

# Benton County

County Seat: Warsaw

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	931	914	29.1%	27.5%	↑	15.5%	94
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	770	770	23.3%	23.2%	↑	15.1%	101
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	53	56	6.9%	6.7%	↑	8.7%	15
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	28	26	8.5	7.6	↑	7.1	92
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	11	8	3.4	2.4	↑	6.2	31
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	16	8	36.8	18.4	↑	18.8	40
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	29	18	8.9	5.3	↑	3.2	79
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	197	160	92.5%	95.2%	↑	91.3%	35
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
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

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> 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	18,839
	2020	19,305
Child population under 18	2016	3,270
	2020	3,402
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	17.4%
	2020	17.3%
Child population under 6	2016	959
	2020	1,069
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	5.1%
	2020	5.4%
Minority child population under 18	2016	247
	2020	257
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	7.6%
	2020	7.6%
Minority child population under 6	2016	92
	2020	79
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	9.6%
	2020	7.4%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	31.4%
	2016-2020	24.1%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	68.4%
	2016-2020	70%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	19%
	2020	45.5%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	31.8%
	2016-2020	26%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	31.2%
	2016-2020	25.4%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	61.5%
	2016-2020	47.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	43.2%
	2020	34%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$33,162
	2016-2020	\$51,587
Adult unemployment	2016	6.1%
	2020	7.3%
Child homelessness	2016	3.9%
	2020	7.6%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	92
	2021	70.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	6.6%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.5%
	2020	94.4%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	41.4
	2016-2020	62.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	6.52%
	2016-2020	5.35%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	69.2
	2020	26.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.1%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	4.3
	2020	2.4

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	1.3
	2016-2020	6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	37.3
	2016-2020	43.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	14.9
	2016-2020	38.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	130.6
	2016-2020	31.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	0%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	27.1
	2015-2019	14.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	148.3
	2015-2019	127.5
Uninsured children	2015	8.4%
	2019	9.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.5%
	2020	93.9%

<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).