

Boone County

County Seat: Columbia

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	4,778	5,015	13.6%	13.5%	↑	16.5%	18
Food insecurity for children ^b	5,410	4,540	15.2%	12.6%	↑	15.4%	12
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	805	875	7.6%	8.7%	↓	8.8%	83
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	303	211	8.5	5.5	↑	5.0	85
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	268	118	7.5	3.1	↑	3.6	84
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	85	52	11.2	6.4	↑	17.0	7
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	90	76	2.5	2.0	↑	3.0	18
Education							
High school graduation	1,462	1,640	91.0%	90.7%	↓	90.8%	81
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	642	—	38.7		41.4%	72
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	752	—	42.3		44.9%	60
4th grade math (MAP)	—	495	—	29.9		36.8%	97
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	263	—	19.1		26.8%	96

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	178,271
	2020	185,840
Child population under 18	2017	36,168
	2021	38,206
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	20.3%
	2021	20.6%
Child population under 6	2017	12,531
	2021	12,431
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.0%
	2021	6.7%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	9,755
	2021	11,962
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	27.0%
	2021	31.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	3,378
	2021	3,965
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	27.0%
	2021	31.9%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	29.5%
	2017-2021	19.1%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	69.9%
	2017-2021	71.6%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	14.2%
	2021	18.8%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	12.9%
	2017-2021	11.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	30.4%
	2017-2021	31.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	29.6%
	2017-2021	25.7%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	26.7%
	2021	23.8%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$68,399
	2017-2021	\$88,448
Adult unemployment	2017	2.6%
	2021	3.0%
Child homelessness	2017	1.5%
	2021	0.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	178.9
	2022	155.8
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	29.0%
	2022	15.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.7
	2021	95.7

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	30.7
	2017-2021	14.3
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.4%
	2017-2021	12.5%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	27.0
	2021	18.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	2.1%
	2021	2.0%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	3.8
	2021	4.5

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	4.5
	2017-2021	5.6
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	20.3
	2017-2021	27.6
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	15.3
	2017-2021	26.3
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	47.9
	2017-2021	33.8
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
	2017-2021	80.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	30
	2016-2020	25.3
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	92.7
	2016-2020	114.8
Uninsured children	2016	4.4%
	2020	6.2%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	93.4%
	2021	94.5%

^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).