

Douglas County

County Seat: Ava

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Population: 13,374

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	991	840	35.0%	29.5%	↑	18.3%	94
Food insecurity for children ^b	830	630	27.6%	22%	↑	17.5%	97
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	52	48	7.3%	6.1%	↑	8.5%	9
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	13	9	4.3	3.1	↑	7.1	7
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	3	7	1.0	2.4	↓	7.5	30
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	20	7	54.5	20.5	↑	21.6	35
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	29	19	9.8	6.5	↑	4.0	73
Education							
High school graduation	94	99	95.9%	99.0%	↑	91.3%	5
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		55		45.8%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		63		54.3%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		52		43.3%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		55		59.8%		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	13,546
	2018	13,374
Child population under 18	2014	2,948
	2018	2,919
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	21.5%
	2018	21.4%
Child population under 6	2014	928
	2018	911
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	6.9%
	2018	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2014	135
	2018	171
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	4.6%
	2018	5.9%
Minority child population under 6	2014	44
	2018	64
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	4.7%
	2018	7.0%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	28.0%
	2014-2018	27.6%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	71.0%
	2014-2018	72.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	34.7%
	2018	40.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	32.7%
	2014-2018	27.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	27.7%
	2014-2018	27.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	54.6%
	2014-2018	59.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	50.6%
	2018	41.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$34,741
	2014-2018	\$37,380
Adult unemployment	2014	7.5%
	2018	4.6%
Child homelessness	2014	0.0%
	2018	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	39.9
	2019	57.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	94.2%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	70.7
	2014-2018	144.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	5.6%
	2014-2018	4.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	18.0
	2018	21.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.2%
	2018	0.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	11.7
	2018	7.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	7.0
	2014-2018	3.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	46.5
	2014-2018	35.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	32.5
	2014-2018	21.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	110.1
	2014-2018	83.7
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	66.7%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	0
	2013-2017	5.8**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	32.9
	2013-2017	56.8
Uninsured children	2013	9.5%
	2017	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.8%
	2018	93.6%

^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)