

Washington County

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2014	2018	2014	2018		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,217	1,546	39.3%	27.9%	↑	18.3%	93
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,700	1,260	28.9%	21.9%	↑	17.5%	95
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	140	157	9.3%	10.9%	↓	8.5%	110
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^{b,c}	57	28	9.7	4.8	↑	7.1	33
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	50	31	8.5	5.4	↑	7.5	83
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	29	19	40.3	26.8	↑	21.6	56
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	40	32	6.8	5.6	↑	4.0	65
Education							
High school graduation	202	233	92.2%	97.5%	↑	91.3%	15
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		160		56.7%		48.6%	
8th grade English/Language Arts (MAP)		174		68.8%		49.0%	
4th grade Math (MAP)		113		41.4%		45.8%	
Algebra I (End of Course exam)		78		29.3%		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	25,077
	2018	24,931
Child population under 18	2014	5,898
	2018	5,688
Children under 18 as % of total population	2014	23.1%
	2018	23.0%
Child population under 6	2014	1,784
	2018	1,773
Children under 6 as % of total population	2014	7.1%
	2018	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2014	273
	2018	280
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2014	4.7%
	2018	4.9%
Minority child population under 6	2014	95
	2018	107
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2014	5.3%
	2018	6.0%
Children in single-parent families	2009-2013	31.4%
	2014-2018	29.8%
Children in married-parent families	2009-2013	66.4%
	2014-2018	68.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2014	32.7%
	2018	24.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2009-2013	35.4%
	2014-2018	25.2%
Housing cost-burdened households	2009-2013	23.9%
	2014-2018	25.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2009-2013	56.0%
	2014-2018	44.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2014	55.4%
	2018	47.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2009-2013	\$38,441
	2014-2018	\$49,353
Adult unemployment	2014	8.5%
	2018	4.4%
Child homelessness	2014	1.9%
	2018	5.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2014	57.9
	2019	65.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2014	—
	2019	0.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2014	94.9%
	2018	94.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2009-2013	88.1
	2014-2018	52.6
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2009-2013	10.6%
	2014-2018	8.0%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2014	30.6
	2018	30.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2014	2.3%
	2018	0.1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2014	7.9
	2018	13.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2009-2013	5.3
	2014-2018	4.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	20.4
	2014-2018	31.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	12.2
	2014-2018	21.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2009-2013	60.9
	2014-2018	60.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2009-2013	33.3%
	2014-2018	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2008-2012	5.4**
	2013-2017	22.7*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2008-2012	74.1
	2013-2017	96.6
Uninsured children	2013	7.1%
	2017	4.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2014	93.8%
	2018	93.7%

^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)