

Pettis County

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County Seat: Sedalia

Population: 42,558

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,846	2,207	27.6%	21.5%	↑	18.5%	47
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,350	1,950	21.8%	18.5%	↑	17.4%	38
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	203	190	6.7%	6.6%	↑	8.4%	19
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	103	60	9.6	5.7	↑	7.1	50
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	57	57	5.3	5.4	↓	8.0	79
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	59	51	43.2	37.0	↑	22.5	91
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	60	28	5.6	2.6	↑	3.3	30
Education							
Graduation rate	420	450	94.0%	95.3%	↑	91.0%	31
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		366		66.9%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		263		56.6%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		297		52.8%		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

Total population	2013	42,205
	2017	42,558
Child population under 18	2013	10,642
	2017	10,616
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	25.2%
	2017	24.9%
Child population under 6	2013	3,566
	2017	3,487
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.5%
	2017	8.2%
Minority child population under 18	2013	2,186
	2017	2,367
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	20.5%
	2017	22.3%
Minority child population under 6	2013	818
	2017	814
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	22.9%
	2017	23.3%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	26.3%
	2013-2017	31.2%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	73.0%
	2013-2017	67.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	38.5%
	2017	30.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	25.2%
	2017	19.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	31.0%
	2013-2017	24.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	50.0%
	2013-2017	47.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	43.5%
	2017	39.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$48,708
	2013-2017	\$47,590
Adult unemployment	2013	6.1%
	2017	4.2%
Child homelessness	2013	12.9%
	2017	13.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	197.5
	2018	153.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.5%
	2018	95.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	41.4
	2013-2017	64.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	7.4%
	2013-2017	10.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	62.3
	2017	51.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.5%
	2017	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	3.9
	2017	5.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	4.0
	2013-2017	5.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	29.7
	2013-2017	22.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	28.9
	2013-2017	13.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	34.9
	2013-2017	67.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	66.7%
	2013-2017	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	21.9*
	2012-2016	20.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	84.6
	2012-2016	127.4
Uninsured children	2012	9.8%
	2016	5.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	92.8%
	2017	94.4%

^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).