	24.0
	2013-2017	32.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	84.1
	2013-2017	118.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	60.0%
	2013-2017	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	31.0*
	2012-2016	52.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	95.9
	2012-2016	105.4
Uninsured children	2012	7.9%
	2016	6.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.8%
	2017	95.1%

^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).