

# Ralls County

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County  
Composite  
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	368	283	16.7%	13.3%	↑	18.3%	13
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	440	380	19.1%	17.1%	↑	17.5%	27
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	44	47	9.0%	9.5%	↓	8.5%	98
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	8	9	3.5	4.1	↓	7.1	18
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	4	6	1.8	2.7	↓	7.5	37
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	8	8	30.8	30.7	↑	21.6	75
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	12	12	5.3	5.6	↓	4.0	64
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	48	66	80.0%	94.3%	↑	91.3%	47
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		28		48.3%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		32		53.3%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		46		68.7%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		18		30.5%		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	10,255
	2018	10,217
Child population under 18	2014	2,249
	2018	2,153
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	22.0%
	2018	21.3%
Child population under 6	2014	683
	2018	599
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	6.6%
	2018	5.9%
Minority child population under 18	2014	113
	2018	125
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	5.0%
	2018	5.8%
Minority child population under 6	2014	52
	2018	37
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	7.6%
	2018	6.2%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	27.0%
	2014-2018	28.0%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	72.1%
	2014-2018	71.2%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	26.5%
	2018	25.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	15.0%
	2014-2018	11.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	18.6%
	2014-2018	20.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	34.8%
	2014-2018	27.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	25.1%
	2018	24.0%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$52,697
	2014-2018	\$64,507
Adult unemployment	2014	5.3%
	2018	2.8%
Child homelessness	2014	3.1%
	2018	1.6%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	26.6
	2019	37.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	25.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.2%
	2018	95.6%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	63.1
	2014-2018	31.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	2.7%
	2014-2018	6.7%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	23.7
	2018	10.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	3.9%
	2018	2.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	4.0
	2018	2.8

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	14.3
	2014-2018	2.0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	35.1
	2014-2018	18.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	10.5
	2014-2018	19.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	99.8
	2014-2018	0.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	0
	2013-2017	15.0**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	31.8
	2013-2017	32.2
Uninsured children	2013	8.6%
	2017	6.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.7%
	2018	94.4%

<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)