Pike County

County Seat: Bowling Green

Population: 17,664

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	812	785	20.5%	20.1%	⬆	16.8%	61
Food insecurity for children [a]	730	560	17.9%	13.6%	⬆	12.8%	60
Health							
Low birthweight infants [b]	87	87	8.0%	8.6%	⬇	8.9%	76
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) [b]	30	28	7.3	7.0	⬆	6.3	89
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) [a]	28	11	6.8	2.7	⬆	5.1	53
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	7	23.1	14.9	⬆	16.8	32
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	27	19	6.6	4.7	⬆	2.7	75
Education							
High school graduation	148	174	93.7%	92.6%	⬇	91.2%	68
Achievement proficiency [c] 3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	107	83	50.0	43.2		41.0%	41
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	91	81	47.4	47.6		41.9%	15
4th grade math (MAP)	99	88	59.6	52.7		43.0%	16
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	72	95	38.7	38.9		41.2%	49

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	18,489
	2022	17,664
Child population under 18	2018	4,072
	2022	4,012
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	21.9%
	2022	22.7%
Child population under 6	2018	1,345
	2022	1,217
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.3%
	2022	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 [a]	2018	419
	2022	462
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population [a]	2018	10.3%
	2022	11.5%
Minority child population under 6 [a]	2018	153
	2022	142
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population [a]	2018	11.4%
	2022	11.7%
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.1%
	2018-2022	22.5%
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	67.2%
	2018-2022	62.6%

Economic Well-being

Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	21.4%
	2022	16.9%
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	20.8%
	2022	19.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	18.9%
	2018-2022	18.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	43.5%
	2018-2022	34.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	31.2%
	2022	27.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	$$55,745
	2018-2022	$$73,971
Adult unemployment	2018	3.6%
	2022	2.5%
Child homelessness	2018	0.0%
	2022	2.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	162.1
	2023	162.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	8.5%
	2023	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.0
	2022	93.1

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	91.5
	2018-2022	19.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	9.4%
	2018-2022	16.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	34.7
	2022	23.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.7%
	2022	1.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	3.2
	2022	2.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	1.8
	2018-2022	4.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	54.0
	2018-2022	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	41.7
	2018-2022	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	111.4
	2018-2022	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 [b]	2013-2017	50.0%
	2018-2022	—%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) [c]	2012-2016	9.0**
	2017-2021	14.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	70.7
	2017-2021	101.8
Uninsured children	2017	6.2%
	2021	7.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.5%
	2022	92.2%

[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).