

Mercer County

County Seat: Princeton

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	196	168	22.1%	19.6%	↑	18.3%	35
Food insecurity for children ^b	230	170	25.0%	18.1%	↑	17.5%	39
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	15	20	7.1%	8.3%	↓	8.5%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	5	4	5.4	4.6	↑	7.1	26
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	3	3	3.3	3.4	↓	7.5	56
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3	3	21.0	27.3	↓	21.6	61
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	7	-	7.7	0.0	↑	4.0	1
Education							
High school graduation	51	40	98.1%	95.2%	↓	91.3%	39
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		25		53.2%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		18		50.0%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		14		37.8%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		32		74.4%		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	3,719
	2018	3,664
Child population under 18	2014	910
	2018	867
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	24.2%
	2018	25.5%
Child population under 6	2014	250
	2018	278
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	6.7%
	2018	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2014	34
	2018	62
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	3.8%
	2018	7.2%
Minority child population under 6	2014	4
	2018	22
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	1.6%
	2018	7.9%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	32.7%
	2014-2018	22.8%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	66.7%
	2014-2018	75.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	27.5%
	2018	27.0%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	20.7%
	2014-2018	19.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	21.6%
	2014-2018	18.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	43.8%
	2014-2018	31.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	24.8%
	2018	18.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$42,414
	2014-2018	\$59,250
Adult unemployment	2014	5.0%
	2018	3.1%
Child homelessness	2014	0.0%
	2018	0.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	82.1
	2019	11.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.9%
	2018	94.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	160.3
	2014-2018	0.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	7.0%
	2014-2018	4.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	36.2
	2018	14.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.0%
	2018	0.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	4.4
	2018	1.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	9.5
	2014-2018	12.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	43.4
	2014-2018	0.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	0.0
	2014-2018	0.0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	239.5
	2014-2018	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	0
	2013-2017	0
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	33.9
	2013-2017	50.2
Uninsured children	2013	14.5%
	2017	10.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	95.2%
	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)