

Marion County

County
Composite
Rank

2015
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2019
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County Seat: Palmyra

Population: 28,634

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2013 | 2017 | 2013 | 2017 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 1,653 | 1,440 | 24.9% | 22.1% | ↑ | 18.5% | 53 |
| Food insecurity for children ^b | 1,390 | 1,310 | 20.3% | 19.2% | ↑ | 17.4% | 51 |
| Health | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^{a,c} | 148 | 142 | 8.1% | 7.7% | ↑ | 8.4% | 55 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b | 53 | 25 | 7.8 | 3.7 | ↑ | 7.1 | 10 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b | 26 | 20 | 3.8 | 3.0 | ↑ | 8.0 | 30 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 38 | 23 | 40.3 | 25.4 | ↑ | 22.5 | 56 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a | 108 | 79 | 16.0 | 11.8 | ↑ | 3.3 | 113 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| Graduation rate | 341 | 348 | 90.9% | 95.9% | ↑ | 91.0% | 21 |
| Achievement proficiency ^{a,d} | | | | | | | |
| 3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | | 259 | | 68.9% | | 62.2% | |
| 8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP) | | 171 | | 51.0% | | 60.4% | |
| 4th grade Math (MAP) | | 207 | | 49.8% | | 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 | 28,904 | Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2013 | 118.4 |
| | 2017 | 28,634 | | 2018 | 102.9 |
| Child population under 18 | 2013 | 6,769 | Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2013 | — |
| | 2017 | 6,674 | | 2018 | 47.7% |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2013 | 23.4% | School attendance, grades K-12 | 2013 | 94.9% |
| | 2017 | 23.3% | | 2018 | 95.1% |
| Child population under 6 | 2013 | 2,230 | Family & Community | | |
| | 2017 | 2,193 | Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2008-2012 | 21.4 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2013 | 7.7% | | 2013-2017 | 61.5 |
| | 2017 | 7.7% | Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2008-2012 | 10.3% |
| Minority child population under 18 | 2013 | 854 | | 2013-2017 | 10.6% |
| | 2017 | 848 | Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000) | 2013 | 30.9 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population | 2013 | 12.6% | | 2017 | 21.7 |
| | 2017 | 12.7% | Annual high school dropout rate | 2013 | 1.2% |
| Minority child population under 6 | 2013 | 317 | | 2017 | 1.0% |
| | 2017 | 299 | Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2013 | 10.9 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of child population | 2013 | 14.2% | | 2017 | 9.1 |
| | 2017 | 13.6% | Health | | |
| Children in single-parent families | 2008-2012 | 34.7% | Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2008-2012 | 9.3 |
| | 2013-2017 | 39.7% | | 2013-2017 | 5.4 |
| Children in married-parent families | 2008-2012 | 65.3% | Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2008-2012 | 29.2 |
| | 2013-2017 | 60.0% | | 2013-2017 | 20.7 |
| Economic Well-being | | | Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2008-2012 | 20.8 |
| Children in poverty under 6 | 2013 | 27.4% | | 2013-2017 | 14.3 |
| | 2017 | 23.1% | Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2008-2012 | 73.2 |
| Children in poverty, ages 5-17 | 2013 | 23.4% | | 2013-2017 | 50.6 |
| | 2017 | 21.3% | Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a | 2008-2012 | 100.0% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2008-2012 | 22.5% | | 2013-2017 | % |
| | 2013-2017 | 24.5% | Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b | 2007-2011 | 23.5* |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2008-2012 | 42.9% | | 2012-2016 | 7.9** |
| | 2013-2017 | 44.3% | Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2007-2011 | 121.1 |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2013 | 42.8% | | 2012-2016 | 58.3 |
| | 2017 | 38.1% | Uninsured children | 2012 | 7.0% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2008-2012 | \$53,702 | | 2016 | 4.2% |
| | 2013-2017 | \$48,771 | School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2013 | 93.4% |
| Adult unemployment | 2013 | 5.7% | | 2017 | 93.9% |
| | 2017 | 3.6% | | | |
| Child homelessness | 2013 | 2.3% | | | |
| | 2017 | 2.7% | | | |

^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).