

Ralls County

County Seat: New London

County
Composite
Rank

5 2018

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Population: 10,258

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	345	239	15.8%	11.5%	↑	15.5%	12
Food insecurity for children ^b	390	300	17.9%	13.7%	↑	15.1%	23
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	40	50	8.4%	10%	↓	8.7%	106
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	—	2	1.4	0.9	↑	7.1	1
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	6	2	2.7	0.9	↑	6.2	12
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	5	0	19	0	↑	18.8	1
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	16	12	7.3	5.7	↑	3.2	85
Education							
High school graduation	59	49	95.2%	98%	↑	91.3%	9
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	10,224
	2020	10,258
Child population under 18	2016	2,206
	2020	2,115
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	21.6%
	2020	20.5%
Child population under 6	2016	605
	2020	613
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	5.9%
	2020	6%
Minority child population under 18	2016	123
	2020	129
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	5.6%
	2020	6.1%
Minority child population under 6	2016	40
	2020	38
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	6.6%
	2020	6.2%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	32.2%
	2016-2020	21.3%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	67.4%
	2016-2020	75.1%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	29.2%
	2020	9.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	16.1%
	2016-2020	10.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	21.2%
	2016-2020	24%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	33.7%
	2016-2020	26.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	21.9%
	2020	21.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$48,320
	2016-2020	\$76,313
Adult unemployment	2016	4%
	2020	4.5%
Child homelessness	2016	1.5%
	2020	6.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	27.2
	2021	9.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	33.3%
	2021	100%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.8%
	2020	95.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	0
	2016-2020	67.8
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.6%
	2016-2020	4.74%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	27.6
	2020	0.9
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	1.4
	2020	2.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	8.4
	2016-2020	4
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	26.3
	2016-2020	19.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	32
	2016-2020	9.6
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	0
	2016-2020	52.4
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	0
	2015-2019	0
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	31.7
	2015-2019	43.2
Uninsured children	2015	7.9%
	2019	8.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.6%
	2020	93.9%

^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).