Pettis County

County Seat: Sedalia

Population: 43,353

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	**2022**	**2018**	**2022**		**State Rate**	**County Rank**
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,365	1,932	23.3%	18.4%	⬆	16.8%	42
Food insecurity for children [a]	1,960	1,440	18.5%	13.3%	⬆	12.8%	56
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	190	233	6.6%	8.0%	⬇	8.9%	60
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	75	68	7.1	6.3	⬆	6.3	80
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	35	30	3.3	2.8	⬆	5.1	54
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	52	27	37.8	20.7	⬆	16.8	60
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	39	47	3.7	4.3	⬇	2.7	69
Education							
High school graduation	463	420	95.5%	92.5%	⬇	91.2%	71
Achievement proficiency [c] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	278	219	52.1	46.4		41.0%	27
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	198	176	41.2	36.3		41.9%	77
4th grade math (MAP)	265	264	48.7	50.4		43.0%	27
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	216	231	43.9	42.5		41.2%	32

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	42,371
	2022	43,353
Child population under 18	2018	10,466
	2022	10,842
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	24.9%
	2022	25.0%
Child population under 6	2018	3,388
	2022	3,562
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	8.0%
	2022	8.2%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	2,321
	2022	2,766
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	22.2%
	2022	25.5%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	746
	2022	983
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	22.0%
	2022	27.6%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	31.2%
	2018-2022	20.2%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	67.5%
	2018-2022	69.0%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	25.8%
	2022	27.8%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	21.1%
	2022	17.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	24.6%
	2018-2022	23.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	47.7%
	2018-2022	34.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	39.4%
	2022	33.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$47,590
	2018-2022	$$71,382
Adult unemployment	2018	4.1%
	2022	2.6%
Child homelessness	2018	13.3%
	2022	8.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	140.9
	2023	119.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	3.3%
	2023	6.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	94.9
	2022	93.2

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/ homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	64.3
	2018-2022	60.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	10.5%
	2018-2022	13.3%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	35.6
	2022	48.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.5%
	2022	0.8%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	4.4
	2022	4.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	5.2
	2018-2022	2.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.7
	2018-2022	31.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	13.6
	2018-2022	19.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	67.4
	2018-2022	84.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	100.0%
	2018-2022	50.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	20.7*
	2017-2021	25.0*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	127.4
	2017-2021	141.9
Uninsured children	2017	6.0%
	2021	8.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.2%
	2022	92.6%

[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).