

Phelps County

County Composite Rank

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2019 **49**

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County Seat: Rolla

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,113	1,927	23.0%	21.4%	↑	18.5%	45
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,090	1,800	21.6%	19.0%	↑	17.4%	45
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	215	197	7.9%	7.7%	↑	8.4%	56
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	69	58	7.1	6.2	↑	7.1	59
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	60	45	6.2	4.8	↑	8.0	65
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	50	29	33.6	20.0	↑	22.5	34
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	55	38	5.8	4.1	↑	3.3	53
Education							
Graduation rate	421	446	85.1%	91.2%	↑	91.0%	76
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		360		67.9%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		296		62.8%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		317		62.6%		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	44,807	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	58.1
	2017	44,744		2018	30.9
Child population under 18	2013	9,509	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	9,375		2018	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	21.3%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.1%
	2017	21.0%		2018	95.1%
Child population under 6	2013	3,205	Family & Community		
	2017	3,061	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	55.9
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.1%		2013-2017	11.2
	2017	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	7.8%
Minority child population under 18	2013	1,136		2013-2017	8.3%
	2017	1,143	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	21.9
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	11.9%		2017	16.8
	2017	12.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	2.4%
Minority child population under 6	2013	439		2017	1.4%
	2017	496	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	7.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	13.7%		2017	13.1
	2017	16.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	28.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.7
	2013-2017	31.5%		2013-2017	7.8
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	71.5%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	35.1
	2013-2017	66.6%		2013-2017	12.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	25.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	24.4%		2013-2017	15.0
	2017	21.6%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	79.2
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	21.2%		2013-2017	0.0
	2017	19.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	75.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	28.5%		2013-2017	0.0%
	2013-2017	26.5%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	34.4
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	41.0%		2012-2016	52
	2013-2017	40.2%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	105.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	38.8%		2012-2016	119.6
	2017	33.8%	Uninsured children	2012	8.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$49,211		2016	6.5%
	2013-2017	\$51,146	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.4%
Adult unemployment	2013	5.9%		2017	94.5%
	2017	3.8%			
Child homelessness	2013	1.3%			
	2017	1.8%			

^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).