

# Pulaski County

County Composite Rank

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2019 **16**

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County Seat: Waynesville

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,107	1,690	17.4%	15.1%	↑	18.5%	20
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,650	2,240	21.5%	18.4%	↑	17.4%	36
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	315	274	7.4%	7.0%	↑	8.4%	28
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	53	49	4.3	4.2	↑	7.1	16
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	29	35	2.3	3.0	↓	8.0	31
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	54	37	29.0	21.3	↑	22.5	39
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	66	57	5.3	5.0	↑	3.3	66
<b>Education</b>							
Graduation rate	614	556	93.0%	93.3%	↑	91.0%	59
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		437		59.4%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		330		58.9%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		365		54.8%		53.9%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2012 and 2016.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2008-2012 and 2013-2017.

<sup>d</sup> 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	53,748	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	59.7
	2017	52,059		2018	39.8
Child population under 18	2013	12,460	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	11,463		2018	14.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	94.0%
	2017	22.0%		2018	94.5%
Child population under 6	2013	4,674	Family & Community		
	2017	4,149	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	35.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.7%		2013-2017	21.2
	2017	8.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	10.7%
Minority child population under 18	2013	3,934		2013-2017	8.1%
	2017	3,717	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	32.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	31.5%		2017	24.9
	2017	32.4%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.9%
Minority child population under 6	2013	1,501		2017	0.7%
	2017	1,358	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	4.4
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	32.1%		2017	7.3
	2017	32.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	26.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	7.3
	2013-2017	28.5%		2013-2017	6.9
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	72.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	13.0
	2013-2017	70.7%		2013-2017	16.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	7.7
Children in poverty under 6	2013	33.4%		2013-2017	13.8
	2017	12.9%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	39.4
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	17.1%		2013-2017	34.8
	2017	15.2%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2008-2012	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	25.6%		2013-2017	0.0%
	2013-2017	26.2%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2007-2011	9.4*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	41.3%		2012-2016	15.4*
	2013-2017	37.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	76.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	26.9%		2012-2016	85.2
	2017	29.0%	Uninsured children	2012	8.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$51,240		2016	5.4%
	2013-2017	\$54,709	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	92.9%
Adult unemployment	2013	7.5%		2017	94.0%
	2017	4.4%			
Child homelessness	2013	1.5%			
	2017	2.1%			

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \* Indicates unstable rate due to low count (< 20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (< 5 cases).