

Phelps County

County Seat: Rolla

County
Composite
Rank

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2018

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2022

Population: 44,587

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,064	1,587	22.8%	17.7%	↑	15.5%	45
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,980	1,500	20.7%	15.9%	↑	15.1%	45
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	201	193	7.5%	8.5%	↓	8.7%	74
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	57	47	6	5.1	↑	7.1	35
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	48	28	5.1	3	↑	6.2	46
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	23	29	16.1	20.2	↓	18.8	48
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	59	35	6.3	3.8	↑	3.2	53
Education							
High school graduation	429	418	90.1%	92.5%	↑	91.3%	73
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

Total population	2016	44,608
	2020	44,587
Child population under 18	2016	9,396
	2020	9,297
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	21.1%
	2020	20.9%
Child population under 6	2016	3,056
	2020	2,920
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	6.9%
	2020	6.6%
Minority child population under 18	2016	1,083
	2020	1,111
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	11.5%
	2020	12%
Minority child population under 6	2016	432
	2020	436
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	14.1%
	2020	14.9%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	30.4%
	2016-2020	23.2%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	68.9%
	2016-2020	68.4%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	27.6%
	2020	17.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	25.1%
	2016-2020	16.1%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	30.2%
	2016-2020	29%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	42.9%
	2016-2020	35.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	36.2%
	2020	28.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$45,350
	2016-2020	\$56,935
Adult unemployment	2016	4.7%
	2020	4.8%
Child homelessness	2016	1.6%
	2020	4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	30.9
	2021	8.6
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	6.9%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.4%
	2020	94.5%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	26.3
	2016-2020	45.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.85%
	2016-2020	9.19%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	17.3
	2020	7.4
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	2.3%
	2020	1.3%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	15.6
	2020	10.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	7.9
	2016-2020	7.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	29.6
	2016-2020	20.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	27.7
	2016-2020	11.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	38.8
	2016-2020	48.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	66.7%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	42.2
	2015-2019	35.5
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	117.9
	2015-2019	95.7
Uninsured children	2015	8.2%
	2019	8.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.7%
	2020	94.2%

^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).