Caldwell County

County Seat: Kingston

Population: 8,933

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	417	372	19.6%	18.2%	↑	16.8%	40
Food insecurity for children [a]	380	280	17.3%	13.1%	↑	12.8%	52
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	40	45	8.6%	8.8%	↓	8.9%	80
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	14	9	6.4	4.3	↑	6.3	30
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	7	10	3.2	4.8	↓	5.1	93
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	7	29.0	24.2	↑	16.8	71
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	5	16	2.3	7.7	↓	2.7	100
Education							
High school graduation	122	98	95.3%	94.2%	↓	91.2%	52
Achievement proficiency [c] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	52	51	44.4	45.5		41.0%	31
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	54	41	46.2	35.0		41.9%	84
4th grade math (MAP)	55	42	44.4	38.9		43.0%	79
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	69	66	56.1	46.5		41.2%	17

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

[a] Data based on 2017 and 2021.

[b] Data based on five-year time spans, 2013-2017 and 2018-2022.

[c] Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2018 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2022; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

Missouri KIDS COUNT 2024

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Demographics

Total population	2018	9,049
	2022	8,933
Child population under 18	2018	2,165
	2022	2,087
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.1%
	2022	23.4%
Child population under 6	2018	623
	2022	602
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.8%
	2022	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	107
	2022	219
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	4.9%
	2022	10.5%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	27
	2022	67
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	4.3%
	2022	11.1%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	25.8%
	2018-2022	18.3%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	72.8%
	2018-2022	65.1%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	20.7%
	2022	19.5%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	17.7%
	2022	17.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	22.7%
	2018-2022	19.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	37.6%
	2018-2022	35.2%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	27.2%
	2022	21.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$61,875
	2018-2022	$$71,292
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	2.8%
Child homelessness	2018	1.8%
	2022	2.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	23.1
	2023	38.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	40.0%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.3
	2022	94.0

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
	2018-2022	128.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	7.7%
	2018-2022	13.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	28.7
	2022	24.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.0%
	2022	0.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.2
	2022	8.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	4.3
	2018-2022	3.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.3
	2018-2022	70.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.4
	2018-2022	38.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	0.0
	2018-2022	194.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	0.0%
	2018-2022	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	8.3**
	2017-2021	27.5**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	60.0
	2017-2021	101.0
Uninsured children	2017	7.5%
	2021	11.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	95.1%
	2022	93.9%

[a] Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.
[b] If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.
[c] *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).