

Perry County

County Seat: Perryville

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	729	648	16.3%	14.9%	↑	18.3%	20
Food insecurity for children ^b	950	650	20.2%	14.1%	↑	17.5%	5
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	84	69	7.5%	6.3%	↑	8.5%	10
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	31	20	6.6	4.4	↑	7.1	23
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	17	12	3.6	2.7	↑	7.5	36
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	20	11	32.7	20.2	↑	21.6	31
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	20	29	4.3	6.5	↓	4.0	72
Education							
High school graduation	183	193	91.0%	87.3%	↓	91.3%	108
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		88		51.2%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		100		60.6%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		66		35.9%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		74		38.7%		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	19,202
	2018	19,146
Child population under 18	2014	4,688
	2018	4,470
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	24.1%
	2018	24.0%
Child population under 6	2014	1,390
	2018	1,362
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.2%
	2018	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2014	282
	2018	318
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	6.1%
	2018	7.1%
Minority child population under 6	2014	109
	2018	113
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	7.8%
	2018	8.3%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	26.8%
	2014-2018	25.9%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	71.9%
	2014-2018	72.2%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	32.7%
	2018	24.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	14.9%
	2014-2018	13.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	24.5%
	2014-2018	22.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	35.1%
	2014-2018	37.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	25.8%
	2018	24.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$58,998
	2014-2018	\$65,013
Adult unemployment	2014	5.4%
	2018	2.3%
Child homelessness	2014	0.5%
	2018	2.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	145.7
	2019	133.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	18.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.0%
	2018	95.4%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	47.9
	2014-2018	68.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	8.0%
	2014-2018	8.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	26.6
	2018	15.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	3.0%
	2018	3.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	3.7
	2018	6.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	2.7
	2014-2018	2.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	12.7
	2014-2018	4.4
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	74.8
	2014-2018	25.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	13.8**
	2013-2017	14.4**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	57.0
	2013-2017	61.2
Uninsured children	2013	7.9%
	2017	4.4%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.7%
	2018	94.8%

^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)