

# Perry County

County Seat: Perryville

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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	707	597	15.8%	13.9%	↑	15.5%	22
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	800	470	16.9%	10.4%	↑	15.1%	6
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	78	64	7.2%	5.9%	↑	8.7%	7
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	25	31	5.4	7.1	↓	7.1	81
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	9	6	2	1.4	↑	6.2	15
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	11	10	18.9	17.8	↑	18.8	37
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	21	17	4.6	3.9	↑	3.2	57
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	168	160	90.3%	85.1%	↓	91.3%	111
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	19,285
	2020	19,227
Child population under 18	2016	4,587
	2020	4,381
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.8%
	2020	22.8%
Child population under 6	2016	1,349
	2020	1,321
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7%
	2020	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2016	287
	2020	279
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	6.3%
	2020	6.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	114
	2020	94
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	8.5%
	2020	7.1%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	26.9%
	2016-2020	12%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	72.7%
	2016-2020	80.3%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	12.6%
	2020	16.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	15.7%
	2016-2020	12.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	22.3%
	2016-2020	23.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	32%
	2016-2020	29.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	26.5%
	2020	22.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$63,397
	2016-2020	\$73,125
Adult unemployment	2016	3.5%
	2020	5.7%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	5.7%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	125.4
	2021	100
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	13.9%
	2021	18.3%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.7%
	2020	94.7%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	16.2
	2016-2020	85.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.98%
	2016-2020	6.08%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	25.5
	2020	8.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.3%
	2020	2.4%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	9.4
	2020	3.2

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	2.8
	2016-2020	4.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	5.1
	2016-2020	9.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	0
	2016-2020	4.7
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	0
	2016-2020	25.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	7.8
	2015-2019	29.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	62.4
	2015-2019	46.3
Uninsured children	2015	6.8%
	2019	7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.1%
	2020	94.2%

<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).