

Dunklin County

County
Composite
Rank

113

2019

102

2023

County Seat: Kennett

Population: 27,717

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	2,692	2,255	35.6%	32.0%	↑	16.5%	109
Food insecurity for children ^b	2,070	1,970	25.5%	25.6%	↓	15.4%	109
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a, c}	252	246	11.5%	13.2%	↓	8.8%	115
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	139	25	17.8	3.5	↑	5.0	26
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	65	8	8.3	1.1	↑	3.6	26
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	41	40	42.4	43.9	↓	17.0	109
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	26	29	3.3	4.0	↓	3.0	56
Education							
High school graduation	314	299	91.3%	93.2%	↑	90.8%	59
Achievement proficiency ^{a, d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	116	—	33.5		41.4%	100
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	118	—	31.3		44.9%	106
4th grade math (MAP)	—	120	—	34.8		36.8%	66
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	66	—	17.5		26.8%	99

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.

Dunklin County

County Seat: Kennett

County
Composite
Rank

113

2019

102

2023

Population: 27,717

Contextual Indicators

Demographics

Total population	2017	30,119
	2020	27,717
Child population under 18	2017	7,773
	2021	7,234
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	25.8%
	2021	26.1%
Child population under 6	2017	2,580
	2021	2,286
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	8.6%
	2021	8.3%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	2,265
	2021	2,396
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	29.1%
	2021	33.1%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	820
	2021	841
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	31.8%
	2021	36.8%
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	42.7%
	2017-2021	29.2%
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	56.8%
	2017-2021	54.9%

Economic Well-being

Children in poverty under 6	2017	42.1%
	2021	29.6%
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	32.6%
	2017-2021	30.9%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	27.7%
	2017-2021	24.1%
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	56.9%
	2017-2021	51.4%
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	62.6%
	2021	59.9%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$36,313
	2017-2021	\$48,834
Adult unemployment	2017	6.7%
	2021	6.1%
Child homelessness	2017	0.8%
	2021	0.5%

Education

Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	87.9
	2022	81.0
Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	8.9%
	2022	10.8%
School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.0
	2021	93.3

Family & Community

Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	44.5
	2017-2021	11.0
Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	20.9%
	2017-2021	19.4%
Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	23.7
	2021	16.1
Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.6%
	2021	0.7%
Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	12.5
	2021	11.2

Health

Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	10.9
	2017-2021	4.3
Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	19.7
	2017-2021	20.4
Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	14.8
	2017-2021	21.2
Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	44.0
	2017-2021	16.5
Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	0.0%
	2017-2021	66.7%
Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	72.2
	2016-2020	40.1*
Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	127.8
	2016-2020	159.0
Uninsured children	2016	5.1%
	2020	8.6%
School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	94.3%
	2021	92.1%

^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).