

Douglas County

County Seat: Ava

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	879	791	31.6%	27.7%	↑	15.5%	95
Food insecurity for children ^b	760	670	26.2%	23%	↑	15.1%	100
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	48	44	6.3%	6.1%	↑	8.7%	9
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	10	11	3.5	3.8	↓	7.1	14
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	0	0	0	0	→	6.2	1
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	20	11	59.7	29.3	↑	18.8	83
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	16	14	5.6	4.8	↑	3.2	67
Education							
High school graduation	99	79	99%	94%	↓	91.3%	55
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	13,358
	2020	13,335
Child population under 18	2016	2,853
	2020	2,920
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	21.4%
	2020	21.9%
Child population under 6	2016	876
	2020	910
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	6.6%
	2020	6.8%
Minority child population under 18	2016	148
	2020	176
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	5.2%
	2020	6%
Minority child population under 6	2016	58
	2020	64
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	6.6%
	2020	7%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	29.8%
	2016-2020	21.8%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	70.2%
	2016-2020	75.8%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	45.2%
	2020	7.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	35.5%
	2016-2020	26.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	32.8%
	2016-2020	22.6%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	56.2%
	2016-2020	44.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	48.2%
	2020	35.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$34,470
	2016-2020	\$52,685
Adult unemployment	2016	6.1%
	2020	7.7%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	1.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	52.6
	2021	39
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	30.7%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.8%
	2020	94%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	76.5
	2016-2020	150.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.33%
	2016-2020	3.93%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	27.5
	2020	4.3
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.5%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	4.6
	2020	6.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	5.3
	2016-2020	5.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	49.5
	2016-2020	35.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	35.1
	2016-2020	21.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	116.3
	2016-2020	84.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	66.7%
	2016-2020	75%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	6.2
	2015-2019	11.5
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	46.4
	2015-2019	43.1
Uninsured children	2015	7.4%
	2019	9.1%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.2%
	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).