

# Scott County

County Seat: Benton

County  
Composite  
Rank

2018  
**106**

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Population: 38,538

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,473	2,050	27.4%	22.9%	↑	15.5%	76
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,990	1,960	21.2%	21.3%	↓	15.1%	93
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	225	262	8.9%	10.7%	↓	8.7%	109
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	124	47	13.2	5.1	↑	7.1	35
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	89	63	9.5	6.9	↑	6.2	109
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	46	46	42.8	41.4	↑	18.8	108
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	77	28	8.3	3.1	↑	3.2	40
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	474	449	94.6%	92.2%	↓	91.3%	75
Achievement proficiency <sup>a,d</sup>							
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

<sup>a</sup> Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

<sup>b</sup> Data based on 2015 and 2019.

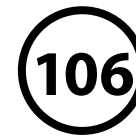
<sup>c</sup> Data based on five-year time spans, 2011-2015 and 2016-2020.

<sup>d</sup> 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	38,745
	2020	38,538
Child population under 18	2016	9,239
	2020	9,144
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.8%
	2020	23.9%
Child population under 6	2016	3,018
	2020	2,957
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.8%
	2020	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	2,041
	2020	2,157
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	22.1%
	2020	23.6%
Minority child population under 6	2016	731
	2020	735
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	24.2%
	2020	24.9%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	37.4%
	2016-2020	27.1%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	62%
	2016-2020	60%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	18.4%
	2020	31%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	25.8%
	2016-2020	21.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	24.8%
	2016-2020	25.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	51.3%
	2016-2020	42.5%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	52.7%
	2020	47.7%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$41,102
	2016-2020	\$60,068
Adult unemployment	2016	5.7%
	2020	5.3%
Child homelessness	2016	1.3%
	2020	13%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	112.3
	2021	84.2
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	5.4%
	2021	2.6%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.3%
	2020	94.5%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	56.9
	2016-2020	36.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	12.35%
	2016-2020	9.98%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	49.4
	2020	35.2
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.2%
	2020	1%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	12.6
	2020	5.6

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	10.7
	2016-2020	4.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	31.7
	2016-2020	27.7
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	28.4
	2016-2020	22.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	53.1
	2016-2020	27.1
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	19.1
	2015-2019	21.4
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	87.8
	2015-2019	69.2
Uninsured children	2015	5.7%
	2019	5.7%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.4%
	2020	94%

<sup>a</sup> If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

<sup>b</sup> \*Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); \*\* indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).