

Ripley County

County Seat: Doniphan

County
Composite
Rank

2018
114

2022
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Population: 13,484

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,180	942	38.3%	31.6%	↑	15.5%	108
Food insecurity for children ^b	830	820	25.7%	26.3%	↓	15.1%	113
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	87	71	9.8%	9.1%	↑	8.7%	88
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	69	31	22	10.1	↑	7.1	107
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	20	8	6.4	2.6	↑	6.2	37
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	18	15	46.4	44.1	↑	18.8	110
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	43	16	13.5	5.2	↑	3.2	75
Education							
High school graduation	143	138	91.7%	88.5%	↓	91.3%	107
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	13,817
	2020	13,484
Child population under 18	2016	3,189
	2020	3,075
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.1%
	2020	23.1%
Child population under 6	2016	1,110
	2020	965
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	8%
	2020	7.3%
Minority child population under 18	2016	184
	2020	166
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	5.8%
	2020	5.4%
Minority child population under 6	2016	82
	2020	57
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	7.4%
	2020	5.9%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	27.8%
	2016-2020	19.7%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	72.1%
	2016-2020	69.7%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	36.3%
	2020	26.9%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	39.3%
	2016-2020	30.4%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	25.9%
	2016-2020	25.8%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	55.1%
	2016-2020	55.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	57.9%
	2020	50%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$36,865
	2016-2020	\$50,983
Adult unemployment	2016	7%
	2020	7.9%
Child homelessness	2016	0.6%
	2020	5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	57.1
	2021	24.1
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.8%
	2020	93.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	46.4
	2016-2020	73.1
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	8.19%
	2016-2020	6.41%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	44.7
	2020	16.7
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.5%
	2020	2.6%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	19.8
	2020	11.1

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.5
	2016-2020	2.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	38.5
	2016-2020	89
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	30.1
	2016-2020	68.4
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	78.5
	2016-2020	113.2
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	50%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^b	2010-2014	44.8
	2015-2019	32
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	115.3
	2015-2019	126
Uninsured children	2015	7.7%
	2019	8.3%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95%
	2020	93.2%

^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).