

Polk County

County Composite Rank

2015 **56**

2019 **38**

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County Seat: Bolivar

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,042	1,540	28.6%	22.0%	↑	18.5%	51
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,010	1,400	26.4%	19.0%	↑	17.4%	45
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	140	112	7.4%	5.8%	↑	8.4%	6
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	51	37	6.8	5.1	↑	7.1	37
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	23	10	3.1	1.4	↑	8.0	10
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	30	35	23.0	26.8	↓	22.5	61
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	43	29	5.8	4.0	↑	3.3	51
Education							
Graduation rate	356	375	92.0%	91.7%	↓	91.0%	73
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		222		60.2%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		235		56.4%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		221		58.3%		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	30,974	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	70.7
	2017	31,794		2018	69.8
Child population under 18	2013	7,395	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	7,288		2018	15.3%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.1%
	2017	22.9%		2018	95.1%
Child population under 6	2013	2,263	Family & Community		
	2017	2,271	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	67.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.3%		2013-2017	14.6
	2017	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	6.6%
Minority child population under 18	2013	505		2013-2017	8.9%
	2017	535	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	26.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	6.8%		2017	62.2
	2017	7.3%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.8%
Minority child population under 6	2013	172		2017	1.6%
	2017	169	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	4.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	7.6%		2017	3.8
	2017	7.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	22.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	5.3
	2013-2017	29.8%		2013-2017	7.3
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	75.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	44.6
	2013-2017	69.1%		2013-2017	16.3
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	32.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	32.0%		2013-2017	16.9
	2017	14.7%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	97.2
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	26.6%		2013-2017	14.1
	2017	20.7%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	33.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	29.5%		2013-2017	0.0%
	2013-2017	26.1%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	13.7*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	48.6%		2012-2016	25.6*
	2013-2017	43.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	76.0
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	42.1%		2012-2016	97.5
	2017	35.8%	Uninsured children	2012	8.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$45,396		2016	6.3%
	2013-2017	\$48,819	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	95.1%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.5%		2017	94.8%
	2017	4.0%			
Child homelessness	2013	0.7%			
	2017	3.4%			

^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).