

Hickory County

County Seat: Hermitage

County
Composite
Rank

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2019

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2023

Population: 8,607

Outcome Measures	Number		Rate		Trend	Rank	
	2017	2021	2017	2021		State Rate	County Rank
Economic Well-Being							
Children under 18 in poverty	574	448	36.8%	30.1%	↑	16.5%	104
Food insecurity for children ^b	390	310	24.3%	19.7%	↑	15.4%	84
Health							
Low birthweight infants ^{a,c}	45	21	12.5%	5.3%	↑	8.8%	5
Preventable hospitalizations for all causes for children under 18 (per 1,000) ^c	3	2	1.9	1.3	↑	5.0	4
Child asthma ER rates (per 1,000) ^b	3	2	1.9	1.3	↑	3.6	30
Family & Community							
Births to teens, ages 15-19 (per 1,000)	7	3	30.3	14.4	↑	17.0	32
Substantiated child abuse/neglect cases (per 1,000) ^a	17	20	10.6	13.1	↓	3.0	113
Education							
High school graduation	95	104	97.9%	97.2%	↓	90.8%	16
Achievement proficiency ^{a,d}							
3rd grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	75	—	67.6		41.4%	2
8th grade English/language arts (MAP)	—	70	—	49.6		44.9%	25
4th grade math (MAP)	—	70	—	63.1		36.8%	1
Algebra I (end-of-course exam)	—	58	—	41.1		26.8%	19

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	9,475	Licensed child care capacity (per 1,000)	2017	78.4
	2020	8,607		2022	47.1
Child population under 18	2017	1,608	Accredited child care capacity as % of licensed capacity	2017	0.0%
	2021	1,529		2022	%
Children under 18 as % of total population	2017	17.0%	School attendance, grades K-12	2017	95.5
	2021	17.8%		2021	95.5
Child population under 6	2017	478	Family & Community		
	2021	473	Teen unintentional deaths/homicides/suicides (per 100,000)	2012-2016	40.4
Children under 6 as % of total population	2017	5.0%		2017-2021	48.7
	2021	5.5%	Single parent head-of-household with children under 18	2012-2016	6.8%
Minority child population under 18 ^a	2017	116		2017-2021	2.9%
	2021	163	Juvenile law violation referrals, ages 10-17 (per 1,000)	2017	36.4
Minority child population under 18 as % of child population ^a	2017	7.2%		2021	45.8
	2021	10.7%	Annual high school dropout rate	2017	0.4%
Minority child population under 6 ^a	2017	49		2021	0.4%
	2021	60	Children entering/re-entering state custody (per 1,000)	2017	5.0
Minority child population under 6 as % of under 6 child population ^a	2017	10.3%		2021	7.9
	2021	12.7%	Health		
Children in single-parent families	2012-2016	26.6%	Infant mortality (per 1,000)	2012-2016	11.1
	2017-2021	14.7%		2017-2021	5.0
Children in married-parent families	2012-2016	68.4%	Child deaths ages 1-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
	2017-2021	83.5%		2017-2021	27.8
Economic Well-being			Child deaths ages 1-14 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children in poverty under 6	2017	14.6%		2017-2021	17.3
	2021	27.8%	Child deaths ages 15-17 (per 100,000)	2012-2016	0.0
Children in poverty, ages 5-17	2012-2016	34.3%		2017-2021	69.7
	2017-2021	29.6%	Unrestrained automobile fatalities for children under 18 ^b	2012-2016	—%
Housing cost-burdened households	2012-2016	26.7%		2017-2021	100.0%
	2017-2021	34.8%	Substance abuse hospitalizations ages 1-19 (per 100,000) ^c	2011-2015	0**
Family households with children under 18 at 185% of poverty level	2012-2016	51.2%		2016-2020	25.6**
	2017-2021	41.1%	Mental/behavioral hospitalizations (not substance abuse) ages 1-19 (per 10,000)	2011-2015	96.4
Children in families receiving SNAP	2017	41.8%		2016-2020	184.0
	2021	38.0%	Uninsured children	2016	7.4%
Median income family household with children under 18	2012-2016	\$38,929		2020	9.1%
	2017-2021	\$67,583	School attendance, grades 9-12	2017	95.1%
Adult unemployment	2017	4.5%		2021	94.6%
	2021	4.0%			
Child homelessness	2017	0.0%			
	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).