

# Marion County

County Seat: Palmyra

County  
Composite  
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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	1,308	1,121	19.9%	17.5%	↑	15.5%	41
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,430	1,040	20.8%	15.3%	↑	15.1%	39
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	153	150	8.2%	8.7%	↓	8.7%	79
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	43	41	6.4	6.2	↑	7.1	62
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	24	27	3.6	4.1	↓	6.2	74
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	18	20.3	20.3	→	18.8	50
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	82	12	12.2	1.8	↑	3.2	12
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	350	307	97.2%	90.8%	↓	91.3%	93
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	28,894
	2020	28,572
Child population under 18	2016	6,733
	2020	6,566
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.3%
	2020	23.1%
Child population under 6	2016	2,221
	2020	2,147
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.7%
	2020	7.6%
Minority child population under 18	2016	855
	2020	826
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	12.7%
	2020	12.6%
Minority child population under 6	2016	302
	2020	280
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	13.6%
	2020	13%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	38.9%
	2016-2020	25.5%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	60.9%
	2016-2020	63.1%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	29.2%
	2020	16.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	23.4%
	2016-2020	16.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	25.4%
	2016-2020	22%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	45.3%
	2016-2020	43.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	38%
	2020	33.2%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$45,946
	2016-2020	\$59,170
Adult unemployment	2016	4.3%
	2020	4.8%
Child homelessness	2016	2.8%
	2020	6.3%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	100.5
	2021	92.4
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	45.5%
	2021	50.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.4%
	2020	94.8%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	43.2
	2016-2020	50.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	12.27%
	2016-2020	10.77%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	36.4
	2020	10.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.1%
	2020	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	11.9
	2020	7.2

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	6.9
	2016-2020	7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	27.1
	2016-2020	12.9
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.3
	2016-2020	3.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	71.8
	2016-2020	51.2
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	10.6
	2015-2019	9.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	68.6
	2015-2019	59.4
Uninsured children	2015	5.7%
	2019	6.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.3%
	2020	93.5%

<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).