

# McDonald County

County Seat: Pineville

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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	1,862	1,406	32.3%	25%	↑	15.5%	88
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,270	1,050	20.9%	18.2%	↑	15.1%	77
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	136	139	8.7%	8.1%	↑	8.7%	62
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	28	27	4.7	4.7	→	7.1	27
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	10	17	1.7	3	↓	6.2	46
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	49	21	62.6	29	↑	18.8	82
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	16	30	2.7	5.2	↓	3.2	75
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	280	256	93.6%	91.8%	↓	91.3%	80
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	22,620
	2020	22,882
Child population under 18	2016	5,912
	2020	5,758
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	26.1%
	2020	25.1%
Child population under 6	2016	1,828
	2020	1,986
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	8.1%
	2020	8.7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	1,836
	2020	1,806
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	31.1%
	2020	31.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	671
	2020	673
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	36.7%
	2020	33.9%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	32.9%
	2016-2020	27.3%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	67.1%
	2016-2020	65%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	45.6%
	2020	40.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	31%
	2016-2020	25.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	28.8%
	2016-2020	24.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	58.9%
	2016-2020	55.8%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	45.7%
	2020	35.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$40,337
	2016-2020	\$44,513
Adult unemployment	2016	4.3%
	2020	5%
Child homelessness	2016	1.8%
	2020	0.8%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	27.2
	2021	25.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.7%
	2020	94.1%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	96.6
	2016-2020	75.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	10.29%
	2016-2020	10%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	30.2
	2020	25.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.6%
	2020	1.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	7.3
	2020	9.2

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	9.6
	2016-2020	9.4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	40.2
	2016-2020	40.5
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	44.9
	2016-2020	27.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	18.4
	2016-2020	58.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	50%
	2016-2020	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	23.7
	2015-2019	10.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	46.7
	2015-2019	33.7
Uninsured children	2015	13%
	2019	12%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.3%
	2020	92.9%

<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).