

Cooper County

County
Composite
Rank

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County Seat: Boonville

Population: 17,115

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	655	609	17.7%	16.7%	↑	16.5%	32
Food insecurity for children ^b	680	560	17.6%	14.5%	↑	15.4%	24
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	82	72	8.5%	7.3%	↑	8.8%	38
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	20	20	5.2	5.3	↓	5.0	83
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	18	1	4.6	0.3	↑	3.6	7
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	12	9	22.5	18.3	↑	17.0	47
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	10	8	2.6	2.1	↑	3.0	20
Education							
High school graduation	173	188	94.5%	96.4%	↑	90.8%	25
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	50	—	31.1		41.4%	106
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	60	—	34.5		44.9%	99
4th grade math (MAP)	—	24	—	14.9		36.8%	114
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	32	—	19.6		26.8%	94

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	17,644	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	85.9
	2020	17,115		2022	51.5
Child population under 18	2017	3,831	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	12.9%
	2021	3,749		2022	10.4%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	21.7%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.1
	2021	21.9%		2021	94.1
Child population under 6	2017	1,160	Family & Community		
	2021	1,179	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	19.1
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.6%		2017-2021	37.7
	2021	6.9%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	13.4%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	441		2017-2021	13.8%
	2021	495	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	64.7
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	11.5%		2021	39.4
	2021	13.2%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.5%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	160		2021	0.4%
	2021	139	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	3.9
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	13.8%		2021	4.0
	2021	11.8%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	33.2%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	7.3
	2017-2021	19.8%		2017-2021	3.1
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	66.3%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	30.9
	2017-2021	67.1%		2017-2021	11.2
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	24.6
Children in poverty under 6	2017	30.1%		2017-2021	0.0
	2021	18.5%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	63.1
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	15.4%		2017-2021	58.8
	2017-2021	16.4%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	23.7%		2017-2021	—%
	2017-2021	21.3%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	4.7**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	37.6%		2016-2020	20.2**
	2017-2021	30.8%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	87.2
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	29.7%		2016-2020	128.9
	2021	23.6%	Uninsured children	2016	6.3%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$63,488		2020	7.6%
	2017-2021	\$68,485	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.5%
Adult unemployment	2017	3.7%		2021	92.4%
	2021	3.6%			
Child homelessness	2017	1.0%			
	2021	1.3%			

^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).