

Douglas County

County Seat: Ava

County
Composite
Rank

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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	860	738	30.8%	28.7%	↑	16.5%	98
Food insecurity for children ^b	660	660	22.8%	22.8%	→	15.4%	97
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	45	41	6.0%	5.7%	↑	8.8%	10
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	8	4	2.8	1.5	↑	5.0	6
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	1	1	0.4	0.4	↑	3.6	8
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	9	18	26.7	50.0	↓	17.0	112
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	12	14	4.2	5.3	↓	3.0	76
Education							
High school graduation	81	88	92.0%	93.6%	↑	90.8%	55
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	43	—	45.3		41.4%	41
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	47	—	39.8		44.9%	76
4th grade math (MAP)	—	42	—	44.2		36.8%	27
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	57	—	48.3		26.8%	5

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	13,300	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	53.8
	2020	11,732		2022	50.9
Child population under 18	2017	2,865	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	2,632		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	21.5%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	94.6
	2021	22.4%		2021	94.0
Child population under 6	2017	891	Family & Community		
	2021	780	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	132.3
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	6.7%		2017-2021	81.5
	2021	6.7%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	8.2%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	146		2017-2021	7.5%
	2021	224	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	21.0
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	5.1%		2021	3.1
	2021	8.5%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.3%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	55		2021	0.6%
	2021	73	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	7.3
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	6.2%		2021	13.3
	2021	9.4%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	25.9%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	6.7
	2017-2021	27.2%		2017-2021	5.5
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	73.7%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	34.4
	2017-2021	70.9%		2017-2021	47.7
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	24.9
Children in poverty under 6	2017	33.9%		2017-2021	30.1
	2021	25.4%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	80.5
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	28.3%		2017-2021	115.2
	2017-2021	27.1%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	100.0%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	27.8%		2017-2021	75.0%
	2017-2021	21.9%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	6.3**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	56.1%		2016-2020	29.3**
	2017-2021	49.0%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	43.1
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	45.8%		2016-2020	74.7
	2021	36.5%	Uninsured children	2016	7.1%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$38,152		2020	6.0%
	2017-2021	\$53,150	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.2%
Adult unemployment	2017	4.7%		2021	93.1%
	2021	4.3%			
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%			
	2021	0.2%			

^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).