

Boone County

County Seat: Columbia

County
Composite
Rank

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	5,381	4,563	15.4%	12.5%	↑	15.5%	17
Food insecurity for children ^b	5,740	4,220	16.3%	11.7%	↑	15.1%	9
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	803	866	7.6%	8.4%	↓	8.7%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	275	277	7.7	7.4	↑	7.1	87
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	315	212	8.8	5.7	↑	6.2	102
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	79	51	10.4	6.5	↑	18.8	7
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	115	111	3.2	3	↑	3.2	38
Education							
High school graduation	1,605	1,567	91.4%	91.2%	↓	91.3%	86
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	176,594
	2020	179,704
Child population under 18	2016	35,734
	2020	37,426
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	20.2%
	2020	20.5%
Child population under 6	2016	12,448
	2020	12,520
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7%
	2020	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2016	9,472
	2020	10,545
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	26.5%
	2020	28.2%
Minority child population under 6	2016	3,172
	2020	3,629
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	25.5%
	2020	29%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	29.1%
	2016-2020	20%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	70.7%
	2016-2020	71.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	16.5%
	2020	15%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	14.6%
	2016-2020	11.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	33.8%
	2016-2020	30.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	29.7%
	2016-2020	28.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	27.9%
	2020	25.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$68,587
	2016-2020	\$78,214
Adult unemployment	2016	3.2%
	2020	4.2%
Child homelessness	2016	1.2%
	2020	1.1%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	179.7
	2021	165.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	33.9%
	2021	23.2%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95%
	2020	93.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	31
	2016-2020	30.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.73%
	2016-2020	7.23%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	31.5
	2020	25.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2%
	2020	1.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	4.1
	2020	3.7

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.3
	2016-2020	5.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.1
	2016-2020	25.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	16.9
	2016-2020	19.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	43.5
	2016-2020	34.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	0%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	30.6
	2015-2019	21.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	92.9
	2015-2019	92.7
Uninsured children	2015	6.4%
	2019	6.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.8%
	2020	92.7%

^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).