

Caldwell County

County Seat: Kingston

County
Composite
Rank

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2018

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2022

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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	414	334	19.4%	16.2%	↑	15.5%	33
Food insecurity for children ^b	400	360	18.2%	16.5%	↑	15.1%	57
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	38	46	8.2%	9.5%	↓	8.7%	96
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	7	10	3.2	4.8	↓	7.1	28
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	—	1	1.9	0.5	↑	6.2	3
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	8	22.2	30.5	↓	18.8	84
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	7	3	3.2	1.4	↑	3.2	5
Education							
High school graduation	126	128	99.2%	98.5%	↓	91.3%	5
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	9,062
	2020	9,052
Child population under 18	2016	2,170
	2020	2,098
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.9%
	2020	23.2%
Child population under 6	2016	587
	2020	640
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	6.5%
	2020	7.1%
Minority child population under 18	2016	101
	2020	134
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	4.7%
	2020	6.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	25
	2020	47
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	4.3%
	2020	7.3%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	24.1%
	2016-2020	15.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	75.5%
	2016-2020	70.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	22.7%
	2020	21.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	19.7%
	2016-2020	15.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	24.4%
	2016-2020	19.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	36.4%
	2016-2020	39.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	28.3%
	2020	24.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$60,000
	2016-2020	\$62,194
Adult unemployment	2016	4.6%
	2020	5.4%
Child homelessness	2016	1.1%
	2020	3.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	46.5
	2021	9.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	19.8%
	2021	200%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.9%
	2020	95.2%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	32.4
	2016-2020	95.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.4%
	2016-2020	8.59%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	31.4
	2020	14.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	2.3
	2020	1.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	6.4
	2016-2020	0
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.1
	2016-2020	50
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	22.2
	2016-2020	19.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	0
	2016-2020	153.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	0%
	2016-2020	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	0
	2015-2019	22.7
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	50.2
	2015-2019	75.5
Uninsured children	2015	8.8%
	2019	9.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95.6%
	2020	95.1%

^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).