

Cole County

County
Composite
Rank



County Seat: Jefferson City

Population: 76,740

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,107	2,019	18.0%	12.0%	↑	18.3%	9
Food insecurity for children ^b	3,540	2,820	19.8%	16.1%	↑	17.5%	14
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	379	396	8.2%	8.7%	↓	8.5%	85
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	153	116	8.6	6.7	↑	7.1	68
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	138	131	7.7	7.6	↑	7.5	108
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	50	43	20.7	18.2	↑	21.6	26
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	27	28	1.5	1.6	↓	4.0	7
Education							
High school graduation	831	708	86.7%	87.4%	↑	91.3%	107
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		417		47.8%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		420		48.6%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		382		45.0%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		497		56.3%		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	76,557
	2018	76,740
Child population under 18	2014	17,775
	2018	17,106
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.0%
	2018	22.6%
Child population under 6	2014	5,685
	2018	5,544
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.4%
	2018	7.2%
Minority child population under 18	2014	3,811
	2018	4,006
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	21.7%
	2018	23.4%
Minority child population under 6	2014	1,409
	2018	1,454
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	24.8%
	2018	26.2%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	36.0%
	2014-2018	32.0%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	63.4%
	2014-2018	67.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	32.7%
	2018	6.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	15.2%
	2014-2018	11.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	23.8%
	2014-2018	21.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	32.1%
	2014-2018	30.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	29.2%
	2018	29.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$60,089
	2014-2018	\$65,588
Adult unemployment	2014	5.0%
	2018	2.5%
Child homelessness	2014	1.9%
	2018	1.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	163.2
	2019	195.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	5.1%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.9%
	2018	94.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.8
	2014-2018	44.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	8.2%
	2014-2018	10.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	36.7
	2018	31.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	3.0%
	2018	3.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	5.1
	2018	7.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	8.6
	2014-2018	5.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	13.4
	2014-2018	12.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	13.4
	2014-2018	7.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	13.5
	2014-2018	34.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	66.7%
	2014-2018	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	12.6*
	2013-2017	31.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	57.8
	2013-2017	101.7
Uninsured children	2013	6.6%
	2017	4.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.2%
	2018	92.9%

^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)