

# Hickory County

County Seat: Hermitage

County  
Composite  
Rank

2016  
**85**

2020  
**68**

Population: 9,368

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	600	547	39.5%	34.5%	↑	18.3%	105
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	490	370	29.0%	23.4%	↑	17.5%	105
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	26	45	7.0%	11.8%	↓	8.5%	112
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	10	5	6.0	3.1	↑	7.1	6
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	7	4	4.2	2.5	↑	7.5	32
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	7	21.6	30.6	↓	21.6	74
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	8	18	4.9	11.0	↓	4.0	105
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	123	107	95.3%	98.2%	↑	91.3%	10
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		69		54.8%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		77		63.6%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		60		53.1%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		72		59.5%		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	9,219
	2018	9,368
Child population under 18	2014	1,645
	2018	1,633
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	17.1%
	2018	16.8%
Child population under 6	2014	450
	2018	504
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	4.9%
	2018	5.3%
Minority child population under 18	2014	91
	2018	126
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	5.8%
	2018	7.7%
Minority child population under 6	2014	26
	2018	56
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	5.8%
	2018	11.1%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	26.6%
	2014-2018	28.0%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	72.1%
	2014-2018	69.7%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	30.4%
	2018	22.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	36.1%
	2014-2018	32.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	33.8%
	2014-2018	27.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	59.1%
	2014-2018	44.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	41.0%
	2018	38.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$30,191
	2014-2018	\$51,354
Adult unemployment	2014	8.3%
	2018	4.1%
Child homelessness	2014	0.0%
	2018	0.0%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	63.5
	2019	80.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.5%
	2018	95.5%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	41.1
	2014-2018	84.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	5.0%
	2014-2018	4.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	24.8
	2018	30.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.6%
	2018	0.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	1.9
	2018	2.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	10.8
	2014-2018	10.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.9
	2014-2018	25.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	15.0
	2014-2018	13.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	59.5
	2014-2018	67.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	0
	2013-2017	10.5**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	81.4
	2013-2017	99.3
Uninsured children	2013	11.8%
	2017	8.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.5%
	2018	95.2%

<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)