

Dunklin County

County Seat: Kennett

County
Composite
Rank

2016
113

2020
114

Population: 30,428

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	3,283	2,785	41.5%	38.1%	↑	18.3%	112
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,200	1,980	26.9%	24.7%	↑	17.5%	111
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	261	259	11.3%	12.7%	↓	8.5%	114
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	150	113	18.4	14.5	↑	7.1	114
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	70	59	8.6	7.6	↑	7.5	109
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	80	57	79.4	59.3	↑	21.6	114
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	54	26	6.6	3.5	↑	4.0	31
Education							
High school graduation	365	323	91.7%	92.6%	↑	91.3%	70
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		168		42.6%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		142		36.9%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		193		46.5%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		131		39.6%		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	31,344
	2018	30,428
Child population under 18	2014	8,151
	2018	7,526
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	26.0%
	2018	25.8%
Child population under 6	2014	2,728
	2018	2,454
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	8.7%
	2018	8.3%
Minority child population under 18	2014	2,339
	2018	2,204
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	28.7%
	2018	29.3%
Minority child population under 6	2014	880
	2018	790
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	32.3%
	2018	32.2%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	41.8%
	2014-2018	42.7%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	56.9%
	2014-2018	55.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	42.1%
	2018	38.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	40.1%
	2014-2018	36.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	31.7%
	2014-2018	28.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	58.8%
	2014-2018	55.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	64.2%
	2018	62.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$35,195
	2014-2018	\$39,595
Adult unemployment	2014	8.7%
	2018	5.5%
Child homelessness	2014	0.7%
	2018	1.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	91.8
	2019	86.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	8.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.8%
	2018	95.0%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	65.2
	2014-2018	36.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	13.5%
	2014-2018	12.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	45.7
	2018	14.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.9%
	2018	1.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	15.2
	2018	10.6

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	9.6
	2014-2018	7.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	22.0
	2014-2018	30.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	20.6
	2014-2018	21.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	29.5
	2014-2018	59.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	25.0%
	2014-2018	80%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	69.4
	2013-2017	71.6
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	183.8
	2013-2017	169.2
Uninsured children	2013	7.1%
	2017	5.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.8%
	2018	94.3%

^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)