

# Cooper County

County Seat: Boonville

County  
Composite  
Rank

2016  
**42**

2020  
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Population: 17,622

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	738	753	20.0%	20.7%	↓	18.3%	45
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	920	610	23.5%	15.7%	↑	17.5%	12
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	101	74	10.2%	7.6%	↑	8.5%	46
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	16	35	4.1	9.1	↓	7.1	100
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	22	21	5.6	5.5	↑	7.5	89
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	16	10	31.2	19.9	↑	21.6	30
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	7	10	1.8	2.7	↓	4.0	19
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	157	197	91.8%	98.0%	↑	91.3%	11
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		57		37.7%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		70		37.4%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		47		23.6%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		92		42.4%		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	17,585
	2018	17,622
Child population under 18	2014	3,955
	2018	3,762
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	21.8%
	2018	21.9%
Child population under 6	2014	1,202
	2018	1,122
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	6.8%
	2018	6.4%
Minority child population under 18	2014	433
	2018	425
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	11.3%
	2018	11.3%
Minority child population under 6	2014	156
	2018	135
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	13.0%
	2018	12.0%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	27.2%
	2014-2018	34.5%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	71.2%
	2014-2018	64.2%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	28.9%
	2018	25.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	18.5%
	2014-2018	17.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	24.1%
	2014-2018	23.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	43.3%
	2014-2018	35.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	34.2%
	2018	28.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$52,450
	2014-2018	\$64,786
Adult unemployment	2014	5.9%
	2018	3.1%
Child homelessness	2014	0.9%
	2018	1.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	75.2
	2019	82.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	12.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.6%
	2018	94.6%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	35.2
	2014-2018	38.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	8.7%
	2014-2018	9.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	41.0
	2018	39.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.5%
	2018	0.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	5.7
	2018	3.5

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	10.1
	2014-2018	6.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	10.2
	2014-2018	36.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	12.4
	2014-2018	16.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	0.0
	2014-2018	124.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	0.0%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	0
	2013-2017	4.2**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	50.3
	2013-2017	73.5
Uninsured children	2013	8.2%
	2017	5.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.6%
	2018	93.9%

<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)