

Dunklin County

County Seat: Kennett

County
Composite
Rank

113

2018

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2022

Population: 29,657

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,879	2,156	37.9%	29.8%	↑	15.5%	105
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,140	1,960	26.2%	25.5%	↑	15.1%	110
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	250	256	11.1%	13.3%	↓	8.7%	115
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	114	52	14.3	7	↑	7.1	78
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	81	15	10.2	2	↑	6.2	22
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	59	49	59.4	51.6	↑	18.8	113
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	36	28	4.6	3.8	↑	3.2	53
Education							
High school graduation	369	302	95.8%	92.4%	↓	91.3%	74
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	30,535
	2020	29,657
Child population under 18	2016	7,794
	2020	7,421
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	25.5%
	2020	25.7%
Child population under 6	2016	2,596
	2020	2,406
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	8.5%
	2020	8.3%
Minority child population under 18	2016	2,165
	2020	2,321
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	27.8%
	2020	31.3%
Minority child population under 6	2016	786
	2020	886
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	30.3%
	2020	36.8%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	45.4%
	2016-2020	32.4%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	54.4%
	2016-2020	52.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	40.2%
	2020	33.1%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	39%
	2016-2020	28.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	31.9%
	2016-2020	25.9%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	59.4%
	2016-2020	52.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	65.3%
	2020	59.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$35,138
	2016-2020	\$41,335
Adult unemployment	2016	8.2%
	2020	7.3%
Child homelessness	2016	0.8%
	2020	1.3%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	88.9
	2021	78.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	6.9%
	2021	11.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.2%
	2020	94.7%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	47.8
	2016-2020	19.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	11.38%
	2016-2020	13.29%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	21.7
	2020	18.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.1%
	2020	0.9%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	14.9
	2020	12.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	10.7
	2016-2020	5.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	19.6
	2016-2020	22.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.3
	2016-2020	16.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	32
	2016-2020	31
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	66.7%
	2016-2020	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	74
	2015-2019	53.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	201.4
	2015-2019	127.8
Uninsured children	2015	6.6%
	2019	8.7%
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).