

Chariton County

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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County Seat: Keytesville

Population: 7,356

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	296	251	17.6%	15.1%	↑	16.5%	28
Food insecurity for children ^b	300	260	17.3%	15.2%	↑	15.4%	33
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	27	36	6.1%	8.5%	↓	8.8%	77
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	13	9	7.5	5.3	↑	5.0	82
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	1	-	0.6	0.0	↑	3.6	1
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	3	4	14.9	20.0	↓	17.0	57
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	1	3	0.6	1.8	↓	3.0	14
Education							
High school graduation	80	72	89.9%	92.3%	↑	90.8%	67
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	33	—	52.4		41.4%	19
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	29	—	48.3		44.9%	33
4th grade math (MAP)	—	31	—	49.2		36.8%	13
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	19	—	31.7		26.8%	53

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			Education		
Total population	2017	7,480	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	105.4
	2020	7,356		2022	53.2
Child population under 18	2017	1,708	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	17.8%
	2021	1,691		2022	35.6%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	22.8%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.3
	2021	23.0%		2021	95.0
Child population under 6	2017	558	Family & Community		
	2021	524	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	7.5%		2017-2021	47.5
	2021	7.1%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	7.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	117		2017-2021	7.9%
	2021	136	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	15.3
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	6.9%		2021	0.0
	2021	8.0%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	31		2021	0.3%
	2021	31	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	10.5
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	5.6%		2021	3.6
	2021	5.9%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	18.8%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	9.0
	2017-2021	14.0%		2017-2021	2.4
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	79.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	78.0%		2017-2021	12.4
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children in poverty under 6	2017	30.1%		2017-2021	0.0
	2021	18.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	17.4%		2017-2021	69.7
	2017-2021	14.0%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	17.9%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	14.6%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	10.7**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	37.6%		2016-2020	22.9**
	2017-2021	32.4%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	85.8
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	23.6%		2016-2020	123.9
	2021	18.5%	Uninsured children	2016	7.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$65,833		2020	10.4%
	2017-2021	\$74,815	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.0%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.5%		2021	93.1%
	2021	3.3%			
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%			
	2021	1.1%			

^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).