

Phelps County

County Seat: Rolla

County
Composite
Rank

2016
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Population: 44,789

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,377	1,952	26.1%	21.8%	↑	18.3%	53
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,100	1,710	21.6%	18.1%	↑	17.5%	39
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	204	203	7.5%	8.2%	↓	8.5%	63
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	91	44	9.4	4.7	↑	7.1	28
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	55	39	5.7	4.2	↑	7.5	71
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	39	26	26.8	17.9	↑	21.6	24
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	47	42	4.9	4.5	↑	4.0	52
Education							
High school graduation	446	430	89.6%	89.4%	↓	91.3%	99
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		265		57.1%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		272		54.9%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		264		49.8%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		183		35.3%		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	44,847
	2018	44,789
Child population under 18	2014	9,651
	2018	9,324
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	21.2%
	2018	21.0%
Child population under 6	2014	3,142
	2018	2,982
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.0%
	2018	6.7%
Minority child population under 18	2014	1,133
	2018	1,094
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	11.9%
	2018	11.7%
Minority child population under 6	2014	444
	2018	450
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	14.1%
	2018	15.1%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	27.0%
	2014-2018	30.4%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	71.1%
	2014-2018	66.5%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	29.7%
	2018	27.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	23.7%
	2014-2018	20.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	30.9%
	2014-2018	29.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	40.1%
	2014-2018	41.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	37.0%
	2018	31.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$49,385
	2014-2018	\$50,989
Adult unemployment	2014	6.2%
	2018	3.1%
Child homelessness	2014	1.1%
	2018	2.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	58.9
	2019	29.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.2%
	2018	95.0%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	41.0
	2014-2018	36.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	9.6%
	2014-2018	8.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	12.7
	2018	19.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.6%
	2018	1.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	13.3
	2018	10.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	5.5
	2014-2018	10.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	35.0
	2014-2018	17.0
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	27.5
	2014-2018	10.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	71.4
	2014-2018	40.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	66.7%
	2014-2018	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	33.1
	2013-2017	40.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	93.9
	2013-2017	105.8
Uninsured children	2013	8.8%
	2017	6.0%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.6%
	2018	94.5%

^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)