

Scott 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	2,412	2,066	26.7%	23.3%	↑	16.8%	80
Food insecurity for children ^a	1,960	1,550	21.2%	16.7%	↑	12.8%	93
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^b	237	275	9.6%	11.4%	↓	8.9%	112
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^b	103	77	11.2	8.5	↑	6.3	109
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^a	66	43	7.2	4.7	↑	5.1	91
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	53	36	48.0	31.9	↑	16.8	97
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000)	66	36	7.1	4.0	↑	2.7	67
Education							
High school graduation	426	449	92.4%	95.1%	↑	91.2%	40
Achievement proficiency ^c							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	196	145	37.1	32.4		41.0%	96
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	179	146	35.9	30.9		41.9%	100
4th grade math (MAP)	180	125	35.4	29.3		43.0%	108
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	210	253	47.5	41.0		41.2%	38

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	38,729	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2018	112.1
	2022	37,840		2023	105.4
Child population under 18	2018	9,253	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2018	1.9%
	2022	9,068		2023	0.0%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2018	23.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2018	95.0
	2022	24.0%		2022	93.6
Child population under 6	2018	2,965	Family & Community		
	2022	2,933	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2013-2017	66.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2018	7.7%		2018-2022	33.9
	2022	7.8%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2013-2017	11.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2018	2,140		2018-2022	15.7%
	2022	2,285	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2018	51.5
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2018	23.1%		2022	69.4
	2022	25.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2018	1.2%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2018	736		2022	0.9%
	2022	797	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2018	7.8
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2018	24.8%		2022	6.0
	2022	27.2%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2013-2017	39.5%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2013-2017	9.7
	2018-2022	28.0%		2018-2022	6.2
Children in married-parent families	2013-2017	60.0%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	21.7
	2018-2022	64.5%		2018-2022	20.9
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	15.5
Children under 6 in families in poverty	2018	30.4%		2018-2022	20.1
	2022	24.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2013-2017	52.9
Children ages 5-17 in families in poverty	2018	23.8%		2018-2022	24.8
	2022	22.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2013-2017	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2013-2017	21.6%		2018-2022	100.0%
	2018-2022	24.7%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2012-2016	15.6*
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2013-2017	48.1%		2017-2021	21.3*
	2018-2022	42.9%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2012-2016	83.9
Children in families receiving SNAP	2018	49.8%		2017-2021	100.2
	2022	45.7%	Uninsured children	2017	4.6%
Median income family household with children under 18	2013-2017	\$\$43,137		2021	6.5%
	2018-2022	\$\$62,174	School attendance, grades 9-12	2018	94.0%
Adult unemployment	2018	3.4%		2022	92.7%
	2022	2.4%	^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.		
Child homelessness	2018	1.2%	^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities occurred during the period.		
	2022	1.0%	^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).		