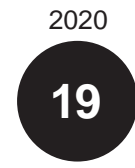


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Population: 52,591

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,194	1,842	18.6%	16.6%	↑	18.3%	27
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,610	2,100	20.9%	17.7%	↑	17.5%	35
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	302	277	7.0%	7.3%	↓	8.5%	37
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	59	50	4.7	4.4	↑	7.1	22
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	17	33	1.4	2.9	↓	7.5	41
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	41	32	21.8	18.3	↑	21.6	27
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	75	87	6.0	7.7	↓	4.0	87
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	560	581	93.5%	93.0%	↓	91.3%	66
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		303		43.8%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		296		50.3%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		326		45.2%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		191		34.6%		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.

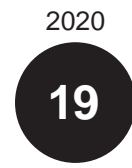
<sup>c</sup> Data based on 5-year time spans, 2009-2013 and 2014-2018.

<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	53,436
	2018	52,591
Child population under 18	2014	12,568
	2018	11,371
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	22.8%
	2018	22.1%
Child population under 6	2014	4,615
	2018	4,110
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	8.6%
	2018	7.9%
Minority child population under 18	2014	3,981
	2018	3,623
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	32.6%
	2018	31.9%
Minority child population under 6	2014	1,562
	2018	1,349
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	33.8%
	2018	32.8%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	25.4%
	2014-2018	25.7%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	73.1%
	2014-2018	70.3%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	28.0%
	2018	28.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	18.2%
	2014-2018	16.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	27.9%
	2014-2018	30.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	41.7%
	2014-2018	37.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	26.9%
	2018	29.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$51,341
	2014-2018	\$58,050
Adult unemployment	2014	7.3%
	2018	3.6%
Child homelessness	2014	2.5%
	2018	2.4%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	64.3
	2019	39.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	14.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.8%
	2018	94.8%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	32.3
	2014-2018	24.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	11.5%
	2014-2018	7.9%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	34.9
	2018	28.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	1.1%
	2018	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	7.7
	2018	6.9

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	8.6
	2014-2018	6.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	11.2
	2014-2018	18.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	9.5
	2014-2018	10.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	19.9
	2014-2018	56.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	50.0%
	2014-2018	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	6.4*
	2013-2017	18.2*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	70.8
	2013-2017	74.4
Uninsured children	2013	7.4%
	2017	4.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.2%
	2018	93.7%

<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)