

# Washington County

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Composite  
Rank

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County Seat: Potosi

Population: 24,819

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
<b>Economic Well-Being</b>							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,656	1,359	29.7%	25.1%	↑	15.5%	89
Food insecurity for children <sup>b</sup>	1,450	1,190	24.8%	21%	↑	15.1%	92
<b>Health</b>							
Low birthweight infants <sup>a,c</sup>	143	132	9.6%	9.5%	↑	8.7%	96
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) <sup>c</sup>	32	40	5.6	7.2	↓	7.1	84
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) <sup>b</sup>	45	30	7.9	5.4	↑	6.2	99
<b>Family &amp; Community</b>							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	42	23	59.7	31.7	↑	18.8	87
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) <sup>a</sup>	52	25	9.1	4.5	↑	3.2	64
<b>Education</b>							
High school graduation	256	224	92.4%	96.6%	↑	91.3%	23
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	24,839
	2020	24,819
Child population under 18	2016	5,703
	2020	5,536
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	23%
	2020	22.5%
Child population under 6	2016	1,742
	2020	1,708
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	7%
	2020	6.9%
Minority child population under 18	2016	237
	2020	273
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	4.2%
	2020	4.9%
Minority child population under 6	2016	79
	2020	103
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	4.5%
	2020	6%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	27.5%
	2016-2020	27%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	71.7%
	2016-2020	64%

### Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	12.6%
	2020	31.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	32.6%
	2016-2020	23%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	23.6%
	2016-2020	25.3%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	50.2%
	2016-2020	46.6%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	51.7%
	2020	43.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$42,028
	2016-2020	\$48,953
Adult unemployment	2016	6.3%
	2020	7.2%
Child homelessness	2016	2%
	2020	3.8%

### Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	57
	2021	49.3
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	0%
	2021	—%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	94.9%
	2020	94.4%

### Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	52.8
	2016-2020	51.9
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.74%
	2016-2020	8.62%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	43.1
	2020	12.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	1.5%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	8.9
	2020	7.9

### Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	4.7
	2016-2020	7.9
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	17.8
	2016-2020	45.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	13.2
	2016-2020	32.8
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	40.5
	2016-2020	57.6
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 <sup>a</sup>	2011-2015	33.3%
	2016-2020	100%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) <sup>b</sup>	2010-2014	6.2
	2015-2019	45.5
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	88
	2015-2019	122.8
Uninsured children	2015	6.7%
	2019	7.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	93.3%
	2020	93.5%

<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).