

# Clay County

County Seat: Liberty

County  
Composite  
Rank

2018  
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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	6,529	5,237	11.3%	8.9%	↑	15.5%	3
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	8,790	6,050	15.2%	10.3%	↑	15.1%	5
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	971	1,105	6.3%	7.2%	↓	8.7%	32
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	420	478	7.2	7.9	↓	7.1	93
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	359	249	6.2	4.1	↑	6.2	74
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	126	97	17.2	12.6	↑	18.8	20
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	109	81	1.9	1.3	↑	3.2	3
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	2,829	2,954	96.2%	95.9%	↓	91.3%	28
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	239,085
	2020	246,480
Child population under 18	2016	58,636
	2020	60,214
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	24.5%
	2020	23.8%
Child population under 6	2016	18,809
	2020	19,162
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.9%
	2020	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2016	13,429
	2020	14,901
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	22.9%
	2020	24.7%
Minority child population under 6	2016	4,232
	2020	4,820
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	22.5%
	2020	25.2%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	28%
	2016-2020	22.2%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	71.7%
	2016-2020	68.3%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	16.4%
	2020	13.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	9.7%
	2016-2020	8.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	26%
	2016-2020	25%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	25.2%
	2016-2020	23.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	19.7%
	2020	18.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$75,891
	2016-2020	\$86,187
Adult unemployment	2016	3.9%
	2020	6.1%
Child homelessness	2016	1.9%
	2020	2.3%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	89.3
	2021	88.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	17.1%
	2021	23.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95%
	2020	94.7%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	33.8
	2016-2020	43.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.71%
	2016-2020	9.88%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	23.3
	2020	9.8
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.8%
	2020	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	1.4
	2020	1.1

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.8
	2016-2020	5.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	20.8
	2016-2020	17.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	17.8
	2016-2020	10.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	36.1
	2016-2020	41.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	50%
	2016-2020	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	16.5
	2015-2019	21.1
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	93.1
	2015-2019	101.4
Uninsured children	2015	5.3%
	2019	4.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.8%
	2020	94.5%

<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).