Iron County

County Seat: Ironton

Population: 9,414

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	612	501	29.8%	26.1%	⬆	16.8%	98
Food insecurity for children [a]	500	410	23.6%	19.7%	⬆	12.8%	103
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	47	47	9.3%	9.9%	⬇	8.9%	103
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	8	15	3.7	7.6	⬇	6.3	98
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	7	10	3.3	5.1	⬇	5.1	96
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	6	45.6	22.1	⬆	16.8	63
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	14	20	6.6	10.2	⬇	2.7	110
Education							
High school graduation	116	123	96.7%	95.3%	⬇	91.2%	36
Achievement proficiency [c] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	71	47	46.7	38.5		41.0%	64
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	81	58	59.1	38.9		41.9%	60
4th grade math (MAP)	89	58	60.5	48.3		43.0%	33
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	57	58	37.7	27.8		41.2%	97

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	10,221
	2022	9,414
Child population under 18	2018	2,131
	2022	1,963
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	20.9%
	2022	20.9%
Child population under 6	2018	622
	2022	574
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.1%
	2022	6.1%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	145
	2022	180
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	6.8%
	2022	9.2%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	35
	2022	47
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	5.6%
	2022	8.2%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	29.8%
	2018-2022	28.0%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	69.5%
	2018-2022	60.9%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	34.8%
	2022	34.7%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	27.0%
	2022	25.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	18.6%
	2018-2022	23.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	49.3%
	2018-2022	48.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	47.3%
	2022	43.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$44,229
	2018-2022	$$66,065
Adult unemployment	2018	5.4%
	2022	4.0%
Child homelessness	2018	1.7%
	2022	1.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	37.5
	2023	20.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.4
	2022	93.6

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	62.0
	2018-2022	68.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.3%
	2018-2022	15.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	1.9
	2022	1.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.0%
	2022	0.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	16.9
	2022	16.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.9
	2018-2022	10.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	37.5
	2018-2022	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	11.7
	2018-2022	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	142.9
	2018-2022	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	100.0%
	2018-2022	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	16.7**
	2017-2021	9.8**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	155.6
	2017-2021	114.1
Uninsured children	2017	5.1%
	2021	7.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	95.2%
	2022	94.1%

[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).