

Ripley County

County Composite Rank

2015 **114**

2019 **114**

Population: 13,564

County Seat: Doniphan

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,215	1,051	39.0%	35.2%	↑	18.5%	104
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,010	780	30.9%	24.0%	↑	17.4%	106
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	98	88	10.4%	10.4%	→	8.4%	105
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	110	63	33.8	19.8	↑	7.1	113
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	18	22	5.5	6.9	↓	8.0	97
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	29	15	69.2	40.4	↑	22.5	100
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	17	44	5.3	14.2	↓	3.3	116
Education							
Graduation rate	108	126	86.4%	88.7%	↑	91.0%	103
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		84		47.2%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		73		45.9%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		45		30.4%		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	14,032
	2017	13,564
Child population under 18	2013	3,219
	2017	3,099
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	23.0%
	2017	22.8%
Child population under 6	2013	1,101
	2017	1,025
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	7.9%
	2017	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2013	191
	2017	168
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	5.9%
	2017	5.4%
Minority child population under 6	2013	67
	2017	73
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	6.1%
	2017	7.1%
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	37.0%
	2013-2017	30.2%
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	62.8%
	2013-2017	67.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2013	34.5%
	2017	27.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	37.3%
	2017	32.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	28.8%
	2013-2017	25.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	65.5%
	2013-2017	50.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	62.8%
	2017	56.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$31,286
	2013-2017	\$43,958
Adult unemployment	2013	6.9%
	2017	5.7%
Child homelessness	2013	0.5%
	2017	4.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	38.5
	2018	58.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2018	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.1%
	2018	94.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	0.0
	2013-2017	103.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	9.4%
	2013-2017	8.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	45.8
	2017	46.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2013	3.2%
	2017	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	6.8
	2017	12.3

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	8.5
	2013-2017	4.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	18.3
	2013-2017	81.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	22.2
	2013-2017	67.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	0.0
	2013-2017	155.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
	2013-2017	83.3%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	27.8*
	2012-2016	67.9*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	154.3
	2012-2016	129.6
Uninsured children	2012	8.9%
	2016	6.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	93.7%
	2017	94.5%

^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).