

Adair County

County Seat: Kirksville

County
Composite
Rank

39 2019

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Population: 25,185

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	1,006	877	22.2%	20.1%	↑	16.5%	54
Food insecurity for children ^b	900	650	19.0%	13.7%	↑	15.4%	18
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	107	124	8.2%	8.8%	↓	8.8%	87
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	21	16	4.5	3.5	↑	5.0	30
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	26	6	5.5	1.3	↑	3.6	31
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	21	10	13.4	6.1	↑	17.0	6
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	54	39	11.5	8.7	↑	3.0	104
Education							
High school graduation	218	179	90.8%	87.3%	↓	90.8%	109
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	82	—	45.8		41.4%	40
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	80	—	36.7		44.9%	90
4th grade math (MAP)	—	57	—	32.0		36.8%	85
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	31	—	15.9		26.8%	101

Trend: ↑ better ↓ worse → no change

^a Outcome not included in County Composite Rank.

^b Data based on 2016 and 2020.

^c Data based on five-year time spans, 2012-2016 and 2017-2021.

^d Achievement proficiency measures those that scored proficient or above on the MAP tests and algebra I end-of-course exam. Achievement data from 2017 are not shown due to differences in testing standards and assessments used in 2021; accordingly, no trend arrows are shown.

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Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	25,377
	2020	25,185
Child population under 18	2017	4,689
	2021	4,508
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	18.5%
	2021	17.9%
Child population under 6	2017	1,516
	2021	1,572
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.0%
	2021	6.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	576
	2021	703
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	12.3%
	2021	15.6%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	210
	2021	330
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	13.9%
	2021	21.0%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	27.6%
	2017-2021	15.7%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	71.9%
	2017-2021	77.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	23.1%
	2021	21.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	20.2%
	2017-2021	19.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	29.6%
	2017-2021	31.5%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	34.7%
	2017-2021	29.0%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	34.7%
	2021	27.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$60,825
	2017-2021	\$74,417
Adult unemployment	2017	4.4%
	2021	4.3%
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%
	2021	1.0%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	110.9
	2022	127.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	35.6%
	2022	30.4%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.3
	2021	94.8

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	40.6
	2017-2021	27.7
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	10.0%
	2017-2021	10.1%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	41.6
	2021	31.0
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.5%
	2021	2.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	17.9
	2021	12.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.1
	2017-2021	7.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	25.4
	2017-2021	66.1
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	20.9
	2017-2021	58.1
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	44.6
	2017-2021	100.9
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
	2017-2021	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	11.6**
	2016-2020	6.3**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	45.9
	2016-2020	69.8
Uninsured children	2016	5.8%
	2020	8.9%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.4%
	2021	93.4%

^a Due to changes in race categories, 2001 and later minority estimates are not comparable to pre-2001 counts and percentages.

^b If no % listed, no vehicle fatalities happened in the county during that period.

^c *Indicates unstable rate due to low count (<20 cases); ** indicates very unstable rate due to very low count (<5 cases).