

# Marion County

County Seat: Palmyra

County  
Composite  
Rank

2016  
**30**

2020  
**57**

Population: 28,672

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,709	1,233	25.8%	19.0%	↑	18.3%	32
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,460	1,300	21.4%	19.1%	↑	17.5%	57
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	142	149	7.9%	8.2%	↓	8.5%	65
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	45	38	6.6	5.7	↑	7.1	50
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	23	26	3.4	3.9	↓	7.5	66
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	22	24	23.0	27.2	↓	21.6	60
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	71	114	10.4	17.1	↓	4.0	113
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	359	348	95.0%	91.3%	↓	91.3%	87
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		202		54.7%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		162		42.7%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		195		53.1%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		142		45.5%		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	28,920
	2018	28,672
Child population under 18	2014	6,811
	2018	6,649
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.5%
	2018	24.0%
Child population under 6	2014	2,185
	2018	2,201
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.6%
	2018	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2014	877
	2018	816
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	12.9%
	2018	12.3%
Minority child population under 6	2014	295
	2018	271
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	13.5%
	2018	12.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	40.1%
	2014-2018	37.1%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	59.7%
	2014-2018	62.6%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	26.5%
	2018	25.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	23.3%
	2014-2018	17.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	25.1%
	2014-2018	24.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	46.2%
	2014-2018	44.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	39.3%
	2018	35.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$50,280
	2014-2018	\$53,040
Adult unemployment	2014	5.5%
	2018	3.1%
Child homelessness	2014	2.5%
	2018	3.1%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	100.4
	2019	96.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	50.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.6%
	2018	95.2%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	10.8
	2014-2018	60.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	10.4%
	2014-2018	10.2%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	45.9
	2018	29.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.6%
	2018	1.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	6.8
	2018	11.7

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	9.5
	2014-2018	6.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.4
	2014-2018	17.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	13.8
	2014-2018	9.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	76.5
	2014-2018	50.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	9.2**
	2013-2017	7.1**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	86.3
	2013-2017	58.1
Uninsured children	2013	6.6%
	2017	4.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.4%
	2018	94.3%

<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)