

McDonald County

County Composite Rank

2015 **90**

2019 **95**

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County Seat: Pineville

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,878	1,741	32.2%	30.5%	↑	18.5%	92
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,610	1,200	25.0%	20.0%	↑	17.4%	63
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	135	139	8.6%	8.4%	↑	8.4%	79
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	37	33	6.0	5.6	↑	7.1	48
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	28	14	4.5	2.4	↑	8.0	19
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	39	38	50.6	47.7	↑	22.5	113
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	19	11	3.2	1.9	↑	3.3	14
Education							
Graduation rate	210	240	87.9%	89.9%	↑	91.0%	91
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		175		64.1%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		150		56.0%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		138		50.0%		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	22,558	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	29.4
	2017	22,828		2018	28.8
Child population under 18	2013	6,010	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	5,873		2018	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	26.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	93.8%
	2017	25.7%		2018	94.6%
Child population under 6	2013	1,874	Family & Community		
	2017	1,922	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	81.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.3%		2013-2017	85.5
	2017	8.4%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	9.5%
Minority child population under 18	2013	1,726		2013-2017	9.9%
	2017	1,802	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	6.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	28.7%		2017	29.5
	2017	30.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.8%
Minority child population under 6	2013	646		2017	1.3%
	2017	692	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	8.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	34.5%		2017	11.2
	2017	36.0%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	33.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	7.0
	2013-2017	34.1%		2013-2017	12.0
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	66.8%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	37.3
	2013-2017	65.9%		2013-2017	37.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	30.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	31.6%		2013-2017	37.2
	2017	31.1%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	71.9
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	29.7%		2013-2017	37.2
	2017	26.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	25.0%		2013-2017	50.0%
	2013-2017	22.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	14.1*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	53.5%		2012-2016	12.2**
	2013-2017	57.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	49.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	49.7%		2012-2016	64.3
	2017	43.8%	Uninsured children	2012	13.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$40,954		2016	10.0%
	2013-2017	\$41,677	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.2%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.3%		2017	93.6%
	2017	3.6%			
Child homelessness	2013	2.1%			
	2017	2.8%			

^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).