

Scott County

County Composite Rank

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County Seat: Benton

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2013	2017	2013	2017		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,697	2,852	29.0%	31.8%	↓	18.5%	99
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,120	1,980	21.7%	21.1%	↑	17.4%	79
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	261	237	9.5%	9.6%	↓	8.4%	103
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	164	105	17.2	11.4	↑	7.1	106
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	98	93	10.3	10.1	↑	8.0	111
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	65	49	56.1	44.1	↑	22.5	107
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	65	65	6.8	7.1	↓	3.3	90
Education							
Graduation rate	448	402	95.5%	91.0%	↓	91.0%	78
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		281		53.1%		62.2%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		193		42.0%		60.4%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		207		39.2%		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	39,290	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2013	116.5
	2017	38,541		2018	108.3
Child population under 18	2013	9,515	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2013	—
	2017	9,202		2018	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2013	24.2%	School attendance, grades K-12	2013	95.2%
	2017	23.9%		2018	95.0%
Child population under 6	2013	3,235	Family & Community		
	2017	2,976	Teen unintentional injuries/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2008-2012	51.6
Children under 6 as % of total population	2013	8.3%		2013-2017	66.1
	2017	7.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2008-2012	11.7%
Minority child population under 18	2013	2,120		2013-2017	11.8%
	2017	2,080	Juvenile law violation referrals (per 1,000)	2013	55.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2013	22.3%		2017	39.1
	2017	22.6%	Annual high school dropout rate	2013	0.4%
Minority child population under 6	2013	831		2017	1.7%
	2017	750	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2013	8.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of child population	2013	25.7%		2017	11.4
	2017	25.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2008-2012	38.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2008-2012	8.0
	2013-2017	39.5%		2013-2017	9.7
Children in married-parent families	2008-2012	59.6%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	36.8
	2013-2017	60.0%		2013-2017	21.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	32.2
Children in poverty under 6	2013	35.2%		2013-2017	15.5
	2017	39.0%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2008-2012	59.1
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2013	27.5%		2013-2017	52.9
	2017	28.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2008-2012	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2008-2012	23.5%		2013-2017	100.0%
	2013-2017	21.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2007-2011	10.9*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2008-2012	48.9%		2012-2016	15.6*
	2013-2017	48.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2007-2011	96.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2013	53.5%		2012-2016	83.9
	2017	51.7%	Uninsured children	2012	7.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2008-2012	\$44,935		2016	4.4%
	2013-2017	\$43,137	School attendance, grades 9-12	2013	94.0%
Adult unemployment	2013	6.4%		2017	94.4%
	2017	4.5%			
Child homelessness	2013	0.5%			
	2017	1.4%			

^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).