

Wright County

County Seat: Hartville

County
Composite
Rank

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2022

Population: 18,256

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2016	2020	2016	2020		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,658	1,359	36.4%	29.2%	↑	15.5%	103
Food insecurity for children ^b	1,100	1,160	23.9%	25%	↓	15.1%	108
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	83	88	6.9%	7.1%	↓	8.7%	27
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	37	29	8	6.1	↑	7.1	60
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	14	11	3	2.3	↑	6.2	27
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	19	14	32.1	21.1	↑	18.8	55
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	39	12	8.4	2.5	↑	3.2	25
Education							
High school graduation	218	213	98.2%	93%	↓	91.3%	65
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	18,286
	2020	18,256
Child population under 18	2016	4,646
	2020	4,753
Children under 18 as % of total population	2016	25.4%
	2020	25.9%
Child population under 6	2016	1,468
	2020	1,574
Children under 6 as % of total population	2016	8%
	2020	8.6%
Minority child population under 18	2016	246
	2020	315
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population	2016	5.3%
	2020	6.6%
Minority child population under 6	2016	105
	2020	109
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population	2016	7.2%
	2020	6.9%
Children in single-parent families	2011-2015	29.8%
	2016-2020	18.5%
Children in married-parent families	2011-2015	70.2%
	2016-2020	70.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2016	45.2%
	2020	53.3%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2011-2015	37.5%
	2016-2020	28.7%
Housing cost-burdened households	2011-2015	27.4%
	2016-2020	27.2%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2011-2015	63.8%
	2016-2020	60.1%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2016	47.8%
	2020	39.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2011-2015	\$35,801
	2016-2020	\$36,835
Adult unemployment	2016	5.9%
	2020	7%
Child homelessness	2016	1.1%
	2020	2.7%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2016	75.3
	2021	66.5
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2016	25.7%
	2021	4.7%
School attendance, grades K-12	2016	95.4%
	2020	95.1%

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2011-2015	16.5
	2016-2020	61
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2011-2015	7.94%
	2016-2020	9.66%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2016	19.3
	2020	10.5
Annual high school dropout rate	2016	0.3%
	2020	—%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2016	9
	2020	9.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2011-2015	10
	2016-2020	9.7
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	21.4
	2016-2020	44.3
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	25.8
	2016-2020	40.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2011-2015	0
	2016-2020	22.1
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	23.3
	2015-2019	24.2
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2010-2014	98.2
	2015-2019	68.1
Uninsured children	2015	8.8%
	2019	10.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2016	94.5%
	2020	94.6%

^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).