

# Benton County

County Seat: Warsaw

County  
Composite  
Rank

2016  
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	995	1,094	30.8%	33.7%	↓	18.3%	103
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	880	720	25.8%	21.5%	↑	17.5%	92
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	54	68	6.9%	8.0%	↓	8.5%	59
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	27	30	7.9	9.2	↓	7.1	101
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	17	8	5.0	2.4	↑	7.5	31
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	16	20	35.5	44.1	↓	21.6	106
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	16	20	4.8	6.0	↓	4.0	70
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	172	153	94.0%	90.0%	↓	91.3%	94
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		74		46.3%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		76		45.2%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		79		41.8%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		72		47.4%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2013 and 2017.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

<sup>d</sup> Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and Algebra I End of Course exam. Achievement data from 2014 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2018; accordingly, no trend arrows or county ranks are shown.

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## Contextual Indicators

### Demographics

Total population	2014	18,806
	2018	18,989
Child population under 18	2014	3,358
	2018	3,328
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	17.7%
	2018	17.5%
Child population under 6	2014	909
	2018	1,013
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	4.8%
	2018	5.3%
Minority child population under 18	2014	203
	2018	258
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	6.1%
	2018	7.8%
Minority child population under 6	2014	61
	2018	84
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	6.7%
	2018	8.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	27.4%
	2014-2018	28.3%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	72.5%
	2014-2018	70.8%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	30.3%
	2018	22.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	28.4%
	2014-2018	31.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	29.2%
	2014-2018	27.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	55.6%
	2014-2018	47.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	44.9%
	2018	40.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$40,161
	2014-2018	\$52,664
Adult unemployment	2014	7.6%
	2018	4.5%
Child homelessness	2014	4.3%
	2018	5.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	68.2
	2019	90.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.7%
	2018	94.6%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	20.3
	2014-2018	80.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	5.0%
	2014-2018	4.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	37.7
	2018	43.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.1%
	2018	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	4.2
	2018	3.9

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	5.1
	2014-2018	7.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	29.4
	2014-2018	24.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	14.5
	2014-2018	6.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	90.8
	2014-2018	91.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	0.0%
	2014-2018	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	9.6**
	2013-2017	19.7**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	114.6
	2013-2017	136.2
Uninsured children	2013	11.6%
	2017	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.8%
	2018	94.1%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)