

Cooper County

County Seat: Boonville

County
Composite
Rank

29

2018

60

2022

Population: 17,522

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	733	653	19.5%	17.8%	↑	15.5%	46
Food insecurity for children ^b	800	550	20.6%	14.3%	↑	15.1%	30
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	80	70	8.2%	7.2%	↑	8.7%	32
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	33	21	8.6	5.6	↑	7.1	51
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	24	17	6.3	4.5	↑	6.2	81
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	10	9.3	20.6	↓	18.8	52
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	3	8	0.8	2.1	↓	3.2	19
Education							
High school graduation	197	196	97.5%	97%	↓	91.3%	18
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.

Cooper County

County Seat: Boonville

County
Composite
Rank

29

2018

60

2022

Population: 17,522

Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2016	17,712
	2020	17,522
Child population under 18	2016	3,875
	2020	3,773
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	21.9%
	2020	22.1%
Child population under 6	2016	1,192
	2020	1,204
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	6.7%
	2020	7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	413
	2020	440
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	10.7%
	2020	11.7%
Minority child population under 6	2016	139
	2020	125
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	11.7%
	2020	10.4%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	31.7%
	2016-2020	23.9%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	68.2%
	2016-2020	66.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	18.3%
	2020	21%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	19.9%
	2016-2020	16.6%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	25.4%
	2016-2020	22.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	42.8%
	2016-2020	33.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	30.1%
	2020	24.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$58,194
	2016-2020	\$65,394
Adult unemployment	2016	4.9%
	2020	5.6%
Child homelessness	2016	0.9%
	2020	2.2%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	83.4
	2021	51.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	12.4%
	2021	10.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.3%
	2020	94.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	35.7
	2016-2020	55
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.36%
	2016-2020	10.06%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	75.9
	2020	53.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	2.8
	2020	2.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	5.1
	2016-2020	6.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	32.1
	2016-2020	16.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	32.7
	2016-2020	0
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	29.1
	2016-2020	93.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	0%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	4.6
	2015-2019	4.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	90.5
	2015-2019	87.2
Uninsured children	2015	6.8%
	2019	8.5%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.5%
	2020	93.9%

^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).