

Ray County

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	773	630	15.2%	12.6%	↑	15.5%	20
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,140	740	20.9%	14.1%	↑	15.1%	26
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	88	90	7.1%	6.9%	↑	8.7%	20
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	30	47	5.8	9.2	↓	7.1	103
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	20	26	3.8	5.1	↓	6.2	94
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	24	21	33.9	33.2	↑	18.8	95
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	10	22	1.9	4.3	↓	3.2	60
Education							
High school graduation	211	207	95%	90.4%	↓	91.3%	96
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	22,754
	2020	22,900
Child population under 18	2016	5,157
	2020	5,115
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	22.7%
	2020	22.3%
Child population under 6	2016	1,548
	2020	1,592
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	6.8%
	2020	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2016	410
	2020	442
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	8%
	2020	8.6%
Minority child population under 6	2016	166
	2020	135
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	10.7%
	2020	8.5%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	29.5%
	2016-2020	16%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	70.4%
	2016-2020	73.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	22.7%
	2020	25.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	16.1%
	2016-2020	11.8%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	25.4%
	2016-2020	19.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	33.3%
	2016-2020	27.9%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	27.5%
	2020	26%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$65,380
	2016-2020	\$73,032
Adult unemployment	2016	4.9%
	2020	6.9%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	1.4%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	14.7
	2021	12.9
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.3%
	2020	94.8%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	63.3
	2016-2020	87.4
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	9.32%
	2016-2020	8.16%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	56.7
	2020	30.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.7%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	1
	2020	3.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	9.7
	2016-2020	3.8
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	30
	2016-2020	37
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	19
	2016-2020	28.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	76.3
	2016-2020	43.6
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	6.5
	2015-2019	15.8
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	97.5
	2015-2019	81.6
Uninsured children	2015	7%
	2019	6.8%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.9%
	2020	93.8%

^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).