Franklin County

County Seat: Union

Population: 105,879

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,074	2,330	13.2%	10.2%	↑	16.8%	6
Food insecurity for children [a]	3,950	2,300	16.5%	9.6%	↑	12.8%	16
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	499	462	8.1%	8.1%	↑	8.9%	62
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	146	111	6.1	4.7	↑	6.3	39
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	97	71	4.0	3.0	↑	5.1	57
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	53	50	17.4	16.5	↑	16.8	40
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	113	79	4.7	3.4	↑	2.7	51
Education							
High school graduation	1,003	1,026	88.6%	90.9%	↑	91.2%	86
Achievement proficiency [c] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	628	543	52.5	49.9		41.0%	13
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	633	512	56.1	43.1		41.9%	41
4th grade math (MAP)	571	483	48.5	42.7		43.0%	57
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	470	441	41.1	39.8		41.2%	44

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.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2018	102,781
	2022	105,879
Child population under 18	2018	23,823
	2022	23,405
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.2%
	2022	22.1%
Child population under 6	2018	7,585
	2022	7,103
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.3%
	2022	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	1,483
	2022	2,022
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	6.2%
	2022	8.6%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	558
	2022	685
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	7.4%
	2022	9.6%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	28.3%
	2018-2022	16.6%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	71.1%
	2018-2022	71.3%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	10.3%
	2022	7.0%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	12.1%
	2022	10.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	25.1%
	2018-2022	21.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	29.7%
	2018-2022	23.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	26.2%
	2022	21.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$66,699
	2018-2022	$$94,387
Adult unemployment	2018	3.1%
	2022	2.3%
Child homelessness	2018	3.5%
	2022	1.9%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	62.7
	2023	64.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	19.8%
	2023	26.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.9
	2022	92.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	55.9
	2018-2022	45.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.0%
	2018-2022	11.6%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	28.6
	2022	26.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.8%
	2022	2.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	5.5
	2022	4.0

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	6.1
	2018-2022	4.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	26.7
	2018-2022	32.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	23.4
	2018-2022	27.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	41.6
	2018-2022	51.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	50.0%
	2018-2022	20.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	41.4
	2017-2021	26.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	103.5
	2017-2021	142.9
Uninsured children	2017	5.1%
	2021	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.2%
	2022	91.9%

[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).