

Shelby County

County Seat: Shelbyville

County
Composite
Rank

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2022

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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	342	279	24.7%	20.5%	↑	15.5%	64
Food insecurity for children ^b	330	250	22.8%	17.2%	↑	15.1%	64
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	27	30	7.4%	8.2%	↓	8.7%	64
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	12	7	8.4	4.9	↑	7.1	31
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	5	5	3.5	3.5	→	6.2	62
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	4	3	21.4	18.6	↑	18.8	42
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	20	18	13.8	12.6	↑	3.2	113
Education							
High school graduation	70	72	93.3%	96%	↑	91.3%	26
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	6,082
	2020	5,975
Child population under 18	2016	1,451
	2020	1,427
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23.9%
	2020	24.1%
Child population under 6	2016	443
	2020	456
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7.3%
	2020	7.7%
Minority child population under 18	2016	113
	2020	139
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	7.8%
	2020	9.7%
Minority child population under 6	2016	44
	2020	43
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	9.9%
	2020	9.4%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	25.4%
	2016-2020	16.6%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	74.2%
	2016-2020	66.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	29.2%
	2020	20.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	24.4%
	2016-2020	20.3%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	24.1%
	2016-2020	17%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	45.3%
	2016-2020	47.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	29.5%
	2020	27.5%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$43,266
	2016-2020	\$49,725
Adult unemployment	2016	4.1%
	2020	4.5%
Child homelessness	2016	0%
	2020	5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	27.6
	2021	—
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	96.4%
	2020	94.9%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	50.4
	2016-2020	157.5
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	6.48%
	2016-2020	9.74%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	8.9
	2020	3
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	3%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	15.2
	2020	9.8

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	8.2
	2016-2020	8.2
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	40.6
	2016-2020	59
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	36.1
	2016-2020	29.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	93.2
	2016-2020	153.3
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^a	2011-2015	100%
	2016-2020	100%
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	59.3
	2015-2019	49.5
Uninsured children	2015	11.5%
	2019	9.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	95.7%
	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).