

Boone County

County Seat: Columbia

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Population: 176,515

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	6,093	4,720	17.7%	13.2%	↑	18.3%	11
Food insecurity for children ^b	6,360	5,400	18.4%	15.2%	↑	17.5%	9
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	798	878	7.6%	8.4%	↓	8.5%	71
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	296	296	8.6	8.2	↑	7.1	88
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	196	232	5.7	6.4	↓	7.5	100
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	95	73	12.6	9.5	↑	21.6	8
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	171	134	4.9	3.7	↑	4.0	35
Education							
High school graduation	1,507	1,583	91.1%	89.9%	↓	91.3%	98
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		843		47.2%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		843		48.4%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		910		48.5%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		875		49.1%		47.0%	

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2013 and 2017.

^c Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

^d 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	172,717
	2018	176,515
Child population under 18	2014	34,923
	2018	36,565
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	20.6%
	2018	20.3%
Child population under 6	2014	12,338
	2018	12,634
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.1%
	2018	7.0%
Minority child population under 18	2014	9,605
	2018	10,198
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	27.1%
	2018	27.9%
Minority child population under 6	2014	3,353
	2018	3,558
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	27.2%
	2018	28.2%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	29.7%
	2014-2018	28.6%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	69.1%
	2014-2018	70.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	24.3%
	2018	15.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	16.5%
	2014-2018	12.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	35.0%
	2014-2018	31.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	30.6%
	2014-2018	28.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	28.6%
	2018	26.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$66,541
	2014-2018	\$70,473
Adult unemployment	2014	4.1%
	2018	2.3%
Child homelessness	2014	1.1%
	2018	1.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	173.4
	2019	179.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	29.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.9%
	2018	94.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	33.3
	2014-2018	26.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	8.2%
	2014-2018	7.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	36.9
	2018	26.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.9%
	2018	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	4.5
	2018	4.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	4.1
	2014-2018	5.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	19.1
	2014-2018	21.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	13.1
	2014-2018	16.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	52.5
	2014-2018	31.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	16.8
	2013-2017	19.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	59.6
	2013-2017	93.6
Uninsured children	2013	6.8%
	2017	5.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.6%
	2018	93.1%

^a If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^b *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases);** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases)