

Pettis County

County Seat: Sedalia

County
Composite
Rank

41

2018

71

2022

Population: 42,421

| Outcome Measures | Number | | Rate | | Trend | Rank | |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|
| | 2016 | 2020 | 2016 | 2020 | | State Rate | County Rank |
| Economic Well-Being | | | | | | | |
| Children under 18 in poverty | 2,283 | 2,392 | 22.3% | 23.3% | ↓ | 15.5% | 79 |
| Food insecurity for children ^b | 2,140 | 1,640 | 20.1% | 15.6% | ↑ | 15.1% | 41 |
| Health | | | | | | | |
| Low birthweight infants ^{a,c} | 185 | 214 | 6.3% | 7.4% | ↓ | 8.7% | 41 |
| Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c | 43 | 68 | 4.1 | 6.4 | ↓ | 7.1 | 65 |
| Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b | 54 | 38 | 5.1 | 3.6 | ↑ | 6.2 | 63 |
| Family & Community | | | | | | | |
| Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000) | 51 | 32 | 37.2 | 25 | ↑ | 18.8 | 72 |
| Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a | 29 | 47 | 2.8 | 4.4 | ↓ | 3.2 | 62 |
| Education | | | | | | | |
| High school graduation | 454 | 449 | 97.6% | 94.3% | ↓ | 91.3% | 49 |
| 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

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| Total population | 2016 | 42,213 |
| | 2020 | 42,421 |
| Child population under 18 | 2016 | 10,534 |
| | 2020 | 10,572 |
| Children under 18 as % of total population | 2016 | 25% |
| | 2020 | 24.9% |
| Child population under 6 | 2016 | 3,476 |
| | 2020 | 3,518 |
| Children under 6 as % of total population | 2016 | 8.2% |
| | 2020 | 8.3% |
| Minority child population under 18 | 2016 | 2,270 |
| | 2020 | 2,435 |
| Minority child population under 18 as % of child population | 2016 | 21.5% |
| | 2020 | 23% |
| Minority child population under 6 | 2016 | 817 |
| | 2020 | 858 |
| Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population | 2016 | 23.5% |
| | 2020 | 24.4% |
| Children in single-parent families | 2011-2015 | 26.9% |
| | 2016-2020 | 22.4% |
| Children in married-parent families | 2011-2015 | 73% |
| | 2016-2020 | 68.7% |

Economic Well-being

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| Children in poverty under 6 | 2016 | 18.3% |
| | 2020 | 26.2% |
| Children in poverty, ages 5-17 | 2011-2015 | 22.5% |
| | 2016-2020 | 22.4% |
| Housing cost-burdened households | 2011-2015 | 29.8% |
| | 2016-2020 | 21.8% |
| Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level | 2011-2015 | 48.3% |
| | 2016-2020 | 38.4% |
| Children in families receiving SNAP | 2016 | 41.3% |
| | 2020 | 34.8% |
| Median income family household with children under 18 | 2011-2015 | \$46,430 |
| | 2016-2020 | \$57,222 |
| Adult unemployment | 2016 | 4.9% |
| | 2020 | 6.8% |
| Child homelessness | 2016 | 12.5% |
| | 2020 | 1.4% |

Education

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| Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000) | 2016 | 145.3 |
| | 2021 | 100.5 |
| Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity | 2016 | 1.3% |
| | 2021 | 4.5% |
| School attendance, grades K-12 | 2016 | 95.4% |
| | 2020 | 94.8% |

Family & Community

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| Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000) | 2011-2015 | 36 |
| | 2016-2020 | 83.2 |
| Single parent head-of-household with children under 18 | 2011-2015 | 9.24% |
| | 2016-2020 | 8% |
| Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000) | 2016 | 44.5 |
| | 2020 | 29.1 |
| Annual high school dropout rate | 2016 | 0.6% |
| | 2020 | —% |
| Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000) | 2016 | 3.4 |
| | 2020 | 4.5 |

Health

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| Infant mortality (per 1,000) | 2011-2015 | 5.1 |
| | 2016-2020 | 2.8 |
| Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000) | 2011-2015 | 20.7 |
| | 2016-2020 | 28 |
| Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000) | 2011-2015 | 20.2 |
| | 2016-2020 | 9.7 |
| Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000) | 2011-2015 | 22.7 |
| | 2016-2020 | 106.8 |
| Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a | 2011-2015 | 50% |
| | 2016-2020 | 100% |
| Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b | 2010-2014 | 18.7 |
| | 2015-2019 | 16.6 |
| Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000) | 2010-2014 | 112.5 |
| | 2015-2019 | 125.7 |
| Uninsured children | 2015 | 8.5% |
| | 2019 | 8.7% |
| School attendance, grades 9-12 | 2016 | 94.6% |
| | 2020 | 94.3% |

^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).