

Pettis County

County Seat: Sedalia

County
Composite
Rank

2016
51

2020
65

Population: 42,371

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,700	2,365	26.4%	23.3%	↑	18.3%	67
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,360	1,960	22.1%	18.5%	↑	17.5%	49
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	199	196	6.8%	6.7%	↑	8.5%	22
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	83	75	7.8	7.1	↑	7.1	70
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	40	35	3.7	3.3	↑	7.5	54
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	67	52	48.7	37.8	↑	21.6	96
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	65	39	6.1	3.7	↑	4.0	37
Education							
High school graduation	414	463	96.1%	95.5%	↓	91.3%	34
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		278		52.1%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		198		41.2%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		265		48.7%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		216		43.9%		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.

Pettis County

County Seat: Sedalia

County
Composite
Rank

2016
51

2020
65

Population: 42,371

Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2014	42,225
	2018	42,371
Child population under 18	2014	10,673
	2018	10,466
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	25.1%
	2018	24.9%
Child population under 6	2014	3,505
	2018	3,388
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	8.3%
	2018	8.0%
Minority child population under 18	2014	2,232
	2018	2,321
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	21.1%
	2018	22.2%
Minority child population under 6	2014	808
	2018	746
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	23.1%
	2018	22.0%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	25.3%
	2014-2018	32.9%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	74.1%
	2014-2018	64.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	28.9%
	2018	25.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	24.9%
	2014-2018	21.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	32.1%
	2014-2018	25.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	51.4%
	2014-2018	43.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	41.4%
	2018	39.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$46,017
	2014-2018	\$50,348
Adult unemployment	2014	6.1%
	2018	4.1%
Child homelessness	2014	13.9%
	2018	13.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	185.6
	2019	140.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	3.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.8%
	2018	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	28.1
	2014-2018	64.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	7.8%
	2014-2018	10.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	56.6
	2018	35.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.4%
	2018	0.5%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	7.0
	2018	4.4

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	4.8
	2014-2018	4.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	26.2
	2014-2018	24.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	26.7
	2014-2018	9.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	23.3
	2014-2018	89.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	11.9*
	2013-2017	15.3*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	82.0
	2013-2017	121.9
Uninsured children	2013	9.0%
	2017	6.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.0%
	2018	94.2%

^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)