

Caldwell County

County Seat: Kingston

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	466	417	22.0%	19.6%	↑	18.3%	35
Food insecurity for children ^b	510	380	22.2%	17.3%	↑	17.5%	28
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	47	41	10.0%	8.4%	↑	8.5%	70
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	16	14	6.9	6.4	↑	7.1	63
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	12	7	5.2	3.2	↑	7.5	50
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	8	17.9	29	↓	21.6	67
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	9	5	4.0	2.3	↑	4.0	13
Education							
High school graduation	106	122	97.2%	95.3%	↓	91.3%	37
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		52		44.4%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		54		46.2%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		55		44.4%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		69		56.1%		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	9,034
	2018	9,049
Child population under 18	2014	2,252
	2018	2,165
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.9%
	2018	24.1%
Child population under 6	2014	588
	2018	623
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	6.5%
	2018	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2014	92
	2018	107
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	4.3%
	2018	4.9%
Minority child population under 6	2014	31
	2018	27
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	5.3%
	2018	4.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	30.4%
	2014-2018	22.4%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	69.5%
	2014-2018	75.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	21.5%
	2018	20.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	19.8%
	2014-2018	17.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	28.5%
	2014-2018	22.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	41.2%
	2014-2018	39.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	27.4%
	2018	27.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$52,813
	2014-2018	\$62,250
Adult unemployment	2014	5.6%
	2018	3.1%
Child homelessness	2014	0.8%
	2018	1.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	37.0
	2019	23.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	40.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	96.0%
	2018	95.3%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	30.8
	2014-2018	32.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	7.5%
	2014-2018	6.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	12.3
	2018	28.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.2%
	2018	1.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	4.6
	2018	4.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	8.5
	2014-2018	2.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	43.4
	2014-2018	9.2
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	53.3
	2014-2018	9.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	0.0
	2014-2018	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	0.0%
	2014-2018	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	0
	2013-2017	7.6**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	58.7
	2013-2017	59.7
Uninsured children	2013	10.6%
	2017	7.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.6%
	2018	95.1%

^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)