

Ray County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2018	2022	2018	2022		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	738	851	14.6%	16.7%	↓	16.8%	32
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,080	650	20.4%	12.3%	↑	12.8%	44
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	94	88	7.3%	6.9%	↑	8.9%	25
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	25	28	4.8	5.4	↓	6.3	60
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	16	24	3.1	4.6	↓	5.1	88
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	9	31.9	13.4	↑	16.8	27
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	20	12	3.9	2.3	↑	2.7	28
Education							
High school graduation	216	197	94.7%	87.9%	↓	91.2%	106
Achievement proficiency ^c							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	103	84	42.0	36.4		41.0%	76
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	120	108	49.6	45.6		41.9%	23
4th grade math (MAP)	100	82	42.4	42.3		43.0%	58
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	120	118	41.2	42.0		41.2%	35

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			Education		
Total population	2018	22,825	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	16.7
	2022	23,107		2023	20.4
Child population under 18	2018	5,143	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	0.0%
	2022	5,203		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	22.9%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.2
	2022	22.5%		2022	93.2
Child population under 6	2018	1,525	Family & Community		
	2022	1,623	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	53.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	6.7%		2018-2022	56.8
	2022	7.0%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	8.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	394		2018-2022	11.5%
	2022	532	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	52.2
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	7.7%		2022	29.2
	2022	10.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	0.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	123		2022	2.0%
	2022	172	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	1.2
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	8.1%		2022	0.4
	2022	10.6%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	30.1%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	9.4
	2018-2022	18.5%		2018-2022	3.1
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	69.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	22.7
	2018-2022	71.5%		2018-2022	32.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	18.6
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	20.7%		2018-2022	34.7
	2022	19.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	40.0
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	12.6%		2018-2022	21.8
	2022	14.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	23.6%		2018-2022	—%
	2018-2022	19.4%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	10.1**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	29.3%		2017-2021	22.2*
	2018-2022	29.3%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	96.5
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	26.7%		2017-2021	103.6
	2022	23.7%	Uninsured children	2017	5.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$68,713		2021	7.2%
	Adult unemployment	2018	3.6%	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018
2022		3.3%	2022		91.8%
Child homelessness	2018	0.7%	^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).		
	2022	1.1%			