

Mercer County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Princeton

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	223	169	25.0%	19.6%	↑	18.5%	36
Food insecurity for children ^b	200	170	22.0%	18.0%	↑	17.4%	31
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	16	19	7.6%	8.2%	↓	8.4%	71
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	5	4	5.5	4.6	↑	7.1	23
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	0	1	0.0	1.1	↓	8.0	6
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	2	31.7	16.7	↑	22.5	25
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	0	1	0.0	1.1	↓	3.3	4
Education							
Graduation rate	35	46	97.2%	97.9%	↑	91.0%	7
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		23		63.9%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		27		50.9%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		24		48.0%		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

Total population	2013	3,695
	2017	3,678
Child population under 18	2013	900
	2017	873
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.3%
	2017	23.7%
Child population under 6	2013	258
	2017	271
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.0%
	2017	7.4%
Minority child population under 18	2013	30
	2017	59
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	3.3%
	2017	6.8%
Minority child population under 6	2013	11
	2017	24
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	4.3%
	2017	8.9%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	40.8%
	2013-2017	19.2%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	59.2%
	2013-2017	80.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	30.1%
	2017	25.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	23.5%
	2017	18.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	20.4%
	2013-2017	17.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	38.8%
	2013-2017	44.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	22.0%
	2017	22.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$47,333
	2013-2017	\$49,583
Adult unemployment	2013	4.9%
	2017	3.8%
Child homelessness	2013	0.0%
	2017	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	75.6
	2018	41.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.9%
	2018	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	160.4
	2013-2017	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	7.2%
	2013-2017	4.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	13.8
	2017	30.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.0%
	2017	0.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	1.1
	2017	2.3

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	9.5
	2013-2017	12.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	64.9
	2013-2017	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	25.7
	2013-2017	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	235.3
	2013-2017	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	0
	2012-2016	0
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	49.1
	2012-2016	46.9
Uninsured children	2012	13.4%
	2016	8.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	95.7%
	2017	93.7%

^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).