

Ray County

County Composite Rank

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2019 **35**

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County Seat: Richmond

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,123	764	20.8%	15.1%	↑	18.5%	20
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,200	1,070	20.5%	19.9%	↑	17.4%	60
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	101	94	7.7%	7.3%	↑	8.4%	41
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	34	24	6.1	4.7	↑	7.1	25
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	37	19	6.6	3.7	↑	8.0	44
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	25	20	33.0	29.6	↑	22.5	68
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	12	18	2.2	3.5	↓	3.3	42
Education							
Graduation rate	218	227	89.3%	93.4%	↑	91.0%	56
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		152		62.8%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		166		64.8%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		167		59.6%		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	23,039	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	16.4
	2017	22,855		2018	14.7
Child population under 18	2013	5,497	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	5,177		2018	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.3%
	2017	22.7%		2018	95.4%
Child population under 6	2013	1,595	Family & Community		
	2017	1,557	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	72.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	6.9%		2013-2017	53.1
	2017	6.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2013	416		2013-2017	8.4%
	2017	396	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	54.8
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	7.6%		2017	45.3
	2017	7.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	1.9%
Minority child population under 6	2013	151		2017	0.6%
	2017	139	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	1.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	9.5%		2017	2.3
	2017	8.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	25.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	6.1
	2013-2017	30.1%		2013-2017	9.4
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	74.1%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	27.3
	2013-2017	69.7%		2013-2017	22.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	16.9
Children in poverty under 6	2013	20.8%		2013-2017	18.6
	2017	16.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	75.5
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	19.8%		2013-2017	40.0
	2017	12.9%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	25.2%		2013-2017	%
	2013-2017	23.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	9.2**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	28.5%		2012-2016	10.1**
	2013-2017	29.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	90.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	32.5%		2012-2016	96.5
	2017	27.4%	Uninsured children	2012	8.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$64,265		2016	6.2%
	2013-2017	\$68,713	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.9%
Adult unemployment	2013	7.7%		2017	95.0%
	2017	4.8%			
Child homelessness	2013	0.0%			
	2017	0.0%			

^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).