

Adair County

County Seat: Kirksville

County
Composite
Rank

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2018

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2022

Population: 25,468

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,085	819	23.8%	18.8%	↑	15.5%	52
Food insecurity for children ^b	920	640	19.7%	13.6%	↑	15.1%	22
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	108	122	8.3%	8.7%	↓	8.7%	79
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	40	30	8.6	6.7	↑	7.1	73
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	32	13	6.9	2.9	↑	6.2	43
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	13	12	8.3	7.4	↑	18.8	9
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	28	26	6	5.8	↑	3.2	86
Education							
High school graduation	209	236	94.1%	94.4%	↑	91.3%	48
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)							
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)							
4th grade math (MAP)							
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)							

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2015 and 2019.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

^d Due to the COVID pandemic, MAP tests were suspended in 2020, and proficiency reports were not issued for the 2019-2020 school year.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	25,359
	2020	25,468
Child population under 18	2016	4,689
	2020	4,504
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	18.5%
	2020	17.7%
Child population under 6	2016	1,454
	2020	1,585
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	5.7%
	2020	6.2%
Minority child population under 18	2016	553
	2020	584
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	11.8%
	2020	13%
Minority child population under 6	2016	181
	2020	274
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	12.4%
	2020	17.3%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	27%
	2016-2020	21.1%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	72.8%
	2016-2020	73.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	29.2%
	2020	20.7%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	23.3%
	2016-2020	19.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	35.4%
	2016-2020	31.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	37.4%
	2016-2020	32.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	34.1%
	2020	28%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$53,625
	2016-2020	\$63,704
Adult unemployment	2016	5.7%
	2020	5.1%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	1.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	113.2
	2021	92.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	36.7%
	2021	41.9%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.2%
	2020	94.6%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	13.7
	2016-2020	57.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	5.59%
	2016-2020	6.8%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	30.3
	2020	33.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.4%
	2020	1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	10
	2020	12.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	5.4
	2016-2020	7.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	26
	2016-2020	61.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	25.4
	2016-2020	32.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	28.9
	2016-2020	135.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	11.5
	2015-2019	5.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	59.3
	2015-2019	45.9
Uninsured children	2015	7.7%
	2019	8.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.7%
	2020	93.3%

^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).