

Caldwell County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Kingston

Population: 8,897

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	418	362	19.6%	17.6%	↑	16.5%	36
Food insecurity for children ^b	380	370	17.5%	17.3%	↑	15.4%	58
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	38	47	8.1%	9.6%	↓	8.8%	99
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	19	7	8.8	3.3	↑	5.0	22
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	7	4	3.2	1.9	↑	3.6	43
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	12	6	40.5	21.1	↑	17.0	60
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	8	8	3.7	3.8	↓	3.0	49
Education							
High school graduation	89	106	95.7%	98.2%	↑	90.8%	8
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	54	—	52.9		41.4%	15
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	49	—	41.2		44.9%	66
4th grade math (MAP)	—	40	—	39.2		36.8%	54
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	53	—	44.5		26.8%	12

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	9,100
	2020	8,897
Child population under 18	2017	2,173
	2021	2,103
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	23.9%
	2021	23.6%
Child population under 6	2017	626
	2021	610
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.9%
	2021	6.9%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	107
	2021	203
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	4.9%
	2021	9.7%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	26
	2021	63
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	4.2%
	2021	10.3%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	25.8%
	2017-2021	18.6%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	72.8%
	2017-2021	67.3%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	16.8%
	2021	14.2%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	17.5%
	2017-2021	16.5%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	22.7%
	2017-2021	20.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	37.6%
	2017-2021	38.3%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	26.2%
	2021	23.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$61,875
	2017-2021	\$65,202
Adult unemployment	2017	4.0%
	2021	5.1%
Child homelessness	2017	0.8%
	2021	1.8%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	46.5
	2022	19.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	40.0%
	2022	100.0%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.8
	2021	94.5

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	134.2
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	11.0%
	2017-2021	14.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	16.8
	2021	28.6
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.6%
	2021	0.2%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	7.8
	2021	2.9

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.4
	2017-2021	4.1
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	18.2
	2017-2021	69.8
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	22.2
	2017-2021	37.5
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	197.0
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
	2017-2021	100.0%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	0**
	2016-2020	27.3**
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	75.5
	2016-2020	99.2
Uninsured children	2016	6.6%
	2020	10.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	95.7%
	2021	94.3%

^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).