

# Scott County

County Seat: Benton

County  
Composite  
Rank

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**97**

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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	2,821	2,412	31.0%	26.7%	↑	18.3%	89
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	2,230	1,960	23.2%	21.2%	↑	17.5%	90
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	241	246	8.9%	10.1%	↓	8.5%	105
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>b,c</sup>	155	103	16.1	11.2	↑	7.1	108
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	77	66	8.0	7.2	↑	7.5	104
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	52	53	47.9	48	↓	21.6	109
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	48	66	5.1	7.1	↓	4.0	80
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	463	426	96.7%	92.4%	↓	91.3%	75
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		196		37.1%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		179		35.9%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		180		35.4%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		210		47.5%		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	38,903
	2018	38,729
Child population under 18	2014	9,502
	2018	9,253
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.9%
	2018	23.8%
Child population under 6	2014	3,216
	2018	2,965
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	8.3%
	2018	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2014	2,106
	2018	2,140
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	22.7%
	2018	23.1%
Minority child population under 6	2014	827
	2018	736
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	25.7%
	2018	24.8%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	40.0%
	2014-2018	39.8%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	58.2%
	2014-2018	59.3%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	34.8%
	2018	30.4%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	27.2%
	2014-2018	23.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	24.2%
	2014-2018	24.0%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	49.2%
	2014-2018	46.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	52.7%
	2018	49.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$43,793
	2014-2018	\$44,406
Adult unemployment	2014	6.6%
	2018	3.4%
Child homelessness	2014	0.6%
	2018	1.2%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	117.8
	2019	112.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	1.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	95.4%
	2018	95.0%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	37.9
	2014-2018	69.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	11.5%
	2014-2018	11.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	48.4
	2018	51.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	0.5%
	2018	1.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	6.6
	2018	7.8

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	7.8
	2014-2018	8.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	35.3
	2014-2018	19.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	32.5
	2014-2018	11.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	48.5
	2014-2018	53.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2009-2013	100.0%
	2014-2018	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2008-2012	8.2*
	2013-2017	15.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	75.5
	2013-2017	77.0
Uninsured children	2013	6.4%
	2017	4.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	94.1%
	2018	94%

<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)