

# Hickory County

County Seat: Hermitage

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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	557	444	35.4%	28.9%	↑	15.5%	101
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	460	310	27.9%	19.5%	↑	15.1%	87
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	37	33	10.3%	8.4%	↑	8.7%	69
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	7	5	4.6	3.2	↑	7.1	9
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	—	0	2.6	0	↑	6.2	1
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	8	29.7	36.5	↓	18.8	101
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	19	6	11.8	3.8	↑	3.2	53
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	118	112	99.2%	98.2%	↓	91.3%	7
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	9,269
	2020	9,452
Child population under 18	2016	1,616
	2020	1,580
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	17.4%
	2020	16.5%
Child population under 6	2016	479
	2020	482
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	5.2%
	2020	5%
Minority child population under 18	2016	102
	2020	145
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	6.3%
	2020	9.2%
Minority child population under 6	2016	38
	2020	63
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	7.9%
	2020	13.1%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	24.9%
	2016-2020	18.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	73.8%
	2016-2020	78.1%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	19%
	2020	16%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	39.3%
	2016-2020	30.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	30.7%
	2016-2020	33.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	63.1%
	2016-2020	46.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	40.9%
	2020	34.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$27,259
	2016-2020	\$50,313
Adult unemployment	2016	5.6%
	2020	5.1%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	2.4%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	78
	2021	48.7
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	60.3%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.6%
	2020	95%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	43.1
	2016-2020	34.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	5.68%
	2016-2020	2.32%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	44.7
	2020	50.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.2%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	0.6
	2020	1.3

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	13.9
	2016-2020	2.5
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	25
	2016-2020	26.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.5
	2016-2020	13.9
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	78.8
	2016-2020	64.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	0
	2015-2019	19.9
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	108
	2015-2019	96.4
Uninsured children	2015	10.6%
	2019	10%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95.3%
	2020	95%

<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).